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What's the frequency?

Newsletters will be issued **biweekly**. Interestingly, biweekly received the fewest votes... [30% voted weekly, 25% biweekly, 45% monthly]. The majority of people responding [55%] chose more often than monthly, and nearly 3/4 [70%] chose less frequent than weekly. Every 2.34 weeks doesn't work for me, so **biweekly** it is...

Comcast Block

The Comcast block of all e-mails from the Borough [@indianlakepa.us] has been fixed. Thanks for those who have been patient, and especially to those who helped work through the issue.

Professional Help

Thanks to the Somerset County Planning Commission, we have arranged a training session on Planning and Zoning with the Governor's Council for Local Government Services (GCLGS) and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This session, scheduled for 3 Feb 2010 at 6:00 P.M., is for members of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Committee, reviewers and authors of Ordinance 155 respectively. The public is welcomed, space permitting. At the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, 8 Feb 2010, Planning Commission will discuss how to incorporate lessons learned into the ongoing review of new Ordinance 155.

Dam Weather

The dam weather has slowed progress on the dam grouting effort. The dam valves are closed, so all the rain and melt runoff is being captured. March completion and mid-June site restoration are still the dam plan. We wish the dam groundhog well on Tuesday.

Charitable Contributions

Each year the Borough contributes nominal amounts to local charities on request. These are charged to the Miscellaneous budget. For 2009 this budget was \$4000 and we spent just under \$3000. This does not count large contributions to Fire and Ambulance services which total nearly \$20,000.

To ensure we make such contributions wisely, we will be asking the following questions: 1) Does the charity support/serve ILB or its residents or property owners? 2) Do any ILB residents or property owners serve as leadership or on the board of the charity? 3) Do any ILB residents or property owners personally support the charity (financially or as volunteers)? 4) Is the charity a registered non-profit authorized to solicit

funds/donations within the Commonwealth?

Should you recommend or sponsor a charity which solicits a contribution, do them and us a favor by asking them to address these questions in their requests.

Borough Advisory Committees

Response by volunteers to serve as community representatives on committees has been good. There is still room for volunteers and input on Watershed, Roads, and Recreation. To learn more, contact Bob Marhefka at watershed@indianlakepa.us, Dick Stern at roads@indianlakepa.us, or Joe Bucks at recreation@indianlakepa.us.

Web Site Use

Nearly 300 users are finding the new www.indianlakepa.us web site and e-News such as this useful. More info is now available without needing to register or to sign in, for your convenience. Once signed in, the full breadth of features are at your fingertips. This year we will be combining the Planning Commission web site with the Borough web site so you will not need to sign in separately. You will notice some Planning reference materials are already beginning to be migrated. These changes were made based on user feedback.

If you have suggested improvements, drop us a line. If it's hard, we'll whine, but most things are not hard with the new site.

Thank you for your time,

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