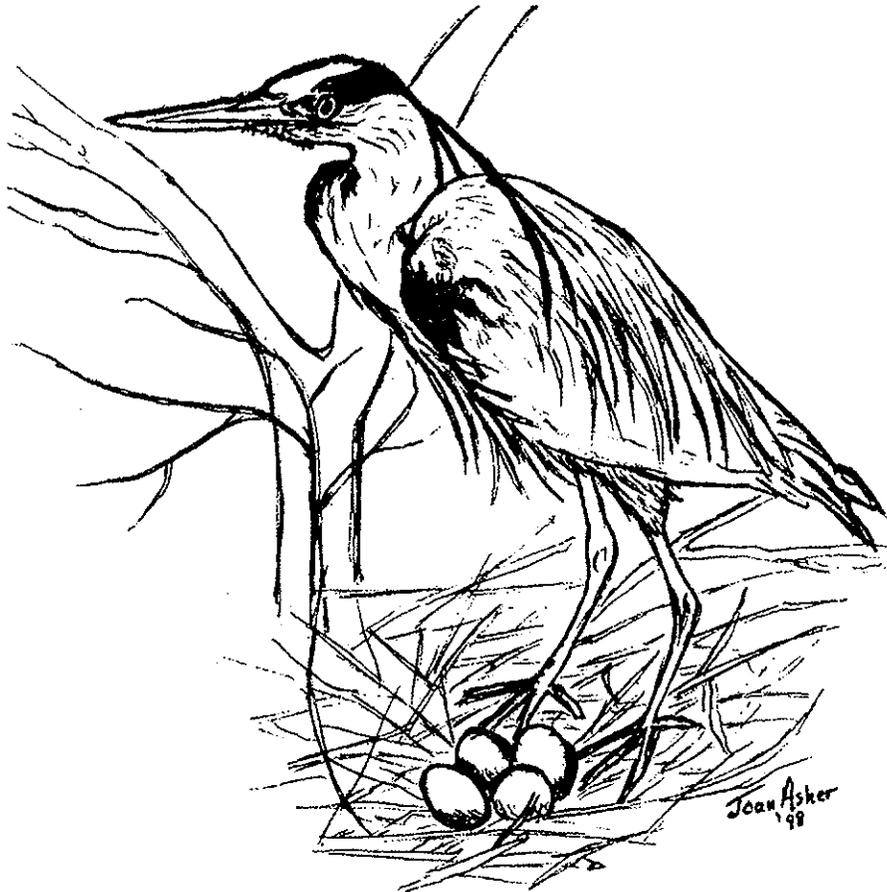


SMOKE SIGNAL

INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By
Mark Rumreich

Now that summer is in full swing, it's a good time to remind everyone of the Community Lake, Beach and Safety Regulations. Take a minute to re-familiarize yourself with them. (They are listed in an inset of this Smoke Signal in order that residents may keep them on hand.) Window decals for your car can be obtained by contacting Jack Sweeney.

INDIAN LAKE PICNIC

You won't want to miss the Indian Lake Community Picnic at the French's house on Sunday, July 21, 2002, from 2:00pm - 7:00pm. Due to the property being for sale, this is the last year that we can expect to be at this wonderful location. Also, due to insurance changes, there will be no beer or wine available this year. However, you can bring your own beer or wine.

SPY KIDS

Recently, some Indian Lake kids playing at South Beach discovered 5 sets of golf bags hidden behind a boat. The golf bags were turned over to the Lawrence Police. If you are missing a set of clubs, you may want to contact the police department to describe your missing items.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Although it was hot, we hope that those who participated in the first 4th of July Boat Parade and Ice Cream Social enjoyed it. We had 6 boats decorated for the boat parade and 12 kids brought decorated bikes for the parade lap around the park. It was quick licking for the ice cream that day but the homemade toppings were great. If you would like to continue this tradition, please let someone on the Civic Committee know. Next year we may try it on the evening of July 3rd.

SOUTH BEACH

The gate at the South Beach is locked from late evening to early morning. If you would like a key, contact Ruth Peters Norrington at 826-7634.

BASKETBALL HOOP KEYS

The new basketball hoop that was purchased by the Civic Committee and was installed at the park has been getting a lot of use. Due to some carelessness, we will now be locking the hoop. If you have small children and would like to lower the hoop, please contact Suzy McDaniel for a key and instructions.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

The Civic Committee will once again host a Monte Carlo Night as a fundraiser this year. We plan to hold this event in February 2003 at the Indian Lake Country Club. If you would like to be involved in planning, please contact Ruth Peters Norrington at 826-7634.

CRIME WATCH

Thanks to the organization efforts of Flo Peck, Indian Lake continues to be a Crime Watch Community acting with the Lawrence Police Department. We remind our residents that in order to prevent crime, we are encouraged to have deadbolt locks, to keep our garage doors down and locked and to keep valuables out of view in open yards. Finally, our best protection is to know our neighbors and to watch out for each other. As there are homes for sale in our area and new residents moving in, this is especially needed.

REMINDER - INDIAN DECALS

If you ever park your car or truck at either beach, be sure you have a RED DECAL in your back window to identify you as a resident. **Decals are available from Jack Sweeney.**

Lake, Beach and Water Safety Regulations

amended 8/1/01

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS

All lot owners and member of their families using the lake or other Association property must have an Indian Lake decal placed in the rear window of their vehicle. If all members cooperate by using decals, intruders will be obvious. **Remember: you must be a lot owner, family member of a lot owner or guest of a lot owner in order to have lake privileges.**

IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS

Lot owners are permitted to invite guests to use the lake or other Association property.

1. A maximum of two guests per lot is permitted.
2. The lot owner must accompany guests at all times.
3. Parties or picnics that consist of numerous guests must receive prior approval from the board of directors. Please plan your party far enough in advance to allow the Board to act upon your request at a regular monthly Board meeting.

IDENTIFICATION OF BOATS

No watercraft shall be permitted to operate unless legally owned by a lot owner. The lot number must be prominently displayed on the side of the boat.

BOATING REGULATIONS

Boating regulations as set forth by the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources will apply. In addition, the operator of every water craft will, at all times, operate the craft in a careful and prudent manner, having due regard for the rights, safety and property of others.

1. Watercraft with motors shall not exceed ten miles per hour nor create a wake.
2. Water skiing is not permitted.
3. Watercraft operating between sundown and sunrise must display a light, which is clearly visible to other boats on the lake.
4. Watercraft must be kept in good repair.
5. Lot owners may store their watercraft in the grassy area at the North or South Beach over the winter at their own risk. Watercraft must be removed from the water during the winter.
6. Slips will be available for rental for \$75 per season at the North Beach or \$50 per season at the South Beach.
7. No jet skis/wave runners are permitted on the lake.

BEACH USE

A Beach Committee and Lake Members maintain the beaches. Please keep the beaches clean by policing the area after use by picking up cans, papers, etc., and placing refuse in the containers provided.

1. For health and safety reasons, no animals are permitted in the beach area.
2. No glass containers are allowed in the beach area.
3. Vehicles present at the beaches must have an Indian Lake decal posted in the rear window.
4. Lot owners must accompany their guest at all times.
5. No overnight camping is permitted.

NORTH AND SOUTH BEACH SCHEDULES

Beaches are closed according to the following schedule:

Friday and Saturday: Midnight - 4 AM

Sunday through Thursday: 11 PM - 4 AM

In addition, the South Beach gate is subject to being locked after 9 PM.

This schedule applies to all common Lake property including beaches, lake, dam, East End, park and easements.

SWIMMING REGULATIONS

No lifeguards are provided. All lot owners and their guests swim at their own risk. For your safety, observe all Red Cross Water Safety Rules.

Diving or swimming from the dam or levee is extremely dangerous and is **not permitted**.

HISTORY OF INDIAN LAKE PART IV - by John Repass

Very few people lived in the dense forbidding forest which surrounded our Indian Lake sight and the proposed new state capitol at the mouth of Fall Creek and White River. Most of The Indians in the area were the remnants of the once mighty Delaware tribe. When white settlers began to move into the area many of them had known people who had been ravaged by the Delaware Indians. They often felt the only good Indian was a dead Indian. A few began killing isolated Indians wherever they found them. The Indians lived in small bands scattered among the trees and knew any form of retaliation on their part would end with their total destruction. They were also keenly aware they were going to be forced to move west of the Mississippi River in a short time. Thus they remained peaceful. They watched silently as the land treaties had once said would be theirs forever was sold to finance the activities of the United States, and to pay for the costs of developing Indiana Territory. They had accepted modest payments for the last of their lands after their defeat by Anthony Wayne to stave off starvation. So they had to watch as money from the sale of this land was used to assure their permanent removal.

The land being sold was in an area called the New Purchase. It formed about two thirds of the central portion of Indiana. Only a handful of Indians and white fur trappers were living in this vast area. The forests which covered the area were so dense food could only be produced in small clearings among the trees. Few people wanted to settle in such a remote out of the way area. To attract settlement and promote land sales the state moved its capitol into the middle of this dense and virtually unoccupied forest. Then like any real estate developer the state began to publish glowing accounts that the area surrounding the new state capitol was a virtual paradise. In fact it was only a mud hole surrounded by trees. There were no marked trails leading to the area until it was picked as the site for the new state capitol. Since there were no roads or bridges over streams leading to the area a person had to walk, ride a horse, or paddle a canoe to get there. Newcomers quickly discovered food supplies were very limited and expensive. People came to the area with dreams of getting rich. They found out they had to live off the sparse food in the forest like Indians in order to survive.

The lure that land near the new state capitol would increase immensely in value in the future drew in a lot of new settlers.. They found out the risks involved in this process were huge. One person in eight died before the land even went on sale. The problem was the water supply, but no one knew that. So many people were dying the commissioner appointed to supervise the development of the new state capitol only performed one task. He appointed a three man committee to select a place to bury the dead. Then he left town to preserve his own safety. Daniel Shaffer was one of the three man committee picked to select the cemetery sight. One week later he was dead of the sickness.

Ironically he was the first person buried in the cemetery.

During the winter the new settlers threw their slops and human wastes out the door onto the ground. When it rained this ooze mixed with wastes from their live stock and was washed into the water they were drinking. Before the land even went on sale almost every person in the community became ill. They were so sick that they couldn't plant their spring crops. As a result those who survived the sickness were soon faced with hunger. While all of this was taking place the state which was dependent on the profits from real estate sales to finance its activities was still placing glowing ads in newspapers and pamphlets which described the sight of the new state capitol as a virtual paradise. State officials were no more concerned about the perils the people at the new capitol sight were facing than they were about the fate of the Indians. Then as now the bottom line was more important than the people.

A few hardy souls actually wanted land to farm and hunt on which they could pass on to their children. They settled in areas such as Lawrence Township. B.R. Sulgrove's History of Indianapolis and Marion County page 536 says, "When the first white settlers came into Lawrence Township large numbers of Indians were encamped there on and near Indian Creek. They were of the Delaware and Miami tribes, with a few Pottawatomies. They had three chiefs, Big Otter Skin, Old Buckwheat, and a nearly deaf Indian (name unknown) aged about one hundred years. The Indians were very friendly with the new settlers, and made frequent visits to their cabins. ----

Elishia Reddick was the first white settler in Lawrence Township. He arrived here with his wife and son on October 18, 1823. He came in a Pennsylvania wagon, ----- He brought two yoke of oxen, two horses, twenty-five hogs, two milch cows, and twelve sheep with him. He had to cut his way through the last four miles he traveled to reach his land. For several months after his arrival he did little but protect his stock from wolves, wild cats, and other large animals. Shortly after his arrival he had a desperate encounter with a large catamount weighing not far from one hundred pounds. ----- After a fierce struggle he dispatched it with an axe, but not until it had nearly killed his two dogs, and had severely injured him. ----- He killed no less than fifty wild-cats on his farm in his early years. His brother helped him in killing three black bears. Mr. Reddick said the bottom lands were exceedingly wet, and abounded in bayous and swamps, and dense thickets which it was almost impossible to penetrate. He was on intimate terms with the Indians and went hunting, ran races, and shot marks with them. Three Indians lived near Elishia Reddick's cabin, and they always expressed the warmest friendship for him." This relationship continued until about a year before the Indians permanent removal. At that time a group of white men who despised Indians slaughtered three Indian families and stole their furs. The Indians on Indian Creek were enraged and the whites feared a real uprising. More about this the next time.

THANKS FOR PITCHING IN!

A lot of the work keeping our lake and common areas looking good and well maintained is done by you, our residents. Most of it takes place behind the scenes, so it's easy to take for granted. A few recent examples:

When the beached flooded the week after Cleanup, some residents took it upon themselves to clean them again without waiting for an official scheduled event.

Bill Testin and Jeff VanTreese extended the weir pipe to increase our spoils area capacity and they, along with Dan VanTreese and his truck, helped launch the dredge.

Fred Lee and Andy VanTreese are in the process of refinishing our signs.

Rick Nelson, Barth Canfield, Bob Karnak and Bill Testin assembled sections of dredge pipe on a recent Saturday afternoon.

Thank you to everyone else who contributes time and effort to improve the neighborhood!

BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT

Most of us living on the lake assume that we have enough migratory birds, plants, animals and butterflies to feel that we are in a wildlife refuge. The National Wildlife Federation has a Backyard Wildlife Habitat program that can help us save a place for the wildlife

by certifying our Indian Lake Neighborhood as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat and rewards Indian Lake Community for maintaining this area as a haven for wildlife.

In order to be certified as Indian Lake Community, we need the participation of 15% of the lake, or about 15 homes. The certification of these 15 or more homes will cost a one time application fee of \$15. for each home. The lake will then receive a plaque *designating this area as a National Wildlife Refuge.*

The wildlife certification requires that each home provides the following four basic elements needed for wildlife.

- 1- Food- supplied through shrubs, trees and plants that produce food and for birds through additional feeders.
- 2- Water - For drinking and bathing through a birdbath, pond, shallow dish and the lake
- 3-Cover - For protection against the elements and predators through plants brush piles, stone walls, evergreens, grasses and water.
- 4- Places to Raise Young - Safe places for reproduction and nurturing young animals are provided through mature trees, dense plantings of shubbery, and water ponds.

The application process is easy. Please contact Ruth at 826-7634 if you would like the application form and additional information on making you home a wildlife habitat.

As development around our community continues, wouldn't it be nice to have a plaque to show people that we care about the wildlife in our area!



Events for Our Community

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Indian Lake Country
Club Trophy Room

(first Wednesday night of each month)

CIVIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Mon., Sept. 16, 2002

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: to be announced

Date: Mon., Nov. 18, 2002

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: to be announced

Any residents interested in planning events are invited and encouraged to attend Civic Committee Meetings.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Date: Sun., July 21, 2002

Time: 2:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Mechanic's Laundry/French property

WATCH FOR FLYERS TO VERIFY INFORMATION ON ALL
SPECIAL EVENTS