

## **E-NEWS October/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 Boroughs distribution list and by Gay Reed.

When Indian Lake voters go to the polls in November, you will be selecting candidates to serve on council and you will be selecting a candidate to serve as mayor. The very future of any municipality depends on its citizens that are willing to dedicate their time and talent to serve on our elected body. So remember to do your part and cast your vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat ; Saturday October 26th**

The council thanks Mike and Susie Miscoe who organized this event, Gay Reed who got the news out, the Indian Lake Police Department which is in charge of the safety and police escort, the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department which provides the fire engine and special effects, Terry and Pat St.Clair who provide the "space", and **ALL** the "other" volunteers behind the scene.

### **DAM REPORT Paul Cornez**

The dam has been raised to its final height and the top has been covered with gravel for stabilization. A new second 6 inch water line has been laid beneath the spillway channel. Once an acceptable bacteria level test of this line is received from the lab, the water system will be switched to the new line. Then the old line can be uncovered and relocated on the spillway wall and the excavation work completed. We will then have two waterlines under the spillway. The pool level of the lake is down approximately 10 feet where it will be held through the winter months, and until the ice has melted in the spring.

### **FINANCE Patti Dewar**

Council had a second meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting was devoted to getting the budget prepared for 2014. We hope to finalize the budget at our meeting in November. At that time, we will vote to advertise the budget.

**LAKE/ENVIRONMENT** Lynn Shimer

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

Our crew is busy finishing some projects and getting everything prepared for the winter season. By the way, some of us have seen snow flakes already.

**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

**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.**

**POLICE**

The current edition of the Mayor’s News Letter by Mike Miscoe is posted on our web site. Please read and post in your home.

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

Your police at work for you:

September – 14 written speed warnings, 3 written faulty equipment warnings, 1 written lake warning (no wake speed infraction), 5 traffic citation due to speed (gross fine amounts \$560.00)

**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 [Ordinance #5 will be placed on the web site next week under Info-->Ordinances].

### **PERSONNEL Charlie McCauley**

A new zoning officer, Dave Wood, has been hired. Dave comes with a wealth of experience, and presently, he is in training with Dean Snyder. Dean will continue with his responsibilities managing our water/dam valve and with his responsibilities on the maintenance crew.

### **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.

### **SKI SLALOM COURSE.**

Robert Oates is President of the Ski Club

## **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**