

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

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

[www.indianlakepa.us](http://www.indianlakepa.us)

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.

A New Year begins with new challenges, new goals, new optimism, new approaches, and new resolutions. Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

### **Boat License Fee Schedule 2013 and Rule Reminders**

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.

*\*\*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 license issued. The service fee will be applied to the primary and secondary powered and personal watercrafts, and primary and secondary non-powered watercrafts. It will not apply to Replacements, Transfers, or General Licenses where interaction is obviously needed. \*\**

Prior to the initial or first 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 shall make such measurements within thirty (30) days of the Borough’s receipt of the application for a license for the boat, 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 on the boat.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** a repeat

Indian Lake is a member of the SwiftReach Networks. We use this service to communicate 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 because the notifications are sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to SwiftReach on the borough’s web site where you will 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

Our budget Income performed at 94% and our budget expense performed at 93%. This means there was enough revenue to cover expenses and so we begin the New Year with out the need to use any of our reserves.

**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.

**DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS:** Paul Cornez

Dam update- nothing new to report this month. The E&S application has been refilled. We have not heard anything from DEP but DEP told us to expect a response by late February. Our engineer is following up to see if they are still on schedule.

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.

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

The borough crew is on their winter [6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.] schedule. Plowing and maintenance are priorities.

**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

We continue to wrestle with chlorination on Well #2 and the Buckstown Tank service area. The chlorine is not dissolving and/or not staying dissolved, and is settling in lower-lying sections of lines near the pump station. This creates 'slugs' of highly chlorinated water where this settling has time and conditions to occur. The Borough agrees this is unacceptable and will be working with PA Rural Water, suppliers, and other experts to see what can be done. A bit of a silver lining is

that our new high-tech monitoring system allows us to clearly view this sad situation with precision, and in real-time.

**ZONING:** Encroachment permits for docks and seawalls - the 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.

### **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 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.

**PERSONNEL:** Charlie McCauley

No report.

### **COMCAST SERVICE CONTRACT**

Indian Lake Borough phone and internet service is now with Comcast, with WPIA.net as our backup for internet. We thank you for your patience while the transfer was taking place.

### **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 serve. 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 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. They serve us well.

**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 official 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.

### **SKI SLALOM COURSE**

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

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

At their January meeting, Planning Commission elected Don Reed as Chair, and Tom O'Toole remains as Recording Secretary. Don (and his wife, Gay) are long-time residents and very active cheerleaders for the Lake and the Community. We look forward to working with Don in his new role. Don, and the rest of the Planning Commission can be reached at [Planning@indianlakepa.us](mailto:Planning@indianlakepa.us) and you can read about their activities on the PLANNING tab on the Borough website.

In your service,

Patricia Dewar

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