



ILOA NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

May 1, 2024

The fifth month of the year is celebrated and noted for its beauty, the advent of a bounty of flowers, the beginning of gardening, and festivities. The month in which Memorial Day, Mother's Day, some of our favorite celebrities' birthdays, and many other excellent holidays and events take place. The Birthstone of May is an Emerald and symbolizes success and love. May is known as the month of transition. If you live in the northern hemisphere, the fresh cold winds are gone, and the rains of early spring. By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!

May is the month of rebirth and renewal, and the flowers for this month are **The Lily of The Valley and Hawthorn**. These flowers are the symbol of beauty, purity, and love, and they have been cherished for centuries.

May Birthstone

• Emerald •



Thought to improve memory, faith, and intuition, **emeralds** are a symbol for constancy and true affection. Some cultures believe them to grant their owner foresight, good fortune and youth.

The name emerald is derived from the Greek word 'smaragdus' meaning 'green'.

***** Your HOA Annual dues of \$150.00 are now considered late, please make sure you get your dues paid and mailed to the following address.**

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

Adron Eyhorn & Larry Eyhorn- Lakes & Fish

Bonny Joplin & Karen Williams-Pool Committee

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Cynthia Prudhomme



Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2024

Mayfest

Celebrate Fayette County's Czech heritage at the annual Mayfest in La Grange. Delicious Czech food, live musical performances by a polka band, historical tours, and a classic car show are all part of the festival's events. Mayfest is held in mid-May on May 15th beginning at 10:30 AM at the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center and the Fayette County Fairgrounds.

250 West Fair Grounds Road and U.S. Highway 77 North
La Grange, TX 78945



Join us for the first SIP and Shop of 2024. This year we are collaborating with the Smithville Downtown Business Alliance.

SIP AND SHOP will be held the 1st Thursday of each month beginning May 2, 2024 from 5-8PM.

Join us downtown and other businesses within the downtown historic district that will be participating for this event.

The Chamber will be selling \$39 wristbands which will include a souvenir wine glass and an opportunity to sample some local wines, and breweries (more information to come), in addition you will be able to stroll through the different businesses that will have their own sampling of food and drinks. You'll also enjoy specials from participating businesses and the opportunity to shop other local vendors that will be participating and setup along Main Street.

- Front Room Wine Bar
- Golden Girls Boutique - Special discounts for First Thursday
- Olde World Bakery
- Iron Tiger Gym
- Style House - Sip & Shop mini tour of Style House. Bronzer Mystic, Spray Tan booth. Offering discount tan session if purchased during a First Thursday Sip & Shop to be used at a later date.
- Texas Trails Antiques & Marketplace
- Bella's Cottage Antiques (and other passions)
- Scene 77
- Smithville Coffee House & General Store
- Consuela
- Main Gallery
- Mosaic
- FAT CAT Lounge
- Your Mom's

Date and Time Location

Downtown Main Street
Smithville, TX

Thursday May 2, 2024
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CDT



Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, (Spanish: “Fifth of May”) Cinco de Mayo is a yearly celebration held on May 5 to celebrate Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza. Let’s all celebrate this day and celebrate responsibly.



Mother's Day

Mother’s Day is May 12, 2024, Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. Enjoy this special day with your mother, she deserves to be celebrated.



Memorial Day

Memorial Day is celebrated on Monday May 27, 2024, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30. Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and place wreaths on the gravesites.

2024 SVFD Annual Fundraiser

Lunch Starts at 11AM/Auction Starts at 1PM. Raffle at Conclusion of Auction. Stay tuned for more details!

Sunday May 19, 2024
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM CDT

Location:

Vernon Richards Riverbend Park




Winchester Area Farmers Market


Winchester Area Civic Association

Farmers Market

2nd Saturday each month
8:30 - Noon



Crafts
Seasonal Vegetables

 follow us on Facebook - Winchester Farmers Market

Zilss Hall - 108 Memorial Hall - Winchester
Vendor Info: Zilsshallwinchester@gmail.com or 281-435-9245
Vendor Fee \$ 10.00

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Go out and enjoy the fresh vegetables and other things that are offered at the Farmers Market.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 5, 2024, for the Smithville Farmer's Market! Ribbon Cutting will be at 9:55AM followed by ringing of the bell to open the market.

The market is open from 10AM - 2PM.

Location:

100NW 1st at the Gazebo
Smithville, TX



Join us for a ribbon and help us celebrate the Smithville Farmer's Market

Ribbon Cutting at 9:55AM
followed by ringing of the bell at 10AM

Date: 5/5/24
Time: Ribbon cutting at 9:55 AM
Address: 100NW 1st Street, Smithville, Texas



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



Neighborhood Watch

When you are out and about 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.



Neighborhood Events / Happenings

As mentioned in the April Newsletter, our great Indian Lake Resident Cheri Newland volunteered her time to clean up and plant new plants & flowers at the ILOA Sign in the Y at the entrance, Cheri and many other volunteers came out and helped her and donated items for the beautification project, thank you Cheri and everyone else that volunteered their time, below you will see before and after pictures of the project.





We **need volunteers** to work with Christopher Robbins and Bonny Joplin on taking down the current Indian Lake sign at the Y and repairing/replacing it, if you would like to volunteer your time and some materials, please reach out to Christopher and Bonny, and let them know you would like to help.

The **ILOA Board** would like to thank the **Ambrose Family** for their generous donation to help with restocking additional fish for the lake this summer. Thank you, Ambrose Family, for your generous donation.

The **ILOA Board** has officially restocked the Lake with the following fish from Larry's Fish Farm, **1,000 Channel Cat, 500 Native Copper nose Bluegill, 22 lbs Fathead Minnows, 22 lbs Bass Shiners, 150 Triploid Grass Carp, 500 Red Ear, 350 Black Crappie.**

We would like to recognize and thank our ILOA resident **Cynthia Prudhomme** for her great ideas of bringing the old Conestoga Wagon back to life, Cynthia was very instrumental in this project and came up with all the paint color scheme, she also received help from many ILOA volunteers, thank you Cynthia for a job well done, now we can all enjoy the wagon for various occasions while at the Pavilion



Conestoga Wagon before



Conestoga Wagon afterwards

ILOA Pool Opening:

The Pool will have a soft opening on May 18, 2024, from 10:00 AM till 8:00 PM.

There will be a **Grand Opening** of the pool on May 27th Memorial Day beginning at noon, the board will provide Hamburgers and Hot dogs for guest, the Board asks if members can provide any side dishes to enjoy during the Grand Opening.



Thank you, Cyndee and Doug Wilson, for your donation of 2 Basketballs for the Basketball Court. It is very much appreciated.



Tree Planting Ceremony:

In remembrance of **Connie Skoruppa McDonald**, the **ILOA Board** purchased a Black Diamond Lavender Lace Crepe Myrtle and planted it at the pavilion on 4-27-2024. Connie's husband (Bud) and other members were in attendance for the planting.





ILOA 2024 Eclipse Day - Watch Party

We had a group of resident's flock to the Lake area to watch the **Total Eclipse** of 2024. It was a fun gathering, although the weather was a bit cloudy, we were still able to view the Eclipse and gather as neighbors.





It was a beautiful day for taking your Sailboat out on the lake, let's all enjoy our beautiful lake as much as we can.



The **ILOA Board** is continuing to receive numerous calls concerning loose dogs roaming the neighborhood, Animal Control has been called out to assist with catching them and in some instances returning them to their owners, concerned homeowners have been advised that if these dogs show any aggression towards them, they are in their legal right to defend themselves in anyway possible even if this means putting the aggressive animal down, if these are your dogs and you know they are getting out and roaming the neighborhood, please be a **responsible** pet owner and secure your pets before something serious happens to them.

Bastrop County Animal Control # is - 512-549-5160.

Our **Hummingbirds** have migrated back to the area, let's all get our feeders out and welcome these beautiful creatures from God, they have had a long trip back and are very hungry, remember to change the nectar and clean your feeders almost daily to cut down on bird illness's.



[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 you will receive notifications from time to time. Please share this information with your neighbors so that they can sign up also.



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. **Members must have their dues paid in order to use the Brush Pile.**

Open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon





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.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care/Tree Trimming

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member





Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

1. The Jeremy Hale Family (Big Bow)
2. Michael Richter (Laguna)
3. Jose Olalde (Big Bow)



Recipe of the Month:



Chicken & Spinach Skillet Pasta with Lemon & Parmesan

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces gluten-free penne pasta or whole-wheat penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-pound boneless, skinless chicken breast or thighs, trimmed, if necessary, and cut into bite-size pieces
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, minced.
- ½ cup dry white wine
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- 10 cups chopped fresh spinach.
- 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided.

Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large high-sided skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken, salt and pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until just cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in wine, lemon juice and zest; bring to a simmer.
4. Remove from heat. Stir in spinach and the cooked pasta. Cover and let stand until the spinach is just wilted.
5. Divide among 4 plates and top each serving with 1 tablespoon Parmesan.





Inspirational Quote:

May is a wonderful month for inspiration. The warmer weather and longer days provide the perfect opportunity to get outside and explore our neighborhood.

The world is coming back to life after a long winter, and there's something invigorating about seeing the trees and flowers in bloom. Even if you're not a nature lover, it's hard not to feel inspired when the world around you is bursting with new life. Get out and enjoy it all.