

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

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## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### Indian Creek Lift Station

The proposed Indian Creek lift station has become a major controversy between the City and nearby residents. The most affected neighborhoods are Indian Lake and The Preserve at Indian Lake. The proposed site is just north of the Indian Creek bridge on the east side of the road. Putting a lift station there would solve two big problems for the City: taking the aging sewer pipe beneath Indian Lake out of service, and avoiding a 56 million dollar upgrade charge for Lift Station 402 in the fort. With the plan, flow would be diverted south to the East Marion County Receptor, bypassing Lift Station 402.

The proposed lift station would pump about two million gallons of sewage a day and has the potential for odor, leakage and noise problems. The risk of these problems can be reduced but not eliminated by enhancing the design. The city has already agreed to add the plumbing for a chemical injection system to reduce odor and improve the aesthetics of the building.

While the proposed location may be ideal from a technical perspective, it couldn't be much worse from an environmental perspective. The proposed site is in the floodway and adjoins a large wetlands area along Indian Creek.

One reason for the contentiousness is that the City has been reluctant to share information with concerned and affected citizens. In April, I could see this issue heating up and requested a public meeting. That request was denied by the City. Citizens reacted by petitioning the DNR for a public hearing. Bill Asher and Harry Cangany collected 80 signatures for the petition and it was submitted to the DNR on May 15.

Citizens also stormed the Lawrence Utilities Service Board meeting on June 9, requesting a public meeting. A few weeks later, that request was granted. The public meeting will be on Tuesday August 25 in the Lawrence Government Center. The format for the meeting will be

the City and its engineers answering questions submitted in writing, in advance.

On Wednesday July 15, the DNR hearing was held in the Lawrence Public Library. The room was filled to near capacity. The DNR is only interested in the efficiency and capacity of the floodway, the safety of life or property, and fish, wildlife or botanical resources, so we had to limit ourselves to these topics. Powerpoint presentations were made by Harry Cangany, Janet Valasek, and myself. Many impassioned area residents added their excellent comments as well. It's hard to imagine that a better presentation could have been made to the DNR. The DNR will make its decision about whether or not to deny the permit for the proposed site in about thirty days.

Anyone interested in joining the effort or just following its progress should join the Nextdoor neighborhood network at [indianlakein.nextdoor.com](http://indianlakein.nextdoor.com).

### Property Tax Update

The Association was among those who filed an appeal for the 2012 property tax reassessment. We requested that our neighborhood common property be assessed at zero. The Assessor's office agreed. In June, the Association received a refund check for about \$6000 for the last three years of property taxes paid.

To refresh everyone's memory, the 2012 reassessment increased the land value of most residents on the south side of our neighborhood by about 55%, increased the land value of most residents on the northwest side of our neighborhood by about 12%, and decreased the land value of others. Because our Indian Lake dues are based on assessed land value, this caused a major stir in the neighborhood. No one at the Assessor's office could explain what had happened. Many residents reacted by filing appeals.

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## When You Need To Call



### KEEP THIS WITH YOUR INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	670-3933
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)	670-3933
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

## Karnak Rides America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride

Indian Lake resident Bob Karnak participated in this year's 24th Annual America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride at Lake Tahoe. This is a huge fundraising event for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Bob's team, Team Sally, was recognized as one of the top Community Teams, raising over \$118,000. His personal fundraising total was around \$17,000. The ride is 100 hilly miles and about 2500 riders participated this year.

Bob reports that Lake Tahoe, as always, has an abundance of natural beauty; but the water level was noticeably lower than in past years. Snow cover in the mountains surrounding the lake was also noticeably less. But, the weather for this year's ride could not have been better. And, most importantly, all of the Team Sally riders completed the ride safe, sound and smiling.

On behalf of Annette and all of those who will benefit from your generosity, Bob would like to thank everyone who made contributions to aid in the fight against blood cancers.

## Upcoming Meetings:

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



# Blast From The Past

This photo is from the June 21, 2001 edition of the now-defunct *Lawrence Topics* newspaper.

Bright and early on the morning of May 30, 2001, a Press Conference was held right here in our community. It was 6:30 am on a Wednesday when the City of Lawrence installed the first SLOW DOWN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD sign in the city. Mark and Lori Rumreich, along with Mayor Tom Schneider, cheered with lake residents Sandy Joseph, Charles and Janet Wilson and Sherry Wallace, among others, as the sign was placed on South Drive as a reminder to those who would drive too fast along our winding and hilly lane. Crime Watch Coordinator, Diana Cridge-Price, was instrumental in making this happen. This was the first of many signs to be placed all over Lawrence. Television coverage was provided by Fox, and Channels 6, 8 and 13.

Behind the scenes, Lawrence City Engineer Mark Branaman was staunchly opposed to any sort of traffic calming on South Drive. He made it clear that the City would not fund these signs and suggested that police Chief Carter would have a problem with them as well. It's a tribute to Diana Cridge-Price that the signs were ultimately installed and paid for by the City. It would take another eight years and the Ricketts administration to finally install speed humps on South Drive.

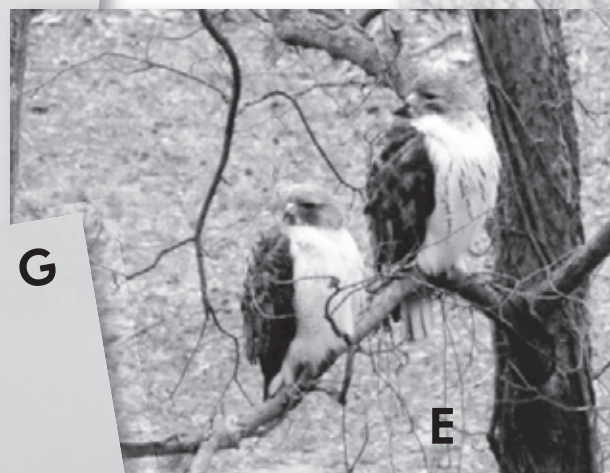




# Bird Watcher's Paradise

Indian Lake is truly a bird watcher's paradise. These photos were taken by Anne Sharp in her backyard or around the lake.

Can you identify the birds in the photos? Answers are below.



A) Barred Owl; B) Bluebirds; C) Great Horned Owl; D) Great Blue Heron; E) Red-Tailed Hawks; F) Red-Shoulder Hawk; G) Spotted Sandpiper

Answer Key:

# Stabilize Your Shoreline

Several families on the lake have embarked on shoreline stabilization projects for Indian Lake. There are many options to choose from, and you will begin seeing these as you cruise around the lake in your boats.

Projects that have been completed include the use of rip rap, native stone, living logs and filter strips. You will be happy to know that there are a number of government grants available that offer matching funds to complete these enhancement projects. Plants used in the projects will take 1-3 years to fully mature. When they do, the root systems will be deep and provide additional protection.

Cost of the projects can vary greatly. Here is some sample pricing based on Indian Lake estimates:

Type of Installation	Cost
Boulders	\$195 per foot
Steel Wall	\$100 per foot
Revetment Rip Rap	\$25 per foot
Living Logs	\$24 per foot

Two residents recently completed projects on the north shore of the lake utilizing a company called Hoosier Aquatic Management. They chose to install the living logs. The amount of shoreline restored was a total of 200 feet. Each received a matching grant from LARE. LARE is the Lake and River Enhancement program of the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Included in the price to complete this project was the following:

- 10' by 8" Living Logs to define the slope – the logs are manufactured with native wetland flowers and grasses.
- Filter Strip – This is a 4-foot buffer zone onto the property behind the living logs. The strip was imbedded with upland vegetation.
- The combination of the living logs and the filter strip will stop the erosion, reduce maintenance costs and improve the natural habit for fish and other aquatic wildlife.

In addition, each homeowner purchased trays of native plants, grasses and wildflowers (Sweet Black-Eyed Susan, White Turtlehead and Sedge grass) at a cost of \$100 and planted these between the buffer zone and filter strip. LARE was able to get the plants wholesale which save as much as 50% on these items.

To complete this project, each resident purchased two rain barrels. These barrels come with an installation kit and hook up to your downspout to catch rainwater, which can then be used to water plants and flowers in your yard. Depending on type of rain barrel, the price can be \$30-\$55 plus \$35 for the hardware.

If you would like more information on how to apply for grants, contact data for the contractor that was used for the Living Logs and the LARE representative that assisted us, please contact Phil Marble at (317) 702-5715.



# Across The Fence

## Congratulations To Our Graduates!

This spring we had a bumper crop of graduates from the neighborhood.

### From Lawrence North:

**Miles Eaton** will be attending Purdue University to study engineering.

**Lucas Norrington** will be attending Butler University to study music and Spanish.

**Maggie Schroer** will be attending Loyola University in Chicago where she plans to major in biology/pre-medicine. She was awarded the Loyola and Gannon Scholars Leadership Scholarships from Loyola and a scholarship from the Abby Adams Boutique in Fishers.

**Wendy Vogt** is planning to attend IUPUI.

**Katie Joseph** recently graduated from Boston University. She is spending the summer working in Africa. Her family will be joining her in Africa for part of the summer. Following in her family's footsteps, Katie will be returning to Boston University in fall to become a doctor.

## World Travelers

**Annalee Wallace** has been in Edinburgh Scotland for the year. Her mother Sherry got to spend part of her summer visiting Annalee in Scotland and then traveling to London to eat at Gordon Ramsey's restaurant. What a great summer vacation experience.

**Marlow Rumreich**, a junior engineering student at Purdue, spent the summer in Australia and New

Zealand as part of a renewable energy study abroad experience. She and other students from around the world spent about two weeks at the University of New South Wales and the remaining time traveling to some of Australia's top locations, including Byron Bay, Darwin, Kakadu National Park, Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns. Some highlights included a night under the stars at an Aboriginal camp, a performance at the Sydney Opera House, swimming with turtles and sea life on the Great Barrier Reef, hiking in the Blue Mountains, and learning to surf and scuba dive.

## Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to **Shawn and Alyssa Alexander** and their sons **Cole and Logan**. They've moved into 10324 Indian Lake Blvd South.

## Keep Indian Lake Beautiful

Thanks to **Laine Rumreich** and **Kathy Field** for helping to beautify our neighborhood. Laine planted flowers in the barrels at the entrances to Indian Lake as part of a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful project. Kathy planted flowers and other ornamentals at the Indian Lake Road entrance to our neighborhood.

**Jim Whalen** has decided to move to Mountain Home, Arkansas to be with family. We wish him all the best and will sure miss having him here.





# Meet The Neighbor: Kyle Hurd

by Kimberly Hunt

Kyle Hurd has lived on Indian Lake since he was a junior in high school, when his parents, Mike and Debbie Hurd, moved here in 2003. His idea of fun and relaxation often included fishing and having bonfires with friends at South Beach. These activities remained some of Kyle's favorite pastimes after graduating from Vincennes University with a bachelor's degree in Construction Technology, and returning to his parents' home on Indian Lake Blvd South. In 2013, the time came for Kyle to leave his parents' home and set out on his own. He purchased a home, packed up his belongings and moved... two doors down.

Kyle is aware that not every young man would consider buying a house in such close proximity of his parents, but he just chuckles and says, "It has its moments." What tops Kyle's list of benefits to his living situation? Mom's cooking. He confesses, too, that he has not had to purchase his own lawn equipment or his own boat, though these perks do carry some obligation. For instance, Kyle may not have paid the dock fees, but he did the recent work on his parents' boat motor, and replaced the front deck. And whenever Kyle pulls out the lawn equipment, he has two yards to maintain, not just one. All in all, Kyle says the situation works out well and he likes being in the neighborhood. As a matter of fact, Kyle's regard for the Indian Lake community prompted him to run for the seat his father vacated on the board of directors in 2014. Kyle's obligations on the board involve beach security, maintenance, conservation, and summer work projects.

Kyle understands that home ownership also comes with a list of obligations, and he expected he'd have quite a bit of work to fix up his new place, but he did not expect to return from signing the purchase agreement on his new home to find smoke rising up through the roof. Thankfully, neighbor Dave Wallace had already called the fire department, and the damage was contained to the bathroom, where a workman had left a heat lamp on by mistake.

In the end, Kyle got a new bathroom, which was the first on a long list of renovations. Although subsequent home improvements have not been quite so heart-stopping, Kyle is looking forward to the dramatic difference made by his most recent project – an end to the standing water in his front yard.

With the help of neighbor Bill Testin and his Bobcat tractor, Kyle recently laid a new drainpipe across the

front of his property. Then, with the help of a grant through the Fall Creek Watershed Alliance, he was able to build a rain garden to collect and absorb excess water on his property in a natural and beautiful way that assists in soil and water conservation. Even with all the rain we've experienced this summer, Kyle's yard is still above water!

So, what does Kyle do when he's not working on his home, or fulfilling IL board duties? He starts his own business. In May, Kyle founded Hurd Masonry and Construction, and has been overwhelmed by the response. "I've had so many people approaching me, that I may have to hire somebody," he says with some amount of surprise. His specialty is restoration masonry, though he is experienced in a wide range of construction areas, and is hoping to transition to finish work during the winter months, including drywall, painting and carpentry.

With all these new endeavors, it's not surprising that Kyle is not spending as much time fishing or sitting by a bonfire as he did as a teenager. These days, you are more likely to see him around the community hauling trashcans up and down the beach hill each week in his familiar green Chevy pickup, or helping to remove fallen trees out of the lake, or other projects to maintain and conserve the beautiful environment we live in. So, if you see Kyle Hurd out in the neighborhood, take a moment to see what he's up to. You may just be an unexpected beneficiary of some of his Indian Lake pastimes.



President's message continued...

In April, Tara Acton-Shaver at the Assessor's Office offered an explanation of what happened to ILIA assessed land values in 2012, and what to expect in 2016.

ILIA Section	Lots	Pre 2012 Base Rate	2012 Base Rate	% Change	2016 Base Rate
I	1-96	\$40,590	\$45,600	12%	Same
II	97-114	\$37,600	\$34,700	-8%	Same
III	115-197	\$28,900	\$44,800	55%	Same

The assessed land value "base rate" for our neighborhood depends on which Indian Lake section you live in. In 2012, the base rates were changed as shown in the table. Why the base rates were different in the first place and why they were changed the way they were in 2012 remains a mystery. In 2016, the base rate for our entire neighborhood will be unified, which means that the base rate will be the same for everyone. It's the intent of the assessor's office to not raise anyone's total assessed property value with this unification. Of course, some residents will be happier with this change than others.

In addition, many properties have influence factors based on topography, woods, etc., which reduce the assessed land value. These will be carried over automatically to the 2016 land assessments.

The assessor's office has struggled to find a solution to the complaints of non-uniformity from our neighborhood. Reversing the 2012 base rate change was not an option. They have chosen to level the playing field, the only defensible solution. If residents are dissatisfied after the 2016 land assessed value adjustment, they may file an appeal.

## New Street Names for Indian Lake

On June 17, the Lawrence Common Council unanimously approved Proposal 11, adopting new street names for the Indian Lake neighborhood. Contrary to some views, Indian Lake Boulevard South Drive will not be renamed Interstate 4. Instead, names were changed to reflect street names as applied by the U.S. Postal Service.

Indian Lake Boulevard South Drive will now be simply Indian Lake Boulevard South. The same shortening will apply to North Drive and West Drive. Think of the time you'll save writing return addresses on your envelopes.

New street signs reflecting the changes will be installed later this summer.

