

Web Site Updates

The Borough Event Calendar has been eliminated and consolidated with the **Community Calendar** on the Indian Lake Info Network site. Gay Reed has graciously offered to be co-editor of the **Community Calendar**; you may contact either her or me to have an item added or edited.

Check it out at: <http://indianlake-pa.net/asp/Calendar.aspx>

After two failed attempts, we have finally found a new Forum software package [from Simple Machines, fittingly] that meets our all our needs; FREE, Easy [relatively], powerful and feature-rich, and requires no moderation and minimal administration . The NEW **Smoke Signals Forum**:

- --Is **independent** of the Borough web site or any other web site.
- --Is much **easier** to use (and administer), yet **more capable** than previous Forum attempts.
- --Allows **messaging** between members. You may choose not to share your e-mail address; all messaging thus stays within the Forum; your privacy is protected.
- --**Allows** avatars and profiles, but does **not** require them.
- --Does **not** require registration to read posts, only to respond or start new posts or to message.
- --**Will remember you** and your login credentials **forever** [if you choose], or until you reset your browser [IE, FireFox, Chrome, Safari].
- --Has a great editor that seems to be stable and error-free [text editor... not me...].
- --Allows small file **attachments** [2 max, 256K each].
- --Automatically turns a URL or e-mail address into a direct clickable link.
- --Permits Users to conduct their own **Polls** or **Surveys**.
- --Shows who is or has been on line.
- --Allows each user to elect to be **notified** by e-mail when someone has responded to a post or posted a new topic of interest.

The plan is to use the **Smoke Signals** Forum to replace the e-News in the hopefully near future. News when you want it, not when we get around to sending it.

Please check it out at: <http://indianlake-pa.net/smf>

Other News

The Lake will begin refilling when the valves are closed; that will occur when the ice melts and there will thus be no risk of ice tearing docks apart. Check back for a Smoke Signal as spring approaches and it gets warmer...

There is a Hemlock Blight that is moving into our area and taking its toll on our local Pine Trees [Hemlocks]. Lynn Shimer, Councilman and Chair of the Watershed and Environment Committee, writes about it on the Borough web-site at:

<http://indianlakepa.us/dotnetnuke/Borough/Committees/WatershedEnvironment/tabid/136/Default.aspx>

There may not be much we can do, but we thought you should know... We will ask Lynn to keep you updated via Smoke Signals.

Frank Moldovan is back to work as our Public Works Superintendent after being out for some time due to an injury. That puts us, finally, back at 4 full-time employees keeping our water, sewage, roads and other infrastructure maintained.

Think Spring !!

-Editor