

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 20 at the Jenn Park pavilion and was well attended. We got to discuss what's going on in our neighborhood, and meet the new mayor of Lawrence, Steve Collier.

The mayor reiterated that there would be no Indian Creek lift station. A new long term solution to Lawrence's sewer system is being sought. As a short term measure, the sewer pipe under Indian Lake will be lined to prevent catastrophic failure. The mayor also mentioned that his administration is working to recover about \$7 million currently in the Marion County Storm Water Utility coffers for Lawrence storm water projects.

Board member Phil Marble made a PowerPoint presentation about the Island Restoration project. In December, the board voted to approve \$20k in funding for the project. Those in attendance were asked to voice their opinions about the island restoration. After much discussion and question answering, the membership verbally backed the Board's decision to move ahead. Any Indian Lake residents interested in participating in the decision making process should contact Phil.

The board would like to welcome new board members Alyssa Alexander and Kerry Brown, and thank retiring members Ed French and Jeff Van Treese for their many years of invaluable service to the Indian Lake community. Jeff has served on the board since 1995, and Ed since 2004.

### Revised Stormwater Fee Update

In the last President's Message, I explained the revised Marion County stormwater fee and suggested that residents check their online impervious area maps for

errors. Since then, there have been a few refinements to the fee structure that should help some of our residents lower their tax.

1. The ordinance now has a 20 BBU cap on taxable impervious area for residential parcels.
2. Decks may be considered pervious under certain conditions.

The 20 BBU cap only affects a small percentage of properties, but there are a number of Indian Lake residents who will benefit from this change. With the current rates, this limits the stormwater fee to a maximum of \$264 a year per property.

Any resident with a deck could potentially benefit from the second item. If your deck is over a mulch bed or vegetation, the science says that your deck is not an impervious surface, and therefore shouldn't be taxed like one. If it's over a concrete slab, that's a different story, and it would be correctly taxed as impervious area.

Any homeowners who have a deck may request an adjustment to their impervious area. Whether or not you should bother depends on whether eliminating the area of your deck will reduce your total impervious area below a multiple of 1000 square feet. That's because the formula rounds up to the nearest 1000 square feet. So for example, if you had an impervious area of 4200 square feet and a deck of 300 square feet, your new impervious area would be 3900 square feet, which crosses the 4000 square foot multiple of 1000. At today's rates, this would reduce your annual tax by \$13.20. It's not much, but you'll save that every year. And as rates go up, so will your savings.

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# When You Need To Call



## KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	826-1505
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Paul Odenwelder	823-4848
Bylaws and Rules - Paul Odenwelder	823-4848
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - Kerry Brown	823-0069
Smoke Signal - Mark Rumreich	823-3897

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Meet the Neighbor

Our neighborhood is chock full of interesting people and stories. Please send your suggestions for who to feature in a future edition of Meet the Neighbor to Kimberly at [kshunt@me.com](mailto:kshunt@me.com).

Be sure to include a few words of explanation with your nomination.



# Blast From The Past

## INDIAN LAKE OFFERS YEAR-ROUND RETREAT FOR PERSONS WHO LIKE THE OUT-OF-DOORS



Facing Indian lake northeast of Indianapolis are these modern houses under construction by the Vogel Corporation. Standing beside the pile of brick to the right are Ira A. Minnick (left), secretary and treasurer of the Indian Lake Development Company, and J. Frank Bellinger, secretary of the Vogel Corporation.

This article is from the home section of the Sunday April 6, 1941 Indianapolis Star. It shows the nearly completed home on lot 19 and the started home on lot 18. The lot 19 home is now owned by Tom and Chris Beechler. The lot 18 home has since been rebuilt and is now owned by Brian Chapman. The accompanying ad is from the same page.

In 1940, there were only six Indian Lake homes. By 1952, there would be 23.

Indian Lake resident Jim Hoskins was one week old when this article was published. In 1941, Jim's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hoskins, moved to Indian Lake from downtown Indianapolis. They bought the home on lots 20-22, located to the right of the completed home in the photo. Their house was built in 1932 and was the third house built at Indian Lake.

Central Indiana's largest body of water, Indian lake, situated 14 miles northeast of Monument Circle near Fort Benjamin Harrison, offers a year-round retreat for families that want to get away from the congested areas of the city.

Here, far from traffic hazards, city smog and noise, is being built a colony of small homes designed to appeal to husbands and wives who love the out-of-doors. The project is sponsored by the Indian Lake Development Company which has offices at 1030 East Ninth street.

The Vogel Corporation has finished one bungalow on the north shore of the lake and three others are in process of construction. The houses will be shown by appointment through Ira A. Minnick, secretary and treasurer of the development company.

### Homes High Above Lake.

Home sites are high above the lake which covers about 80 acres. The lake was formed in 1928 when a 650-foot dam was constructed across Indian creek. Since then Indian lake has always remained at a high level. It is stocked with many species of fish. The lake is a haven for wild duck.

Owners of lots around the lake have exclusive rights to fish in the lake.

A number of families have resided around the lake for more than 10 years. Children are transported in busses to school at Oaklandon.

The houses now under construction have solid masonry basements built into the side of the lot so that actually each dwelling has two levels, one from the basement upon the terrace sloping down to the lake and the other from the first floor.

### Comprises 300 Acres.

Approximately 300 acres, with large wooded sections, comprises the Indian Lake Development. An improved road extends around the north side of the lake and eventually will encircle the water.

This suburban community is being developed in conformity with the scientific home planning set up by the Federal Housing Administration. It is a thoroughly restricted community where each owner's property is protected from unfavorable encroachments or elements that may tend to lower values. Each structure is inspected by the FHA during process of construction and only the best grade materials are used.

Each house is of frame construction with painted chipboard siding and decorative shutters. Asphalt shingle covers the roof and the structure is adequately insulated to insure comfort during all seasons. Entrances have storm doors and screens are provided all openings.

### Each Has Deep Well.

Each site is served with a deep well. An automatic deep well pump and water storage tank is installed in the basement. Each basement also contains a hot air, coal-burning furnace and water heater. There is a fuel room. A septic tank also serves each lot.

The complete house offers a splendid view of the lake from its front rooms. The house consists of entrance hall, living room with brick fireplace, dining room, kitchen and inside hall with access to two bedrooms and a bath. The rooms are decorated with modern wallpapers in light tints. Floors of all rooms, except kitchen and bath, are of hardwood. Electric light fixtures are in modern motif.

The living room has a pale-green wallpaper and white ceiling to match the fireplace and enameled woodwork. Electric outlets are conveniently placed about the room. Joining this room is the dining room with dado to match the living room. The upper walls are hung with a white background paper bearing green leaf pattern. A guest closet is off the living room.

### Cabinets In Kitchen.

White enamel steel cabinets are installed in the kitchen. The cabinet counters and splash are covered with yellow linoleum to match the painted walls and ceiling. A black and ivory marbled inlaid linoleum covers the floor. This room has a utility closet.

Extra closets are found in the bedroom, hall and bathroom. One bedroom is done in yellow with woodwork to match and the other in light blue. All rooms have Venetian blinds at the windows.

Indian Lake Development can be reached by driving northeast from Indianapolis on Ind. 67 to the Sunnyside road and turn left. Follow the road which is marked and cross the covered bridge to Indian lake.

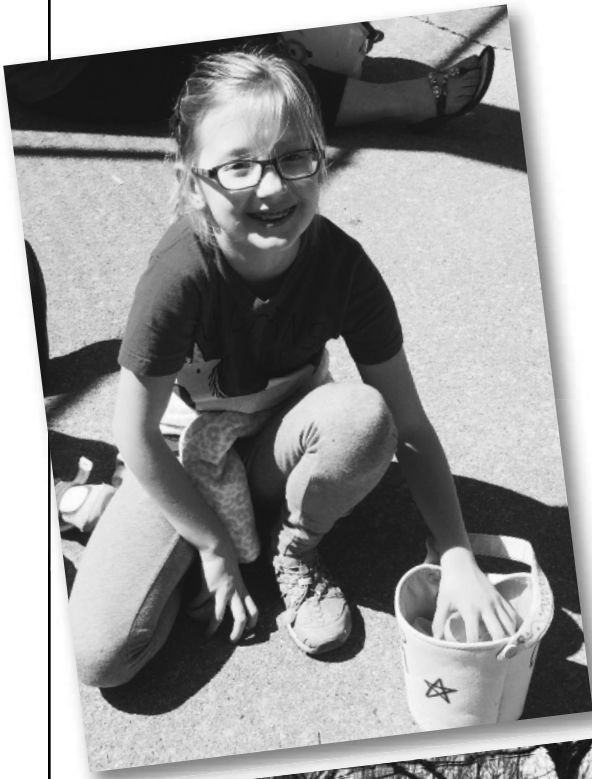
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**HOMES**

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OF Indian Lake homes, you will desire to  
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Drive out Road 67, turn north at the first  
paved road (3 miles) east of Outlook Sta-  
tion, follow Indian Lake signs through cov-  
ered bridge to Indian Lake.

**INDIAN LAKE DEVELOPMENT CO**  
 1030 E. NINTH ST.      CHERRY 7578

# Easter Egg Hunt!





It was a great sunny and warm day for the annual visit from the Easter Bunny. Lots of eggs were found and prizes were awarded to many.



# Across the Fence

## Civic Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th @ Tracy Odenwelder's home at 7:30pm. Please plan to join us as we plan for the summer events.

## Annual Picnic

As Eddie French continues his work on his pool area the plans for the annual picnic are in question. Some possibilities include waiting until September in hopes that the pool is completed, holding a cookout, ice cream party, boat decorations and fireworks on the 4th of July, or something else. We welcome suggestions from the neighbors as this is YOUR event.

## Needs for the Neighborhood

It is that time of year that many of us are outside and enjoying the many amenities of the Lake and park. Please let us know if you see needs that you would like the Civic Committee to be involved with. We are planning to put a bench on the dam for people to enjoy, a new basketball hoop for the park, a backboard for the tennis court and a fire pit in the park. What would YOU like to see in our neighborhood? Please let Ruth know at rapnjava@aol.com or 460-8576.

## Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to **Chad and Carla Rosebrock** and family, who moved into 10321 Mohawk Drive in November. Welcome also to **Tim Watts**. He's moved into 10333 Indian Lake Boulevard North. Welcome to **Trish Scripture**, her son **Max**, and his friend **Nick Rutan**, our new neighbors at 10160 Indian Lake Blvd South.

## Congratulations

**Dustie Hedrick** graduated from nursing school on March 25. She currently holds an LPN license and will be taking her RN boards in six weeks. Congratulations, and good luck on your exams!

Congratulations to **Dustin Van Treese**, son of Jeff and Kathy, for his good work! Dustin, who is a Lawrence PD officer, dove into a pond to rescue a boy who fell through the ice on January 30th.

## Passings

This winter has seen the loss of three of our longtime residents:

**Becky Lee** - Becky Lee, our dear Indian Lake neighbor, passed away January 7. Becky was born August 7, 1936 in Carthage, Indiana. Becky married Fred Lee in 1974 and he preceded her in death December 14, 2011. Fred spoke of his wife, Becky, as the "love of his life." They were always seen together, both at work at Shirley Bottled Gas and out with their Indian Lake neighbors. Becky was devoted to her children and grandchildren (and the neighborhood kids as well) spending much time with them at the Indian Lake North Beach or at neighborhood celebrations. Becky was always the first to offer to make a meal for an Indian Lake neighbor, whoever and whenever anyone was in need. Becky's legacy is truly her family and her kindheartedness. We shall all miss Becky's beautiful smile and her gracious and loving spirit.

**Mike Milakis** - Mike and his son Zach came to Indian Lake in 1996. At the time, Mike had his own advertising business and Zach attended Amy Beverland Elementary School. Mike loved having campfires and fishing here. He liked to woodwork, and making yard art. He went out of his way to be a great neighbor. He will be missed by his Indian Lake neighbors.

**Dzintra Caune** - Mr. & Mrs. Caune bought property and built their home on Indian Lake in 1975. Mrs. Caune is from Latvia and was orphaned during World War II and taken to France. She met Margers, who was also from Latvia but was a sponsored war refugee to the US, and was in the military in France. Together they moved to the US to marry and begin their family. They have 2 daughters, one in Zionsville and one in Michigan. She has been very involved with the small remaining Latvian community and often spent her summers helping at the Latvian summer camp in Minnesota. She was also very involved with the Latvian Church and community in Indianapolis and they housed student interns from Latvia each year. When I moved to this neighborhood I was amazed that on our little street we had such a diverse community - the Jones's were from Germany, the Peck's were from England and the Caune's from Latvia. They have all passed now except Mr. Caune.





# Shout Outs!

A big thank you and shout out to my neighbors who have been helping me and Kurt during this time of Kurt's illness:

Bill and Suzy McDaniel: who have done numerous things: yard work, trash cans out and back, yummys from Chef Hattie, plus other food, prayer, and of course, Communion when Kurt and I couldn't make it for Mass.

Lisa and Steve Sweeney: who made (and is still making) freezer meals for me to thaw out in the morning, so I wouldn't have to cook dinner after work; prayer warrior, even coming down when she was sick to bring Kurt a holistic concoction that healed his sore, sore throat, bringing "liquid gold" to use on Kurt's jaw when chemo and radiation don't seem to be doing the trick. Plus being my "text" shoulder to cry on.

Jennifer Slocum, who has been a wonderful resource for navigating "who is the best" at IU when we needed to search for doctors, plus other advice on Kurt's health.

Our new neighbor, Kyle Thomas, who brought over a great tasting chili on a night I was pondering what to make for dinner.

Neighbors who wish to remain anonymous: for giving donations to help offset the costs of our rising medical bills. We appreciate your generosity!

To all my Indian Lake Neighbors: thank you! You will never know how much your prayer, your thoughtfulness and your generosity mean to us. We have never had to ask for anything, these loving neighbors have just done what they have when they saw the need.

Ben Slocum just brought down some awesome chili made for fresh, all natural ingredients. Tasted great Ben!

Mary Shalkowski

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A shout out to Gary and Susie and Marge and Tom for putting up with a year of construction mess, noise and people blocking their driveways or restricting traffic flow. They exemplify great neighbors and why we moved to Indian Lake. A shout out to all on our street as well who were affected and showed neighborly tolerance.

Joe Dayan

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## Beach Clean-Up Day

When? Saturday, May 7th starting at 9am

Rain date: Saturday, May 14th

Where to meet? North and South Beaches

Why? Because our community needs your attention

Bring rakes, shovels, gloves, garbage bags and leaf blowers. A yummy lunch will be served at the North Beach at noon. If you aren't able to participate in the clean-up at the beach please take some time and clean-up by the roads and common areas.

## Slow Down!

It's that time of year when many are out and about walking their dogs, running, biking and playing. We don't have sidewalks in our neighborhood so extra caution is needed.

Please pay attention and SLOW DOWN.



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To use the tool, go to <http://maps.indy.gov/MapIndy/>  
Type your street address into the MapIndy box at the top left. To select the Impervious Area Tool, click on the rightmost icon in the bottom tray. It looks like a white star

inside a red circle inside a blue rectangle. Impervious area questions or correction requests should be sent to [stormwater@indy.gov](mailto:stormwater@indy.gov) or call (317) 327-2015.

## Magnificent Indian Lake

Recently when Tom and I were in Hawaii, we experienced the high cost of everything. The islanders called it the "Paradise Tax" and felt it was well worth the dollars and so did we. I believe we live in Paradise at Indian Lake without the tax. We truly have four seasons of beauty and spring is here.

Have you heard the birds chirping, noticed the spring flowers and flowering trees, grass growing, blue heron flying about during the day or owls hooting in the evening? Have you noticed the full moon over our lake or the sun coming up to start another day....it has been beautiful.

I know many of you will agree that we have our own little Paradise right here at Indian Lake, so when you find yourself feeling way too busy, take some time out of your day and take in all that Indian Lake has to offer.

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Marge Crouch  
Broker-Owner GREENTREE REAL ESTATE GROUP

If you know someone who would appreciate my services, please call me with their name and number and I will be happy to help them.

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