

# INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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July 1997                      **INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
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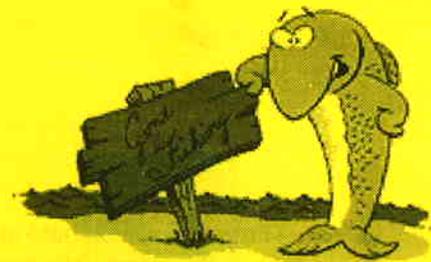
Dear Indian Lake Residents:

Your Board of Directors approved the Lawrence City Police Department's proposal to lock the North and South Beach gates. This will be effective immediately and will be done according to the schedule in the attached Lake Use and Water Safety Regulations. Please review these with each member of your family and keep them handy for future reference.

Have a safe and happy summer. See you at the annual Indian Lake Picnic!

Marge Crouch, President  
Indian Lake Improvement Association

**Indian Lake Civic Committee**  
by Kathy Van Treese



We are sorry we had to cancel our last meeting , but the hostess, Maureen Wagner , was very ill. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting which will be held at Kathy Van Treese's house at 7:30pm on July 14th. Please keep Maureen in your prayers.

Watch for Flyers on the 5th Annual Bob Nicholas Memorial Bass Tournament. It is a week away. Fred Zainey has graciously agreed to judge the tournament and make sure all goes well. Thank you Fred!! It is a great day for fisherman.

Dear Neighbors,

There are times we wish that we did not have to report on certain happenings on the lake and this is one of them. However, if the report makes anyone or everyone think twice about their actions on the lake it will have served a purpose. Sunday the 29th of May was a perfect day for swimming, the temperature was in the high eighties and the North side Beach had quite a number of people enjoying themselves. Ryan had been our guest and we all had spent a special hour in the water.. Ryan got out of the water in the childrens area near the docks. He noticed the red marks in the sand as he walked. On examination it was decided the cut required further attention. A trip to Community North emergency revealed that an artery and a tendon had been severed. Ryan had to undergo surgery to repair the tendon so that he could move his toe. Anyone who has ever had anything to do with safety at pools or lakes will tell you that broken glass and water can cause dreadful accidents. So how did a broken bottle get into the swimming area at the North Beach, carelessness, thoughtlessness, surely not deliberated vandalism? We hope and pray that no further accidents are caused this summer. Do want to thank Joyce Van Treese for the immediate offering of her first aid kit and Frank Helfer for assisting.

Maureen



### 1997 Annual Indian Lake Picnic

The picnic will be held at the French Estate as usual on Sunday, July 20th, 1997. The theme for the picnic this year is Nautical. You can dress as a Sailor, Pirate, etc. or just come and enjoy looking at the others who are in costume. The picnic is held from 2-7 pm with dinner being served at 5:00pm. There will be games, prizes and lots of good food and fellowship with all your neighbors. We are in need of volunteers to help with the soda station and to serve the dinner. The shifts are only 1/2 hour. Please call Kathy Van Treese, 823-6690, to sign up. Also it is important for you to return your RSVP card as soon as possible in order for us to have enough food to feed everyone.

See you there,

Kathy Van Treese



## ACROSS THE FENCE

We are delighted to spread the good news. Maureen Grant (Southsider), a teacher in Math at Washington Township Middle School, has been awarded a Grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation. Maureen and a fellow teacher will travel to Spain for 2 weeks. They are especially looking forward to seeing the Alahambra and the surrounding area where the great Architects and Mathematicians and the Moors left a great legacy.

Well it's that time of year again, who was the first to swim. Remember falling into the water does not count. To set the record you must actually swim, even a short distance. The swim must be observed by someone. The first claim this year is from Scott O'Connor. The swim was on Mother's Day Sunday the 11th of May and the water temperature was 62 degrees. Scott was followed into the water by his cousin Kyle Wagner and about fifteen minutes later by Kyle's younger brother Bryan. If anyone went swimming before this date, please call me.

While traveling around the lake I noticed some very attractive gardens. A beautiful splash of color caught my eye at Vivian Matthews' garden. Beautiful pink Peonies set in front of a bed of purple iris. Next, I noticed a great big iron pot in Wilma Haymaker's yard. Those pots bring back special memories for country folk during the syrup making days. On the other side of the lake, Jim and Ardis Stearn have a marvelous display, a wheelbarrow filled with flowers. Jean Vietor's garden across the street is always a delight no matter what the season. Jean does all the hard work and I enjoy the results. Regina Tate one of our newer residents definitely has a green thumb. She has already started building a new garden and a lovely floral display. Noticed Barth Canfield has been working hard. He removed the big hedge and replaced it with a very attractive fencing and a play area for Nate and Hope.

Hugh and Johanna Jones are celebrating a very special event. The arrival of their first grandchild, David Aaron Tessler. David weighed in at seven and a half pounds. Barbara and son are doing very well. Gran will be on a plane to the coast very soon.

A very happy fifth birthday to Miss Deanna Cummings. She had some friends over to celebrate and swim at the South Beach. Southsiders knew there was a birthday at the Connor residence. Several signs small and large announced the fact that someone was 30. Happy Birthday Pat.

Our sincerest sympathy to Rick and Amy Nelson. Amy's grandmother passed away about one month ago. Rick's grandmother died two weeks later. This has been a sad month for the Nelson family.

Many longtime residents have known Suzy McDaniel from her high school days. We have had the privilege of knowing her Aunt and Uncle who lived on the lake for many years, in the home that is now Suzy and Bill's. In fact our Annual Fishing Derby is a memorial to Suzy's Uncle Bob. In the course of those years we have met her parents. Suzy's Dad died this past week after a long and painful illness. We hope the above thoughts and special memories will help at this time. Suzy and Bill they are from your many friends at Indian Lake.

The following words are by John Greenleaf Whittier.

I know not what the future hath,  
of marvel or surprise,  
assured alone that life and death,  
His mercy underlies:  
I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air:  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His Love and Care.

Until next time,

Maureen



## WATERSHED ALLIANCE

By: Andy Van Trease

As many ILIA members are aware, Indian Creek is the main water source for our Lake. With this comes much run off from many acres of land. The run off will settle out in the Lake which will eventually fill or kill the Lake.

The ILIA watershed alliance has been working with several property owners upstream. These include Old Oakland Golf Club, Craig Middle School, Westminster Village, and the Fox Pointe Development.

Susan Belt, a 6th grade science teacher at Craig, organized a watershed planting project. This involved planting grasses and iris' along Indian Creek at nine separate sites. The sites ran from Westminster Village to the Golf Course. We planted on May 21, 1997 and had the help of about 75 6th graders and 12 adults.

The total project was financed through a grant from the State that the kids themselves helped secure. Although we accomplished much, it is still a drop in the bucket on slowing the flow of silt into our Lake.

Anyone with lakefront property is encouraged to Rip/Rap or place a seawall. If anyone has any questions or ideas please call me at home 823-8990. Have a great summer and enjoy Indian Lake!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Brent Beechler (13) is a member of Fall Creek Valley Middle School Swing Choir? On May 16th -17th, the Swing Choir competed in "Music in the Parks" at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. They placed First in their Division!!!!

Brian Beechler (11) is a member of the Phillies baseball team that plays at Fall Creek Little League? On June 28th the team received trophies for 1st place in the Major Boys Division for the 1997 Season.

The next Smoke Signal will be in September. If you have any news you would like to share, please call Suzy McDaniel 823-3862.