

Indian Lake Smoke Signals

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Spring Cleanup

The ILWA spring cleanup will be held on **Sunday, May 1st from 9am to Noon**. Goals for the day include cleanups at Morgan Park, Frosthalm Memorial, Hapgood-Brooks Memorial and the public beach. Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves and trimmers if possible and meet at Morgan Park at 9am. Groups are welcome!

Frosthalm Memorial

The ILWA prides itself not only on lake and shoreline improvements but also improvements and issues that relate to our neighborhood as a whole. Members of the ILWA have long taken care of the Frosthalm War Memorial which is located across from Strand's Ski Shop on West Boylston Street. This memorial was donated many years ago by the Salloway Family of Salloway's Market to honor our World War II veterans from Greendale. Unfortunately, most of the names were lost when the display case deteriorated long ago and the landscape is in need of improvement.

The ILWA recently developed a project plan for the Frosthalm Memorial in cooperation with the City of Worcester Parks and Veteran's Services Departments. The plan involves adding pathways, benches and landscaping to this highly visible location. Extensive research will have to be done by volunteers to replace the names on the memorial.

About 2 weeks ago, we completed a grant application to the Nathaniel Wheeler Trust seeking funds for landscaping. Provided we are successful in getting monies through Wheeler, we will be looking for individuals and businesses

to sponsor benches and assist with pathways and research. If you can help in any way with this valuable project, please contact Beth Proko at 508-856-9598 or Bob Gates at 508-852-6325.

319 Status

The City of Worcester Department of Public Works has secured an engineering firm to design the underground catch basins that will be installed at three to four locations around Indian Lake. This is a critical piece to reducing the sediment and other runoff that has long been entering Indian Lake. Installation is currently expected late summer or early fall.

We are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to examine the plants that were installed last year as part of the pilot plant replacement program funded through the 319 grant. This piece of the project is being watched statewide as a potential non chemical solution to the invasive weed problem facing many lakes throughout New England.

Water Quality Monitoring

With the installation of the sedimentation systems mentioned above, water quality monitoring by the ILWA is no longer required by the DEP for the purpose of the 319 grant, however, we are currently planning on continuing the monitoring twice a year starting with **Saturday, May 14th**. We will need individuals to collect samples and perform the testing in the conference room which is graciously donated by Griggs & Browne. Contact Kim McCoy for more information at mcbstone@yahoo.com.

Proposed Boat Ramp Move

In the fall, a meeting was held by the Worcester Parks & Recreation Commission to examine the possibility of moving the boat ramp from Morgan Park to Shore Park. Let me assure you that this is not set in stone and there will be future meetings to review the design ideas and improvements that would be made to both facilities if this were to move forward.

Some of the ideas that are being considered for Shore Park are a separate gated entrance to the boat ramp that would only be for boat launching with "swim deterrent" rocks surrounding it.

Morgan Park would become "car top only" (canoes and kayaks) and in place of the current boat ramp, a handicapped accessible fishing pier may be installed. It is becoming clear that the ongoing problems at

Morgan Park stem from **Take & pick up trash** a facility not large enough to handle it. On the other hand, we DO NOT want to see the same problems moved to Shore Park.

The current boat ramp is in need of replacement. The state is looking at which options make the most sense. We don't anticipate a quick decision. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

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Park.

Clean up along shoreline.

Prepare flower beds at

neighborhood parks for

winter.

Please meet at Morgan Park

as we learn more.



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9am to Noon



Still coming... Stay tuned!! The ILWA has registered the domain name of ilwa.org for our website.

**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 May 3rd and June 7th at 6:30 at Griggs & Brown, 549 Grove Street.

We Want Your Feedback

Do you have an idea of what you would like to see in our newsletter or website? Have a question that you would like to have answered? Please feel free to send your comments and/or questions to Beth Proko at bproko@charter.net. We'd love to hear from you!

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5 North Pond Road,
Green Hill Greenhouse
Worcester, MA 01605

The tireless efforts of ILWA President, Bob Gates, have produced another banner year at the Green Hill Park Greenhouse. Bob has been growing plants to be installed at our neighborhood parks for the past several years which takes a tremendous amount of time and energy. Anyone that can assist with watering or planting, please contact Bob as soon as possible at 508-852-6325. If you would like to make a donation specific to the greenhouse effort, please make checks payable to the ILWA, 5 North Pond Road, Worcester 01605 and make note that it is to be used for the "Greenhouse Fund".

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: _____

E-Mail (Optional): _____

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