



ILOA NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 808 Smithville Texas 78957

September 1, 2024

September is seen by many to be a very pleasant time of the year. For those in the northern hemisphere, the weather is finally starting to let up, with cooler nights chasing away the heat of the day. September is the time to finish the year's harvest and celebrate its bounty. September is of course also a great time of the year in the southern hemisphere! Gone are the dark days of winter, this month is a great time to get outside and appreciate the first flowers of spring! Like every other month of the year, September has plenty to show for itself.

Birthstone for September

September Birthstone

• Blue Sapphire •



In ancient Greece, royals were convinced that **blue sapphires** protected their owners from envy and harm. During the Middle Ages, people thought the gem attracted heavenly blessings.

Others instilled sapphires with the power to guard chastity, make peace between enemies, influence spirits, and reveal the secrets of oracles.

Mail HOA Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

Current Board Members

Douglas Watne-President

Doug Wilson-Vice President

Tonya Boess-Secretary

John Keller-Treasurer

Michael Segura-Parks & Roads

Adron Eyhorn- Larry Eyhorn-Daryl Brissett-Lakes & Fish

Bonny Joplin & James Spell & Darly Brissett-Pool Committee

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Cynthia Prudhomme



What is an HOA?

HOW DOES OUR COMMUNITY WORK?

How are decisions made regarding our community? Who is tasked with making these decisions? In an effort to educate our community on how Indian Lake is run, we are highlighting the structure by which our community operates and makes decisions. What is a homeowner's association? A homeowner's association (HOA) is defined as "an organization of homeowners of a particular subdivision, condominium or planned unit development. The purpose of a homeowner's association is to provide a common basis for preserving, maintaining, and enhancing their homes and property. Indian Lake's HOA, like most homeowners' associations, are non-profit organizations. The association provides services, enforces covenants, define and enforce deed restrictions, levy assessments, and imposes fines. Each member of a homeowners' association pays assessments. Those assessments or dues are used to pay for expenses that arise from having and maintaining common property." What does that mean? If you own a property in Indian Lake, YOU are a member of the HOA! The HOA is governed by a Board of Directors.

What is the Board of Directors?

The board of directors consists of 7 people, all fellow residents, voted in by residents of our community. Board members are in charge of making decisions about landscaping, budget, and enforcing deed restrictions. All board members are unpaid volunteers, taking time away from other activities to help with our community. When you see one of these Board Members offer them a Thank You for the services they provide for our community.

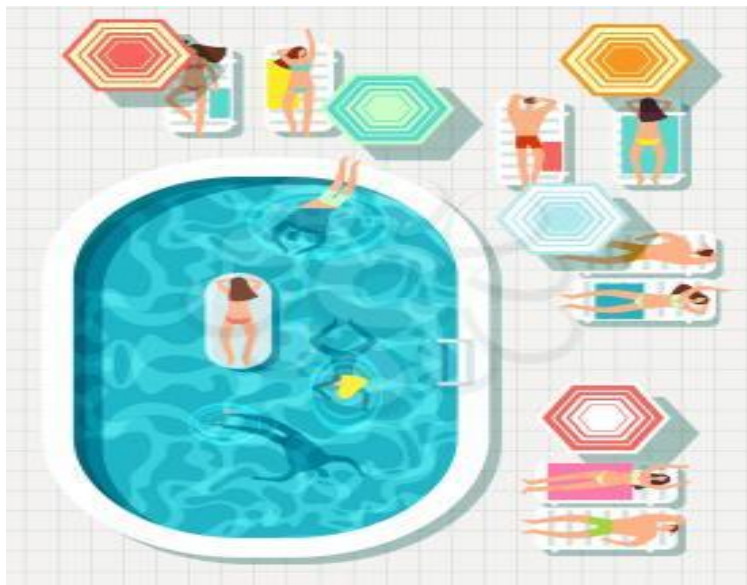


Voting requirements for the Board of Directors

In order for the Board of Directors to hold meetings and make changes/amendments to the dedicatory instruments such as Bylaws and Restrictions, the Board has to meet a certain percentage of participation by the Members, it is very important that Members pay attention and participate in what is going on in their community and make every effort possible to attend these Board meetings. You can go to the ILOA website to find out when and where the meetings will be held as well as the time the meeting will start and what the agenda will be about. **Remember, this is your community.**

Pool Closing

The Swimming Pool will officially close on September 30th, this will finish the season for the year, everyone go enjoy the pool while you can.



Important Numbers to keep handy

Bastrop County Sheriff's Office

512-303-1080

Smithville Volunteer Fire Dept.

512-237-3282

Bluebonnet Electric

800-842-7708

Aqua Water

512-303-3943

Non-Running/Unregistered Vehicles

Do you have an old or unregistered vehicle that is taking up space or deteriorating in the elements?

Would you like to get rid of that vehicle at no charge?

You have many free options available to you.

- The organizations listed below will accept donations of your vehicles in support of their organizations, which is often tax deductible.
 - Radio station KUT - (877) 588-4227
 - Radio station KMFA - (855) 543-5632
 - Vehicles for Veterans - (855) 369-3838
 - Habitat for Humanity - (877) 277-4344
 - Kars for Kids - (844) 509-2669
- Several towing companies in Bastrop will remove unwanted vehicles free of charge if the owner signs over the title or completes a form giving title to the towing company.
 - Lonestar Towing and Recovery - (512) 926-4603
 - USA Wrecker Service - (512) 718-8314

As a reminder, unregistered vehicles are a violation of Indian Lake By-Laws so please take care of these to help beautify our neighborhood!

(Indian Lake Owners' Association does not benefit from nor endorse the services of these organizations.)



Stray Cats

We seem to have a problem with stray cats in the community, The Bastrop Cats Anonymous TNR Society would be willing to come out and pick up the cats if you have trapped them, they would then take them in and neuter them and return them, for additional information please contact Martha at 512-944-2112, she is the TNR coordinator. Trap-Neuter-Return



Bastrop County Development Services & Environmental Enforcement

211 Jackson Street, Bastrop Texas 78602

To report violations to the Bastrop County Development Services Department, you can call **512-581-7161**. You as a concerned homeowner, have every right to report violations to the County that are happening in our neighborhood.

Violations can consist of the following:

Public Nuisance, Junk Vehicles, Litter on Property, Illegal dumping, Illegal burning, etc;





Neighborhood Events / Happenings

Each year as summer draws to a close, teachers, parents, and students alike all begin their back-to-school preparations. Whether you are sending your child off to Pre-K for the first time, preparing a classroom for a new set of students, or attending your freshman year of high school, there's a lot to prepare for. Let's all remind our kids that bullying is not good, kids that are bullied often resort to other means in order to cope, this can be very detrimental and sometimes dangerous to a kid's health, so remind your kids to be courteous and mindful of others while in or out of school. Remember to always watch out for the kids at bus stops.





The *Little Free Library* at the Indian Lake Pavilion is flowing - books are being taken out and books are being added. The book library is being monitored to keep a variety of genres of books for all readers - books for youth of all ages and adults of all interests. Thank you to those that are sharing books. Check it out for some good reading as it is changing all the time and take a book that interests you.

You can leave a note for Cynthia Prudhomme at the Book Box location for additional ideas and book interest.



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.





[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 consent to let the Board send you 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. The Board needs volunteers to help around the community, please step up and volunteer your time, the Board could really use your help. Become a Board Volunteer.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member



Cynthia Prudhomme asked that when you are out and about the neighborhood and you see violations on member properties that need to be reported/addressed, please contact her at (970-689-0347) and she can add them to her list if she has not seen them already. It takes a Village to help keep our properties looking great.

Welcome to the Neighborhood



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

1. Todd Christian & Angela Burkham (Big Bow)
2. Dalmacio Tejada (Big Bow)
3. Mario Gonzales (Chickasaw)





Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2024

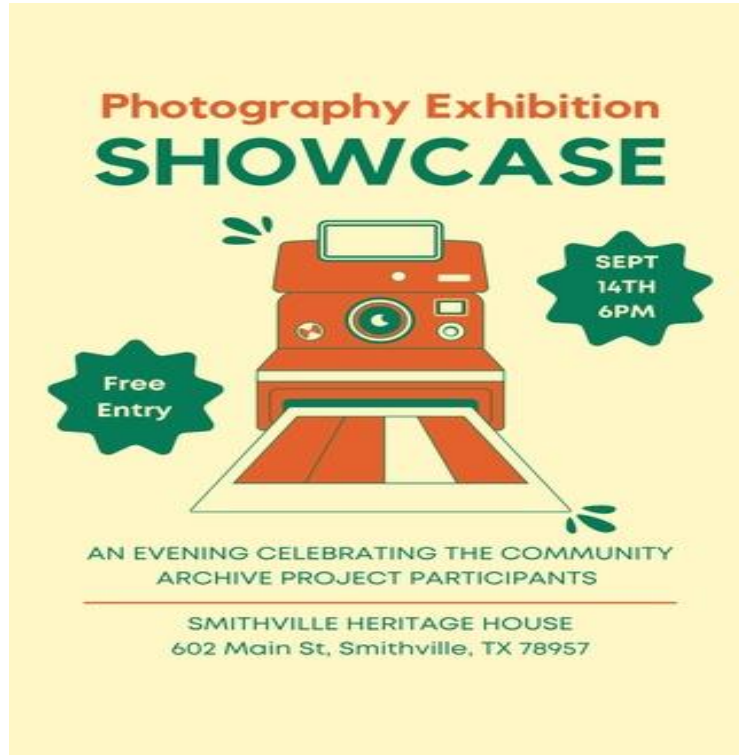
Photography Exhibition Showcase

An evening celebrating the community archive project participants at the Smithville Heritage House

Date and Time

Saturday Sep 14, 2024
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM CDT

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6PM -



CASA Superhero Run 5k at COTA - this is a big fundraising event for all the area CASAs : CASA Travis, CASA Wilco, CASA Centex and CASA BFL. Registration and sponsor opportunities are both open.

A longtime CASA tradition, the 15th annual Superhero Run will be held at Circuit of The Americas on September 22nd with a Kids' Fun Run, 🏆 5k, 🏃🏃🏃 and festival 🎉 that brings out the superhero in all of us.

Your support will help CASA be able to continue providing powerful advocacy for children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

💙 To register, visit www.casasuperherorun.com!

The CASA Superhero Run benefits CASA of Travis County, CASA of Williamson County, CASA of Central Texas, CASA of Bastrop, Fayette, and Lee Counties.

Sunday Sep 22, 2024

12:00 PM - 12:00 PM



Labor Day for the year 2024 is celebrated / observed on **Monday, September 2nd**. Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September annually. The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker.



Join us for the sixth annual Bastrop Music Festival Sept 26-29, 2024! Featuring approx. 35 shows by artists in a variety of genres at venues across the charming Central Texas community of Bastrop.



Venues

602 Brewing Company

Bastrop 1832 Farmer's Market

The Bearded Baking Company

Chestnut Grove Food Truck Court

Copper Shot Distillery

The Grace Miller, "Gracie's"

Kerr Community Center

Neighbor's Kitchen and Yard

Old Town Restaurant and Bar

Store House Market & Eatery

Tough Cookie Bakery



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

The State of Texas recently purged over 1MM voters from the voter registration list, to see if you are still registered to vote in the next election you can follow this link below:

[Welcome to VoteTexas.gov](https://www.vote.texas.gov)

If you need to get registered to vote you can contact Cynthia Prudhomme, she is set up as a Registrar for the State of Texas, her number is 970-689-0347.

Recipe of the Month:



Lemon-Thyme Whole Roasted Chicken

Prep: 40 minutes plus standing

Roast: 1 hour 30 minutes

Serves: 8

Ingredients:

- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 large lemons, juiced (about 6 tablespoons), 2 squeezed lemon halves reserved
- 3 tablespoons Food Club Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme plus 3 sprigs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons plus 1/8 teaspoon Food Club Coarse Kosher Salt
- 1 teaspoon Food Club Black Pepper
- 1 whole roasting chicken (about 5 to 6 pounds)
- 1 cup Food Club 33% Less Sodium Chicken Broth
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450°, place rack in roasting pan. In small bowl, whisk 1 garlic clove, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, oil, lemon zest, chopped thyme, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
2. Remove giblets from chicken cavity, discard. Pat chicken dry with paper towel, place, breast side up, on rack in prepared pan. Add 1 garlic clove, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, reserved lemon halves, thyme sprigs, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper into chicken cavity, brush oil mixture over chicken skin. Tie chicken legs together with kitchen string.
3. Roast chicken for 30 minutes or until the outside is browned. Reduce heat to 375, roast 1 hour or until thermometer inserted into thickest part of thigh reaches 165° and juices run clear. Transfer chicken to cutting board, loosely tent with aluminum foil and let stand 15 minutes.
4. Skim off and discard excess fat in roasting pan. Stir in broth and remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice, scraping browned bits from bottom of pan with wooden spoon, transfer to medium saucepot. Add the remaining 1 garlic clove and heat to a simmer over medium-high heat, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 10 minutes. In small bowl, whisk cornstarch and 1/4 cup cold water, whisk into pan and simmer 1 minute or until slightly thickened, whisking constantly. Remove from heat, stir in remaining 1/8 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Strain sauce through fine-mesh strainer, if desired. Makes about 1 1/4 cups sauce.
5. Serve chicken with sauce.



Inspirational September Quote

September is a great month for inspiration. The days are starting to get shorter, signaling the end of summer and the beginning of autumn.

The change in seasons naturally inspires renewed energy and ambition, as we head back to school or work with a fresh sense of purpose.

If you need a little boost of motivation or just some time for self-reflection, why not use this month as an opportunity to be inspired? You won't regret it!