

# SMOKE SIGNALS

## October 2010 – Website Edition

Lake Shores Association

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<http://www.indianlakes.org>



# INDIAN LAKE

### Special Note:

At the October monthly board meeting (minutes are included in this issue of Smoke Signals) the board voted to increase the issues of Smoke Signals to 4 editions annually. Two editions will be mailed and all are posted on our website. Members who wish a “paper” copy of the current issue of Smoke Signals may obtain one from the office. This is October issue of Smoke Signals is one of those editions that will not be mailed to the members; however, we will e-mail it to members if we have their e-mail addresses on hand. At the October LSA board meeting the board also voted to provide dumpsters this fall (see calendar) and the cost of those dumpsters is offset somewhat by not mailing as many issues of Smoke Signals as we have in the past.

**Our goal is to make our lake a clean, fun and safe environment. We welcome any additional help and assistance.**

### Member Signs:

There are three posts at the entrance and one at the pavilion for your signs. When signs are posted for Parties, Garage sales etc., please take them down the day after the event is done.

### Pavilion:



The \$50 rental fee for the use of the pavilion was established based on the member vote at the annual meeting in August 2008. Dues must be current for members to able to rent the pavilion. Also please note that fasteners such as tape, nails, and screws are not to be used to attached items to walls or windows.

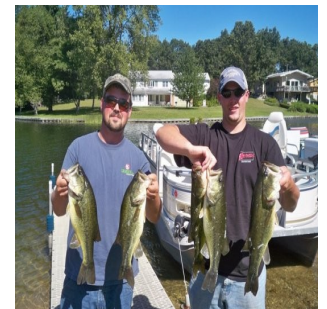
Abbott Pavilion is located at Tall Pines Cove. With ample playground area for children, seating for roughly 100-150 people, a kitchen, and rest room facilities, the pavilion is a great place for any gathering!!!

Abbott Pavilion can be reserved for your personal event by contacting Tammy Williams at 231-629-1877.

### Fish:

This fall the plans are to plant 400 6 to 9 inch walleye and 1400 3 to 4 inch black crappie in our lake. The cost for the fish plant is \$4028 this year. Bass fishermen are requested to practice the custom of catch and release – note no large mouth bass are scheduled to be planted this year!

Just a reminder that DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelly Smith in a release on the topic of fish kill said, “Winter kill is the most common type of fish kill. It is particularly common in shallow lakes and streams. It can have significant impacts on fish populations and fishing quality.”



August 28 Bass Tourney  
Winners - Kyle & Andy with  
15.1 lbs of Bass

The DNR does remain concerned about fish killed by diseases like viral hemorrhagic septicemia. Anyone who finds fish with clinical signs of VHS, such as lesions on the skin or blood in the eyes of a fish, is asked to report the fish kill at [DNR-FISH-Report-Fish-Kills@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-FISH-Report-Fish-Kills@michigan.gov) or call their local DNR office.

### **Fireworks:**

The fireworks this year were spectacular, and our cost for that show was \$6,000. Please continue to send in your donations to Lake Shores Association, P.O. Box 63, Howard City, Michigan 49329 or include them with your dues. **Remember it is your donations that fund the fireworks.**

### **Dumpsters:**

Yard waste dumpsters for leaves and grass only (no trees or stumps) will be provided October 15 – 30! Locations will be Shady Oaks and Pawnee Points Parks.

### **Building Regulations:**

Building regulations are spelled out in L.S.A. covenants, restrictions and township zoning ordinance. All structures and alterations must get approval and/or permits from the Lake Shores Association architectural board, township zoning administrator, and county building department. Reminder: **Sheds are not allowed on vacant lots – please see Covenant and Restrictions Article VII, Section 2.**

The first step in any building process is to phone John Westveer at 231-937-5280.

Our website ([www.indianlakes.org](http://www.indianlakes.org)) has both the Covenant and Restrictions and our Lake Shore By-laws.

### **Neighborhood Watch:**

Please report any suspicious behavior to the Montcalm County Sheriff or the State Police in Lakeview.

It would be a good idea to arrange to have your grass mowed if you will not be living here in the summer and your driveway plowed if you are not living here in the winter. A lawn not mowed and a driveway not plowed are sure indications you are not occupying your home at the moment.



### **Please Welcome our New Members:**

If you are new to our community and have not received your new Welcome Packet, please contact Doug or Darlene Ringler at 937-4198.

Also, lake members, if you know of any new members that have not been contacted by a Board member, please call Doug or Darlene at 937-4198.



### **Central Office:**

The central office on Apache is up and running. This is the location to pay dues, get boat stickers, etc. This will eliminate the need to go to board member homes for these purposes. Please contact a board member if it is not open and you need to conduct business with the association such as paying dues or getting a boat/trailer sticker.

### **Smoke Signals via e-mail:**

You can access Smoke Signals (including past editions) on our website at [www.indianlakes.org](http://www.indianlakes.org) and the current edition also can be delivered via e-mail. We currently print out 500 copies with costs in excess of \$500.00 each time the newsletter goes out. Smoke Signals (in color) can be e-mailed (recipients' e-mail addresses will not be

revealed) to those members who choose that option. Association members who wish to receive their Smoke Signals by e-mail can e-mail a request to [info@indianlakes.org](mailto:info@indianlakes.org).

## Lake Water Quality Issues :

**Sonar treatment to lake in 2010:** We will continue the recommended weed treatment through our representatives for the DEQ. This summer expected a complete weed kill treatment of the lake with an estimated cost between 30,000 and 40,000 dollars. The water was tested in the last of week of April and treatments began May 3. Our strain of Eurasian milfoil seems to be somewhat resistant to the herbicide that has been applied, but attempts to eradicate it continue.

**Zebra Mussels:** Reportedly, some lakes in our area have been invaded by Zebra Mussels. (For example Big Whitefish reportedly has been invaded by zebra mussels, eurasian water milfoil, and purple loosestrife). These mussels can significantly change the character of any lake that they infect. The following is from

[http://www.ec.gc.ca/EnviroZine/english/issues/35/feature3\\_e.cfm](http://www.ec.gc.ca/EnviroZine/english/issues/35/feature3_e.cfm): “Zebra Mussels are transported from one lake or river system to another by hitchhiking on boats, boat trailers, barges, sea planes and other aquatic equipment. Juvenile and adult mussels can attach to boat hulls, engines, anchors, and other submerged equipment, as well as to plant material that may get caught on boats and trailers. In their microscopic juvenile stage, they can also be carried in boat bilge water, live wells, bait buckets, and SCUBA gear”.

By taking a few precautionary steps after boating and fishing in other lakes, Indian Lake boaters can prevent the spread of mussels. Some appropriate steps are:

- Inspect the boat and trailer carefully for mussels and aquatic vegetation and discard in the trash.
- Drain all water from the boat, including the bilge, live well and engine cooling system.
- Dry the boat and trailer in the sun for at least five days, or if you use your boat sooner, rinse off the boat, trailer, anchor, anchor line, bumpers, and engine with hot water or at a car wash.
- Leave live aquatic bait behind – either give it to someone who is fishing in the same waters, or discard it in the trash.

There are no known methods for eliminating Zebra Mussels from an area once they have become established. Public assistance in preventing the spread of this highly invasive species and reporting new infestations to the DNR is essential to help reduce their negative impacts on the local environment and economy.

## Miscellaneous Notes – some legal :

- Board members will be checking parks for non members and members with unpaid assessments.
- Vandalism affects all association members and will not be tolerated! Those guilty of acts of vandalism in our community will be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.
- Parents did you know that you can find a list and pictures of sex-offenders in our county? A search at <http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us/> located 40 in our county - including some in our community.
- All Indian Lake parks are private and open only to members and close at dark.
- Our Covenant and Restrictions Article VII, Section 2, in part reads **“No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other out-buildings shall be occupied or**



**stored on the property at any time either temporarily or permanently.**” Members who violate this restriction should expect to be contacted by the board!!

- The pumping of water out of the lake is prohibited.
- Tee-pee Island (as are all parks) is “common property” and for members only. Users of the island (especially during the evening hours) should realize that sound carries well over water, so users of the island are urged to closely monitor the volume of the sound that they produce. Residents in nearby homes have been disturbed by loud noises emanating from the island.
- It is the member's responsibility to acquaint their visitors to the lake with issues such as boating and private park usage rules. **Members are responsible for their guests both on and off the water.**
- Calling all walkers. Just a reminder, when on the road, walkers/runners should walk/run on the left side of the road facing traffic, and anyone riding on wheels should ride on the right side of the road with traffic.
- Dogs on common property (parks and Teepee Island) must be on a leash – always!! Dog owners are expected to clean up any “deposits” their dogs leave on common properties.
- Winter storage of boats: Boats are not to be stored on docks or common area properties for the winter!!

### **Residents who have not paid their annual dues should note the following notice.**

Lake Shores Covenants and Restrictions Article IV, Section 3-c contains the following statement (see [www.indianlakes.org](http://www.indianlakes.org) under Covenants and Restrictions): “The right of the Association, as provided in its By-Laws, to suspend the enjoyment rights of any member for any period during which any assessment remains unpaid, and for any period not to exceed thirty (30) days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations.”

Currently there are 45 members delinquent in the payment of their dues, and the sum of unpaid annual dues is in excess of \$13,000.

The continued failure to pay dues **will result** in liens being placed on your house/lot.

### **Renters rights and limitations:**

Montcalm Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Root some time ago issued an order in a court case where the Lake Shores Association was listed as the defendant (File No. 92-N-833-cz). This order clearly outlined the rights and limitations of those renting property located within “Indian Lakes”. The order found 1) that the lake is classified as a private lake, 2) that there is no restriction on the rental of a structure on a lot belonging to the owner, 3) that only owners may use common properties as defined in the Covenants and Restrictions, whereas renters **may not** use these common properties, and 5) “that renters of lots can access the lake by means other than common properties.” On the other hand, Winfield Township has enacted an anti-funneling ordinance that would, in effect, prohibit our member lakefront owners from giving non-owners access to our lake across their property.

### **New ORV ordinance:**

- ORV operator must be at least 12 years of age and cannot travel faster than 25 miles per hour. Anyone 16 or younger must have adult supervision **and** possess an ORV safety certificate.
- Anyone who violates the ordinance can be ordered to pay a fine of up to \$500.

See The Daily News at URL <http://www.thedailynews.cc/main.asp?SectionID=21&SubSectionID=379&ArticleID=35673> for a more complete explanation of this ordinance.. This article appeared in the October 08, 2010 issue of The Daily News.

<b>Board Members:</b>		Home Phone	Cell
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Vice President	Ray Brimmer	231-937-7946	
Secretary	Tammy Williams		231-629-1877
Trustee	Doug Ringler	231-937-4198	
Trustee	Ken Kool	616-293-2022	
<b><u>Welcoming Committee:</u></b>		<b><u>Building Committee:</u></b>	
Doug & Darlene Ringler	231-937-4198	John & Shirley Westveer	231-937-5280
<b><u>Law Enforcement Numbers:</u></b>		<b><u>Newsletter Committee:</u></b>	
DNR – Vicki Goss	616-225-3414	Tammy Williams	231-629-1877
Poaching	800-292-7800	Glenn Irwin	231-629-4797
Animal Control	989-831-7355	Consider advertising in Smoke Signals! We still have room for your ad!! Smoke Signals is published 3 times a year. Prices for 3 editions are \$75 for business card size, \$150 for ½ page and \$200 for full page ad. Lake members receive a 10% discount.	
Drain Commission – Don Cooper	989-225-7322		
Road Commission	989-831-5285		
Michigan State Police/Lakeview Post	989-352-8444		
Montcalm County Sheriff	989-831-5253		
Howard City Police	231-937-4311		
Emergency	911		

### **Calender of events for Fall 2010**

- Winfield Township meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Winfield Township Hall at 7:00 pm.
- The LSA Board meets at 6:30 pm the first Tuesday of each month in the Pavilion. Meetings are open to members unless the board calls a closed meeting.
- Yard Waste Dumpsters (leaves and grass only !!) October 15 – 30
- Halloween Celebration: October 30 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 2011 annual dues notices will be mailed mid January.

### **Boating Regulations for Indian Lake**

- There shall be no high speed boating/jet skiing or in other words no wake for the entire lake before 11 am & after 8:30 pm.
- Michigan Law requires that a spotter must be present on any watercraft that in any fashion has a person in tow,
- Michigan Law requires all watercraft to stay a minimum distance of 100 feet from all other boats.
- All traffic must be going in a **counter-clockwise** fashion around the lake.
- The boat launch is for association members only and with watercraft that bear an appropriate Indian Lake sticker. Trailers at the launch site must have an Indian Lakes appropriate sticker.
- No guest boats are permitted on Indian Lake!
- The “no wake” rules apply to everyone who uses the lake – please comply!!
- EVERY boat on public or private lakes must be registered with the state.
- Please remember that members are responsible for their guests both on and off the water.
- All boaters should make sure their boat has the required personal flotation devices.
- The Montcalm county sheriff marine patrol does visit our lake.



## **West Suwannee Road Work:**

Three cheers from those who live on West Suwannee! This happened in late September.



## **Board Minutes:**

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 Board Meeting  
Abbott Pavilion 6:30pm

Call meeting to order

Roll call: Dave Van Dam, Doug Ringler, Ken Kool, Tammy Williams

Absent: Ray Brimmer

Motion to change agenda per Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken. (guest speaker to speak)  
last months minutes read, motion to approve, Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug.

Guest Speaker, John Moeller from Remax realty, speaking about Stan/Chris Chase land/development. Everything Chases own in property, they would like to sell to lakeshore assc. Will keep updated.

Treasurers report: 2 checks in for past dues. Balance on hand is .  
Street lights: 3 street lights need repair, consumers contacted.

Smoke Signals: at a price of \$500.00 for every smoke signal we put out, and the cost of leaf dumpsters, board has agreed to print 2 smoke signals and 2 via internet edition, in order to incorporate the cost of dumpsters.. Motion set and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Please note: These minutes will be read for approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting – November 2 at 6:30 pm at the Pavilion.

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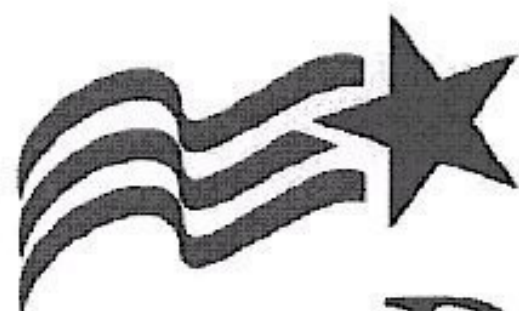
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