

## **E-NEWS December 2013 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH**

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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 Borough's distribution list and by Gay Reed.

In the past two years, Indian Lake Council and the mayor have faced many challenges and have met those challenges with dedication and diligence. Several examples – We set up our long term financing with two local banks at very attractive interest rates. We finished Phase III of the dam remediation well under budget. As a result of both of the above, we will have no increase in our tax millage for 2014. In brief, council members and the mayor have demonstrated how a small community can be governed in an effective and civil manner.

As 2013 draws to a close, there are those who also need to be recognized for their service. They are our very efficient office manager, Theresa Weyant; our dedicated water and sewer operator, Dean Snyder; our dependable road and maintenance crew, Dave Smith, Milan Huzsek, and Dean Snyder again; our zoning officers, Dean Snyder and his recently hired replacement, Dave Wood; our part time police force, Mark Custer, Chad Howell and Michael Jacobs; our solicitor Dan Rullo; our Sewage Enforcement Officers, Jerry Mostoller and Reggie Musser; and our quite capable engineers, Sean Isgan and the folks at CME. These people are a primary reason that Indian Lake remains a safe, active, and attractive lake community.

### **DAM REPORT** Paul Cornez

Finally the dam is just about done. A few loose ends will drag until spring arrives; the new waterline has been inspected by DEP; and we do not expect any surprises when DEP does their final inspection of Phase III. (Our sincere thanks again to our engineering firm, CME of Somerset.) On a related note I am winding down my term on council. It has been an honor to serve YOU and I appreciate the trust that you placed into my hands. I hope that my work on the dam will please Barry Lichty, may he Rest in Peace.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## **REFLECTIONS** Paul Cornez

Madam President, members of Council, Mayor, Borough Secretary, Mr. Engineer and Borough Solicitor: Thank you one and all for the opportunity to work with you these past years. It has been an interesting experience to say the least. Without the help of each of you, we could not have reached what I think is a good conclusion. The trust and faith that you afforded me will always be remembered.

## **FINANCE** Patti Dewar

Council voted to adopt the 2014 Budget at \$1,421,286.00. Council also voted to adopt the tax rate ordinance. The millage was set at 19.3 - no increase in taxes for 2014.

Remember: Council voted to change the Borough's Real Estate penalty. The 2% discount will remain in place when paying in advance of the due date. However an 8% penalty will be in place when tax payment is delinquent.

## **LAKE/ENVIRONMENT** Lynn Shimer

Lynn is working with our engineer on some problems and on some environmental studies so check next month for a report.

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

A Thank You to our road crew for getting us through some ice and snow events. The winter season has arrived so drive carefully when our snow plows are out doing winter maintenance. Terry St.Clair and Mike Miscoe are the contact people for winter maintenance scheduling.

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

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.

## **ZONING:** Dave Wood

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
4. Forms are on line.

## **WATER/SEWER** Bob Hanson

We will be adding a new 'shed' near the Arrowhead Condos to house instrumentation necessary to begin automated 4-log chlorine monitoring for the Well 99/Cherry Lane Tank water service area. This is an older DEP mandate that we delayed implementing until we installed, debugged and 'proved' everything on the Well 2/Buckstown Tank service area. We have to monitor chlorine just before the first user tap between the pump and tank, hence the location.

## **POLICE**

We have three part time police officers - Mark Custer, Chad Howell and Michael Jacobs who give us police coverage.

## **REMINDER:**

There have been numerous break-ins in Somerset County. As a way to deter crimes of convenience at Indian Lake, 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 mindful of your speed. If we all drive responsibly, we all will feel safer walking and biking in our borough.

## **REMINDER TO RESIDENTS WITH ANIMALS**

There is a leash law for animals and barking dogs - nuisance ordinance #5. Violations could result in fines up to \$300.00. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

## **PERSONNEL** Charlie McCauley

A new zoning officer, Dave Wood, has been hired and he is actively involved in current zoning issues.

## **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 supported this fund drive last year. Please give your support to this fire department when they have their annual fund drive and when they solicit or fundraise at other times in the year.

### **The following procedure 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.

## **SWIFTREACH**

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 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 follow the instructions.

**In your service, Patricia Dewar**

**MERRY Christmas and HAPPY New Year**