

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

### **Here is the link to Indian Lake Borough web site as requested**

www.indianlakepa.us

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

When the days of winter seem endless, we, at the lake, can take comfort in the winter landscape, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, good books and fire side chats. Enjoy.

### **Boat License fee schedule and some rules/reminders**

#### **BOAT LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE**

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**

#### **2013 BOATING LICENSE INFORMATION**

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 all 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 Forms will be going out at the end of February.**

**There will again 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 same-day license issued. The service fee will apply to primary and secondary powered and personal watercrafts, and primary and secondary non-powered watercraft.**

Prior to the initial or first registration of a boat for use on the waters of Indian Lake, the boat shall be measured by the Indian Lake Borough Police Department for compliance with the length limitations. The Police Department will make such measurements within thirty (30) days of the Borough’s receipt of the application for a license for the boat, and by appointment only. Please call 814-267-3776 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 Network. We use this service to communicate information to our residents. The phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc.. are not sent out from our borough office but are recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. Please do not call the office in response to these notifications because the notifications are usually sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to the borough’s web site where you will also see the notification 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 the SwiftReach 911 notification link.

**FINANCE: Patti Dewar**

We are on track with our budget. Two additional items of income have been the sale of the 2003 F 450 and the sale of the old Explorer. These were handled by Mike Miscoe through Municibid. Also our real estate prior-year collection income is up for January. Thank You.

**LAKE/ENVIROMENT 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.

There have been concerns about the ice fishing on Indian Lake. Lynn Shimer, Bob Marhefka and other concerned Indian Lake resident fishermen will be studying these issues and will put forth recommendations for the parameters and permitting of ice fishing and the reasons council should take action..

### **DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS: Paul Cornez**

Dam update- 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. It will take a few more weeks.

It seems like I am forced to repeat myself every month, but here goes-**The biggest delaying factor continues to be a minority of individuals who have not executed their Flowage Easements.** Those individuals, names posted on the Borough Website, continue to cause delays and cost the rest of us additional tax dollars.

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

After nearly 2 years and with less than 40 open easements we have reached the point of diminishing returns on our persuasive efforts. We must be in a position of doing the dam work this fall. Council has thus authorized our Solicitor to proceed with eminent domain. Eminent domain need not be a negative or contentious process, but it will assuredly get us done in time.

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

Snow, snow and snow plus ice, ice and ice. The borough crew is still on their winter schedule of plowing and maintenance.

### **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 the borough’s property to dump your garbage.

It is considered a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

Contact Reese's Sanitation at 814-324-4498 to sign up. It's only \$3 a week...

### **WATER/SEWER - Bob Hanson**

Experts have diagnosed the leading problem with the chlorine control for the Well#2/Buckstown Tank service area. The chlorine analyzer we installed is not only sensitive to chlorine, but also iron, manganese, pH, temperature, pressure and flow. Unfortunately the pump house is not a lab and none of those things stay constant. We have chosen a better analyzer; one built more for the task at hand, and recommended by the US EPA, but we have to make a special submittal to the US EPA because it uses chemicals in the process and we do not have a sewer connection near the pump house. The new analyzer was ordered and the EPA submittal made today. Wish us luck.

We also think we are getting incomplete mixing of the chlorine concentrate, but that conclusion is based on data from the flaky analyzer... We need stable readings first, and in any event. We will go there next if the new analyzer continues to point there.

In the meantime we are back to manual grab-samples and manual control.

### **ZONING: 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 and regs are on the Borough's web site

### **POLICE**

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 bicyclists 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 Charlie McCauley**

There is a leash law for animals and barking dogs come under the nuisance ordinance.

Borough Ordinance #5 states that no domestic animals such dogs and cats shall be kept upon premises unless they are properly confined or maintained on a leash to

prevent their roaming on to property owned by other persons in the borough and to prevent their making of noises offensive to other persons in the borough. Violations could result in fines up to \$300.00.

Please be considerate of your neighbors.

**PERSONELL 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 Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) 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 the SVFD budget/income and sadly only 46% of the residents of Indian Lake support this fund drive. 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.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS TIP OF THE MONTH a 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 or can be viewed on the web site.

**Planning Commission**

Don Reed is the new Chair of Planning Commission. Please join us in thanking Don for assuming this role.

**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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