

E-NEWS November 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. In keeping with the Thanksgiving spirit, we are thankful that “Sandy” did not impact us here at Indian Lake as predicted. However, let us continue to keep those, whose lives have been devastated by this terrible storm, in our thoughts, prayers and charitable donations.

INDIAN LAKE’S 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK – OR TREAT AND HAY RIDE

was a success. To thank Susie and her helpers, you can contact Susie at Susie@miscoehealthlaw.com. In addition to Suzie, we give thanks to the Shanksville Fire Department and to the Indian Lake police.

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

As you know council has been working on the 2013 budget which will be advertised this month. The Indian Lake budget is more than a document with a bunch of numbers. It is, in fact, a planning, management and financial tool. Our budget is structured on the priorities set by council. These priorities are ones that best serve our property owners and our borough. Our council has adhered to the practice that the estimates for both revenue and expense should be projected in a conservative and realistic manner. Bottom line - There will be no increase in the millage which will be advertised in the 2013 Tax Rate Ordinance this month.

LAKE/ENVIROMENT Lynn Shimer no report at this time.

DAM/FLOWAGE EASEMENTS Paul Cornez

Dam update-

The Water Supply Permit has been received for the necessary work to the waterline coming from well 99 when the excavation for the final phase of the dam project is done.

On October 16th, Sean and I had a conference call with Roger Adams, head of the Dam Safety Division of the DEP and two other members of the division Travis Davis and Doug Kalore.

During that call, we reviewed the DEP comments to the submitted application and resolved all outstanding points. The application was to be revised and resubmitted. On Tuesday 11/13/12

Sean personally submitted the revised application to Dam Safety in Harrisburg. The operation and Maintenance Manual has been completed.

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 beginning 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.

POLICE

The Mayor’s News Letter by Mike Miscoe gave a detailed report on the police and the police activities.

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. 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

As a matter of information – Frank Maldovan, Outside Superintendant for the borough work force, has been on long term disability for almost 8 months due to a job related back injury. I know we all hope for a quick and quality recovery for Frank. His knowledge of the Borough and leadership role is being missed.

Frank absence from our employee group has made it difficult for the three remaining workers to stay abreast of the current day to day maintenance demands. We have, on occasions, used part time help just to keep up, and will, in all probability, continue utilizing part time help on an “as needed” basis.

Labor is one of the larger “controllable” expenses in our Borough budget. The word controllable can only be used under normal circumstances --- emergency needs are usually unexpected but demand quick response, i.e. blizzards, road washouts, downed trees, broken water mains --- and the list goes on. Referencing these demands generally entails overtime pay; however, the Borough Council remains committed to providing the necessary resources our community needs and expects..... AND, hopefully, all within the limits of the budget.

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. You recently received a notification that they could not have their turkey raffle because of gaming regulations. Your support is solicited to help make up for the turkey raffle profit loss.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH

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, and are on the web site.

In your service,
Patricia Dewar