

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Shoreline Stabilization Grant

In June, the neighborhood received a \$2500 grant for shoreline stabilization. This was one of several Upper White River Watershed Alliance grants that we applied for in March.

The board decided to leverage the grant money to allow more homeowners to take advantage of it. This meant that grant money would be used to subsidize a larger number of shoreline stabilization projects.

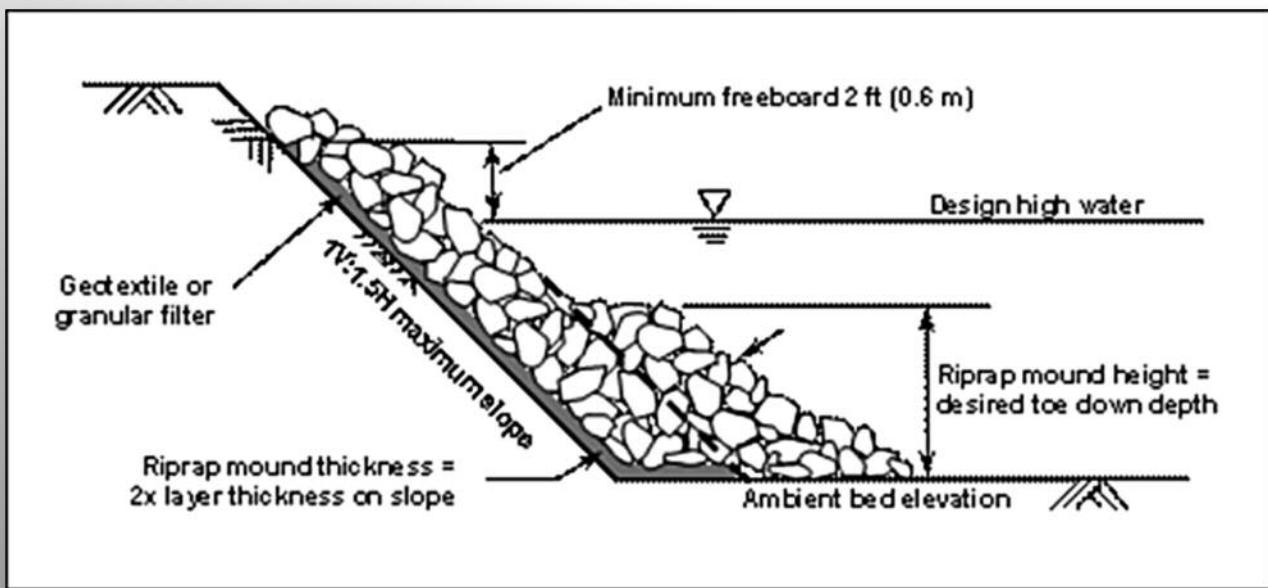
The board examined the shoreline of the entire lake by boat, looking for areas in most need of stabilization.

Homeowners with lake frontage were then contacted by email, and asked to answer questions about their

interest, willingness and ability to contribute some portion of the expense, and the suitability of their shorelines for the intended stabilization method. The board then prioritized project locations by suitability of the shoreline and whether the property owners were in good standing with their assessments.

Permits were approved in early August and work has begun on two properties. Additional properties will be stabilized as grant funds and time allow. We plan to apply for additional grants to continue this program next summer.

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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 - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - Chad Worland	987-4354
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - RJ Russell	281-0024
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Mark Rumreich	823-3897

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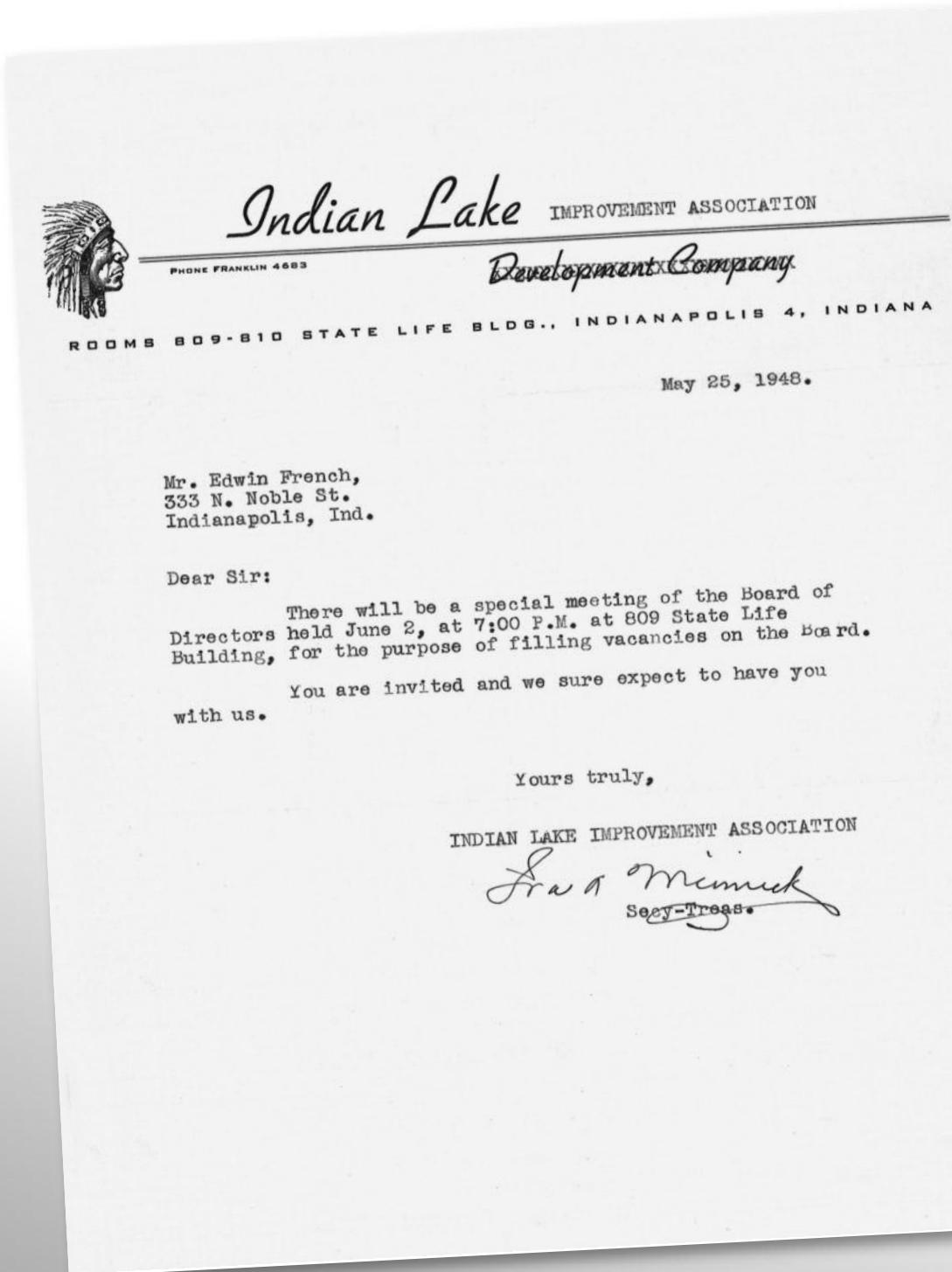
## Keep Indian Lake Beautiful

By Laine Rumreich

Many of you may have heard of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), but you may not know exactly what they do. As a block captain for the organization, I have grown to understand what they do and what you can do to help them. The first step is to adopt your road or a neighboring road to help keep it litter free. Through KIB, you are rated based on the amount of litter on and around your road. Block captains with good ratings are awarded flowers and trees to plant in your community. I believe that if the community puts in the effort and joins organizations such as KIB, we can make Indian Lake even more environmentally friendly and beautiful.



# Blast From The Past



Repurposed Indian Lake Development Company letterhead

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The Indian Lake Development Company was formed in 1928 for the purpose of creating Indian Lake. Land for the project began being acquired in 1927 by the Northern Investment Company, under Mark Rinehart. A 128.2 acre parcel previously owned by Carl McReynolds provided most of the land. Some of the early players, including Mark Rinehart and Robert Oblinger, became ILIA board members, and were on the board as late as 1947.

The development was platted in three sections in early 1929. The October 1929 stock market crash led to the mortgager, Washington Bank & Trust, falling into receivership in 1930. In 1931, The court reassigned the Indian Lake Development Company mortgage to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Company. Lots would be sold off in the subsequent thirty years.

DATE	MILESTONE
February 16, 1922	Mark Rinehart becomes president Northern Investment Company.
July 1, 1927	128.2 acres conveyed from Carl McReynolds to Northern Investment Company.
July 7, 1927	128.2 acres conveyed from Northern Investment Company to Robert Oblinger.
February 13, 1928	Indian Lake Development Company incorporated.
February 15, 1928	128.2 + 29.8 acres conveyed from Robert Oblinger to Indian Lake Development Company. 9 additional acres were also acquired.
September 1, 1928	167 acres mortgaged by Washington Bank & Trust.
January 10, 1929	Indian Lake first section plat (containing lots 1 to 96 and blocks A to E) recorded by president Robert Oblinger and Mark Rinehart secretary.
March 13, 1929	Indian Lake second section plat (containing lots 97 to 114) recorded.
April 25, 1929	Indian Lake third section plat (containing lots 115 to 197, beach, parks and blocks F to K) recorded.
May 16, 1929	Declarations of Conditions and Restrictions Applicable to Indian Lake Sections One, Two and Three recorded.
May 20, 1929	Indian Lake Improvement Association incorporated, Robert Oblinger president, Mark Rinehart secretary, Ira Minnick treasurer. Annual meetings are to be the second Monday in January of each year.
October 29, 1929	"Black Tuesday" the Wall Street crash of 1929
November 5, 1930	Washington Bank & Trust falls into receivership.
January 26, 1931	Court reassigned Indian Lake Development Company mortgage to Fletcher Savings & Trust Company.

# Meet The Neighbor

by Kimberly Hunt

## Meet Margaret Mathews



"I'm a simple person," says Margaret Mathews. And after spending an afternoon interviewing her for this article, I think I know what she means. But when she further asserts, "I'm boring," I'm afraid I have to disagree. As Margaret

shared some of her story with me, I realized that the simplicity that she plays down as "boring," is, in actuality, the result of a life carefully crafted to embody all that she is passionate about. Even her home at Indian Lake plays an integral role in those passions.

Born in Ohio, Margaret has lived in a number of places in Connecticut, Colorado and Tennessee as well as Indiana, and never really thought she'd be a Hoosier long-term. Even though she graduated high school and met her husband, Eddie, in Goshen, obtained her Masters of Science in Social Work at the University of Indianapolis, and began her career in Fishers, she was still seriously considering moving back to Colorado.

When given the opportunity to become the youth minister at the United Methodist Church in Fishers, a position that incorporated both her training and her faith, Margaret accepted the job. Since the position came with a parsonage, it gave she and Eddie time to defer their decision about where they would settle down permanently.

Margaret gave birth to their oldest child, Grace, in 2000, and by 2003 she was ready to further unify the elements of her life by staying home to begin home-schooling their daughter. It was time to find the home in which the Mathew's family would grow and learn.

In June of that year, Margaret and Eddie followed a real estate agent up the driveway of a house on Indian Lake Blvd South Drive, on a quest to find the place that felt like home. Margaret remembers the realtor was still trying to fit the key into the lock, when she walked toward the back of the property, looked out over the water and announced to Eddie, "I want to live here. We can live in Indiana."

With those words, the long period of indecision was over and they settled into the Indian Lake Community,

where, in 2006, they increased the size of their home by a few hundred square feet and the size of their family by 2 – TWINS! Michael and Glory.

Today Margaret teaches all three of their children in their Indian Lake home, and given her background in social work and ministry, it is not surprising that part of their children's learning experiences include supporting children through Compassion International, and providing meals to people facing homelessness in downtown Indianapolis. Margaret loves that her children also explore and learn lessons about their natural environment living on the lake. She does not, however, take credit for some of their independent studies of various creatures. In fact, for the purpose of this article, when she consulted Grace about Hunter the Snake who lives under the deck, she was informed that Nate, a 4-foot-long black snake that has taken up residence there, presumably has eaten Hunter. Margaret didn't seem particularly enthusiastic about Nate's presence, but admitted that the kids love him.

It bears mentioning that Margaret is also a personal trainer and has created a business called Real Woman Fitness, through which she specializes in helping women of all fitness levels achieve physical strength and wellness through a program of body-weight exercises and movement, inspired by military boot camp conditioning.

So, it really does appear that Margaret's recipe for a contented life is rather simple.

- Marry the love of your life.
- Settle into the home of your dreams.
- Mix in a generous portion of faith, family and compassion
- Serve with a side of physical wellness.

Ah, to live such a boring life.

# Across The Fence

by Andy Van Treese and Suzy McDaniel

Two young ladies of the north park were married this summer, one week apart. The beautiful brides grew up together, right next door to each other.

The first wedding, of **Jessica Thomas and Ryan Johnson**, took place on May 24th. The wedding ceremony took place in Jessica's yard and was attended by many neighbors. The Thomas's hosted a reception at the park under a BIG TOP tent. And what hosts they were. Chef Thomas, prepared most of the food, assisted by neighbors Mark and Angie Vogt. Jessica's cake was prepared by Indian Lakes' own chef, **Hattie McDaniel**. The weather couldn't have been better. Congratulations to Jessica and Ryan!

**Christina Vogt** was married the following week end at Horizon Christian Church on Indian Lake Road. She and her new husband, **Stephan Witchell**, also had a lovely evening for their wedding.

Longtime resident, **Etta McCullough**, passed away on August 3rd. She and her husband Harold were married for 69 years. Wow, now that's saying something. They

spent many of those years here on Indian Lake, raising four children. Their son, Wayne, is residing at their home with Harold. Etta will be missed dearly by her family, immediate neighbors and all the neighbors they have shared so many good times with.

We welcome two new residents. One who was born in the house she now resides in and one came as a teenager. AGAIN, they are immediate neighbors. Once you have lived in paradise....

In January, **Elaine Coulter** moved into her homestead on Cherokee Drive. Welcome home Elaine! Right next door, in May, **Janet Valasek** (daughter of Carl & Sylvia Bordenkecker) moved into the house she came to as a teenager. A warm welcome to you also Janet!

Another wonderful neighbor, **Donna Whalen**, passed away on May 19th. She is survived by her awesome husband, Jim. Donna was a super active person and worked in her yard all the time...and it showed! Donna was a very kind, generous, and loving person and we all will miss her dearly.

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Thomas/Johnson Wedding



Vogt/Witchell Wedding



## Across The Fence, *continued*

Special thanks to Lori Rumreich. Lori saved "Bratfest 2014." Periodically, the Board meets at one of the beaches and has grilled brats, beans in a can (love that Mark!), and much discussion. Someone left the brats at the Rumreich residence and Lori got an emergency call to PLEASE bring them over to the North Beach.

On Saturday, August 2nd there were two big parties on the north side of the lake. Neighbor, **Phil Marble**, hosted the earlier event and had a concert by Keith Rea performing down by his dock and grassy area. The food was tasty and everyone enjoyed the music. Thanks Phil!

Later in the evening, Ed Thomas and family threw wife and mother, **Kristine Thomas**, a 50th birthday party at the North Beach. Jeff Van Treese provided Broaster Chicken and some appetizers. Ed, master chef, made many dishes and yours truly brought fresh mixed cole slaw.

Ryan Johnson and some of his friends performed many songs live. There were nice white festival lights strung across the parking area. Everyone attending had a great time....welcome to the Over-Fifty Club, Kristine!

Tuesday, August 5th was National Night Out. On South Drive and Winona, about 20 neighbors set up

a grill, table and many camping chairs. Hot dogs, cheeseburgers, chips, and nice sides like salad and deviled eggs were served up. Special thanks to **Ruth Norrington** for organizing the food and bringing it to the event. **Mayor Dean Jessup** and many Lawrence Police and Fire Department members showed up with sirens blaring! It's very important to know your immediate neighbors and the ones down the street. With these sometimes scary times, we all need to watch out for each other.

On August 23rd, **Stephan Van Treese** came back from Louisville to the Lake for a nice send-off party! He and girlfriend, Lara Protenic of Louisville, will be starting a fantastic one year adventure and moving to Niigata, Japan (on Honshu Island) to play Pro Basketball! We are so proud of you Stephan!

This was a very busy Summer Season here at the Lake, and with every event, both joyous and sad, it reminds me how blessed we ALL are to live in this tight community!

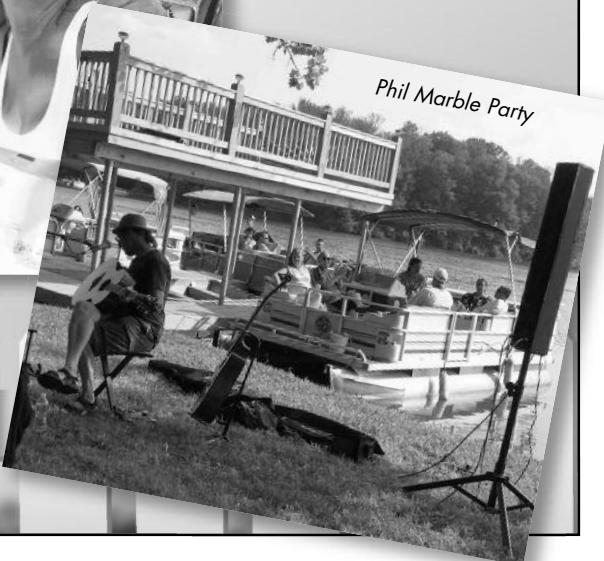
Note: if you have anything you would like to share for the next installment of "Across the Fence," please email or call Andy or Suzy with your news.

Until, next time, PEACE.

*Kristine Thomas' Birthday*



*Phil Marble Party*



*National Night Out*



*President's message continued...*

### **Neighborhood grinder system wiring to be replaced**

The electrical structure in the 35-year old grinder system that serves more than 80 homes on and around Indian Lake will be getting a much-needed overhaul. The 59 grinder pumps in the system each work like a miniature lift station. Each pump lifts solid waste and forces it to flow uphill toward a sewage treatment plant.

The grinder system used near Indian Lake has experienced a drop in electrical voltage, problems with splices, unsealed above-ground conduits, rusted and otherwise deteriorated electrical cabinets and broken underground wiring that wasn't installed in conduit pipe.

Crews will replace the existing green cabinet boxes (that are used for pumps that aren't on house power) with gray distribution racks. Nearby homeowners will receive written notice at least 14 days in advance, probably door-to-door; the goal is to begin work on September 1.

"Homeowners won't experience any disruption of service, but they'll know when the project is underway," Utilities Superintendent John Solenborg said. "They'll see work crews in the neighborhood, digging trenches to access the electrical system." The work is expected to last about 90 days.

## **Magnificent Indian Lake**

Bob and Annette Karnak built their home 15 years ago and love living in the Indian Lake Community where there is a bit of history and a great mix of people. Bob retired from Lilly after 30 years and Annette has retired recently also. They had their yard professionally landscaped when their home was built and do a wonderful job of maintaining and keeping up their property. We salute Bob and Annette for being a good neighbor!

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