

## E-News 13 March 2011

### Initial 2010 Census Results Released

Census data contains a wealth of information, especially when searched, sliced and diced using computers. It serves many purposes, and as a result has many rules, regulations and laws governing its release and use. Data to be used for political redistricting MUST be released by April of the year following the census; detailed census sheets of the type used in genealogical research CANNOT be released for 72 years (I don't make this stuff up...).

Good news! The 1940 census data will be released next year, 2012, and the 2010 census data for congressional redistricting is rolling out now. You can visit either:

<http://indianlake-pa.net/asp/MapsReference.aspx> or

<http://indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke>

to see State-wide and National shifts in a slick graphical form. The geeks among us can visit <http://factfinder2.census.gov> to access all the available data. [CAUTION: This is NOT a link for the average internet user, and don't ask me any questions about how to use it...]

Some interesting facts about Indian Lake from the data: Since 2000 our population (full-time) has dropped by ~12.5% from 450 to 394. Our occupied residences are only one-third of our total at 201 out of 599 total (398 unoccupied). The **total** is up ~8.5% but the **number occupied** is down 5% from 2000. More people are apparently concluding Indian Lake as a "great place to visit but wouldn't want to live there..."

Full-time residents are not a very diverse group with only 1% Hispanic and 1% African or Asian.

### Commonwealth Court Ruling

Commonwealth Court this week denied a request to re-argue both the Waccamaw building permit appeal and the appeal of Judge Klementik's order that the appellants must pay a \$380,000 bond to continue certain appeals.

The denial/ruling was very short and unfortunately provided no insight [IMHO] as to whether the arguments were procedurally (a 'technicality') flawed, or more fundamentally (philosophically) wrong. I'm sure we will hear both claims. [No, I am not a lawyer...]

### Surgery

Yes, I have a hole in my head... Temporary inconvenience, permanent improvement. No big deal; a less substantive issue, really, than living up to Mr. Cornez's expectations of me. Sorry, once again, to disappoint.

Those who know me know that for ~25 years I've had a very benign, but growing, cyst smack in the middle of my forehead. No more!

I regret I had to miss the first Council meeting of my political career as a result. I apologize for the stress that delaying my resignation as Council President has caused to some, though it hasn't permeated the news outside of the borough; not sufficiently earth-shaking. Those of you who actually read my newsletters will note that the real delay is from March 31 until April 13th. It was changed by me (no vote taken...) to allow a smoother transition as Patti Dewar (VP) was also not at the last meeting. I will be done 13 April; Promise.

### **Dam Phase III**

I was not at the last Council meeting (see above) but I heard that CME Engineering had some good news to report that might lessen the cost of Phase III. I went to Mr. Cornez's blog to learn more, but all I found was his diatribe trashing me for not resigning on time (see above). I did some legwork on my own and here is what I found:

Phase III has been equated to 'We need a Secondary Spillway'. It is needed so as to prevent the dam from over-topping (think Johnstown Flood; our Lake is bigger than South Fork was...) during the "Probable Maximum Flood" (PMF); a worst-case event occurring maybe every couple thousand years or so. The PMF results from the worst-case-imaginable storm that just hovers over us for days on end. Our existing spillway can't handle the rainfall, per the calculations. Raising the top of the dam a little, however, changes all the calculations; perhaps a better way to skin the cat. Instead of wiping out Shanksville our Lake would store a little more, but more importantly the existing spillway would pass a LOT more water at the greater height; both changes are in the right direction. Turns out DEP seems amenable. Raising the height alone could save a good bit of money. Pencils are being re-sharpened. We are optimistic. We may have enough money after all.

### **Election 2011**

The last day to register to vote in the May 17 Primary Election is **April 18th**. Visit the Community Service site at <http://indianlake-pa.net/asp/Elections2011/KeyDates.aspx> for other key dates.

### **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

If you happen to be an Irish Indian, join us at the Lodge on Thursday, St. Patrick's Day. The Lodge will be open that day in exception to their normal weekend-only schedule.

If you can't make that but want to help usher Spring along, join us at Gay Reed's all-Indian Lake Welcome to Spring Community Mixer at the Lodge at 6 P.M. on Friday, March 25th. RSVP to Gay at 754-8069 or e-mail at [gaylenereed@comcast.net](mailto:gaylenereed@comcast.net)

I appreciate your time,

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