

Indian Lake Smoke Signal

♦ INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ♦

President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2024 annual neighborhood meeting was held on Wednesday, January 17 at 7 PM at the Jenn Park Pavilion. The meeting was well attended and allowed us to elect board members, approve an annual budget, and discuss neighborhood topics.

The board proposed a five percent increase in the 2024 budget and it was approved by the membership.

The board would like to welcome new board members Kevin Hunt, Jeff Martin, and Tim Watts and returning member Joe Dayan. Thank you to all the candidates for your willingness to serve our community. The board would also like to thank retiring board members Ryan Free, Tom Olinger, and RJ Russell for their dedicated service to the board and the Indian Lake community.

SMOKE SIGNAL ARCHIVE GETS A BOOST

The online Smoke Signal archive has issues of our neighborhood newsletter from 1963 to the present, but there are a lot of missing issues. Last month, Steve Sweeney provided me with a large collection of vintage Smoke Signals, many of them previously missing. I'm in the process of scanning them and adding them to the website. There are 59 issues being added.

I asked Steve where he got them, and he told me. Andrew Wagner, son of former Indian Lake residents Bob and Maureen Wagner, is a childhood friend. Bob and Maureen passed away last year and Andrew thought Steve might enjoy the collection.

As I scan the old issues, I read them too. Many things have changed, but some have stayed the same. Getting people to put lot numbers on their boats was a challenge in the Sixties and still is.

The archive contains pieces of history that many residents are unaware of such as proposed nearby flood control dams in 1970, and the proposed BFI landfill in our watershed in 1983.

The March 1963 issue takes a look at how your \$124 (\$1,250 in today's dollars) assessment dollars are being spent. By comparison, the average assessment in 2024 is \$883.

Looking at the Association financials over the years, it was common for the assets to be modest. In some years, liabilities exceeded assets. The March 1988 Smoke Signal shows a balance of \$12,913 (\$33,665 in today's dollars) and a significant outstanding dredging project loan balance. The situation changed in 2000 when the board decided that it needed to purchase a dredge to bring dredging costs under control and decided to aggressively monitor construction activities in our watershed. This led to multiple lawsuits against negligent developers resulting in large settlements for us, and a growing balance sheet ever since.

Old timers will remember *Across the Fence* as written by Maureen Wagner. She wrote for the Smoke signal for 38 years. When she and Bob moved to Mooresville in 1999, that was the end of an era. *Across the Fence* has survived, but Maureen's homey style will never be duplicated.

Blast from the Past

Sixty years ago in Smoke Signal history, the Indian Lake Women's Committee reported:

Volunteers are needed to help reset the ski dock. (Water skiing was permitted back then.)

A fairly large group of Girl Scouts or Brownies were seen at the beach without first having obtained clearance from the Lake Use Committee.

Some boats were on the lake without lot numbers.

The first graduation ceremony was held in the gym of the beautiful new Lawrence Central High School.

The Veteran Motor Car Club of Indiana will have their old cars on display at Mr. French's parking lot on June 14th. Look, but don't touch.

Don't forget your Western costume for the July picnic.

This and other editions of the Smoke Signal are available in the archive at www.IndianLakeHOA.com

More Kayak Racks

Indian Lake board members Mike Nix and Jay White worked together to procure materials and construct an additional kayak rack at South beach. Another rack at North beach will follow. This work was completed in March in order to be ready for the 2024 boating season. If you see Mike or Jay out and about be sure to say thanks!

Reminder - if you use the kayak racks be sure that your kayak is labeled with your lot number.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Your Board of Directors met Sunday, May 17th. All directors were present (which is pretty darn good).

Doc Brodie reported that delinquent assessments are coming in gradually, which is gratifying. More payments are necessary to continue our operation. Please, all members, pay up, so Doc can go on his vacation.

Henry Gardner is your new chairman of the Conservation and Lake Use Committee, Bob Wagner is Chairman of the Water Safety Group.

One of our new lake residents is already on a committee, and will supervise the placing of bleach bottle buoys in the Lake. He is Loren Comstock.

Volunteers, including the ski kids, are asked to help reset the ski dock.

Thanks to all who donated the bleach bottles. We have enough now. Let your clothes get yellow the rest of summer and fall, and boy, next winter, get with the bleach again, we'll need bottles again for next year.

There was a report of a fairly large group of Girl Scouts, or Brownies at the beach early in May. The Lake Use Committee was not contacted for clearance at the beach. **This is a must.** No one has enough badges for a group that size. Would you care to identify the group and the sponsors by calling the proper committee?? We would like to know who you are.

Some boats are on the lake without numbers. Put your lot number on your boats. That's it, folks.
Ray Heinzen

ACROSS THE FENCE

Always had the idea that May was a quiet month with nothing much doing. Sure now, and didn't I find out I was barking up the wrong tree? Topping the list of social events this month is the most important night of all - GRADUATION.

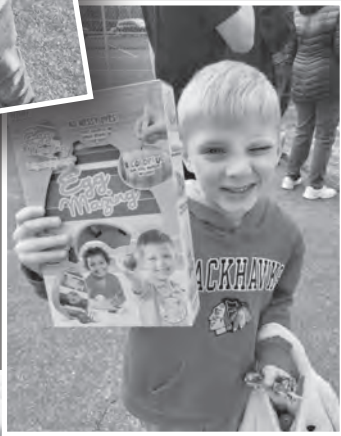
Wednesday evening, the 27th of May, is the first graduation to be held in the gym of the beautiful new Lawrence Central High School. Taking part in these exercises will be five young people from the Lake area; Susan Powers, Joann Hawley, Tim Guinan, Greg Spellman, and Mike Nickel. Then on June 3rd, Diane Klepfer will graduate from Washington High School, with plans for going on to Ball State in the fall. To all these teenagers may we offer our heartiest congratulations and wish you all the best that life can hold.

Birthday congratulations are in order for the little Misses; Beth Ann Godward, who will be two on June 7, and Barbara Jones, four on the 28th of May. Masters David Trittippe, four on May 26, and Rod Sanders, two on May 18. Also for Steve Irwin, celebrating his 15th May 27. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.**
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My sincerest "Thank You" goes out to everyone who donated their time and contributions at the time of Elza's death. I cannot express enough how much our family and I appreciated these wonderful neighbors.

Esther Robertson





Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Indian Lake Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, March 16 at 2PM at the Indian Lake Park. Here are the results:

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Grace Urban - Golden Egg - grandchild of Jill Grey

Lilly Fisher - Most eggs 34 - grandchild of Jay & Pauline White

Max Decker - Least eggs 4 - grandchild of Steve & Lisa Sweeney

5 - 7 AGE GROUP

Valen Swarts - Golden Egg - grandchild of Jill Grey

Valen Swartz - Most eggs 60 - grandchild of Jill Grey

Matthew Kennedy - Least eggs 16 - child of Patrick & Lauren Kennedy

8 - 10 AGE GROUP

Danny Chamberlin - Golden egg - grandchild of Bob & Jean Gundaker

Danny Chamberlin - Most eggs 76 - Bob & Jean Gundaker

Claire Kennedy - Least eggs 62 - child of Patrick & Lauren Kennedy

Thanks to the Civic Committee for organizing this event.

Meet the Neighbor

by Phil Marble

If you have seen a guy out on Indian Lake in his bass boat, pulling in lunker largemouth bass, then you've had a Fred Zainey sighting! Fred has lived at Indian Lake for 56 years and has a passion for bass fishing. His parents, Joe and Katherine, moved here from North Dakota back in 1968. His dad was in the Air Force and served as a WWII B29 Bombardier navigator, and his mom was a homemaker. Fred has seven siblings, two of which, Kevin and Matt, also live at Indian Lake. He is very proud to have two sons and five grandkids.

There are no less than six other families in the neighborhood that have been here for multiple generations. Fred believes it's because this is paradise. In fact, when his family moved here, Fred was 11 years old and to him, it was a dream come true.

Fred has worn many hats over the years, demonstrated by his rich history of employment. He attended college at VTI (school for Video Technology) in California and received his associate degree. This is where he learned his photography skills, which would serve him well in later jobs. Fred started out as a licensed certified auto mechanic. He also was in the printing industry. One of his exciting endeavors included ten years in the music business. Fred was a drummer for three separate bands: Borderline, Pure Gold, and Drive. Pure Gold was one of the longest running local Indy bands, at 35 years. Being a drummer was a joy since he loved both Country and Rock and Roll music. The photography skills that Fred learned early in his career enabled him to be a photographer both full and part time. He was on staff for the Indiana State House of Representatives.

Currently, Fred is a maintenance mechanic in a local food factory and is looking forward to retirement in the summer of 2025.



As mentioned earlier, Fred is a fisherman. He has won many bass tournaments. His two most prestigious awards were Tournament of Champions winner for the Indiana Bass Federation, and Qualifier for the Indiana State Team, where he finished 11th out of 200 anglers. In the Spring of 2023, Fred volunteered his effort to organize a fishing clinic and tournament for kids here at Indian Lake. And for a 25-year stretch,

Fred organized the Indian Lake Fishing Tournament. He also contributed funds for a special stocking of Walleye fish in the lake for 2023.

Another passion for Fred was training bird dogs. He was an avid hunter at one time for quail, pheasant, and grouse. When asked about growing up here at Indian Lake, Fred mentioned one of his fondest memories was of the annual ILIA picnics where his mom would dress up all the kids in the family according to the theme, whether it was as being an Indian, Pirate or Cowboy. His mom and dad were in costume as well. As a kid growing up at the lake, he would gather with friends during the summer and they would put on swashbuckling gear, go out on their sailboats, and play like they were pirates. Pairs of boys would command a sailboat, usually a sunfish or porpoise, and they would have mock attacks to see if they could plunder and sink each other's boats. If they weren't out on the lake they could be found in a multi-level tree house. It was all part of growing up in the paradise we call Indian Lake! Be sure to say hello to Fred if you see him in the neighborhood or out on the lake fishing.

When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

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| Assessments – Jay White | 296-3530 |
| Beach reservations - Mark Rumreich | 643-6733 |
| Boat slip rentals – Alyssa Alexander | 719-0910 |
| Boat stickers - RJ Russell | 281-0024 |
| Car stickers - Jay White | 296-3530 |
| Civic Committee – Stevi Kersh | 691-4854 |
| South Beach gate key - Kevin Hunt | 716-7264 |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Mark Rumreich (president) | 643-6733 |
| Phil Marble (vp) | 702-5715 |
| Jay White (treasurer) | 296-3530 |
| Tim Watts (secretary) | 765-430-4130 |
| Tom Crouch (assistant secretary) | 716-8662 |
| Joe Dayan | 910-7751 |
| Kate Dydo | 319-4743 |
| Kevin Hunt | 716-7264 |
| Jeff Martin | 626-1442 |
| Mike Nix | 538-2729 |

Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month except in January. Meetings are at 7 PM at the Indian Lake Country Club except in January and November. All Indian Lake residents are welcome to attend. Visit the Indian Lake website at www.IndianLakeHOA.com



Love Your Neighbor Event



The Civic Committee was pleased to host approximately 40 of our Indian Lake neighbors for the 2024 Love Your Neighbor event on February 10th. A big thank you to each member of the Civic Committee for the planning and execution of such a wonderful event, and especially to Susie Clase and Brigitte and Joe Dayan for opening their homes and providing delicious food and beverages for the evening. Big fun was had by all who attended.



Spring Fish Stocking

by Phil Marble

With Spring on the way, we will be doing another fish stocking. This year we have contracted with Clear Creek Fisheries to do our stocking. They will bring their truck to the seawall and release the fish into the lake in the deep water off of the wooden portion of the dock. We will send out a notice to the neighborhood so that anyone who wants to watch will be able to come to North Beach.

After talking to the marine biologist, he recommended the following allotment of fish:

Twenty (20) pounds of minnows. They would be released prior to the other fish. The biologist said that this is standard practice because it allows the other fish being stocked to escape the predators when first introduced.

Channel Catfish 6-8" Quantity 600: This is a very desirable fish for eating and angling as they grow large. Also, due to their spiny fins are likely to survive any predators.

Bluegill 4-6" Quantity 200: I would have never thought about adding bluegill. But when I told the biologist that we had a large population but that they were small and stunted, he said this is due to their washed-out DNA. He stated that the introduction of some strong DNA specimens would be very good for the existing population. These bluegills will reproduce with the existing ones and create a stronger population that will increase the size. It is important that we have a healthy population of bluegill as they are the perfect feeder fish for our largemouth bass.

Hybrid Striped Bass (Wipers) 4-6" Quantity 535: These fish will grow very large and do so quickly. The striped bass is a predator that will be great for angling and will be able to eat the large gizzard shad. Shad is one of the most important fish in our lake due to them being the feeders for largemouth bass. They are also the main feeder fish for the Blue Heron, Cormorant, Bald Eagles and Osprey. When the shad get too large, they are not a value-added fish, so the large Wipers will be helpful to control them.



We encourage residents to get their fishing gear out this season and enjoy the angling and report back on the type of fish they are catching! The very successful and fun fishing clinic and tournament for the kids of Indian Lake will be repeated this year. It will be a fun event and we hope to get another big turnout. We will send out a notice to the neighborhood when this event will take place.

