

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

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## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 19th at the Jenn Park pavilion and was well attended. We got to discuss what's going on in our neighborhood, and enjoy some tasty hot food.

The board would like to welcome new board members Rob Connors, Paul Odenwelder and Phil Marble. The board would like to thank retiring members Ron Gillum, RJ Russell and Chad Worland for their service to the Indian Lake community.

### Lawrence Sewer Project Update

The City is moving forward with its plan to install two lift stations within and a third adjacent to our neighborhood. They are also planning to install individual grinder pumps at each property that needs one. This mainly affects residents on Winona and on South Drive.

The Association received a letter in December regarding easements for lift stations on common property. We were offered \$800 for the use of our land and told where the stations would be placed. We negotiated the figure to \$3000 (thanks to Andy Van Treese) and relocated one of the stations to a better location.

The first round of letters to homeowners went out in January. The second round went out in early March. There are 21 total parcels in the project; there may be a need for one additional easement (yet to be determined) which would bring the count to 22.

If you received a letter, the city wants to install an individual grinder pump on your property. They will need to connect to your home's breaker box to provide power to your grinder. They will offer you a choice between accepting some money for the use of your land (and you would be responsible for future repairs of the grinder pump), or not accepting the money and the city would be responsible for any future repairs.

I'd caution anyone against agreeing to be responsible for future maintenance of their grinder, this is sure to be a major expense.

Victoria Burch and Steve Knies from Beam, Longest & Neff (the engineering company) are the Right-of-Way Buyers. Their job is to get you to sign the contract at the least expense to the City. Keep in mind that everything is negotiable. Residents have had great success getting the city to agree to relocate the pump at a better location on their property. Some residents have had concerns about taxing their electrical systems and are trying to negotiate electrical upgrades. Other residents have asked for more money than was offered AND an agreement from the City to maintain the equipment.

Please let me know of your successes and failures and I'll share them, or use the Nextdoor Indian Lake page.

### Lake Rules Revision

The ILIA Lake, Beach and Water Safety Regulations have been amended to add, "The spoils area is off limits for recreational activities and access requires board approval."

This change is for safety reasons. Appropriate signage will be installed at the spoils area.

The current version of the lake rules can always be found in the Documents and Forms section of the Indian Lake HOA website.

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## When You Need To Call



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INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	826-1505
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - Paul Odenwelder	823-4848
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Mark Rumreich	823-3897

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Lynn Osborn (secretary/treasurer)	826-1505
Rob Connors	903-6292
Ed French	823-4431
Kyle Hurd	416-7982
Phil Marble	702-5715
Paul Odenwelder	823-4848
Ben Slocum	989-4718
Andy VanTreese	627-0737

## Upcoming Meetings:

**May 19th** – Civic Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

**July 14th** – Civic Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  
Stacy Russell's

**September 15th** – Civic Committee Meeting, 7:30pm  
Suzy McDaniel's

## Civic Committee News

### Beach Clean-Up

Saturday, May 2nd will be the lake kickoff to the summer! Join us from 9 am to noon and help to clean-up the beaches and park. Following the clean-up, a grilled hot dog lunch will be provided by the Civic Committee at the north beach. Please bring rakes, shovels, clippers, gloves and trash bags if you can. If you aren't available that day, please take some time that weekend and clean-up the area by the road to your home. Let's all work together to make our lake beautiful!

### Neighborhood Holiday Gathering

Some of you may have wondered about the holiday gathering this year, formally the progressive dinner. In the past few years we have had a difficulty finding people to host the event and the attendance has been low. At the Annual Meeting we asked those in attendance if there would be a preference to move it from the busy holiday time to maybe in February and call it a "Love your Neighbor" event. This option was the overwhelming choice. So, we felt it was too late to pull it off for this February but intend to bring it back. Next year we will again be having the Monte Carlo Night at Indian Lake Country Club. This event is held at the end of February in alternating years. We will probably have the "Love your Neighbor" gathering during the alternate years. Please feel free to let us know your ideas.

### Indian Lake Directory

Final details are being made to the 2015-2016 directory. If you have changes to be made to your entry please email Ruth Norrington or Suzy McDaniel with those.



# Across The Fence

by Andy Van Treese

**Joe Hoone** has moved from the Lake into an assisted living center. He and his late wife, Claudia, lived on North Drive for many years. Joe was a very active member of the Board of Directors and served as its President for several years.

**Dustin Van Treese**, Jeff and Kathy Van Treese's second son, is now a Lawrence Police Officer. Dustin and two other recruits are going through their training as we speak. Good luck Officer Van Treese!

Welcome new neighbors **Joe and Jenny Korzekwa** who purchased the Johnson home on South Drive. They moved here with their daughters, Addie, 10, and Lydia, 7. They had been looking for a new place to live for a while and Jenny works with Indian Lake resident Stacy Russell, and the rest is history. Also welcome to **Eric Crampton and Jana Hitzeman-Crampton** who purchased Jane Ann Kopitzke's house on South Drive – actually across the street from the Korzekwas!

Fred Zainey's former wife, **Lori Ann Zainey**, 50, passed recently on March 28th. **Harold McCullough**, 88, of Mohawk Drive passed on February 8th. He lived on Indian Lake for many years. **Dan Wiggins**, 62, passed on January 19th and is survived by his wife, Glenda. You all will be missed in our Community.

Congratulations to **Griffin Slocum and Grace Morgan** as they are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion at St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church this Spring. Way to go!

The Emerald Ash Borer is still around and unwelcome in our neighborhood. If anyone needs the chemical to treat their ash trees, you may contact me at 627-0737. We purchase this product in bulk and will be placing an order by April 15th.

## Meet The Neighbor

### Meet Janice Combs

Janice is a familiar face you may not know. You have probably seen Janice walking her dogs Charlie (a lab) and Mickey (a mutt) many times. After having moved around the East Coast her entire life, Janice and Andy Bryant have lived on West Drive since 2006, drawn to Indian Lake for its woods, lake, and quiet hills.

She has two daughters in their twenties – Julie in Arizona and Robin in New York – each pursuing advanced degrees. Janice is a graphic artist by trade, but in her free time she likes to work on her own artwork or do anything that gets her outside.

She's got two lucky dogs she walks 1-2 hours every day! So, the next time you see Janice, Charlie, and Mickey walking by, be sure to say hello!



# Social Media Sense

Social media such as **Facebook** and **Nextdoor** are a great way for neighborhoods to communicate internally and with other nearby neighborhoods. Subjects such as crime watch, rezoning and the new sewer infrastructure are prime examples.

Last week a lady from Indian Lake in Ohio asked on our Indian Lake Nextdoor page how to get to the park for the Easter egg hunt. There was no harm done, but this just shows that content posted on our pages may be publicly viewed. When we mention how great the

fishing is, folks from nearby neighborhoods will be asking where to launch their boats. Everybody in the neighborhood needs to be aware that there can be adverse consequences to indiscriminate posting.

We're looking at using logins to control privacy, but it's always a good idea to assume that anything you post on social media could be read or seen by anyone.



# Keep Indian Lake Beautiful

by Laine Rumreich

As the weather becomes warmer, I hope to see our neighborhood fill with colorful spring flowers. As you go to buy your flowers, think about the wildlife around Indian Lake, and try to choose native flowers to plant. The brighter the flower, the more pollinators will like the flower. Bee balm is a good choice help pollinators like bees in our neighborhood, and monarch butterflies are sure to visit your yard if you plant milkweed, another common perennial. Good choices for native flowers include: Yellow and Purple coneflowers, Cardinal flowers, Black-eyed Susans,

Columbines, and Virginia bluebells. Adding these colorful perennial flowers to our neighborhood not only makes it more beautiful, but better for the environment.

For sources of native plants in central Indiana and more information, visit the Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower website Society at:

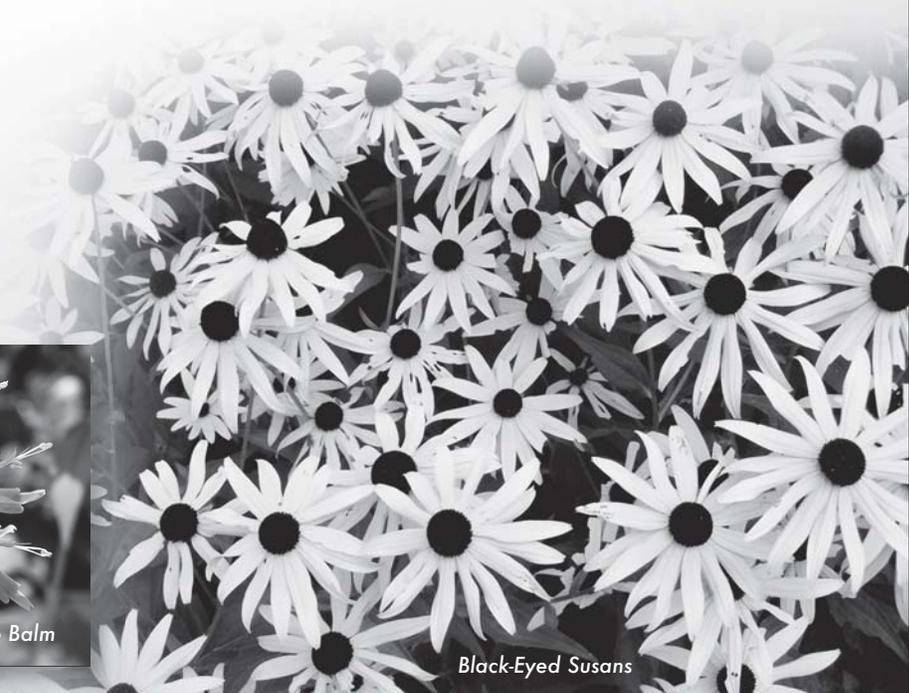
[www.inpaws.org/landscaping/sources-of-indiana-native-plants/](http://www.inpaws.org/landscaping/sources-of-indiana-native-plants/)



Columbine



Bee Balm



Black-eyed Susans

# Blast From The Past

The first Indian Lake Civic Committee met May 23, 1962 at the home of Lois Armstrong, who served as temporary chairman and was later elected permanent chairman. Seven other women attended. A treasurer was not elected as the board was asked for \$25.00, and small projects such as bake sales and recipe sales would help pay for incidentals.

This March 1965 revised constitution of the Civic Committee formalized the purpose of the organization and fine-tuned the rules for membership, officers and voting. It set a schedule for regular meetings and suggested four standing committees.

To see the 1965 Civic Committee Constitution in its entirety, visit [www.indianlakehoa.com/constitution.pdf](http://www.indianlakehoa.com/constitution.pdf)

## REVISED CONSTITUTION Indian Lake Women's Civic Committee

### ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Indian Lake Women's Civic Committee.

### ARTICLE II Objects

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To strengthen and enrich the community and neighbor relationship of the members of the Indian Lake Improvement Association.
2. To originate and implement Committee activity, Association action and individual programs which will stimulate community awareness, closer contacts, and cooperation between neighbors.
3. To acknowledge that the strength of America today lies in its family units. That it is the particular duty of the women of this Committee to provide the atmosphere and facilities for the Indian Lake community which will attract and hold families who will, in turn, enrich, materially and socially, the homes and lives of other members.

### ARTICLE III Membership

- Section 1. The membership of the Women's Committee shall be limited to twelve (12) members.
- Section 2. The members shall serve three year terms.
- Section 3. Members shall automatically be retired following each three year term.
- Section 4. Retired members shall be eligible for re-election following a one year period by vote of the Committee.
- Section 5. Members shall be elected to the Committee by a vote of ten of the twelve active members.
- Section 6. An unlimited number of non-committee member workers may be activated by the Committee to work on committees, special projects and/or activities of the Committee. These non-member workers shall be considered potential recruits for Committee memberships.
- Section 7. Any person replacing a retiring member would fill out the rest of that persons term. If the remaining term was less than six months long, it would remain vacant until the beginning of the next term.

### ARTICLE IV Officers

- The officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.
- Section 1. An officer may not hold the same office for two years in succession.
- Section 2. The President shall be elected each year from among Committee members who have served a minimum of one year.
- The duties of the President shall be: 1) to preside at all meetings of the Committee; 2) to assume the responsibility

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### The Real Storm Water Utility Story

When the Marion County Storm Water Utility was created around 2001, Lawrence originally wanted to run its own program. What happened instead is that Lawrence agreed to join the Marion County program, with the understanding that Lawrence would get its fair share of storm water projects. That's not how things worked out. Depending on how you do your accounting, Lawrence has seen few storm water projects since.

In 2014, Marion County decided to increase storm water fees. The current fee is \$27 a year per homeowner (you pay this as part of your property tax bill). The amount of the increase varies from homeowner to homeowner, and is based on a formula using the impervious area of each property. I calculated my new fee to be \$66, a 144% increase.

When Mayor Jessup caught wind of this, he was rightly upset at having to pay yet more money into a fund providing no benefit to Lawrence. The Mayor decided it was time to separate Lawrence from the Marion County Utility. Two members of the Lawrence Common Council introduced an ordinance to that effect.

The ordinance also included a bond issue to borrow 6.5 million dollars. About half of the money would be paid to Marion County as a separation fee, the other half would be used to fund Lawrence's storm water program. This was a pill that was too hard to swallow by the majority of the Council. The opposing faction, headed by councilors Collier and Parnell, instead favored restructuring the deal with Marion County by interlocal agreement, to assure that Lawrence would get its fair share of projects, and be able to recoup some of the approximately 9 million dollars that the citizens of Lawrence paid into the fund. That ordinance was passed by the Council in January.

Only time will tell if the restructuring will work as hoped.

As an additional note, Lawrence has the ability to set its own storm water tax rates. It could opt to keep the current rate, increase rates using the new Marion County formula, or none of the above. Until it's clear that Lawrence is actually able to benefit from its fees under the interlocal agreement, the prudent approach would be to delay a rate increase.

## The Finer Points of Recycling

The Indian Lake Community has one of the highest participation rates in curbside recycling in Lawrence. Indian Lake residents may be interested in knowing some of the finer points of modern recycling.

Recycling technology continues to advance. We've recently moved from hand-dumped bins to bins dumped by mechanical arms. More types of materials can now be recycled, and the material separation requirements are getting more lenient.

### Tips for Recycling in the Modern Age

- Keep plastic caps and closures on plastic bottles and containers at the point of recycling. Bottles are ground into flake before being vigorously washed in the recycling process. The washed cap material is then separated from the bottle material during a water bath float/sink process. Note: metal caps should be removed from bottles.
  - Keep recycling and trash bins at least four feet apart at the curb. If they're any closer, the truck operator will have to leave the vehicle to separate them so the mechanical arms can grab them.
- Recycle the following materials:
    - #1 through #7 plastics, including plastic bags
    - Glass bottles and jars
    - Empty aluminum, metal, tin and steel cans
    - Newspapers and inserts
    - Magazines, phonebooks, soft cover books
    - Cardboard/Cereal box type packaging, brown paper bags
    - Office and school papers

References: [www.plasticsrecycling.org/faqs](http://www.plasticsrecycling.org/faqs)  
[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)