

E-NEWS August 2012
INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

Here is the link to Indian Lake Borough web site as requested: www.indianlakepa.us

The Dog Days of Summer are here...,time for cook outs, camp fires, roasting marshmallows, water activities, and good "old fashion" family time.

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. E-News will be repetitive at times but repetition is a method used in the learning process.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

There will not be a lake draw down this fall. In dealing with Phase III of the dam remediation, more time is needed to get the permits from DEP and to file the easements required by DEP. Council was optimistic about the fall of 2012 but now we are realistic about the fall of 2013.

FINANCE:

One source of income for the borough is the real-estate transfer tax. Each home ownership, that is transferred, results in income to Indian Lake Borough. Note that there is an inventory of homes for sale in our Borough. If you have relatives or friends that are thinking of buying property in Indian Lake Borough, encourage them – this is a good time to choose Indian Lake for a part time or a full time residence.

LAKE/ENVIROMENT Lynn Shimer

1. Our lake was treated for Vallisneria in July and the feedback has been positive.
2. Do not feed the fowl life.. The amount they defecate into our lake and lake side properties is unbelievable - an adult goose defecates 1 ½ lbs of waste per day.
3. As a safety issue, permits were gotten to post signs at the spill way. These will be erected soon.

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Paul Cornez

Dam Update:

As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, Borough Council has decided not to lower the lake this year. Council felt it best not to lower the lake two consecutive years. Further, with the time it is taking to get the Eminent Domain takings processed, and the anticipated time to receive DEP's permits to proceed on Phase III, it was felt best to actually plan to do the work in 2013 rather than rush things forward for this season.

A word of editorial comment, we are being forced to spend quite a bit of money (tens of thousand of dollars) for the legal work necessary for the Eminent Domain takings. If you know of anyone still sitting on their Flowage Easement documentation, please give them a gentle nudge. One way or the other, for

the good of the entire community, we will get 100% of these easements. Remember, WE are not the ones causing the water to rise, if it does, it will be by an act of Nature or an act of G_d.
We are proceeding with the engineering, and this past week have submitted the required applications to the respective authorities in order to obtain our permits.

FLOWAGE EASEMENTS/EMINENT DOMAIN Bob Hanson

Thank You's, 470 of them, are due those who have signed their easements. As Paul mentions above we are proceeding with eminent domain, currently against 62 property owners. The current listing is on the web site. We don't wish to badger anyone, but we must proceed.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE: Terry St. Clair

The Borough crew has still been busy cleaning out ditches and culverts from the Memorial Day storm. Much progress has been made and is almost completed. A lot of work considering this is in addition to their normal day to day work load along with putting a new roof on the #2 pump house.
Terry St.Clair

BOAT LICENSES:

***** Theresa and council thank you for your patience this year.

GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat and current)

Remember - no trash pickup on Monday September 3 which is Labor Day. It will be picked up on September 4th.

Residents have two options – either contract for garbage service or take your garbage “home” with you. Reminder – do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor’s garbage cans, or vacant property, or borough’s property to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

WATER/SEWER

Well #2/Buckstown Tank (a repeat of Council’s gratitude)

Thank you from council to Bob and to Dean (our zoning officer)and to our road/maintenance crew again for seeing this project through and going beyond the “Call Of Duty”.

POLICE

We have two part time police officers, Mark Custer and Richard Brant on duty and a new “used” vehicle. REMINDER: obey the law and for the safety of others and for your safety, abide by the legal speed limits posted in our borough. The police will enforce the speed limit restrictions.

***Repeat reminder - study the boating regulations that were sent out by our mayor in his news letter, that are posted on our web site and that were included with you boat license information. Please share these with your guests who may use the Lake.

SKI SLALOM COURSE

Refer comments to Theresa at the Borough office or Robert Oates, President of the Ski Club.

NEW COMPUTER and NEW COMCAST SERVICE CONTRACT

Our office is now up and running with a new computer system. We are still working out some issues but both Theresa and Council are pleased. Also the office has changed to Comcast for phone, cable and high-speed internet service at a significant savings. We will have expanded features, capabilities and bandwidth. The phone savings alone allowed us to upgrade our computers and Wi-Fi network.

ROWING TRAINING

Indian Lake Borough Council was asked by Beth Bowman, a resident and lake front owner, to grant permission to the Oakland Catholic Girls rowing team to have a training event on Indian Lake, either on the weekend of Sept 15th or Sept. 22nd. Our solicitor reviewed the insurance that the team carries for events and regattas. Borough Council voted to allow this training event. The actual date will be posted on our web site.

In your service, Patricia Dewar
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