



Indian Lake Borough

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Borough Office Closed for 1 Week

The Indian Lake Borough Office will be closing at noon on Friday, August 12, 2011 and will remain closed through Sunday, August 21st. The office will re-open for business on Monday, August 22nd at 8:00 A.M. If you have an emergency, please call 911. If you need immediate assistance please call 814-442-4311. If your call is not immediately answered, someone will return the call by the end of the day.

Please be patient. Borough employees deserve a vacation, too.

Recycling Program Approved

Borough Council approved starting a recycling program within the Borough. The recycle bins/drop-off will be behind the Borough building [corner of South Shore Trail and Causeway Dr.]. Reese's Sanitation will coordinate the service and more details will be forthcoming. Initially only newspaper will be accepted, although our survey shows that people would also like to recycle plastics, glass, aluminum cans and cardboards.

Too much Chlorine in Water?

Residents up West Shore Trail have experienced a heavy chlorine smell in their water. This is due to a newly enforced DEP regulation, combined with our existing piping infrastructure. Right now, the only way to meet the DEP regulation (without a boil-water mandate...) is to jack up the chlorine to the upper limit. Even at that we need to throttle flow a bit... A better solution has been developed and approved by Council. The plan goes further than just solving the "chlorine contact time" requirement and will also result in two new fire hydrants on West Shore Trail.

Flowage Easement Status

More than 75% of the Lakefront easements and more than 60% of the Park-Lot easements have been signed and returned. Sufficient numbers are in-hand that Council considers it potentially worthwhile to proceed with 'limited' design/planning and scoping effort. DEP has indicated that they will NOT offer final approval until all easements are in-hand.

Council members have mounted a personal-contact campaign to reach out, answer questions and try to facilitate closure on this most-important dam remediation project. Those experienced with this project see great benefit to 'striking while the iron is hot'; cementing DEP's acceptance of this low-cost approach to Phase-III, and protecting our investment so far in the dam, AND in our lakefront properties. We don't like to think or talk about it, but the fact remains that DEP decommissions 25 dams per year due to dam safety issues such as ours, and they have the authority to do that. Please help get this issue behind us.

Road Paving Completed

Road seal coating for this year is complete. We did as much as we could and stretched the material as far as possible. If your road didn't get what you hoped for, we will try again next year. I wish we could do every road.

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