



# INDIAN LAKE UPDATE

SPRING 2019

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Special Events – Larry Blinn

Park Volunteers – Charlie Strete

Historian – Dave Helgeson

## MEETINGS

All are welcome to attend!

Our meetings are held at the Indian Lake State Park Campground (depending on the outside temperature) in the Commissary or Multi- Purpose Building the third Wednesday of every month except December. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

## Key Dates to Remember

D.R.E.D.G.E.

September 13

Fall Festival

September 20-22

Visit [ildcOhio.org](http://ildcOhio.org) for details of these events.

## ILDC Projects (2018 Finished/2019 In-progress)

*What a year of accomplishments for ILDC in 2018!* by Dale Frymyer

- In the spring and early summer, on four separate days, 30+ HondaGO volunteers and ILDC members cleaned shoreline debris, placed stone along dock seawall, mulched around memorial trees
- The Chippewa Neighborhood Association and ILDC combined funding for the purchase of new playground equipment which was installed near the Chippewa boat docks



- Shade shelters (North and South) were purchased and installation started late fall at Old Field Beach
- ILDC volunteers took responsibility for landscaping and planting flowers around all state park signage. They also maintained these sign islands throughout the year
- The Indian Lake Memorial Tree Program (ILMTP) continued this year with the addition of 30 new memorial trees. Also, an additional 100 memorial trees were edged, sprayed and mulched
- ILDC members installed four memorial benches at Pew Island and south bank bike path
- Volunteers painted the interior walls of the west bank restrooms

## What to expect from ILDC in 2019?

- Everything that happen in 2018 and more
- ILDC took over full sponsorship of the Maple Syrup and Pancake Festival (See article on page 3)
- Install a nine hole disc golf course at Old Field Beach - **COMPLETED**
- Finish installation of North and South shade shelters at Old Field Beach - **COMPLETED**
- Continue the ILMTP including edging, spraying and mulching around trees
- Raise funds for new playground equipment (inclusive) at Fox Island and Lakeview Harbor
- Install ADA sidewalk ramp/railing and boat dock modifications at Russells Point Harbor - **COMPLETED**
- Continue landscaping and planting flowers around State Park signage. New areas will be added for 2019
- Inspect and repair playground equipment at Moundwood park
- Working with park manager to determine locations for installation of Pickleball courts (2)
- Volunteers from United Way of Logan County's Community Care Day painted the interior of the Multi-Use building at the Indian Lake campground - **COMPLETED**
- Continue ILDC sponsorship of the D.R.E.D.G.E. event and co-sponsor of the Fall Festival
- Work with state park manager to improve all aspects of our beautiful state park



## ILDC Member Spotlight

### Q&A with Rachel Kubic

**What started your involvement with ILDC?** Almost 3 years ago, my cousin, who has a place in Chippewa, asked if I would like to help him raise money to put in a playground at Chippewa Park. He had already spoken to Drew Shick at the Outreach Center and George Sholtis at the state park about his idea. George had introduced him to the ILDC and my cousin told me about them. I started attending the monthly meetings with Bill to learn more.

**Why should people get involved in ILDC?** It is an amazing group of individuals who give unselfishly of their time to help make a positive difference in our community. So many great things have been happening to make our community stronger. I have learned so much about the lake since I have started going to the meetings. My neighbors at the lake joke that I know more about what's going on then they do, and they live here full time!

**How were you able to get the Frisbee Golf course donated?** I used to be on a Community Recreation Council at Lazelle Woods Recreation Center in Columbus. We had an individual make a presentation to us about creating a Disc Golf course at our center's park at no cost to us. I remembered this and contacted Paul Jay from the Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club and asked him if there was an opportunity to have Disc golf at Chippewa Park. He said my timing was impeccable; they were going to be nationally televising their tournament and were looking to donate their gently used Baskets to groups whose purpose was to get kids outside and active.

Not only did they donate, but Paul came out to help look and design a course. Unfortunately; we determined Chippewa would not be large enough for a 9 hole course. I called George and asked where else could we possibly put the course and he said Old Field Beach. Paul came back and helped draw up the course. A HUGE Thank You to Paul, his buddy Rick and the Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club for being SO generous with their time traveling and educating me on what I needed to know to get this course up and going.

**Anything else you would like to be quoted on?** A community is only as strong as their members. When groups of people work together for a common goal and to help others who need it; anything is possible! (and that is why I keep coming back). I want to leave the world a better place than when I came into it.

Thank you to all of the local businesses that helped us put in a brand new playground at Chippewa Park, ILDC for donating to the playground, Paul Jay and the Columbus Flyers Disc Golf Club, Nathan Thatcher, my husband Jeff, son Max, Randy



## 2019 ILDC/ODNR Sign Beautification Volunteers by Charlie Strete

The following people have volunteered to maintain and beautify the area beneath and around signs and some structures located around the lake. They have accepted this responsibility graciously. ILDC has set funds aside to help in their efforts. Items such as mulch, Preen, fertilizer, plants, etc., is made available to assist them.

### Sharon Devault OLDFIELD BEACH SIGN

Located just off 235 as you enter into the park road

### Pete Lowe and Brenda Manley FOX ISLAND BEACH SIGN and ENTRANCE ROAD

120 feet long by 8 feet wide of river rock along roadway entering into park

### Ed Odenweller BLACKHAWK SIGN

A circular area around sign entering park/boat ramp area

### Patti and Charlie Strete and Len Christman POST OFFICE ISLAND SIGN and PLANTING AREAS

Sign at entrance, two large plantings near parking area and planting at turnaround

### Jean and Larry James PEW ISLAND SIGN

A circular area around sign at park entrance. This is a new area for ILDC in 2019. Planning to place two layers of pavers around sign

### Terry and Jeff Honnold LAKEVIEW HARBOR SIGNS

Larger sign at intersection of 366/235. Smaller sign at entrance to boat ramp off 366

### Bob Easterday MOUNDWOOD SIGNS

One sign entering smaller parking lot to park. One sign entering Moundwood boat ramp area

### Susanne and Diane Gillespie ODNR SIGN at 366/368 INTERSECTION

Large sign as you enter onto 368 toward the Indian Isles and Moundwood areas

### Jeff Leiter BLACKHAWK SHELTER HOUSE

Our second year of addressing this area around the shelter house

### Kelly Roby CHIPPEWA SIGN

The sign entering park area. Our first year of addressing this sign area, exciting to continue helping improve this area

*Thank you to all the volunteers on this project! If anyone else would like to take on projects like this to help beautify our lake, contact Charlie Strete at 740.215.1110*

## HondaGO Volunteers Work Day

Honda Transmission Manufacturing (HTM) associates are passionate about supporting their local communities, helping those in need and preserving the environment for future generations.

HondaGO is composed of three pillars: Volunteer – Give – Active, all which represent a personal investment on behalf of associates who willingly give their time, money and sweat for the causes that matter the most to them. Luckily for us, Indian Lake State Park is one that matters!

A work day has been scheduled July 16 where Honda volunteers and ILDC members will clean up and prepare our lake for this summer's events. In addition, HAM Accounting volunteers and ILDC have scheduled a Indian Lake Clean Up day for June 14. Indian Lake is very lucky to have this ongoing support from the various Honda plant volunteers.

Goings, Chris and Paul Black, Tom and Mindy Linzell, and Bill Golden for their help installing the playground and last but not least George, our fearless leader; who listens to all of our big ideas with a smile on his face!!!

*We might add that if you've attended a monthly meeting and Rachel was*

*attending, she may have enticed you with a chocolate chip cookie (or two)! Rachel seems to want to leave a meeting a little bit better, too!*



by Dave Helgeson,  
former Park Manager  
and former ILDC  
President

## Dredging Up History

**The following is my personal opinion only, however, I think most of it is factual. I hope you find it interesting.**

I came to Indian Lake as park manager in September 1982. Things were bleak and slow at Indian Lake in the early 80's. The country was at the tail-end of a recession which lasted from 1981 to 1982. This was very evident at Indian Lake. Business was stagnant, the lake water quality was poor, navigation was marginal, at best, because of the proclivity of stumps, and state park facilities were outdated, and lake overnight accommodations and real estate development were scarce.

Once a week a representative from the EPA showed up at the old Moundwood park office to investigate complaints of residential sewer and gray water discharges directly into the lake. Many out-of-towner boaters left our boat ramps only to return shortly with a broken prop or lower unit after hitting a stump; vowing never to return to Indian Lake again. Boat sales were slow. The old amusement park area in Russells Point lay vacant and desolate. Park facilities consisted of vault latrines and under powered campsites.

What turned Indian Lake around to a vibrant, attractive tourist area and year round destination?

First and foremost was construction and expansion of the sanitary sewer system in the mid 80's to include all of the Indian Lake area. This eliminated the need for septic systems and holding tanks; and stopped illegal discharges into the lake. The project was completed through the leadership of our Logan County commissioners at the time, and support of the community. Despite the obvious need and support by most businesses and residents there was some controversy and opposition to the project. There were some very lively public meetings but in the end our commissioners prevailed for the greater good of our community.

*Below: A younger, mustached State Park Manager circa 1982!*  
(Photo: Dave Helgeson)



In the late eighties the State Park began an aggressive stump removal program. Boaters were urged to mark stumps with white floating jugs. To appease fishermen only stumps in high navigational area were removed. The stumps were removed using the park's two clamshell dredges. Many stumps of unimaginable sizes (some with props attached) lined the shoreline of Moundwood until relocated to disposal sites.

A rejuvenation of the boating business occurred in the mid-eighties due to the popularity of personal watercraft - or jet skis. Fun and easy to operate, PWC's popped up all over the lake. You didn't have to worry about stumps on jet skis, they could go anywhere - but watch out for other PWC's and other boaters! I look at personal watercraft as the boat that filled the gap before the boom in pontoon sales.

In the mid-eighties there was a man with a vision to take the old amusement park area, Sandy Beach, and turn it into an attractive condominium development for use by weekenders, snowbirds, and year round residents. The man's name was Bill Reed, owner of Spend-a-Day Marina, and the result was Harbourside Condominiums. Through a substantial investment by Bill and a few other community leaders, a large channel front condo development was realized that sparked future economic growth at Indian Lake.

Indian Lake State Park also began an ambitious dredge program in the eighties. The channels in the Game Reserve area were deepened to allow for greater boating access to this excellent fishing and scenic area. Moundwood channel and the North Fork area were dredged including the addition of silt traps to catch sediment before heading to the main lake area. Other dredge projects included Barnes Channel and the Long Island area.

The ILDC, initially called the Indian Lake Development Corporation, was organized in 1983. One of its missions was to work with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in developing facilities according to the master plan for Indian Lake. The results in the 1980's was construction of Old Field Beach; elimination of outdated vault latrines, replaced by modern restrooms at Moundwood, Blackhawk, Chippewa, Lakeview Harbor, and the West Bank; and development of the Bike Path. The electrical system in the campground was upgraded to accommodate the ever increasing use by large, modern RV's.

All the above projects and programs led to an economic and tourist boom at Indian Lake that continues today.

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## Membership by Dale Frymyer

At the beginning of the year, ILDC management set a target of 700 memberships. This is an aggressive target due to the fact that the cost of a membership was increased to \$15 from the previous \$10. To date ILDC has approximately 550 members that have paid their 2019 membership dues. Again,

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## Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast

This year was the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival, this year sponsored solely by ILDC for the first time! The Indian Lake Area Chamber of Commerce offered ILDC to take over the Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast this year. The festival occurred on March 16-17 and many residents turned out to support this annual event.

This ILDC fundraising event generated over \$5,500 for our improvement projects around the lake. The "Real" maple syrup sales generated \$560, all to support the Fox Island Playground.

### Membership

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this is a good sign that we have this many memberships this early in the year. As people learn of ILDC's accomplishments around the lake, the hope is even more people will join our organization. With the dues increase and additional fund raisers ILDC will accomplish even more projects around our state park.

## Indian Lake Memorial Tree and Bench Program

The Indian Lake Memorial tree program now has over 650 trees and four benches in the registration database. The memorial bench option was added last year after several requests. The database spans over 25 years of tree planting at 10 locations in our state parks. The ILDC goal still exists to edge, spray and mulch around each memorial tree as time and funds are available. This last year we were able to increase the number of mulched trees to approx. 200 with the very generous help of HondaGO volunteers. A memorial tree can be purchased for \$250, which includes the tree and stainless steel laser etched plaque. A memorial bench can be purchased for \$1000, which includes a 6' composite bench mounted on a concrete pad with a memorial plaque. Memorial Tree and Bench order forms are available at the Indian Lake State Park office, Choice Properties Real Estate office, The Depot in Lakeview or online at [www.ILDCohio.org](http://www.ILDCohio.org).



Thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to man our display during the Indian Lake Boat Show, the Cowsills Concert, and Honda Earth Day. Several of you worked more than one event. It is important that people know who ILDC is and all the great projects we do for the benefit of the Indian Lake Community.

Volunteers for these events included Tim Andrews, Sally & Skip Dailey, Sharon DeVault, Bob Easterday, Dale Frymyer, Sandy & Dave Helgeson, Morris & Phyllis Johnson, Dave Leiter, Jeff Leiter, Pete Lowe, Pete Mariotti, Pat McAtee, Ron & Rozella Orosz, Ben Pile, Fred Reichert, Cindy Richter, Nancy Roelig, Charlie Strete, Nathan Thatcher, and Randy Wax.

The Harbor Bridge Light Globe was won by Bob and Jenny Strayer at the Boat Show. They have been a permanent residents of the Indian Lake community for many years.

A special thank you needs to go out to Bud's Marine who has once again allowed us to set up our display inside their building. It is nice to be warm, dry and sheltered from the wind!

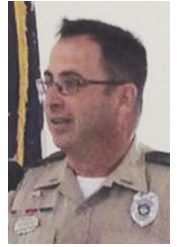
Another thank you goes out to the volunteers from the HondaGO project. These volunteers came from the various Honda plants, including our own HTM plant in Russells Point.

*The ILDC does a great service to Indian Lake. Along with the many other service programs and volunteers around the lake, we have reason to be proud of our accomplishments. Let's keep the ball rolling!*

## What's going on at the Indian Lake State Park?

*by George Sholtis, Indian Lake State Park Manager*

Here we go! Another season is upon us. Good things are happening, and progress is being made despite Mother Nature's rain. Some of the projects completed or nearly complete include:



- Archery Range. A partnership with the Division of Wildlife, is located at the Moundwood area behind the Logan County Recycling area.
  - ADA Dock and Ramp. An anonymous donation made this worthy project possible. Located at Russell's Point Harbor across from the Donut Shop.
  - Disc Golf Course. A 9-hole links course is now open at Old Field Beach. Hole one is located at the north end of the main parking lot.
  - Picnic Shelters. Located at Old Field Beach, concrete is poured, and building is permitted for use. Some groundwork and grass seed is all that's needed here.
  - In our campground, work continued in the oldest restrooms in the park. So far 14 buildings have seen new roofs, new floor coverings, sinks, hand dryers, faucets and glass block windows.
  - Seasonal staff hiring nearing completion.
  - Crack sealing and striping is complete at Old Field Beach and Fox Island parking areas.
  - As always, local passion for Indian Lake is alive and well. Volunteers have signed up to take care of all entrance signs through out the park. These volunteers have agreed to plant and maintain their respective sign. A great first impression item!
  - Multiple dock repairs completed at Blackhawk Marina.
  - Fox Island playground fundraising is off to a great start.
  - The Community Care Day event sponsored by the United Way of Logan County was well represented at Indian Lake State Park. Four crews showed up to paint, fill ruts, assemble picnic tables and install archery targets. Thanks for your invaluable assistance.
- Looking forward to great crowds and fun for all, have a great season at beautiful Indian Lake!

