



Indian Lake Borough

e-News

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Easement Status ...and importance of getting them signed...

We are at around 200 flowage easements completed, at last report, and growing. This is nearly 2/3 of the individual lakefront "R-1" lots. An additional 150 easements for "park lots" [non-buildable] have only recently gone out, and since they were done separately from the original group of lakefront lots, are only now trickling in. It is so important that we get each of these signed and returned to our solicitor, Dan Rullo, so we can proceed with DEP. Please give it your attention, if you have not signed and returned yours yet.

Remember that we are pushed for time to get this confirmed and thus avoid a more costly alternative. Please help the process. Ask your neighbors if they have acted and, if they have concerns, to ask and to get them resolved.

New Trash/Refuse Contract

A new Refuse/Garbage collection contract is being awarded to Reese Sanitation for the next 3 years. The new contract features a cost savings of more than \$6 per month (~\$20 per quarter) and back-door pick-up at no additional charge. To continue garbage collection without interruption you must contact Reese Sanitation at (814)324-4498 or customerservice@reesessanitation.com. Their mailing address is :

**Reese Sanitation
2014 Palo Alto Rd.
Hyndman, PA 15545**

Commercial and dumpster service is available at a low contract rate over the 3-year contract period as well.

Paving Contract(s)

Council recently awarded contracts for road paving and seal coating. The work should be commencing shortly.

Paving: Airpark Drive east and west and Potomac Lane.

Double Seal Coat: Sioux Path, Niagara Lane, Huron Lane, Mohawk Path and Circle

New Enterprise Stone and Lime was the successful paving bidder. Residents have asked to be made aware so that they might get a driveway paved at the same time... New Enterprise may be contacted at **814-444-3130**.

"Near Miss" on Gas in Diesel Equipment

We had a huge scare recently, when it was discovered that our fuel supplier had filled our diesel tank with gasoline. Multiple trucks, the backhoe and grader all had doses of gasoline instead of their diesel fuel. It was easy to replace the gasoline with diesel in the tank but we had to have each piece of equipment serviced with filter and pump inspections. All equipment is now back in service and the damage is minimal. The fuel supplier is expected to cover the costs incurred. Workmen's time was diverted to different projects for several days while inspection of equipment occurred. It could have been much worse!

Darren Miller Swim

On Sunday, June 12th, Darren Miller worked out at Indian Lake. Darren is a marathon swimmer from nearby Murrysville who is working on setting a new world record for Channel Swims [such as the English Channel]. His day here was marked by good media coverage and many thanks from Darren. Go to <http://www.dailyamerican.com/entertainment/photos/da-ot-watch-darren-miller-swim-indian-lake-20110612,0,3042889.photogallery> for a glimpse of the day in pictures and <http://www.dailyamerican.com/news/somerset/da-ot-marathon-swimmer-trains-on-the-waters-of-indian-lake-20110612,0,5277550.story> for the cover story. Darren swims for charity; Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh and their Forever Fund.

How is our water doing?

The big 'boil water' scare just before Memorial Day was an odd situation. Nothing at all changed with our water supply, but DEP came to review a recent mandate having to do with the amount of time that water must be in contact with the chlorine that we add at the well until it reaches the first house that we supply water to. Even though we have submitted our paperwork for this mandate three times now, there was concern by DEP that they didn't have it and that we didn't comply, which resulted in the 'boil water' mandate. Fortunately, we were able to adjust the chlorine level upward a little to meet the requirements and temporarily get us out of the 'boil water' situation. A permanent fix is being reviewed by our engineers. This only involves the houses supplied by well #2 on the Buckstown side of the lake.

Weeds

Our review of the lake weeds by expert Bill Kirkpatrick showed that the early weed growth was very light this year. At his recommendation, we only treated a small area on June 20th around Mohawk and Choctaw. There were not any restrictions on lake use since the area is small and the restrictions on the chemicals used have been relaxed. However, the chemical works better close to the shore if there is minimal turbulence for a few days. So, try to accommodate that where possible. **It is not advisable to water plants or grass with Lake water for the 5 days after treatment.**

Unfortunately we expect the later weed growth to be as bad as ever, so treatment is planned for it later in the summer. There are no lake use restrictions associated with this treatment, either, unlike those we have had in the past.

Are we going to drain the Lake or not?

Good question. The answer depends on the recommendation of expert Bill Kirkpatrick, a.k.a. the weed guy. Bill was awarded a contract last year to do a follow-up to the 2006/2007 DEP Lake Study to determine if our recent regimen of lowering the Lake was unwittingly following the disastrous path of nearby Lake Shawnee. This year-long follow-up will not be done until later this summer.

Lake Shawnee has not yet recovered following the dramatic changes now believed to have occurred in the 2003/2004 timeframe before which they lowered the lake every year or two.

Update on Valve

The new upstream flow-control valve is back in place. A soft rubber gasket seemed to do the trick, allowing the bolts to be tightened yet not twist the valve such that it leaks excessively. Leakage exists but at a much reduced rate. We are doing some final checks, including a final check with DEP, before proclaiming victory.

Fireworks Reminder

Saturday, July 2 will be the date for fireworks this year (with a rain date a week later Saturday, July 9) The Community Band is scheduled to begin playing at the marina about 8:00 or 8:30.

Free Fill

The Borough has clean fill available and is running out of room to keep it all. If you need some and have the means to come and get it, contact the Office to do so.

Thank you for your time,

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