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New Look @ indianlakepa.us

The web site now includes tabs for the Planning Commission and the Indian Lake Service Corp. To reduce some of the clutter as the site grows, the menu tabs will be 'tiered' with Borough content under the Borough HOME tab and likewise for the Planning and Service Corp content. The Service Corp did not have a web site previously, so there is nothing to migrate; you can just watch it grow. The Planning Commission site has a great deal of current content [it pre-dated the new Borough site by a year or more...] and will take some time to migrate. The benefits are all for the users who will now have only one site for registration and sign-in. Your comments are welcomed as we proceed.

If you are curious when our Annual Meeting and Fireworks Display are scheduled you might want to check the new Indian Lake Service Corp tab out right now...

Hot Dam !!

News hot off the press: The dam grouting work was completed yesterday, 10 March !! Paul Cornez follows the dam work for Council and rather than repeat details here, you may go to Paul's private BLOG and get the scoop. Simply click on: www.paulindianlake.blogspot.com/ or enter <http://paulindianlake.blogspot.com/> into your browser.

2010 Census

The 2010 Census is coming, soon. Those of you into genealogy understand the immense value of the census data years after the fact. What you may not recognize is its current value and benefit. Census data determines the distribution of more than \$400 billion of federal funds each year, and on a larger scale, our representation in the US Congress. Somerset County was under-counted in the last census (2000) due to very low response rates, below state and national norms. Estimated impact is \$2000 annually in lost/reduced federal funding for each person not counted. In these tough economic times, we cannot afford to let this happen again in 2010.

Roads

We've been flooded with constant "Kudos" on the road maintenance and snow plowing over this past winter. We hope the worst is behind us, and don't want to be premature, but timely thanks for the hard work and excellent job is clearly in order !! A job so well done deserves recognition. The universal public acclaim makes one envious...

Flood Insurance

PLEASE review the materials under Borough HOME-->INFO on the website regarding the new National Flood Insurance Program and check out where your property is on the PRELIMINARY new flood insurance rate maps. It may be in your interest to buy flood insurance now, under the old rate maps (most property in a no-risk zone, C) rather than wait for the new maps to firm up (many areas in high-risk zone, A or possibly AE). The Borough cannot tell you what to do, but as a person/citizen as yourself, my personal plea

is to take the time and act smartly...

At the Annual Town Meeting I envision a discussion of this and would like to arrange some knowledgeable speakers. If you qualify as knowledgeable, please speak up.