

INDIAN LAKE
SMOKE SIGNAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake,

With school starting and Labor Day approaching, it is amazing how fast the summer months are passing. Our annual picnic was a great success. Thanks go out to Mildred French for her hospitality, and to the Women's committee for their efforts in serving refreshments and dinner, and for organizing the square dance. Thanks also to the bartenders and to Ray Heinzen for all their assistance.

In order to keep you up to date on Board concerns, I'll cover the main topics briefly. One of the projects the board has been organizing these past months is the dredging of the east end of the lake. The silt problem is extremely serious, and has been accelerated by the large amount of construction activity in our area. Water depths are only 1 to 1½ feet in portions of the lake. C & R Dredging Co., Inc. of Evansville met with Board members on August 9th to discuss dredging procedures. At the Board meeting on August 11th, it was decided to contract the dredging company on an hourly basis. The cost is \$195.00 per hour. They plan to cover approximately eight acres, digging down three to four feet. It is not necessary to lower the lake to dredge. The total cost will be in the range of \$60,000 to \$70,000.

At the annual meeting last January, it was the consensus of the membership present that a bond issue would be preferable to raising assessments to meet dredging costs. The law firm of Ice, Miller, Donadio and Ryan informed the Board that Indian Lake was not eligible for a bond issue because the

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lake is a private recreational facility.

The Board then decided to use a portion of the cumulative fund, and borrow the remainder from the bank. It will take two to four weeks for bank approval, so we are looking at starting to dredge in October. The project should be completed in late fall. The payback of the loan will also require an increase in the annual assessments next year.

While I'm on the subject of assessments, there are still several past due assessments that were not paid by the June 30th deadline. The Board relies on these funds to operate. Contact Jack Sweeney to make arrangements to clear up these past due amounts.

Board members are elected at the January annual meeting, and serve three-year terms. This is a voluntary position. Board members do not receive payment for their services. Any resident interested in serving on the Board of Directors should contact one of the Board members prior to the January meeting. The current board members and their areas of responsibility are:

Joe Hoone - President	823-6365
John Taylor - North Beach	823-6719
Joe Rohrman - North Beach	823-4218
Rob Parker - South Beach	823-4796
Red Harris - Vice President - Property Maintenance	823-4735
John Miller - East End, Conservation, Fish & Lake Use ...	823-4602
Mike Carter - East End, Conservation, Fish & Lake Use ...	823-4396
Tom Lyons - Dam	823-4215
Paul Butalla - Dam	(205)233-3514
Jack Sweeney - Secretary-Treasurer	823-4891

The Board has been working very closely with community appearance. We have received several complaints about junk cars in our community. The City of Lawrence has an ordinance which addresses this problem. Ordinance 28, Section 5-7-15, number 7 states that a vehicle that is six (6) or more model years old, mechanically inoperable, and is left on private property continuously in a location visible from public

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property for more than thirty (30) days will be towed. The owner will be responsible for towing and storage charges. If any resident has a vehicle which falls into this category, please remove it.

It is great to see the beaches being utilized so much this year. The Board has adopted guidelines to regulate parties at the beaches.

- ✓ 1. The Board must be notified in advance of a party. The Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., so plan far enough in advance to meet with us.
- ✓ 2. Limit size of party to approximately 40 guests.
- ✓ 3. No under-aged drinking of alcohol.
- ✓ 4. When alcohol is ^{present} ~~served~~, a security person will be present. The cost will be paid by the person having the party (~~\$5.50 per hour.~~)
- ✓ 5. The beach will be cleaned of trash when the party concludes.
- ✓ 6. Music volume will be kept to a reasonable level.
- ✓ 7. Limit the number of cars so as to allow access to the beach by other residents.

The Board extends a warm welcome to the new residents who have moved to Indian Lake this summer. All residents are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Joe Hoone

Our sincerest sympathies go to Alice Kirschbaum, whose daughter, Dorthy, passed away recently. Alice, a very long time resident on the lake, came originally from England.

We extend deepest regards and support to Mary Boese, whose husband, Harry, passed away in July. The Boese garden once was a regular stop for residents of the lake. The Boeses were known throughout Indiana for their prize Dahalias.

If you have had a special vacation this year, call Maureen - 823-4889

FROM THE PRESIDENT, INDIAN LAKE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE:

Unfortunately the summer is winding down, but the activities of the Women's Committee are far from over. The Committee planned and worked at the annual picnic in July. A good effort and team work was the key to this success. The introduction of our food basket raffle, made by Becky Carter, was a winner for the Koehring family, as well as our declining funds. Square Dancing seems to be less than popular though, so we'll try something else next year. My thanks to all who helped with the picnic and the raffle.

The Indian Lake Survey was launched at the picnic. Over 55% of the lake members have responded, but we would like to reach a much higher level of participation. We will soon be distributing one more blank survey to those members who have not yet responded. The lake's "silent majority" needs to be heard, even if it is to say they are not interested in lake activities right now. Please take five minutes to complete the survey. Help us know what the consensus of opinions is.



The 1986 Indian Lake Telephone Directory should be issued in September. Accuracy is one of our highest goals this year. We will start taking ads for the directory in the next few weeks. Lake members will have the first opportunity. Please contact a committee member or myself at 823-4796 to place an ad. Prices are \$10, \$25, and \$40.

On Thursday, October 9th, we will again have our food tasting party. Dishes will be prepared by committee members. The party will be held in the home of Flo Peck on South Drive. In past years, all appetites have been satisfied and tantalized at this event. This party is a nice pre-season warm up to the holidays, so be sure to purchase a ticket (\$3.00 per person) from a committee member and come enjoy the fun.

Finally, on Monday, November 17th, the Indian Lake Women's Committee
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will hold an open house and meeting for all prospective new members. Several of our long-standing members will be leaving the committee, as per our by-laws, and we will need replacements. Meetings are bimonthly, and work is shared to lighten the commitment. Attendance at all meetings and events is not at all mandatory. Please consider joining the Indian Lake Women's Committee. All are welcomed -- the new and old residents -- the young and the not-so-young. Watch for the upcoming advertisement.

That's plenty for now! Enjoy the remaining good weather.

Linda Parker



ACROSS THE FENCE

.....BY Maureen Wagner

Dear Lord,

This is a letter from Indian Lake. I don't know if you get many from this area, although the people from our lake have so much to thank you for. Of course you realize this is going to cause a few raised eyebrows, but most of the folk who have known me for 25 years know how important you are to Bob and I.

I especially wanted to talk to you about the month of July. It certainly was a busy month, perfect for swimming and beautiful for evening quiet times on the lake. In the swimming department: Have you seen the Upton boys lately? You've given them the ability to swim as well as any fish in the lake. In the help department: I surely appreciate the cheerful assistance of Matt Zainey and Frank Helfer, not once, but many times this summer.

Have you been watching the lake in early evening? Tom Crouch skims over the water in a Kayak, or son Andy glides by in a rowing shell. Queens University, the boat house on the river Lagan, are a lifetime ago, but thanks to the Crouches for resurrecting some lovely

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memories. Glad you have provided the stamina they need for this strenuous sport.

Our lake picnic was the highlight of July, as usual. Mildred French shared her lovely home with us again. Needless to say, the children think they are with you in Heaven. The picnic has always been made special by old friends and new neighbors. Among the old friends are Bud and Marie Reeves. What a wonderful commitment they have to one another ... 55 years of wedded bliss. Would you please tell me, if they are married 55 years, how come Marie doesn't look a day over fifty?

Lord, you know how it bothers me when dear friends are not too well. What a relief to see Ray Heinzen back to his old self, with his smile and word for everyone. To have him visit the beach like old times really makes my day.

We do have quite a few new neighbors on the lake, and hope to get to know them soon. One of these new neighbors is the Courtneys; Tom and Donna and their three boys, Brian, Brad, and Christopher. Tom and Donna are both police officers in Indianapolis. You know there is absolutely no way that we can do without this arm of the law. It can be very dangerous at times, so would you please keep a close watch on both these people when they are about the business of protecting us all.

Thats all for now.

Love,
Maureen

Need night crawlers? Call Ben and Jake Upton. One dollar a dozen, or one dollar, seventy-five cents for two dozen. 823-6606

John and Loretta Miller's son Douglas, and his wife Vickie, are the proud parents of a 6 pound, 14 ounce baby boy, born August 14th. Congratulations to the Miller family.

The Marion County Board of Health tested Indian Lake in July, and found the coliform level well below any danger point. Our lake is a clean and safe place for swimmers.

Claudia Hoone
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