



I N D I A N L A K E UPDATE

FALL 2023

2021 OFFICERS

President – Rachel Kubic
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Treasurer – Teri Frymyer
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David Goff
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Graphic Design – Randy Wax
Historian – Dave Helgeson
HondaGo – Jeff Garlock
ILDC Volunteers – Randy Sullivan
Membership – Cindy Richter
Memorial Trees – Dale Frymyer

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 one hour.

Key Dates to Remember

ILDC Christmas Dinner

December 5, 2023
LuLu's at the Lake

Maple Syrup and Pancake Breakfast

March 16 & 17, 2024
Indian Lake State
Park Campground



PARTNERSHIPS

ILDC: Enhancing Community Life Through Partnership

As most of you know, ILDC is a non-profit organization committed to the betterment of Indian Lake. We help supplement funding from the state budget; through a range of fundraising initiatives, including events like the Maple Syrup Festival, Fall Festival, Taste of Indian Lake (which will be transitioning to a Indian Lake Chamber-sponsored event in 2024), recycling centers, \$15 membership fees, Capital Funding requests and generous donations, the ILDC secures resources to maintain and elevate Indian Lake State Park and the surrounding area's appeal for residents and visitors alike.

The ILDC's mission is to maintain and elevate Indian Lake's status as a highly sought-after destination for living and leisure. This commitment is exemplified by the numerous amenities and projects they've introduced, Playgrounds/equipment, a 9-hole disc golf course, handicap-accessible boat docks/fishing piers, archery targets, commemorative trees and benches, nature trails/walking paths, a dog park, little library houses, and much more. These additions not only enrich recreational experiences but also foster a sense of community and remembrance, creating a well-rounded environment for all who come to Indian Lake.

Ongoing projects, such as a new 12-foot-high gateway sign at the Intersection of SR 235/SR 366 and SR 33 in Lakeview, the construction of Pickleball courts at Old Field Beach and a shelter house at Chippewa Park, demonstrate the ILDC's forward-thinking/planning. These initiatives underscore Indian Lake's significance and ensure its continued vibrancy as a sought-after destination for living and leisure.

A vital partner in the ILDC's endeavors is Honda and their HondaGo program. This initiative mobilizes Honda employees, with 25 to 40 volunteers contributing their time to tasks around the lake, from painting restrooms, shoreline cleanups and much more. Their continued support exemplifies the powerful impact of collaboration between private enterprise and community-focused organizations.

For those eager to make a difference, the ILDC invites individuals to join their dedicated group of volunteers, with meetings held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, lasting no more than an hour. Active participation with the ILDC allows individuals to play a vital role in shaping the future of Indian Lake and fostering a sense of pride and belonging within this vibrant community.

Please consider partnering with this great group of people and make a real, palpable difference in our community!

What's Happening at Indian Lake State Park?

Hiedie Whitman

Indian Lake State Park Manager

Dear ILDC members:

What a successful wrap-up to 2023 for Indian Lake State Park! We are always so thankful of the hundreds of hours that our volunteers contribute to the place we all love and enjoy.

The Division of Parks and Watercraft will have a record year with nights stayed at state park facilities. There were 870,000 nights stayed throughout our state park system. That goes to show we are not slowing down anytime soon and neither is Indian Lake! By the way, Indian Lake State Park is the second most visited state park in Ohio!

It's been a busy summer with normal maintenance operations, mowing, rip rap work, cleaning facilities and etc. We have identified areas that are going to serve as pollinator sites. They will be located at Moundwood and Old Field beach and planted in the next week.

Fox Island is looking better than ever! We are so excited to have the restroom and drainage issues completed! This project has been a long time coming and I appreciate everyone's patience and support.

In the campground, we are getting a new "nature center" building that will be located down at the amphitheater. We are very excited to have the Naturalist have her own space to serve our visitors. This will be a 16' X 26' building built by Miller Barns. The space will also serve as an educational spot for conservation displays such as composting and recycling, water safety and eventually a sensory garden.

I would just like to close with a heartfelt thank you for allowing me to be a part of our beautiful and best state park. Your work never goes unnoticed and we couldn't do it without your support.!

ILDC Park Volunteers

I would like to thank all our volunteers for helping this year. With your help we were able to work on and complete the following projects:

- Shoreline clean-up: Trimmed weeds/trash pick-up/trimmed trees
- Memorial trees: Plaque posts shortened and repairs made/trees planted/trees trimmed
- Cherokee Trail:
 - A. Made and installed pathway signs x 8 on unmarked half
 - B. Made and installed prayer sign x1
 - C. Installed new metal plaque signs x7 on marked half:
 - D. Repaired 75% of boardwalk, last 25% will be completed in 2024
- Moundwood Marina: Made and replaced both channel entry signs
- Dog Park: Repaired damaged obstacles and installed a new obstacle
- Memorial benches: Poured concrete pads/assembled benches and installed
- Fox Island Playground: Repaired damaged frame ends of benches and re-installed at playground
- Park Signs: Installed and/or maintained flowers at all the various park entry areas

EVENTS

- Boat Show: ILDC booth support
- Maple Syrup Festival: Preparation/set up/prepare and serve food/clean up/tear down
- ILDC Day: Set up/prepare food/serve/tear down/clean up
- Fall Festival: Set up/sell/write tickets/tear down
- Frisbee Golf: Set up/support at tournaments
- Taste of Indian Lake: Preparation/support at event locations

Without your help, we could not have accomplished all the expectations for the ILDC Volunteers this year so on that note, I look forward to working with you again next year.

If you have any ideas or would like to join our volunteer group, please email me (Dale Randy Sullivan) head of the ILDC Park Volunteers at drs10913@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Randy Sullivan



ILDC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday December 5, 2023 at LuLu's at the Lake

Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres Cash Bar 5:30-7:30pm Dinner at 6:30pm

Choose between one of the following entrees and desserts:

Marsalla Chicken or Meat Lasagna

Chocolate Cake or Assorted Seasonal Pies

Includes:

House Salad

Roasted Red Skin Potatoes and Green Beans

Beverages

\$20.00 per person (pay at the door)

PLEASE RSVP YOUR CHOICE OF ENTREE BY NOVEMBER 28, 2023
to ildc1983@gmail.com.

“You meet the nicest people on a Honda!”

by Jeff Garlock
HondaGo Coordinator

Community service. Have you ever wondered where our community would be without volunteers? For many, volunteering provides personal fulfillment and a sense of belonging to the community, something every human being needs. By using our time and talents to positively impact the community in which we live is very rewarding. The ILDC is privileged to partner with a great group of volunteers!

The HondaGo teams from Honda work every year, side-by-side with our ILDC members. Their impact has been felt nearly everywhere around the lake. Their energy and spirit have been positive for our community. From tree trimming, to spading and mulching, to shoreline cleanup, to painting in the campgrounds, to re-



ally anything we ask them to help with. This group continues to provide service with a smile year after year. Honda volunteers really do look beyond themselves for the betterment of the community. Additionally, we wouldn't have such great volunteers if volunteering wasn't part of Honda's philosophy of being a great corporate partner. As our year comes to a close, we would like to thank Honda and all of the many Honda volunteers that use their time and talents to help improve the Indian Lake community. THANK YOU HONDA!



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Ruby and Pat

by Dave Helgeson
Retired Indian Lake State Park
Manager and former ILDC
President

This year marks the 40th year of the founding of ILDC, a non-profit whose mission is to bring community support to Indian Lake State Park. ILDC does this with its many volunteers who undertake all kinds of projects that benefit the park and enhance the park visitor experience. We also bring park issues to the attention of local and state political officials.

In the long history of ILDC, we had two treasurers that served 20 year terms – Ruby Thomas and Pat Blinn. *Talk about dedication!*

Ruby was our first treasurer and served from 1983 until 2003 (or there about “everybody’s memory seems a little faded”). For those of you who consider yourselves a long time “Lake Rat” will remember Ruby as a prominent lake resident. She was for many years a customer service rep at the old Farmers Bank in Lakeview (Farmers Bank eventually morphed into Americom Bank which morphed into Sky Bank which was swallowed up by the Huntington). Everyone at the time knew Ruby and Ruby knew everyone!

Initially, ILDC income was generated from a membership of several hundred, annual Fall Festival, Maple Syrup Festival and later in Ruby’s term, the Memorial Tree program. Expenses usually involved festivals, memorial trees, and donations to the park’s playgrounds, equipment, and whatever projects the park manager might come up with.

Sadly, Ruby passed away in 2003 and Pat Blinn became our treasurer. Pat and her husband Larry have been members of ILDC from nearly the beginning. They reside in Marysville, and have a weekend residence at Holiday Shores. Besides being treasurer, Pat and Larry coordinated and organized the ILDC food booth at the Fall Festival for many years. At one time ILDC set up a tent and volunteers grilled brats, hot dogs and pretzels. It was great fun but lots of work! Sadly, we all got “old” and we had Schmidt’s Sausage Haus wagon take over our spot.

Anyway, when Pat took over as treasurer, ILDC really took off. We now have a membership of over 700 and she had many project accounts to oversee. In addition to the Fall and Maple Syrup Festivals and Memorial Tree program, we now have additional project accounts such as tree and park benches, park VIP funds, pickleball, frisbee golf, Chippewa shelter project, the gateway sign project, Taste of Indian Lake, and the Fox Island playground and maintenance fund. Wow! In the beginning, Ruby dealt with a few thousand dollars, now are balance is in the hundred thousand range. Pat did a remarkable job in keeping our finances straight and her audits were always spot on.

Unfortunately Pat passed away this summer. She will be greatly missed. The baton is being passed over to Teri Frymyer. She has some really big boots to fill!