

E-NEWS November 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 web distribution list and by Gay Reed.

Thank you to all the residents who took time to exercise their right to vote. Here are the results: Mayor – Michael Miscoe
Council: Incumbents re-elected Bob Hanson, Charles McCauley, Robert Marhefka and a new comer Curtis Morgese

Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American. The emphasis is not on giving or buying, but on being Thankful and expressing that appreciation to God and to one another.

PS: It is common knowledge that the average American gains 7 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. So beware.

DAM REPORT Paul Cornez

One thing to be thankful for is that Phase III is completed and we are wrapping up the paper work and the reports.

Paul Cornez has done an excellent job heading up the Phase III project. Council and the borough residents should extend their appreciation for his dedication and hard work.

A direct quote from our chairman Paul:

"The Dam is complete; the equipment is removed and it is a beautiful job."

FINANCE Patti Dewar

Council voted to advertise the budget and it will be at the borough office for all to read and review. Council also voted to advertise the 2014 tax rate ordinance at 19.3 mills- another item to be thankful for - no increase in taxes from 2013.

Council voted to change the Borough's Real Estate Tax 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.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE Terry St. Clair

The winter season has arrived so drive carefully when our snow plows are out doing winter maintenance.

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 Dean Snyder and Dave Wood

Encroachment permits for docks and seawalls - procedure

Residents must get DEP permits (GP2 / GP3) from DEP

The DEP contact person is Chuck Colbert (412-442-4213)

After receiving the DEP permit, residents must show documentation to the Indian Lake zoning officer and apply for their Indian Lake permit.

Note that this is a lengthy process

Forms are on line.

POLICE

We have four part time police officers - Mark Custer, Richard Brant, 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 becoming 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 donations within 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:

Your phone number and your address

Your neighbors' phone numbers and addresses

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 Network. We use this service to quickly communicate important information to our residents, as is required to meet our regulatory emergency response requirements. The phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines, road closures, etc...are not sent out from our borough office but are recorded by Dean Snyder but sent out by SwiftReach in Massachusetts. ***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