

## **E-NEWS September 2012 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH**

Here is the link to Indian Lake Borough web site as requested: [www.indianlakepa.us](http://www.indianlakepa.us)

In September, yellow colors our world. – yellow mums, yellow golden rods, yellow sunflowers, yellow leaves and YES YELLOW SCHOOL BUSES. Please obey the traffic rules and watch out for the school buses and keep our children safe.

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:**

Indian Lake Borough, as a supplier of water and sewer services is required to have a system whereby users can be advised quickly and assuredly by telephone of emergent issues. Like other municipalities faced with this requirement, Indian Lake has selected the SwiftReach Network to meet this need. We use this service to communicate other information to our residents as well, not just water/sewer issues.

SwiftReach uses essentially dialing robots on a mission. The phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc.. are not actually sent out from our borough office but are recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. SwiftReach doesn't quit until contact is made and at least a message is left. Please do not call the office in response to these notifications because the notifications are generally sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to the borough's web site where you will see the notification is also listed. If you are a new resident or if you need to change your SwiftReach phone number information, you can do it on our web site by clicking the SwiftReach 911 notification link.

### **FINANCE:**

The fall is upon us and council will be gearing up to work on next year's budget.

### **LAKE/ENVIROMENT - Lynn Shimer**

With council's recommendation, the Service Corp. generously paid for a fish study of the lake. Bill Kirkpatrick did the study and it is completed, and we are awaiting the official report.

### **DAM Update - Paul Cornez**

All applications needed for permitting of the final phase of the Dam Project have been filed with the respective agencies. Engineering is complete pending any comments from these agencies. Work is scheduled to begin after Labor Day 2013, this will include a lake drawdown.

A big public THANK YOU to Brad Zearoff (Somerset County Planning) and Mike Miscoe (Mayor of Indian Lake), both members of the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department Dive Team, for performing a dive (August 24th) for our upstream control valve, to locate and repair a hydraulic leak.

### **FLOWAGE EASEMENTS/EMINENT DOMAIN - Bob Hanson**

62 remain open. We are proceeding to prepare declarations of taking. The year delay in starting the physical work reduces the urgency a bit so we are proceeding less vigorously, for the time being, on eminent domain.

### **ROADS AND MAINTENANCE - Terry St. Clair**

The Borough crew has been doing an outstanding job repairing the culverts and ditches. We have 80% of the mowing done, however, we have a mower out for repairs. Hope to have the mowing completed in the next several weeks.

### **GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat and current )**

Remember

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 - Bob Hanson**

The Buckstown and Cherry Lane water tanks have been cleaned by Liquid Engineers and lines are being flushed. We have learned that 5 years between cleanings is too long and will likely go to a 3 year cycle. We also learned that the interior painting of these tanks has held up well.

### **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 and they have been doing just that.

Although the lake is not as busy with boating activities, there is still boating on the lake. Therefore you are reminded to follow 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.

### **PERSONNEL - Charlie McCauley**

The Borough has hired Ed Demur as a part time worker/no benefits to help our borough crew since they are “short handed” at this time.

## **SOMERSET COUNTY TIRE COLLECTION DAY**

This event is Saturday, September 22, 2012 from (9:00 am – 12:00pm)

It is at Conemaugh Township Municipal Building 1120 Tire Hill Road (Route 403) The pricing information and the flyer is posted on our web site and available at the borough office. For additional information contact John Peters, Coordinator of Somerset County Recycling Program at (814) 445-1571

## **SKI SLALOM COURSE**

A number of comments have come in on this year's location, pro and con. Refer comments to Theresa at the Borough office or Robert Oates, President of the Ski Club.

## **NEW COMPUTERS and NEW COMCAST SERVICE CONTRACT**

Our office is now up and running with a new computer system. This month Dean's computer went down and now Dean has a new computer, too.

All of this was within budget. Our thanks to Bob Hanson who researched the purchase and helped with the installation. The office has also changed to Comcast Business Class for phone, cable and high-speed internet service at a significant savings over Verizon. We have expanded features, capabilities and bandwidth. Our previous WPIA Net connection remains as our back-up. The first-year phone savings alone allowed us to upgrade our computers and Wi-Fi network while still saving considerably.

By the time this e-news is out the Oakland Catholic Girls rowing team will have had their training event on our lake. Some residents did see them rowing.

In your service, Patricia Dewar

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