



# INDIAN LAKE UPDATE

SPRING 2021

### 2021 OFFICERS

President – Dale Frymyer  
Vice President – Randy Wax  
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Secretary – Linda Coil

### Board Members

2019: Pete Lowe  
2020: Rachel Kubic  
Charlie Strete  
2021: David Goff  
Ben Pile and Nancy Roeli

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PR/ Communications – Randy Wax  
Memorial Trees – Dale Frymyer  
Parks/ Dredging Liaison – Bob Easterday  
ILDC Vounteers – Linda Coil  
Membership – Dave Leiter  
Special Events – Larry Blinn  
Park Volunteers – Dale Sullivan/  
Jeff Garlock  
Historian – Dave Helgeson

### MEETINGS

All are welcome to attend!  
Our meetings are held at the  
Indian Lake State Park  
Campground Multi- Purpose  
Building the third Wednesday  
of every month except  
December. Meetings begin at  
7:30 pm and last approximate-  
ly one hour.

## Key Dates to Remember

**Disc Golf Tournament**

June 5, 2021

**Fox Island Play-  
ground Build Week-  
end**

Jun 12-13, 2021

**ILDC Day!**

September 10, 2021

**Fall Festival**

September 24-26,  
2021

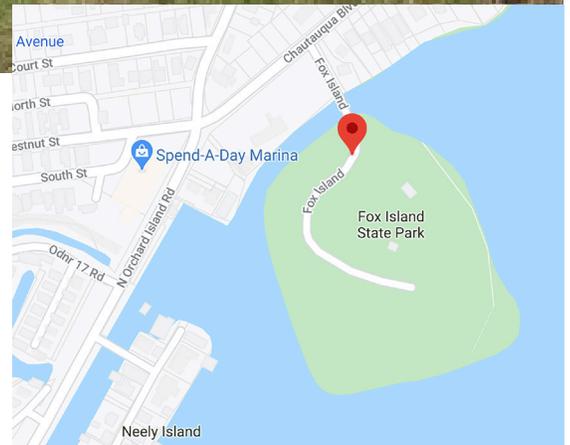
## THE FOX ISLAND PLAYGROUND PROJECT: *A dream coming true for all children!*



**WooHoo!** We have made the first payments on the playground equipment for the Fox Island Inclusive Playground/ "Come Play at the Lake!" The delivery date should be in June. There was a scheduled date of June 16-18 for a "community build" to assemble the playground equipment on site, but we have been told of a possible delay. We will keep you posted as the time gets closer.

We will need volunteers to help assemble the playground pieces when they arrive. Don't worry! If you can handle a socket wrench and follow directions, your volunteer services are graciously welcome and needed! You do NOT need to be skilled at handling tools. You just need to have a heart to work and want to be a part of a wonderful project to benefit every child of every ability. We will have people in groups with skilled supervisors to help you along the way. This will be an all-day

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**Mark the weekend of June 16th/18th on your calendar to give us a hand in building the playground. We NEED you and your battery drill with 9/16" socket (and your charger!). No experience necessary! Employees from Mid-States Playgrounds will be on hand to guide us. Coffee, donuts, lunch, snacks will be provided by generous donors.**

## Didn't receive your dock permit invoice?

by Jeff Garlock

We had not received our contract/invoice for our dock permits for 2021. Knowing that they are due May 1st we contacted the State Park Office. The staff there was very helpful. According to their records they had mailed the invoice to us back in March. I asked if there was a website that we could use to check for the invoice ourselves instead of having to call the office. The staff directed us to RESERVEOHIO.COM. The **park office staff must enter your email address into their system first** but then you can go to RESERVEOHIO.COM and follow these steps.

1. Click LOGIN
2. Enter your email address in the USER ID
3. Click "FORGOT MY PASSWORD"
4. A temporary password is sent to your email address (copy this password)
5. Go back to the online screen and Click on "RECOVER MY ACCOUNT"
6. Paste the temporary password into the login screen along with your email address
7. Click Login
8. You will be prompted with a screen to immediately change your password
9. Enter a new password and confirm it in the screen that comes up
10. Now login with your email address and new password.

Under my account on the home page you can choose MY HOLDS which allows you to see your invoice for your dock permits and even make online payments if you choose.

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build, each day, with lunch provided. If you are interested in helping, all day or any part of that time, please contact Linda Coil at lcoil@woh.rr.com. Between Linda and Randy Sullivan, they will keep you informed as we learn more.

Every project has its start and there are some generous people we need to acknowledge and thank who have gotten us to this point and helped make this all happen. Derek Gillespie of Shoreline Construction and Dan Reichert of Reichert Excavating have both donated their time to haul in fill dirt and prepare the playground area for the equipment build. The fill was supplied by Duff Quarry. Their efforts brought the playground site level to the current restroom elevation keeping the new playground site up and out of any possibility of ponding water. Prior to the community build, Dave Maier of Maier Concrete Construction will be donating his time to form and pour the sidewalk surrounding the play area. This will keep the tile in place. We just need the weather to cooperate with us to stay on schedule!

After the community build of the playground pieces, a special tile will be laid by Midstates Recreation. This tile allows ease of mobility for those in wheelchairs and has a longer lifespan than other surface types that are available. Once the tile is in place, our plan is to dedicate the playground some time in July. This will be a joint celebration of ILDC and the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD). This is ILDC's largest project to date and we couldn't have accomplished this without YOU!

The LCBDD, whose matching funds of up to \$150,000 helped make this project happen sooner rather than later, has a goal of helping each community in Logan County build an inclusive play area. It is in this spirit that ILDC and LCBDD joined efforts to create the Fox Island Inclusive Playground. Anyone who would still like to contribute to the playground fund may contact Greg Ferrall at ferrall7@yahoo.com for sponsor level information. You can mail a donation of any amount to ILDC, PO Box 103, Russells Point, OH 43348-0103. Donations are still needed and appreciated. Memorial benches are currently being sought to surround the play area. Please contact Dale Frymyer, ILDC

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## Meet Dave Leiter

by Dave Helgeson

Long time ILDC member, Dave Leiter, recently turned 87. Dave, affectionately known as the unofficial mayor of Long Island, is one of the few remaining charter members of ILDC. He remembers our very first Dredge Day in 1983, which was held at old Schuler's marina at the end of Clarmont Street in Russells Point, next to the Yacht Club. That Dredge Day became an annual event which brings state officials and local leaders to our lake to see our beautiful recreational resource first hand. It is an opportunity for our community to bring issues affecting the lake to the forefront of these state and local leaders agendas.

Dave's role in Dredge Day, practically from day one, is the grilling of mass quantities of barbecue chicken. Legislatures and local folks of influence only have to be asked once to come to Dredge Day. Once they hear Dave's barbecue chicken is on the menu, that's all it takes. Who knows what promises have been made due to Dave's chicken!

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## 2021 Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast

by Linda J. Coil

The ILDC Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast was held March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Because the State Park was still under restrictions, the event was hosted by St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church. The Committee was Dale Frymyer, David Goff and Cindy Richter. They, along with their spouses, put in a lot of planning and hard work to make the breakfast happen. We would like to thank them and the ILDC volunteers who helped: Cynthia Defibaugh, Teri Frymyer, Kelly Goff, Jeff Leiter, Dave Leiter, Pete Lowe, Ben Pile, Fred Reichert, Bob Richter, Nancy Roellig, Charlie Strete, and Randy Wax. In addition, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, Russells Point Council, who prepared the pancakes and sausage. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Park next year when we can have the full Maple Syrup Festival with all the activities.



## Dredging Up More Dirt!

by Dave Helgeson, former Park Manager and former ILDC President

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Indian Lake State Park, is allowing interested contractors, builders, and the general public to use dredge material for fill and topsoil. Dredge material is lake bottom pumped from shallow areas to dredge material relocation areas (DMRAs). There are several DMRAs accessible by vehicles around Indian Lake: Moundwood, Old Field beach, behind the park maintenance facility, and Chippewa marina.

Dredging in Indian Lake is restricted to areas within a mile of a DMRA. Once a DMRA is full of dredged material it can not be used again unless the material is removed. Allowing interested parties to remove dredge material will allow reuse of DMRAs.

In order to remove dredge material individuals are required to use their own tools and equipment; be it shovels, loaders or back hoes. Individuals will also be required to use their private vehicles to transport the dredge material. A waiver of liability must be signed by all participants. Waivers of liability are available at the Indian Lake State Park office located in the campground.

The contact person to make arrangements to remove dredge material is Dan Gillis, West Central Dredge Supervisor, Ohio State Parks. His contact information is dan.gillis@dnr.state.oh.us, or phone 614.634.0747. Dredge material can be of several types: clay, sand, gravel and silt. Mr. Gillis will advise interested parties of the best location to meet their needs. In some cases, State personnel can pile material for easier removal.

ODNR is looking for additional DMRA upland sites on private lands within close proximity to Indian Lake. A site on private land is currently being constructed on the northeast side of the lake. ODNR will need additional sites to ensure dredging of Indian Lake in the future. If you have several acres of vacant land, or know of land suitable for a DMRA, please contact Mr. Gillis.

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president, if you are interested in sponsoring a memorial park bench for the Fox Island Inclusive Playground. A club or group may also be able to sponsor a bench in their organization's name.

Thank you to everyone who has given in any way to this worthy project. ILDC continues to be dedicated to the betterment of the Indian Lake State Parks. Your support and contributions make that happen.

The ILDC Fox Island Project Team  
Cynthia Defibaugh, Charlie Strete, Greg Ferrall, and Dale Frymyer

## No More Membership Cards!

At the April ILDC meeting, the members present voted to eliminate ILDC Membership Cards. Costs and time to mail out the membership cards were cited as the reason.

In the distant past, cards had been mailed upon receipt of the dues paid, and more recently, members had a choice to have a card mailed, which did lessen the time and cost of postage, but still, as a completely volunteer organization, it has become a time consuming effort.

Please use your canceled check as a receipt of membership payment or email Pat Blinn at lwblinn@gmail.com to check if you are current on your dues.



## Fore! Disc Golf Tournament

Rachel Kubic, who was instrumental in getting our Disc Golf Course installed, has announced a Disc Golf Tournament for Saturday, June 5th at the course at Old Field Beach. Hopefully, this will become an annual event here at Indian Lake. Tee off at 9:00am. Check ildcoho.org for additional details.

### Did You Know?

- ... Indian Lake encompasses 117 miles of shoreline? *Wow!*
- ... Indian Lake has a 9-hole Disc Golf Course? *It's located at Old Field Beach.*
- ... That there's an Archery Course available to use? *It's behind the recycling center at Moundwood, opposite the parking lot from the boat ramps.*
- ... That there are at least nine handicap accessible fishing spots around the lake for those with disabilities to enjoy fishing?
- ... There are new kiosks at the ramp areas? *These kiosks depict updated maps of the lake, rules and regulations, and other interesting information!*

**Meet Dave...***(Cont. from page 2)*

In 1997, Dave became president of ILDC. He enjoyed the job “so much” that he held the post for 17 years. One of the things Dave was known for was his letters to ODNR. Never the shy one, if there was a “bee in his bonnet”, he was quick to whip off a letter to the state. All Indian Lake park managers during Dave’s tenure could expect a call from Columbus as a result of Dave’s letters!

Once Dave relinquished the presidency he still maintained his role as ILDC membership chairman. Also a position he has had ever since! He takes that position very, very seriously. If you fail to renew your annual membership be it inadvertently or not, be prepared to be called on “the carpet.”

Seriously, you will find no one else who is more dedicated or has more of a love for Indian Lake than Dave Leiter. Some of the projects completed during his years as president include:

- Funding to renovate the park office conference room
- Funding to construct handicapped fishing access areas
- Construction of park benches along the bike paths and boat ramps
- Funding of new playgrounds at Moundwood and Old Field Beach
- Donation to help the ILWP purchase a weed harvester
- Testify in Columbus in support of state parks and dredging
- Key player in obtaining a new suction dredge for Indian Lake
- Assisting in obtaining funds for the multi-purpose building in the campground
- Funding for water bags for memorial trees
- and probably much more!

We wished to recognize Dave for his many years of dedication to ILDC. Happy birthday and thank you, Dave!



**MEMBERSHIP**

Our 2021 target goal is 700 memberships. In 2020 we came close but didn’t hit that target. As people see and learn of ILDC’s accomplishments in and around the lake, such as the Fox Island Playground (see page 1), Old Field Beach shelter houses, new

playground equipment, the disc golf course, ADA handicap boat ramp and dock, our hope is even more people will join our worthy organization. Below is the ILDC membership application form if you have not already renewed or joined for 2021.

**ILDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  \$15 Family or Business

Make checks payable to ILDC and return to ILDC, PO Box 103, Russells Point, OH 43348

*Please print clearly*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Address (if different than above):**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an additional donation to ILDC in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

for  Fox Island Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_