



Indian Lake Borough

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Mayor's Newsletter

As the summer boating season comes to a close, a few reminders seem to be in order as we enter the final "big" holiday weekend of the summer.

BOATING

I continue to receive complaints from residents regarding unsafe activities on the lake and we have already had one serious injury accident this summer. Here are a couple of common sense tips that will help all enjoy the lake safely.

1. When towing a tube or skier and entering a narrow portion of the lake, be conscious of other boats. Where more than one boat is heading into a narrow portion of the lake, adjust speed so that only one boat is heading through at a given time. Jet skis and power boats not towing skiers or tubers should give way to those that are. Those towing tubes should give way to those with skiers or wake boards. Too often I have seen multiple boats head through narrow portions of the lake creating an unsafe situation for all.
2. Jet Ski operators are reminded that operation of a Jet Ski within 100' of a boat, moving or not, is illegal. DO NOT "jump the wake" behind a moving boat.

I have instructed the Police to adopt a no-tolerance, no warning policy regarding reckless operation of a boat on the lake. This is not intended to spoil anyone's fun, but like my Mom used to say, it's all fun until someone gets hurt. Have fun, but do so safely so that all can enjoy the lake.

BOATING AFTER DARK

All are reminded that you may operate a boat on the lake only at NO WAKE SPEED at night (30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes after sunrise). There have been numerous complaints of boats speeding up and down the lake after dark and as late as 3 or 4 in the morning, playing loud music or blowing loud air-horns. Not only is this illegal and very dangerous, but is very annoying to others. Police schedules are being modified to put a stop to this behavior.

BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

Indian Lake has always been a community where folks come to have fun. Unfortunately, consider that your fun might be a nuisance to your neighbors. We have received a number of noise complaints associated with loud music being played on the lake late at night, discharging of explosive fireworks (which are illegal in PA) late at night, and operation of loud horns on the lake in the middle of the night. All are reminded that we have a diverse community of all ages. After 11:00, please keep the noise down so that those, especially those with children, can enjoy a restful night's sleep.

SCHOOL IN SESSION

All are reminded that school is back in session. While you should obey posted limits at all times, exercise additional caution in the morning (6:50-7:20 am) and in the afternoon (3:30-4:15) when the buses are running and children are traversing the road when loading and off-loading.

NOW THE GOOD NEWS

1. It looks as though we have finally solved the valve issue. Remember the first phase of our dam remediation project? It appears to be finally resolved. The amount of seep is within DEPs limits and is approximately only 1 gallon per minute. Thanks to CME (our engineering firm) and Councilman Paul Cornez for their diligent efforts.
2. While we are speaking of the Dam, the recent earthquake that was centered in Virginia has apparently had no effect on the dam. Immediately after the quake was felt in the Borough, CME checked the flumes to determine if there was any change in the amount of water coming through the dam. We will continue to monitor the flow rates but so far, there is no apparent problem.
3. Road Paving this year is complete. The road crews are continuing to work hard on berming throughout the Borough to make our roads as safe as possible. While there are no doubt a number of other roads that need attention, we are constrained by our budget. If you have concerns regarding a particular road, pass the information to our road crews by calling the Borough Office.
4. New Garbage Contractor: In an attempt to obtain better pricing, Council solicited quotes from a number of garbage contractors and Reese offered the most competitive rates. As a result, they awarded Reese the exclusive right to provide residential garbage service in the Borough. Additionally, Council opened up commercial service to any provider to allow our commercial entities to decide for themselves the contractor that best suits their needs.

I wish to highlight the fact that Reese provided the same pricing for curbside as well as back door (house side) service. For those that have problems lugging cans to the road or are here only on the weekend and were unable to bring your cans back in after the Monday morning pickup, you can now take advantage of their back door service at the same price as curbside service and avoid these problems. Given the attractive and reasonable pricing Reese has offered, it is hoped that all that do not currently have garbage service will consider getting it.

Reese is also providing the opportunity to recycle. To participate, you need to take your recyclables to the Borough building for deposit in the appropriate container. Theresa can provide you with details of what they are accepting so you know how to segregate your recyclables. I should point out that the Borough has tried this in the past and unfortunately, those without garbage service used the recycle containers as a dumpster causing the prior program to be terminated. We hope that all will be responsible and deposit only recyclable materials – otherwise Reese will pull the container.

Please enjoy what remains of the summer. Any who have questions or concerns should feel free to reach out. You may contact me by e-mail at mayor@indianlakepa.us.

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