



ILOA NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 808 Smithville Texas 78957

April 1, 2024

The wildflower season in the Texas Hill Country typically runs from March through May and sometimes until June with peak bloom times varying depending on weather conditions. The Texas Hill Country East & West of Austin in South Central Texas is ablaze with wildflowers each spring, when Texas Bluebonnets, Primroses, Indian Paintbrush, and many more charming varieties turn the landscape into ribbons of beautiful colors. Remember, all these beautiful wildflowers bloom on private property as well, so be mindful when entering private property and always watch out for snakes.

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian and Julian calendars. Its length is 30 days. April is commonly associated with the season of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, where it is the seasonal equivalent to October in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa.

April Birthstone

· Diamond ·



The most coveted gemstone to date, **diamonds** are a symbol of eternal love. They're thought to provide those who wear them with better relationships, balance, clarity, abundance, and an increase in inner strength.



THE LEGEND OF THE PINK BLUEBONNET

Years ago, an old Hispanic grandmother was walking with her two grandchildren in the bluebonnet fields south of San Antonio. So thick were the blue petals across the plain that it looked as though the Texas sky was resting upon the earth.

Scattered within the field of blue, a few white bluebonnets stood proudly at attention. "Grandmother, why are some of the flowers white?" The old lady smiled and said, "The white ones were the inspiration for the pure white Lone Star on the field of blue that waves at us from our Texas flag."

The other girl added, "Grandmother, look...some are also pink. Why are some of them pink?" With a look of pride and reverence, she told the little girls, "The pink ones used to be white. But many years ago, much blood was shed up-river at the church we call the Alamo. The blood of our Texas heroes still rests within this earth, and to this day tints a few special flowers pink, to forever remind us of the cost of freedom."



***** If you have NOT yet paid your HOA 2024 Annual dues of \$150.00, you can still mail them to the following address below.**

Mail Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

Current Board Members

Douglas Watne-President

Phil Webb-Vice President

Mary Cox-Secretary

John Keller-Treasurer

Cyndee Wilson-Parks & Roads

Lakes & Fish- (Bonny Joplin Interim chair, Position Open)

Bonny Joplin & Karen Williams-Pool Committee (In need of a Pool Committee volunteer to work the pool area)

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins

The volunteers that serve on the Board are doing a terrific job of keeping the subdivision looking and running as good as it does, so when you see one of these volunteers, you might want to say **Thank You** for a job well done.

NEXT BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM @ First National Bank-Smithville



Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2024

The Kids Outdoor Zone Gala is a special event dedicated to supporting KOZ and the Mission. KOZ envisions a world where every fatherless boy has a mentor, discipling them through an outdoor adventure into Godly manhood.

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Austin - 208 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, Texas 78704



Bastrop Market Days

- Presented By: Black and White Interiors
- Main Street
- Main St
- Bastrop, TX 78602
- Recurrence: Recurring monthly on the 1st Saturday
- Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Come out and join us on Main Street every FIRST Saturday of the month from 10-5 and support all the amazing shops and local vendors that will be lining the sidewalks of historic downtown. See you there!!!

Let's always support our Local Business's in the area, this helps our Merchants grow by leaps and bounds.



Central Texas 2024 (Total Solar Eclipse)

In less than a month, Central Texas residents will be dazzled by a natural phenomenon, with surrounding areas located in the path of totality of the next total solar eclipse that will happen on Monday April 8, 2024.

Experts said it marks the first time a total solar eclipse has passed over the Central Texas area since 1397, that was 626 years ago. In celebration of the April 8 phenomenon, the Simons Foundation has collaborated with the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy, the Long Center for the Performing Arts and Fusebox to host three days of eclipse-related programming from April 7-9. A free eclipse viewing party will be held on April 8 at the Long Center. Doors for the event open at 11 a.m. ahead of the eclipse's totality, set to happen at 1:36 p.m. in Austin. Music performances and visual storytelling events are also planned the day of, along with specialty beer and food before the event wraps around 3 p.m.

Rare SOLAR Eclipse in Central TX

Texas will be centerstage for a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024! In Bastrop, Smithville, and La Grange at approximately 12:17 pm, the moon will start to block the sun causing an (almost) total solar eclipse. The sun is expected to eclipse until 2:58 pm.

We're located right outside the path of totality, making Bastrop a great place to view the eclipse without having to maneuver the crowds. Get accurate Texas Eclipse viewing information and plan your trip to Bastrop for the 2024 Solar Eclipse!

In **Bastrop** we will have 99.4% total eclipse, In **Smithville** we will have 98.9% total Eclipse, In **La Grange** it will be 97.6% total Eclipse.

Just after noon, the path of the total solar eclipse will move from South to North over a 100-mile wide swath of Central Texas. Only a slice of that "zone of totality" will be visible in this area. If the sky isn't cloudy that day people will be able to see the new moon pass precisely between the sun and earth, blocking the sun's face and leaving only its outer atmosphere, or corona visible. The sunlight will become dim and eerie, and trees will cast unusual shadows on the ground. **Please be sure that you protect your eyes and wear proper viewing apparatus while viewing the eclipse.**



Houston Slingshot Riders Car Show

Saturday, April 6th

The Houston Slingshot Riders will start to arrive by 10AM and line up throughout Downtown Main Street. We will have vendors and music playing at the gazebo area.

All vendors will be set up in the Gazebo area on the grassy and covered pavilion, bring a lawn chair listen to music, explore the Slingshots, shop downtown and then get ready for the Jamboree Parade (Parade starts at 1:30PM).

The Houston Slingshot Riders will join the Smithville Jamboree Parade and will start lining up around 1:00PM



Smithville Jamboree April 3rd thru 6th

- Live Music
- Carnival
- Parade (1:30PM Downtown Smithville)
- Tournaments
- Pet Show
- Livestock Show & Sale

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



The Smithville Community-Wide Garage Sale. This is an annual event hosted by The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce. Add your 'SALE' to the Map! Maps are available to everyone at the Chamber office located at 100 NW 1st. Street, Downtown Smithville and will also be posted on our social media accounts; [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

*Registration Deadline to guarantee your 'SALE' on the Map will be Wednesday, April 3rd by 4PM.

Neighborhood Watch



When you are out and about in the neighborhood, please be vigilant of your surroundings, if we see something let's say something. Please call the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office at 512-303-1080 if you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, you can also report concerns to your current Board Members by email @ iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com or by calling 512-237-8500.

New ILOA Website



Please go to our new website and register by clicking on the Contact tab at the top of the page <https://indianlakeowners.net> . You can enter your personal information there, by sharing your email address with us, this allows us to send you notifications from time to time. Please share this information with your neighbors so that they can sign up also. If you have anything you would like to see in the Newsletter, please send your comments/ideas to: iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com



Brush Pile

The Brush Pile is open for ILOA residents the first Saturday of each month with weather permitting. When dumping, please pull to the back of the pile before dumping your brush/debris.

Open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon





Neighborhood Events / Happenings

Conestoga Wagon

It's not exactly "if you build it they will come" but more like "if you suggest it they will build it". A thousand kudos to those who made the "covered" wagon into a like-new multi-purpose structure (kids can still play on it but it can still be used for serving and off-ground cooler or food storage)

Bill Hector brought his amazing tractor over, picked up and moved the wagon next to the barbeque pit.

Douglas Watne disassembled it and planed the viable boards and replaced the rotten ones and reassembled it.

Mark Strong power washed the peeling paint on the wheels and donated the unique professional black paint for the wheels.

Brad Williams provided the cedar lumber and built and installed the wonderful counter on the side of the wagon.

Keep in mind when renting the Pavilion for your party's or family reunions the Covered Wagon is available for your use as well, rental forms can be obtained at the [New Indianlakeowners.net](http://NewIndianlakeowners.net) website or contacting Cyndee Wilson.



Indian Lake Resident George Dolan took some scrap lumber from the old wagon and put together 2 benches along with painting them. He volunteered his skills and time for Indian Lake residents to enjoy!

Douglas Watne has commissioned Heather Nobles in painting Indian Art on the benches. Douglas purchased the Art Supplies for her to work on this project.

The benches are now complete. They were painted in the style of local designer legend Patricia Wolf. She has been working with Western and Native American styles for over 40 years. Heather is so thankful to be able to continue sharing her amazing artwork with all of us, and she would like to give a big thank you to Douglas Watne for allowing her to do just that.

Our ILOA President, Douglas Watne, finished installing them at the boat ramp. Next time you are at the boat ramp, have a seat and enjoy a view of our beautiful lake.







Douglas Watne is in the process of having the lake stocked with more fish, there should be some great fishing this summer on the lake. Take the time to enjoy it.



Christopher Robbins and Bonny Joplin, our ILOA members have volunteered their time and resources to re-build/repair the Indian Lake Sign in the Y at the entrance, if you would like to volunteer your time to help Chris and Bonny or supply materials and labor, please reach out to Chris or Bonny through the lloaoffice78957@yahoo.com and let them know.

A couple of our great ILOA residents, Ms. Cheri Newland and Ms. Karen Williams have volunteered their time and labor to clean up the area around the Indian Lake sign at the Y, if you would like to volunteer your time to help Cheri and Karen, or supply materials and labor to help beautify our entrance to our neighborhood, please reach out to Cheri and let her know, she has provided her phone number 512-985-5071.

Neighborhood Clean-up

Each year the ILOA Board coordinates with the Bastrop County Commissioners Office to provide dumpsters for the Neighborhood Clean-up, during this event there are items that can and cannot be placed in the dumpsters, this information is posted on the Message Board and on the ILOA website for everyone to see, this is a service that is offered to homeowners annually, let's all take advantage of this event and not spoil it for others by placing items in or around the dumpsters that cannot be picked up, we experienced a few homeowners this year bringing items that we could not get disposed of, let's be more responsible and only bring items that are allowed. Make sure when putting your items in the dumpster that all items go in and not on the ground, if items fall out on the ground during your dump, please take the time to pick it up, remember this project is free of charge to the homeowners and we do not always have people on standby to pick up your trash.





This type of stuff is what we do not want to happen during the neighborhood clean-up. Please be respectful and follow the rules.

We would like to thank Mr. Bobby Williamson for the beautiful Bluebonnets he planted in the flower garden at the front entrance, it takes a village to keep a community going, let's all see if we can volunteer our time to continue to make this a great place to live.





Volunteer Your Time

The ILOA Board Members are always looking for volunteers to assist with things to do in our neighborhood, please send your information to lloaoffice78957@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer your time on any of the positions below.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area (In need of a Pool Committee volunteer to work the pool area)

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care

Lake/Fish (Bonny Joplin Interim chair, Position Open)

Architectural Committee Member



Welcome to the Neighborhood

We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Indian Lake.

1. Alyssa Dent-Zambrano (Chickasaw)



Recipe of the Month:



Creamy Garlic Skillet Chicken with Spinach

Ingredients:

- 1 pound chicken cutlets
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper, divided
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 large cloves garlic, grated.
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 2 cups coarsely chopped fresh spinach.
- ½ cup heavy cream

Directions:

1. Sprinkle chicken with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook, turning once, until browned and cooked through, about 6 minutes. Transfer to a plate.
2. Add garlic to the pan and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Increase heat to medium-high and add wine. Cook until slightly reduced, about 1 minute. Return heat to medium and stir in spinach, cream and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 minutes. Return the chicken to the pan and turn to coat with the sauce.



Community Safety

Because we live within a community association, the potential to solve the kinds of problems that plague individual homeowners is very good. Take community safety for instance. An individual homeowner can help deter a burglary by installing a security camera system that will record any criminal activity that has been committed. We are fortunate in Indian Lake to have Bastrop County Sheriff's office Constables patrol our community intermittently, but they need your assistance. Please report all crimes or suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office. You can report crimes anonymously with the Sheriff's Office by calling 512-303-1080. As a resident of Indian Lake, we can keep our community safe and help eliminate vandalism, burglary, and other community-based crimes with participation by all the members of our community. If we all kept an eye out on our neighbors' houses while they are away, report suspicious activity and/or persons, and complied with our rules and regulations, then we could help deter the cause of neighborhood crime. Let's start focusing on the positives and work together to contribute to community safety.



In closing this Newsletter I hope everyone continues to take pride in their properties and make Indian Lake a great place to live so that we can attract more homeowners to our Great Community.