

Indian Lake Smoke Signals

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Spring Cleanup

The Indian Lake spring cleanup will be held on **Saturday, May 9th from 9am to Noon**. We will be working at Morgan Park, Shore Park, City Beach and Norton Drive. Please meet at Morgan Park at 9am.

Frostholm Memorial Name Update

We are planning to update the Frostholm Memorial with names that were not included in the original restoration. If you have not already submitted a name that you feel should be on the memorial, please contact Bob Gates at 508-852-6325 as soon as possible. Herb Adams and Bob Gates are also building an extension to the display case for additional names.

Tennis Court Re-striping

District 1 City Councilor Joff Smith has been given a commitment for the re-striping of the tennis court at Morgan Park. These lines have been worn for some time so this will be a welcome update for our tennis community.

Water Quality Monitoring

The ILWA in cooperation with students from Forest Grove Middle School, continue to do monthly water quality monitoring. Several locations in the Indian Lake watershed are tested for nitrates, phosphates, dissolved oxygen, temperature and turbidity. If you are interested in assisting with this, please contact Kim McCoy at <>.

Police Crime Watch

The Worcester Police Department's Community Impact Division has monthly neighborhood watch meetings at Ford's Hometown Services. The Indian Lake Watch Group is designed to address quality of life issues in the Indian Lake area. Monthly reports track neighborhood issues and allow the police to make the best use of their resources. Our District Police Officer is Officer Gerald O'Connor. For information on future meetings, please visit the following web page:

<http://www.wpdimpact.com/indianlake.htm>

'The Wall'

The ILWA has recently worked with Steve Hopkins for a solution to make the wall built on Grove Street across from Morgan Park easier on the eye. Mr. Hopkins and his team of landscape designers have come up with a plan which will provide interest for all seasons. With irrigation within the walls and Mr. Hopkins' recent purchase of the abutting property, this will ensure success.

Summer Beach Plans

Shore Park and City Beach on Indian Lake will be open this summer for swimming. The anticipated dates are July 1st through August 16th with regular hours of operation from noon to 7pm.

Once again, we are thankful for the public/private partnership between the Bancroft School, the Greendale YMCA and the City of Worcester for the cooperative agreement which will allow Shore Park to open to the public once again.

Helpful Numbers

WORCESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Main number: 508-799-8606 (any time)

Operations: 508-799-8669 (someone is usually only at this phone during the day)

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

Dispatch: 800-632-8075

Office: 978-630-3748

Do not hesitate to contact the Worcester Police Department (WPD) if you see illegal activities happening at the parks surrounding the lake and Environmental Police in regards to reckless driving and improper use of boats or personal watercraft on the lake.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ILWA Board of Directors will be **Tuesday, MAY 5th at 6:30pm** at Ford's Home-town Services.

For more information, visit our website at www.ilwa.org!!

City Services Slashed: What can you do to help?

The City of Worcester continues to face fiscal challenges that affect us all. As an organization, we have provided much assistance with maintenance and upkeep at our parks and memorials in area surrounding Indian Lake. Yet, further cuts in the parks department means a commitment from each of our members and neighbors is needed even more.

Please take the time to consider helping on a regular basis at the parks and memorials in our neighborhood:

- Pick up trash
- Pull weeds
- Pick up branches
- Spread mulch
- Rake
- Plant and water flowers
- Sweep parking areas and sidewalks
- Make a call to the police department if you see illegal activities taking place at any of these facilities

Membership Update

Every donation, big or small makes a difference to what we as an organization are able to accomplish at Indian Lake and in our surrounding neighborhood. It is very much appreciated. In an effort to streamline our membership process, we will no longer be sending the ILWA membership cards.

For those of you who take the time to send a little note with your membership, please know that each of these kind thoughts is read and appreciated.

We will continue providing as much information as possible in our newsletter and on the ILWA website.

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

**Please direct questions, comments or suggestions for this newsletter to:
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