

Indian Lake Smoke Signals

Volume 2, Issue 13

April 2007

OFFICERS

Bob Gates
President
852-6325

Beth Proko
Vice President
856-9598

George Ford
Treasurer
852-4066

Maria Leitao-Pina
Public Affairs/
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Herb Adams
Carol Cormier
Irving Cormier
Dennis Head
Paula Imbergamo
Jane Jackson
Isada Martignetti
Peter McKone
Ken Mierzykowski
John Nadreau
Kevin O'Sullivan
Warren Page
Pat Pavini
Chet Pietrzak
Ed Proko
Michele Sloan

State Funds Reap Benefits

After a myriad of budget changes, we are happy to report that the Indian Lake Watershed Association was officially granted the \$25,000 earmarked in the state's supplemental budget.

Last October, we designated how these monies would be best spent including miscellaneous items to complete the Frostholm Memorial project; replacement American Flags for Hapgood-Brooks Memorial (intersection of Grove and Holden Streets), Frostholm Memorial and Morgan Park; 2007 lake management surveys for both Indian Lake and Little Indian (this includes pre and post season weed surveys); 2007 weed management applications for Little Indian; algaecide treatment for main lake; water monitoring equipment and a preliminary dredging investigation which includes calculating the amount of sediment which has accumulated at the inlets at Nelson Place, Huntington Avenue, Sherbourne Avenue and Shore Drive and an analysis of what the sediment consists of.

This significant contribution is key to moving a number of projects forward and for that we thank State Representative Bob Spellane, former Representative Jim Leary and Senator Harriette Chandler.

Ribbon Cutting @ Frostholm

We have confirmed **Saturday, May 5th at 10am** to celebrate the restoration of the Frostholm Memorial which is located across from Strand's Ski Shop on West Boylston Street in Worcester. The Indian Lake Watershed Association, and especially World War II Veteran and ILWA board member, Herb Adams have cared for this memorial for many years. Orig-

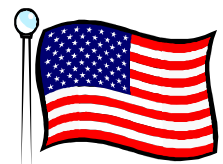
nally donated by the Salloway Family, it was to honor those in the neighborhood who served in World War II.

Some time ago, the display case deteriorated and all the names were lost. The ILWA, working with a plan developed by the Worcester DPW/Parks Department, initiated the restoration of this important piece of our neighborhood history.

A brick pathway now brings visitors from the street to the memorial and flagpole, beautiful new landscape adorns the entire island, a sign now announces what the memorial is to oncoming traffic and a brand new hand made display case safely encloses the many names that volunteers collected over the past year. We will continue collecting names that may have been missed. We have also taken advantage of the large display area so that we can now honor our veterans from the neighborhood from WWII to present.

This project, with a total cost of close to \$50,000, was completed almost entirely with donated monies and services with generous assistance from many individuals and businesses including John Jolin of Jolin Paving & Excavating, Richard Balderelli of Balderelli Brothers Inc., John & Donna Sansoucy of Sansoucy Stone, Saint Gobain Corporation Foundation, Douglas & Julianne Frost of Frost Manufacturing, the Nathaniel Wheeler Trust, Lincoln MacDonald of Worcester Fitness, Joe LaCroix of Chadwick Foodmart, Rick Ramstrom of Ramstrom's Service Center, Michele Hoey of W.J. Hoey Tire Co and students from St. John's High School.

Please mark your calendars for this special event. For more information, contact Karen Greenwood of Veteran's Services at 508-799-1041.



Shore Park

At this time, due to an illness, the Indian Lake Yacht Club will not be opening this season.

Any boats on the Shore Park property belonging to sail club members will need to be removed as soon as possible. Please contact the Worcester Parks Department at 508-799-1190, Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 or Beth Proko at 508-856-9598 to gain access to the facility.

The Parks Department is still moving ahead with plans to open the beach at Shore Park on July 1st. This could change depending on how the budget chips fall over the next month.

Sediment Reduction

Is the lake getting shallower? We get that question a lot. Many of the issues plaguing Indian Lake are due to excessive sediment that has washed into the lake over the years. This can come from development without proper barriers in place, sand and salt from the road, unpaved roads or areas where the natural vegetative border has been removed from along the waterways.

The sediment is most visible when the water level is down during our winter drawdown.

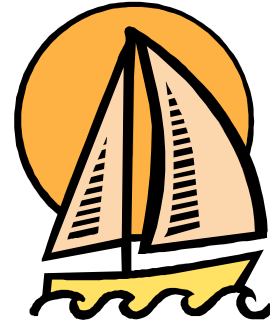
What are we doing to stop it? The ILWA has taken many steps to reduce the amount of sediment entering Indian Lake.

- Lobbied city officials for the paving of the sidewalk at Morgan Park, Barnstable and Diana Roads.
- Applied for and received a grant for the installation of underground sedimentation basins that were installed at three locations around the lake.
- Submitted a petition in cooperation with the Greendale Y, Bancroft School and Worcester Fitness to have the sidewalk paved along Shore Drive.
- Will soon be conducting sediment analysis in preparation for future dredging.

If you have a question on what you can or can't do near a local waterway, contact the Conservation Commission 508-799-1454.

Next Meetings

The ILWA Board of Directors' next scheduled meetings are Monday, May 7th and Monday, June 4th at 6:30 at Griggs & Brown, 549 Grove Street.



Spring Cleanup

Please join us on **Saturday, May 12th** for the Indian Lake spring cleanup. We are fortunate to have students from St. John's High School joining us once again as part of their community service day. We will be cleaning up the wooded area at Morgan Park as well as doing a major spruce up at Shore Park to get it ready for the summer season. Please meet at Morgan Park at 9am and bring gloves if possible. For more information, contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325.

Website

Have you visited our new website? You can find all kinds of great information at www.ilwa.org. Current projects, meeting dates and more.

Photographer Mike Nyman donated his time to creating a 360 degree photo of the lake last fall as well as taking a variety of other photos. We hope to have these up very soon!

Membership

New neighbor? Please pass on this copy of our newsletter!

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, May 12th
9am - 1 pm

Please meet at Morgan Park.

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