



INDIAN LAKE UPDATE

SPRING 2018

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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 and last approximately one hour.

Key Dates to Remember

D.R.E.D.G.E.
September 14

Fall Festival
September 21-23

ILDC Projects (2017 Finished/2018 In-progress)

It's time to boast about ILDC's accomplishments in 2017!

- In the spring, Russells Point mayor Robin Reames invited members of ILDC to join the Indian Lake High School Senior's tree planting event at Rudolph Nature Preserve. We really enjoyed working side-by-side with these young adults. More tree planting activity is planned for May 2018.
- ILDC members that are residents near Fox Island volunteered to pick up downed limbs, trim trees and clean up the shoreline. Also, all Memorial trees (60+) on Fox Island were edged, sprayed and mulched. The mulch was donated by a local resident landscape business owner.
- ILDC members installed a memorial bench along the west bank bike path.
- ILDC volunteers took responsibility for landscaping and planting flowers around all State Park signage. They also maintained these sign islands throughout the year.
- ILDC and Indian Lake High School students built and installed two purple martin bird houses. One is located on Post Office Island (the roof was modified to match the old post office). The other is located at the campgrounds near the new swimming pool.
- ILDC, through its fund raising activities, purchased new playground equipment for the Blackhawk park area. State employees installed this new playground during the summer. This is a second generation installation of playground equipment purchased by ILDC at Blackhawk.
- The Indian Lake Memorial Tree program continued this year with the addition of 23 new Memorial trees.
- The Chippewa Neighborhood Association requested some financial support from ILDC for new playground equipment near the Chippewa boat docks. Through their own fund-raising activities and the ILDC donation, the playground equipment was purchased and will be installed in the spring of 2018.
- ILDC has purchased a shade shelter that will be placed along the sidewalk at Old Field beach. The first shade shelter will be installed on the south side of restrooms and will contain approximately eight picnic benches. A second shade shelter is planned for the north side. We are currently raising funds for this north side shelter.

What to expect from ILDC in 2018?

- Everything that happen in 2017 and more.
- First shade shelter house at Old Field beach installed.
- Chippewa playground equipment installed.
- Continue the Indian Lake Memorial Tree program.
- Raise funds for new playground equipment at Lakeview Harbor and Fox Island.
- Raise funds for north side shade shelter at Old Field beach.
- Build more bird houses and possibly bat houses.
- Edge, spray and mulch around more Memorial trees.
- Continue landscaping and planting flowers around State Park signage.
- Work with State Park manager to improve all aspects of our beautiful state park.





ILDC Member Spotlight

Dave Helgeson

Dave, a Xenia native, attended Miami University one year, transferred to The OSU and joined forces with ODNR right from college. He worked in several positions before coming to Indian Lake as Park Manager in 1981. ILDC was formed under his tenure, an idea that has since been copied at state parks throughout Ohio.



He retired in April of 2002, married Sandy, and moved to Toledo where they co-managed a retirement facility near Sylvania. It didn't take long for homesickness to set in so they moved back to Indian Lake that fall.

Dave's family consists of two daughters: Katie in Delaware, OH and Shelly in San Francisco, and stepson Kent Burnside in Nashville. He has a grandson Gabe, granddaughter Lauren, step-grandchildren Grant, Davis, Bennett & Mina. He is to have another granddaughter in July.

His hobbies are fishing, boating, his beagle Sally, and he hopes to camp in all our National Parks within the next few years.

Dave was a Barbershop Chorus singer for 28 years in The Logannaires and his quartet, The Uncalled Four. He continues singing in his church choir and in a mixed quartet.

Since retiring, he has kept busy as an advocate for our community with his involvement in ILDC, ILWP, the Logan County Port Authority, the Nashville Hitmakers Shows, and where needed!

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

by George Sholtis, Indian Lake State Park Manager

Although the cold winter months slow the flow of visitors to Indian Lake, it does not slow the flow of work to be done! We accomplished a lot this winter including work on underground water lines, clearing overgrown shorelines in the campground, ditch grading, removal of dead Ash and other hazardous trees, renovation of the 14 restrooms in the campground. The Chippewa boat ramp is being rebuilt as we speak and should be re-installed in mid-April.



Now spring is here, at least on paper! Winter may not be ready to go but restrooms are being cleaned and opened, mowers and trimmers are tuned up and seasonal hiring is underway. Indian Lake is looking for friendly, dependable people to fill a variety of positions for the summer. We especially need lifeguards. Interested people can apply at the Indian Lake Park office located in the campground at 13156 SR 235, Lakeview.

The dredge staff is busy preparing for a productive season on the lake. The new dredge *Scout* was delivered this winter. As soon as testing is complete, it will be put into service beginning at the campground channel and then the Chippewa area. The other dredge, *Chief*, will begin work this year in the Blackhawk area.



Strong Roots Form the Indian Lake Memorial Tree Program *by Dale Frymyer*

Thanks to efforts of several ILDC volunteers the Indian Lake Memorial Tree program was restarted in 2016. Their individual efforts included creating a database with recipient names, donor names/info, tree number, tree type, location of tree including its GPS location and more. Without this information we would not have been able to continue the Memorial Tree program which many Indian Lake visitors enjoy each year. At the end of 2017, we had 614 trees in our registry (including 23 trees planted that year). Over the winter we received numerous requests for a Memorial tree spring planting. In late March we planted 14 new trees at various park areas around the lake. Of these new trees, Honda Transmission Manufacturing (HTM) purchased seven trees that will be planted along the south bank. They will also have an Earth Day ceremony at this location. One of our organization's goals is to edge, spray and mulch around each Memorial tree, when funds are available. Last year we completed this task on approximately 100 Memorial trees. Again, the purpose is to improve the appearance and protect the tree and plaque. We would

very much appreciate any donations towards the purchase of bulk mulch to allow us to complete this task on all remaining Memorial trees.

Memorial tree order forms are available at the State Park office, at Choice Properties (Russells Point office) and on-line at www.ILDCohio.org.





The Chief, the dredge that arrived two years ago at Indian Lake.

(Photo: PeakOfOhio.Com)

Dredging Up History

The main focus of ILDC when it was formed in 1983 (then called the Indian Lake Development Corporation) was improving dredging operations and obtaining needed dredging equipment. If you remember, back in the day, many boaters avoided Indian Lake because of its shallowness and underwater hazards like stumps. I remember many a boater never getting out of Moundwood channel without hitting something. Many of those boaters turned around and never returned!

In 1983 two big projects were being completed: the West and South Bank/Lakeview Harbor Project and the dredging of Dunn's Pond. The Banks and Lakeview Harbor projects were major capital improvements project done by a private company out of New York. It was headed by Jack Beushlein who later became the maintenance supervisor at Indian Lake State Park. Indian Lake at one time came right up to State Route 366 on the South Bank and State Route 235 on the West Bank. The capital project entailed expanding the banks with dredge material in the areas which now include the bike path, picnicking, modern restrooms and fishing access.

Dunn's Pond was deepened by pumping dredge material into the disposal area south of Moundwood. Disposal areas are referred to as DMRAs - Dredge Material Relocation Areas. The biggest challenge for dredging operations is the availability of DMRAs. Fortunately many DMRAs can be recycled, up to a point, by building up the dikes (or walls), letting the dredged material settle (much of it is water), or even removing the material. Ideally

DMRAs are designed to allow the dredged material to be pumped into one end and then as the material settles through a series of diked channels, the discharge comes out at the farther end as clean water. The Moundwood DMRA has been recycled several times. In fact, Moundwood channel has been dredged twice in the last twenty-five years using the Moundwood DMRA.

In 1983 Indian Lake had three large pieces of dredging equipment: the large Ellicott suction dredge which pumped through 14" pipe, and two crane type clamshell dredges which did diking and channel work. The first piece of equipment that ILDC assisted in obtaining was a barge to mount a crane on in order to build in-lake DMRAs (create island disposal areas). A group of ILDC members went to Columbus to meet with ODNR officials to voice our concerns about the need for improved dredging at Indian Lake. Working with our State legislators we were able to secure the barge. A few years later we obtained the large Northwest clamshell crane. Two major projects that were accomplished using this equipment are the large DMRA between O'Connor's and Long Island and the large DMRA between Long Island and Pony Island.

Much of the dredging done over the years at Indian Lake was done by the old 14" Ellicott suction dredge. In this dredge, material was pumped through metal pipe floated on steel pontoons. The operation was very labor intensive requiring a three man crew. Setting up at the job site took days as you had to float hundreds of feet of pipe and many pontoons out to the job site. Then, if pipe or pontoons sprung leaks, downtime was necessary for welding. Although hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of dredged material were pumped by the Ellicott dredge in its day, it finally wore out and became too costly to repair. With the help of ILDC that old dredge has been replaced by two smaller swinging ladder dredges and floating pipe is now used. In the old Ellicott dredge operation, the suction boom was fixed and the whole machine moved back and forth; with the new machines the machine is stationary and the booms move back and forth. The new smaller dredges can deepen channels that were too narrow for the old dredge; however, the Ellicott dredge could remove more material in open water.

Since space is limited in this newsletter, next Fall I will talk about the Prairie Wall project, silt traps, and the dredge permit process. Better yet, I encourage you to start attending our monthly ILDC meetings to learn more about dredging and become involved!

by Dave Helgeson, former Park Manager and former ILDC President



Membership

To date we have over 500 members that have paid their 2018 membership dues. It is a great sign that we have this many memberships this early in the year! This is because the residents and visitors of Indian Lake are noticing our accomplishments around the lake. Our dues remain at \$10 for a family membership and \$25 for a business membership. The ILDC dues have not changed since the organization began back in 1983. We are evaluating a \$5 dues increase in 2019 to allow us to accomplish even more projects around Indian Lake State Parks. Attached is a membership application form if you have not already signed up for this year.

Maple Syrup Festival

This year was the 33rd Annual Maple Syrup Festival co-sponsored by the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce and ILDC. The festival occurred on March 17-18. The weather initially didn't cooperate with freezing rain on Saturday morning. In addition, we had one of two pancake grilles decide to catch fire. We adapted to our new situation and were still able to provide pancakes, including some green Irish pancakes, to all. ILDC continued its involvement in the festival with the sale of locally produced maple syrup to raise funds for our projects. This year our sales generated \$422. Thanks to Dave Leiter for his efforts to man the ILDC booth over the weekend.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ILDC State Park Grounds Volunteer-ism

by Charlie Strete

The subject title "ILDC State Park Grounds Volunteer-ism" is used to differentiate from the volunteer work our ILDC members do for our fund raisers such as the Fall Festival, Maple Syrup Festival, Boat Show Weekend, etc.

The ILDC State Park volunteers have been working on projects to help beautify, clean up and make the lake an enjoyable place to live, vacation or visit. A partial list of projects we are involved in are: remove stumps/branches/sticks from park shorelines, cut off tree suckers in parks and along the bicycle paths, trim low hanging dead branches, pull weeds and grass from beneath the state park signs entering the different parks, clean-up then plant flowers and shrubs at park signs, place mulch beneath memorial trees and park entrance signs, trash pickup, paint park shelter houses, bridges, interiors of restrooms and offices, etc.

As you can see, this is a large list of miscellaneous items. No one item in particular takes an enormous amount of time nor any special skills, however, when added together, the never ending list can be daunting for the same few who do the work. This is why we ask for volunteers to help in any way you possibly can.

This year we talked with Honda (MAP) and our local Honda Transmission (HTM) associates regarding their "Honda Go" program. Their associates are willing to come volunteer alongside us as we work to improve our lake area. We plan to clean up Fox, Post Office and Dredge Islands on Friday, April 13. We will meet at 8:00 am at Fox Island. We will work and leave as our individual schedules allow. On Saturday, April 21, we will work to clean up Old Field Beach, Blackhawk, Moundwood area, and Pew Island if time allows. We will meet at Old Field Beach at 9:00 am.

We will do some landscaping projects very soon. These projects include the plants and flowers beneath state park signs, around shelter houses, at park offices, etc. Painting projects will come later when the weather is warmer.

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!

To volunteer in any way you know possible, contact Charlie Strete at 740/215-1110 or Dale Frymyer at 937/539-0430. We will do our best to enlist your talents!

If you plan to help April 13 and/or April 21, wear boots, gloves, dress appropriately for being outside. Bring rakes, nippers, pruners and garbage bags if available.

THANKS!

Boat Show Weekend Shines

by Linda Coil

We had sunshine for this year's Boat Show! Our ILDC display, set up this year at Bud's Marine, was very well received and I want to thank



everyone who helped make it work. Due to our booth location, we were able to discuss with show visitors what ILDC is about, our accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year. We had over 30 families become members over the boat show weekend and we received approximately \$100 in donations towards our goals.

Thank you Ron and Rozella Orosz, Nancy Roelig and Ben Pile, David Goff, Dave Leiter, Tim Andrews, Bob Easterday, Pete Lowe, Jo Hickman, Russ and Sue Speelman, Amy and Ward Cartwright, Dave Helgeson, Skip Dailey, Fred Reichert, and Pat and Susan McAtee for donating their time to man the booth.

Maureen and David Holsinger of Pataskala won the laser cut map of Indian Lake. Robert and Vickie Fain of Bellefontaine won the book presenting a short history of the area by the Indian Lake Historical Society.

Additionally, thanks go to Dale Frymyer for donating the door prizes. A special thank you to Bud's Marine for their continued support and for giving us a nice area to set up in.

