

E-NEWS INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

Happy 2012 to all our property owners. The lake is frozen; snow is on the ground; the roads are being plowed and treated. Conclusion – winter is here at the lake.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all present and past council members for their diligent efforts to keep Indian Lake Borough the unique and special place in which to reside. Each of you has committed time and resources to serve the property owners of this community and it is appreciated.

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GARBAGE/TRASH

Put this on your calendar: There will be **NO TRASH PICK UP** on Monday May 28th which is Memorial Day and **NO TRASH PICK UP** on Monday September 3rd which is Labor Day.

Once again, Council is addressing the following problem. To avoid paying garbage collection fees, private dumpsters through out the Borough are being used illegally. Plus some residents continue to add their trash to their neighbor's trash which is also illegal. It is cheating and most of all it is **a theft of service.**

Let this be a warning: Just recently an Indian Lake property owner was caught illegally placing his garbage in a private dumpster located within Indian Lake Borough. The IL police gave the person a citation and the magistrate gave the person a **hefty fine** of over **\$500.00.**

BOAT LICENSES

Council has set the boat license fees and there is **no** increase from last year. **However,** **there will be an added fee of \$30.00 / each license for those residents that do not follow the mail-in rules and want to be a “walk-in”.** The motion that was approved by council is: **“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 powered and**

personal watercrafts, primary and secondary non-powered watercrafts and secondary powered and personal water crafts.”

Fees and license number are posted on the borough's web site.

DAM / FLOWAGE EASEMENTS by-line Paul Cornez

Borough Council is committed to raising the height of the dam as Phase III (**THE FINAL PHASE**) of the Dam Remediation Project. Council is committed to this approach in order to save the property owners the **additional 2 to 3 million dollar expense** of enlarging the spillway capacity (which would mean the need of additional tax revenues). In order to use this approach, the DEP requires us to obtain signed Flowage Easements from **100%** of the lake front and park lot property owners.

There are approximately **90 property owners** who have not signed and submitted the Flowage Easement documents. Borough has spent in **excess of \$32,000** trying to obtain the signed documents. On January 11th, Council authorized legal council to file those Flowage Easement received and to start Eminent Domain proceeding on properties where signed documents have not been received.

Eminent Domain proceedings will cost the Borough (**YOU**) additional **tax dollars**. **YOU** can assist and save this expenditure by 1) filing your Flowage Easement documents if you have neglected to do so 2) encourage your friends / neighbors who are lake front or park lot property owners to file their forms if they have not done so.

List of those un-signed easements is on the Borough's web site.

LONG TERM FINANCING

Council is working on the permanent financing of our \$7,000,000 dam remediation cost. We have several banks that have presented loan proposals. Council recognizes the urgency to get the loan in place while interest rates are in our favor. A decision will be made within the next month.

POLICE

As you know from the last e-news, the Borough has eliminated full time positions in police department because of budgetary concerns and we now have two part time police officers. Our mayor, Mike Miscoe, is doing an excellent job scheduling around our needs. Since he is in charge of the police force, he will address all police issues in his news-letter.

WATER /SEWER: by-line by Bob Hanson

Properties served by Well 2 and the Buckstown Tank remain on a "boil drinking water" notice while DEP mulls over our solution. We expect approval in February and still remain optimistic we will complete work before Memorial Day.

We will soon have upgraded controls on our water system and on the Lakewood Sewer Plant. This will make our System/Plant Operators really happy, but that's not why we are doing it... Monitoring chlorine levels and such, effectively, by car, is becoming nearly impossible; that is a regulatory requirement and alone a good reason. Getting early warnings of pump failures or line breaks, **before** someone notices the tank is empty, is a good reason, too. By monitoring flows we can turn on pumps when we sense heavy use, **before** we get to the 'low level' point that we rely on today. Our operators will be able to monitor status from any internet-connected computer or smart-phone. They'll get an automated call on any alarm.

We have saved \$ for these new controls for years and they are being purchased from segregated funds already set aside for this purpose; these will not [and cannot...] be paid for using any tax dollars.

SHANKSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUB AND PIZZA FUND RAISER

Hopefully you all have made arrangements to buy a sub or pizza to support this cause. The info was in the last e-news. The fundraisers will be held January 28th, February 25 and March 24th. Subs can be ordered at IDA's or by e-mailing Mike Miscoe at Mayor@indianlakepa.us. If you have missed the first one, do not miss the next two. You can put some pizzas in your freezer for a snow storm.

Here to serve you,

Patricia Dewar