

E-NEWS December 2012 INDIAN LAKE BOROUGH

Here is the link to Indian Lake Borough web site as requested :

www.indianlakepa.us

E-News is simply a brief report on current Indian Lake Borough issues, and E-News is posted on the Indian Lake Borough Web site as well as distributed by email.

As we reflect upon the beauty of this season, may your holiday be filled with joy and peace. Take a ride around our borough at night and see the Indian Lake residents' version of the "Festival of Lights". Just beautiful.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: a repeat

Indian Lake is a member of the SwiftReach Networks. We use this service to communicate information to our residents. So the phone calls you get about the quality of our water, the flushing of our lines etc.. is not sent out from our borough office but is recorded by Dean Snyder and sent out by SwiftReach. Please do not call the office in response to these notifications because the notifications are sent out after the office is closed. Instead go to SwiftReach on the borough's web site where you will see the notification listed. If you are a new resident or if you need to change your phone number information, you can do it on our web site by clicking the **SwiftReach 911** notification link.

FINANCE: Patti Dewar

On 12-12-12 at the council meeting, Council adopted the 2013 Indian Lake Borough Budget as advertised. There will be no increase in the millage which was advertised in the 2013 Tax Rate Ordinance and adopted at the council meeting as well. "No increase in taxes" is "good news of great joy" to end the year.

LAKE/ENVIROMENT : Lynn Shimer

Bill Kirkpatrick submitted his report on the 2012 Indian Lake Fish Study.

It is posted on our web site and makes for interesting and informative reading.

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS : Paul Cornez

Dam update- Application resubmitted with DEP Dam Safety as stated it would be. Received comment letter from Somerset Conservation District on E&SPC application dated November 14th. Comments were minor and application will be filed again by the required date.

Received letter dated November 30th from Dam Safety thanking us for the "The 2012 Annual Inspection Report for Indian Lake Dam". It also gave thanks to our engineer for the accomplishment of this work and the cooperation extended by the Borough and our engineer.

It seems like I am forced to repeat myself every month, but here goes-**The biggest delaying factor continues to be a minority of individuals who have not executed their Flowage Easements.** Those individuals, names posted on the Borough Website, continue to cause delays and cost the rest of us additional tax dollars.

ROADS AND MAINTENANCE: Terry St. Clair

The borough crew is on their winter schedule. Their hours are from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm. Of course winter maintenance/plowing will be a constant priority.

GARBAGE/TRASH (repeat and current)

Remember

Residents have two options – either contract for garbage service or take your garbage “home” with you.

Reminder – do not use private dumpsters or your neighbor’s garbage cans, or vacant property, or borough’s property to dump your garbage. It is a theft of service and you will receive a citation.

WATER/SEWER : Bob Hanson

DEP and PA Rural Water have agreed to study our sources of drinking water under a federal grant and at no cost to the Borough. This study will determine the root sources of our water and examine all risks to our water sources. DEP will then let us know if we need to do anything looking ahead. Our wells are fed by underground aquifers and right now we are not certain exactly where all the waters come from or how they might be impacted, by us or by others.

Results will be posted as they become available.

POLICE

The Mayor’s News Letter by Mike Miscoe gave a detailed report on the police and the police activities. It is posted on our web site.

We have two part time police officers, Mark Custer and Richard Brant on duty.

REMINDER: As a way to deter minor crimes of convenience, remember to keep your vehicles locked and your house and garage locked. If you see something suspicious, report it to the IL Police. Please be alert to those pedestrians and bicyclist sharing the road and be remindful of your speed. If we all drive responsibly, we all will feel safer walking and biking in our borough.

PERSONELL : Charlie McCauley

No report.

SKI SLALOM COURSE

Refer comments to Theresa at the Borough office or Robert Oates, President of the Ski Club.

NEW COMCAST SERVICE CONTRACT

All the phone lines are up and serviceable with Comcast.

SHANKSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Shanksville Fire Department is a volunteer fire department. A major part of their revenue comes from the two boroughs and one township that they service. Their annual fund drive is a big part of SVFD budget income and sadly only 46% of the residents of Indian Lake support this fund drive. Please give your support to this fire department when they have their annual fund drive and when they solicit or fundraise at other times in the year.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS TIP OF THE MONTH a repeat

This tip will help you give information to the fire department in case of an emergency

Have a card posted in your home that has:

- 1) Your phone number and your address
- 2) Your neighbors' phone numbers and addresses
- 3) Be familiar with the lake map and have it posted or in a convenient place for reference. Maps of the lake are for sale in the borough office.

In your service,

Patricia Dewar, Council President