

MAYOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

LAKE SAFETY:

As a result of the lake lowering, a substantial amount of debris has floated to the surface with the refilling of the lake. The Borough maintenance crews are working diligently to locate and remove as much of the large debris as possible.

While the lake has not entirely refilled to normal pool level, some folks have already began to put boats on the lake. Please be advised that there is a substantial danger of damage to your boat and/or persons due to collision with submerged or partially submerged debris. The Borough is doing everything possible to remove the logs and trees we are finding around the lake although it is impossible to find and remove it all. Therefore, please be careful, obey speed limits and if you see some debris, help out by towing to a safe location, marking the item, and notify the Borough of its location. For smaller debris near the shoreline, it would be a big help if residents would remove the debris adjacent to your property. By working together, we can get the debris removed and make the lake safe for boating and recreation.

Thanks to Marc Alaia at the Marina for donating a pontoon boat for the Borough maintenance crews to use in this effort. We could, however, always use additional manpower. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Frank by calling the Borough office and he can direct how you can best assist.

TERMINATION OF POLICE COVERAGE ON THE LAKE

At the meeting of Borough Council held on 4/14/09, the Council voted to not provide police coverage on the lake this summer. The Council determined that investing money to repair the existing police boat was not justified. Council also refused to allocate funds to the purchase of a newer used or a new boat and instead made the decision that we should not provide police coverage on the lake this summer. As a result of Council's action, I will be unable to detail police to patrol the lake this summer. The police will continue to perform their usual land patrol of the Borough and will continue to perform house checks for those who have requested them but will be unable to respond to emergencies on the lake.

I should point out that we will have part time coverage from the Fish Commission although their patrol schedule is irregular. As a result, please use good judgment when out on the lake, operate boats in a safe and responsible manner, maintain safe boating distances, and keep to established speed limits so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable boating season.

BOAT SAFETY CLASS

We have had a great response to the boater safety course. The class will be held May 29-30, 2010 at the Shanksville School Cafetorium. The class is two days with training on the

29th and testing / issuance of certificates for those who pass on the 30th. Regardless of how long you have operated a boat or operated a boat here at the lake, this class, taught by Borough Chief of Police, Dee Miller, will teach you or remind you of safe boating practices and some special considerations for safe operation here at the Lake. As indicated in my prior e-mail, this certificate is necessary for anyone operating a personal water craft and is necessary for younger boat operators. If you haven't signed up yet, you can still do so by sending an e-mail to police@indianlakepa.us or mayor@indianlakepa.us.

HOME CHECKS

For those that are here part-time or for full-time residents who might be away, I would like to remind you that the Borough Police will perform physical checks of your home while you are away if requested. These checks are done on a weekly basis and the officer will check doors and windows to ensure there has been no break-in or other problem. The simple act of doing these checks has proven to be an effective deterrent to crime and break-ins at the Borough have dropped substantially since former Mayor Lichty instituted this program. If you would like to take advantage of this free service, call the non-emergency police line and leave a message with your address or send an e-mail to police@indianlakepa.us.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have questions and if I cannot assist, I will direct you to the appropriate person.

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