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Safety

We enjoyed another safe summer on the Lake. To my knowledge there were no significant mishaps, despite the early concerns over the debris caused by the extensive draw-down. **Thanks to all !!** Remember... It is only a matter of time before our next accident, and only vigilance and diligence can keep it at bay.

School is back in session, so we can shift our focus to safety on the roads with respect to buses, bus stops and walkers. **We should treat every accident as avoidable.** To some extent they each are...

Newspaper Recycling

I've been asked to advise that the Borough's newspaper recycling facility has been abused of late. This facility is for newsprint only. No advertisement circulars, magazines, or cardboard is accepted by the recycler. **This means no garbage or trash either...** We have put a lock on the newspaper facility and residents can stop at the office for a key to open it to leave their newspapers.

Real Estate Update

Kristi Swank of Indian Lake Realty mentioned to me the other day that real estate sales and prospects are really looking up compared to last year. Sales so far this year throughout the Borough are a dozen or so properties and total well over \$4M, already well above the total for **all** of last year. Phone and e-mail inquiries remain way up going into the fall. It is good to see Kristi and the other real estate agents smiling again... It feels like a sign of good times.

9/11 Flight 93 Memorial /Commemoration

I had the privilege of an invitation to the September 11, 2010 commemoration at the new Flight 93 National Memorial Park. Family members of the 40 passengers and crew were joined by Governor Rendell, U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Laura Bush and Michelle Obama in remembering one of the most incredible acts of heroism in our lifetimes, perhaps in American history. I was not at the Lake on 9/11 or during the immediate aftermath, but was invited to represent many of you who were, and those of you/us who have stepped up in support over the past 9 years. Mayor Miscoe and former Mayor Lichty also attended, among others I recognized. It was a sobering, somber experience; beyond words.

Boat Storage Reminder

As the boating season winds to an end, people are beginning to ask questions about the Borough's rules on storage. Ordinance 144 says: Winter boat storage is permissible in a garage or accessory building. Winter external storage of boats between October 1 and May 30 of the following year is permitted provided that the following requirements are met. These are summarized from Ordinance 144; don't shoot the messenger... :

- a) boats may **not** be stored along the public roadway or in an area that is within the Borough road easement;
- b) boats to be stored must have a current Pennsylvania Boat License affixed;

- c) where boats are stored on a trailer, the trailer must have a valid Pennsylvania registration and license plate;
- d) In commercial zones only, boats must be shrink-wrapped and screened from view;
- e) **No** storage is permitted in Parks;
- f) There are no restrictions/regulations in an Agricultural zone.

Safe, hassle-free winter commercial storage is also available, such as at the Marina or Beaner Marine.

Building Permits, and other Permits

Our Ordinances and regulations seem to require a permit for just about anything. I recently relocated a pre-fab, 'portable' shed and a 'building permit' was required to do so, even though it was built long ago and was not being altered one bit... The maze of requirements is formidable and new and old residents alike have trouble keeping it straight. The simplest thing to do is to contact our Zoning Officer, Dean Snyder, and ask. He'll tell you 'yes' or 'no', and, if you're nice, maybe 'why'... Dean can be reached at the office by phone, at 754-8161 or 267-4614, or preferably by e-mail at ZONING@indianlakepa.us .

Adding to the confusion, **two** permits are required for large projects where state building codes may apply; one from Dean and one from our Building Code Official [Somerset County Building Inspections]. Dean can help you get that straight as well. Be safe and ask first.

Peninsula Water Tank Work Completed

Painting, and the DEP permitting and rework, is done. It's back on-line, finally. Water pressure on the Peninsula is back to normal, too. Thanks to all for your patience and cooperation.

Police Security Watch

Some residents ask the Police to periodically check on their property while they are gone for long periods (such as 'snow-birds' during the winter). I was asked to remind everyone that there is a form you can fill out for this and we have put it on the web site for your convenience under **Borough->INFO->Permits and Applications:**

<http://indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=FFIgnaU7SIM%3d&tabid=57&mid=382>

I thank you for your time.

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