

## **E-NEWS March/April 2013 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH**

Borough Web Site: [www.indianlakepa.us](http://www.indianlakepa.us)

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

The Madness of March is over, Easter Blessings have been bestowed and April Fools day brought no surprises. **LET'S HAVE SPRING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **Thinking of Spring**

While we wait patiently, it would be a perfect time to do a spring clean up of our properties. We have noticed a number of abandoned (non-functional/un-registered) cars, boats, and trailers, and general debris etc on properties. Let's take some time to do a spring clean up and keep our community in order.

### **Boat License Fee Schedule and Rules**

The 2013 budget has incorporated the following boat license fee schedule for the upcoming year:

Primary Powered	\$75.00
Property Owner General License	\$750.00
Primary Non-Powered	\$20.00
Non-Property Owner General License	\$1,500.00
Secondary Powered	\$150.00
Replacement License Fee	\$20.00
Secondary Non-Powered	\$20.00
Transfer License Fee	\$50.00
Same Day Service Fee for Re-registering Boats	\$30.00 per license

Again, the Borough Office will only be accepting and processing boat license applications via the U.S. Postal Service for the 2013 Boating Season. By doing so, it will not only save you time by not having to wait in line but will also be easier for the office personnel.

Applying by mail is fast and easy. Just send:

- Your completed application.
- A copy of your state registration card for any powered watercrafts.
- A copy of your certificate of insurance liability (for powered watercrafts and sailboats)
- A check or money order for the license fees.

The Borough will process your application and you should have your licenses within twenty days. Boat License renewal packages were sent out at the end of February.

Note that there will be an added fee of \$30.00 for each boat license for those residents that do not follow the mail-in rules and want to be a “walk-in”. If a resident wants same day service for re-registering their boat and getting their license, there will be a \$30.00 service fee charged for each license issued. The service fee will be applied to the primary and secondary powered and personal watercrafts, and primary and secondary non-powered watercrafts.

Prior to the initial registration of a boat for use on the waters of Indian Lake, the boat must be measured by the Indian Lake Borough Police Department for compliance with the length limitations. The Police Department will make such measurements by appointment only. Please call 814-267-3776, or send an e-mail to [police@indianlakepa.us](mailto:police@indianlakepa.us), to schedule your appointment.

Placement of your Indian Lake Borough License is to be behind the PA Fish and Boat Commission registration license.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: a repeat**

Indian Lake is a member of the SwiftReach Networks. We use this service to quickly communicate important information to our residents. So the phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc.. is not sent out from our borough office but is recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. **Please do not call the office in response to these notifications.** These notifications are typically sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to the borough’s web site where you will see the notification also listed. If you are a new resident or if you need to change your phone number information, you can do it on our web site by

clicking on the SwiftReach 911 notification link and following the instructions.

**FINANCE:** Patti Dewar

Borough Council approved the 2012 Audit by Joseph Scansaroli, Certified Public Accountant. There were no issues.

**LAKE/ENVIRONMENT:** Lynn Shimer

Reminder - Bill Kirkpatrick submitted his report on the 2012 Indian Lake Fish Study. It is posted on our web site and makes for interesting and informative reading. Hopefully, Bill will be reporting at the Service Corporation Meeting in May.

Council has contracted with Crespo Wildlife Solutions to do nest and egg treatments this spring to eliminate population growth of the Canadian geese.

As previously stated, the Lake/Environmental Committee is working on proposals and policies to promote safety on our lake in the winter. They are addressing concerns such as ice fishing, illegal parking and trespassing to access the lake by non-residents etc.....

**DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** Paul Cornez

Dam update- The hydraulic system that operates the main valve under water is full operational and the main valve was exercised on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Those in attendance at the exercise of the valve were:

Dean Synder (IL zoning officer) Sean Isgan (our CME Engineer) and John Tinker (Cleveland Brother Equipment Co.)

An email to Roger Adams of DEP (Dams) advised us that Doug Caylor is now handling our application directly. Doug advised us that DEP has been reviewing the application.

**IL Borough has applied for the permit for the lake draw down this coming year [fall 2013/winter 2014].**

**FLOWAGE EASEMENTS/EMINENT DOMAIN:** Bob Hanson

Borough Council adopted Ordinance 165 authorizing the filing of a Declaration of Taking to Enlarge Existing Flowage Easements for the properties where signed easements could not be obtained (around 45). This is the next step in the Eminent Domain process and is required by DEP for implementation of improvements to the breast of Indian Lake.

The Eminent Domain process does not need to be an expensive , involved or contentious process, and we are still hopeful it will not be.

**ROADS AND MAINTENANCE:** Terry St. Clair

Snow, snow, snow plus ice, ice, ice equals plowing, plowing, plowing. Our road maintenance is over budget because of overtime. However a bright note is that Mike Miscoe (our Mayor) and Terry St.Clair ( council member) have done volunteer plowing to relieve the borough crew's work load and to cut some of our plowing expense. **THANK YOU TO BOTH...** - ed

Parking along the berm is a problem when plowing. IL Borough has a parking Ordinance #18 adopted on March 19,1971 and the Roads Committee will be reviewing and updating this ordinance for next year.

**GARBAGE/TRASH:** (repeat)

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 property to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

**WATER/SEWER:** Bob Hanson

We have purchased a new chlorine analyzer for Well 2, Buckstown Tank service area to try to gain better control over the 4-Log chlorination upgrade we had to install last spring. Since the installation we have struggled to control chlorine and have in essence over-chlorinated at times to

compensate. The new analyzer has been delivered and installed and the manufacturer will come to calibrate it and bring it on line this month.

We have delayed automating the chlorine controls on Well 99/Cherry Lane until we get a reliable setup on Well 2.

80-85% of our users are served by Well 99 and 15-20% by Well 2.

**ZONING:** Dean Snyder

encroachment permits for docks and seawalls - procedure

1. Residents must get DEP permits (GP2 / GP3) from DEP  
The DEP contact person is Chuck Colbert (412-442-4213)
2. After receiving the DEP permit, residents must show documentation to the Indian Lake zoning officer and apply for their Indian Lake permit.
3. Note that this is a lengthy process – could take up to 90 days
4. Forms are on line

**POLICE:** Mike Miscoe

The Mayor's News Letter by Mike Miscoe gave a detailed report on the police and the police activities. It is posted on our web site.

We have two part time police officers, Mark Custer and Richard Brant on duty.

**REMINDER:** As a way to deter minor crimes of convenience, remember to keep your vehicles locked and your house and garage locked. If you see something suspicious, report it to the IL Police. Please be alert to those pedestrians and bicyclist sharing the road and be remindful of your speed. If we all drive responsibly, we all will feel safer walking and biking in our borough.

**LEGAL** IL Borough will be realigned into Magistrate Mankamyer's region in Boswell from Magistrate Johnson in Somerset.

## **REMINDER TO RESIDENTS WITH ANIMALS**

There is a leash law for animals, and barking dogs come under the Nuisance Ordinance #105. Violations could result in fines up to \$300.00. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

**PERSONNEL:** Charlie McCauley

No report

## **SHANKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Council is pleased to announce that Indian Lake Borough has signed a 2013 fire protection agreement with the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The Shanksville Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. A major part of their revenue comes from the two boroughs and one township that they service. Their annual fund drive is a big part of SVFD budget income and sadly only 46% of the residents of Indian Lake support this fund drive. Please consider giving your full support to this fire department when they have their annual fund drive and when they solicit or fundraise at other times in the year.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH:** repeat

**This tip will help you give information to the fire department in case of an emergency**

Have a card posted in your home that has:

- 1) Your phone number and your address
- 2) Your neighbors' phone numbers and addresses
- 3) Be familiar with the lake map and have it posted or in a convenient place for reference. Maps of the lake are for sale in the borough office and are on line.

## **SKI SLALOM COURSE**

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

In your service,

Patricia Dewar

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