

E-NEWS FEBRUARY 2012 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

By this time, we all have our 2012 calendars and we are marking certain dates and posts on it. In this news letter, there will be some dates that you will want to post on your calendar.

Our Borough Council faces many challenges in 2012 but council finds them manageable. We are addressing the concerns of our borough as they are addressed to us.

E-News is simply a brief report on current Indian Lake Borough issues, and E-News is posted on the Indian Lake Borough Web site as well as distributed by email.

BOAT LICENSES:

Please note that the boat license information/registration will be sent out early in March. As stated in January, follow the rules and do not be a “walk in” or a “same day service” person. If you are, there will be a \$30.00 service fee for each license issued.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE: Terry St.Clair

I would like to let the residents know that the Borough has given me the responsibility of heading up the Roads and Maintenance Committee for Indian Lake Borough. In the past, we have all enjoyed the good fortune of having a wonderful Borough Maintenance crew and we want to maintain that good reputation. I have appointed Mike Miscoe and Frank Muldovan to also be members of this important committee. We are all quite familiar with operating equipment and what it takes to maintain our Borough roads on a daily and long term basis.

Frank does a great job of calling out the maintenance crew for snow plowing, water line breaks and other day to day emergencies.

If any resident has special concerns or needs especially regarding road maintenance, please direct these inquiries to me via the Borough office.

Thank you.
Terry St.Clair

GARBAGE/TRASH

Post No trash pickup Monday May 28th which is Memorial Day and Monday September 3 which is Labor Day.

Reminder – do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor's garbage cans to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

LAKE/ENVIROMENT Lynn Shimer

Lynn will be contacting Bill Kirpatrick who treats our weeds and whose firm has done a recent lake study. Council will be doing an evaluation of the information and will make a determination on lowering the lake this fall. We know many residents are anxious to know and our decision will give residents ample time to make plans for dock repairs etc.....

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Paul Cornez

Dam Easements- Thank you, with your help we have been able to reduce the number of unsigned Flowage Easements from 90 something to 80 something. I know the word "something" is not very scientific, however the situation is fluid, a property transfer, a death, could mean starting over with a new owner or new deed, some times it is two steps forward and one back, but the trend is encouraging. We do need your continued help, the list of unsigned easements remains on the Borough's Website. Remember we require 100% of the lake front and park lot properties to have an easement, by DEP edict. Recording these easements is not cheap, \$20,000 committed thus far; taking an easement via eminent domain is just added cost that we must keep to a minimum. The following recent story in the Somerset Daily American about Lake Somerset illustrates what can happen if we can not or do not comply and complete our dam remediation project:

<http://www.dailyamerican.com/news/somerset/da-ot-water-level-lowered-at-somerset-lake-20120210,0,2256754.story> ;

WATER/SEWER Bob Hanson

We are still awaiting DEP approval of our construction plan to add pipe and ultimately remove the boil-water notice for the Well #2/Buckstown Tank service area. They promised approval this month.

The Borough has placed contracts for upgraded controls for our water and sewer systems and components. By measuring power available, pumping pressure, tank levels, flows and chemistry on a near real-time basis the new system can detect problems and call our operators immediately. It will save our operators having to drive around doing manual checks every day, and allow them to fix problems before they become more severe.

POLICE

Mike Miscoe, our mayor, is working diligently to schedule the police working hours around our needs. Since he is in charge of the police department, he will address all police issues in his news letter.

REMINDER: obey the law and for the safety of others and for your safety, abide by the legal speed limits posted in our borough.

LONG TERM FINANCING

As stated at the beginning of this e-news, our council faces many challenges that are manageable. This topic is a work in progress and when the decision is finalized, we know the residents will be pleased with the results and council will be relieved.

SHANKSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUB AND PIZZA FUND RAISER

Two sales are left – February 25 and March 24th Subs can be ordered at IDA”S or by emailing Mike Miscoe at Mayor@indianlakepa.us.

The Pizzas freeze well.

Your also received a letter to contribute to the Fire Department. Hopefully you will consider this request.

In your service, Patricia Dewar