

Indian Lake Smoke Signals

Volume 2, Issue 9

October 2004

OFFICERS

Bob Gates
President
852-6325

Beth Proko
Vice President
856-9598

George Ford
Treasurer
852-4066

Maria Leitao-Pina
Public Affairs/ Sec.

Michael Zylich
Special Project Mgr

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Herb Adams
Keith Bousquet
Chuck Colebrook
Carol Cormier
Irving Cormier
Tony Economou
Dennis Head
Paula Imbergamo
Jane Jackson
John Paul Marosy
Isada Martignetti
Peter McKone
Ken Mierzykowski
Kevin O'Sullivan
Warren Page
Pat Pavini
Ed Proko

319 Grant Status

BMP'S: Underground filtration systems will be installed at three locations around the lake through the 319 grant: the corner of Grove and Holden Streets, Huntington Avenue and at Sherburne Avenue. They will be designed over the winter and are scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2005. These systems will control the flow of excessive sedimentation and other foreign matter that enters the lake at these locations.

PLANT REPLACEMENT: In August, approximately 200 plants were moved from Little Indian Lake to the main lake as part of the plant replacement pilot program. The plants were last checked in September and seem to be doing well. When the plants are checked in May, we will have a better



handle on the success of the program. Copper sulphate treatments were applied to the lake late in August to improve clarity for the benefit of the newly installed plants, but unfortunately, we had little success due to all the rain we received which stirred up nutrients in the sediment and caused additional algae to grow.

Little Indian Lake

The board has been working with the abutters to Little Indian Lake which is located at the southern end of the main body of Indian Lake, separated by Route 122A/Grove Street near Forest Grove Middle School. This water body has had continuing problems with weed infestation

for many years. To date, the most effective method of treatment has been through

chemical means which keeps the weed growth under control for several years. However, continued chemical treatments have added to the shallow depth of this water body and underscored the need for a long term management plan. The neighbors, many of whom are members of the ILWA, are seeking funds for a comprehensive study of Little Indian Lake so that a long term plan can be developed and implemented. Anyone who would like to assist with this project should contact Warren Page at 508-791-1765. In the meantime, a spring weed treatment is planned.



Water Quality Monitoring

Our final water quality monitoring of the season will be on Saturday, November 13th. Volunteers are needed to collect water samples and perform testing at Griggs & Browne between 8 and 10am. Please contact Mike Zylich if you can help with either or both at 864-8582 or mike.melissa@verizon.net.

Drawdown

The gates will be opened to drain the lake for the winter drawdown November 1st. Please plan accordingly. Remember, this also presents a good time for waterfront property owners to clean up around docks before the ground freezes.

Indian Lake Calendar

We have big dreams of developing a calendar of Indian Lake and the surrounding area, yet we have not been able to secure a good set of photos to get this project underway. Can you please search through your photos and contact neighbors who may have some? Old and new photos are welcome. We know they're out there!! Please contact Paula Imbergamo at 508-853-5159.

Neighborhood Cleanups

The ILWA cleanup will be held on Sunday, November 7th from 9am to Noon. We ask that you make your best effort to come by even if for an hour. It is very much appreciated. For those hearty souls who can't get enough of that great community work, our neighborhood elementary school, Nelson Place, will have it's Fall Cleanup on Saturday, November 6th from 9am to Noon. Kispy Kreme Donuts will also be on sale on this day to raise money for the PTO. There will be some extras available that day, however, you can reserve by calling Tony Economou at 508 459-5540 by Oct 29th.

Fall Cleanup Sunday, November 7th 9am - 12pm

- Install permanent trash receptacles at Morgan Park.
 - Rake & pickup trash.
 - Clean up along shoreline.
 - Prepare flower beds at neighborhood parks for winter.
- Please meet at Morgan Park.

Please direct questions, comments or suggestions for this newsletter to:
Beth Proko 508-856-9598 or bproko@charter.net

Next Meeting

The ILWA Board of Directors' next scheduled meetings are Tuesdays November 9th, February 1st and March 1st at 6:30 at Griggs & Brown, 549 Grove Street. All members are welcome.

103 Holden Street

Since being found guilty of filling in over 11,000 sq feet of wetlands in 1984 by the Conservation Commission and DEP, the property owner at 103 Holden Street has chosen to leave the house, old cars and overgrowth on the property as a neighborhood eyesore rather than repair the damage he did. The house has since been condemned. Neighbors of this property have been talking with city officials for over 20 years as to how to resolve this situation vet still no end is in sight even

though it has even gone as far as the Supreme Court. This gentleman is now seeking to get approval to build a subdivision on this property (it is 5+ acres and runs from Holden Street to Grove Street) and is still evading the restoration plan set forth by city hired engineers. Please take a moment to call or write to members of our city administration, Councilor White, Mayor Murray or City Manager O'Brien, and ask them to resolve this situation for the sake of the neighborhood and our limited city resources.

ILWA Website

The ILWA has registered the domain name of ilwa.org for our website. We are anticipating having this site, which will offer membership information, current events, history and more, live within the next month.

Please accept my application for membership in the Indian Lake

Do you have a new neighbor? Please pass on this newsletter and encourage them to join or contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 for more information.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| _____ Senior or Student \$5 | _____ Sustaining Member \$50 |
| _____ Individual \$10 | _____ Benefactor \$100 |
| _____ Family \$25 | _____ Patron \$1000 |

Number of Children in Family _____

Interested in Volunteering? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Send to:
Beth Proko, Vice President
Indian Lake Watershed Association
2 Holden Street
Worcester, MA 01605

Membership Valid 1 Year From Date of Receipt