



ILOA NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 808 Smithville Texas 78957

October 1, 2024

October is the tenth month of the year and has 31 days. It marks the height of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. October derives its name from 'octo', the Latin term for eight, as it was originally the eighth month in the Roman calendar.

Perhaps due to their dynamic appearance, opals are associated with light and magic. As such, some credited opals with healing properties, especially for the eyes. Some believed that opals could even make the wearer invisible. While some cling to negative superstitions about opals, others wear them for good luck.

Birthstone for October is Opal



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 Brissette -Lakes & Fish

Bonny Joplin-James Spell-Daryl Brissette-Pool Committee

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Cynthia Prudhomme



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
Bastrop County Development Services	512-581-4210



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

The swimming pool has officially closed for the summer, we hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed our beautiful pool. We will all be ready for it to open again next year.



Special Thanks go out to the following members that step up and help keep our community look great, as I've said, it takes a Village to keep the community going, if you would like to step up and help it would be more than welcome, if you see an area that needs mowing or edging/weed eating your assistance would be greatly appreciated, this helps the Board in applying funds in other areas that require greater assistance with maintenance needs. The Board is all volunteers, so any assistance is appreciated.

Rhonda Johnston-mowing the pool area when needed

Karen Williams-mowing the pool area when needed

Doug Wilson-mowing the pool area and front entrance

Cynthia Prudhomme-trimming the park area and weed control spraying

Terry McCanless-Edging and blowing the pool area and sidewalks, cleaning restrooms

Tonya Boess & Patrick-mowing at front entrance and repairing water leak at pool

Douglas Watne-for his tireless effort in controlling the black algae in the pool

The Board hears from a lot of Members that tell them there are people that live here in Indian Lake that can perform a lot of the duties that the Board has to hire out which cost more money, they tell the Board it could save money by having the Members perform some of these duties, a **FEW** have stepped up and offered to help. If you would like to offer your assistance in helping the Board with these duties, please reach out to a Board Member and let them know what you can help with. Remember, this is your money that comes from your yearly HOA dues. **LET'S STEP UP AND OFFER OUR ASSISTANCE INSTEAD OF COMPLAINTS.**



!!! CORRECTION !!!

The correct number for reporting violations is 512-581-4210 speak with (Amy Turner)

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;



Save The Date

ALL HANDS-ON DECK TO PLAN SOME FUN!
ALL INDIAN LAKE RESIDENTS

Come to our Pavilion on
Friday, October 11, 2024
5:00pm

Bring an appetizer to share, your own drink and your ideas while you meet your neighbors. We want to plan some fun community events for throughout the year and possible fundraising events for the benefit of the community and need your input. Hope to see you there for a fun evening of socializing and sharing ideas.

(This will be a community organization and not an association of the ILOA Board.)





[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 on the first Saturday of each month with weather permitting. When dumping, please pull to the back of the pile before dumping your brush/debris, make sure that any stumps/limbs dumped are no bigger than 4" round in size.

Members must have their dues paid 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

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member



Welcome to the Neighborhood



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

1. Nothing to report



ILOA 2024 HOA Dues

As the year winds down there are only 3 months left, however there are still some ILOA Members that have **not** paid their HOA dues for 2024, if they are not paid by the end of December 2024 the outstanding balance will be added to your 2025 Invoice that will go out in January, please make arrangements to get your 2024 HOA dues paid by years end. Paying your HOA Dues helps with paying for maintenance around the community such as the swimming pool, mowing the common grounds, streetlights, water at pavilion, pavilion/playground area etc;

The ILOA Board thanks everyone that has already paid their 2024 dues.



Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2024

Community Wide Garage Sale

October 5th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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, October 2, 2024.

map on our Facebook and Instagram page.



The sign features the text "COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE" in large, bold, black letters. To the right is a green circular badge with "5 OCT". Below the text are illustrations of various items for sale: a golf bag, a red umbrella, a tennis racket, a blue vacuum, a lawnmower, a red and yellow container, and a purple container.

**REGISTER YOUR SALE AT
THE SMITHVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE**
106 NE 1ST STREET | SMITHVILLE TX
OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 4PM

Yard Sale signs are \$15 and includes your address on the map. For questions call 512-237-2313 or email: erika.oneal@smithvilletx.org

Adoption Extravaganza

The event hosted by Bastrop Animal Services will feature a variety of dogs up for adoption. Kittens will also be available for adoption if the shelter is housing any at the time of the event. All animals will be spayed or neutered and have a microchip, vaccinations, dewormer, flea and tick prevention, heartworm prevention and heartworm testing.

🕒 Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

💰 Free (admission), \$35 (adoption fee)

📍 Whole Pets Market, 475 Hwy. 71, Bastrop



Smithville Fall Festival

The city will host an afternoon celebrating fall with live music, face painting, games, food and craft vendors, and a petting zoo.

- Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Smithville Recreation Center, 106 Royston St., Smithville

Smithville Pard

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024.

We are partnering again with the Smithville Chamber Wingfest and Ironhorse Cornhole Tournaments to bring you a great day of family fun. Something for everyone!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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FALL FESTIVAL

SMITHVILLE PARD





Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on **October 31**, and Halloween 2024 will occur on Thursday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints.



City of Bastrop officials recently confirmed **Kohl's** is headed to Bastrop. The retailer will be located within the soon-to-come Burleson Crossing East, which will span 20 acres adjacent to Burleson Crossing at the northeast corner of Hwy. 71 and Edward Burleson Drive.

Kohl's offers a range of products including:

- Beauty supplies
- Clothing
- Electronics
- Handbags
- Housewares
- Jewelry
- Kitchen appliances
- Shoes
- Toys

Opened in 1962, the American-based department store operates over 1,100 stores nationwide—89 of which are in Texas, according to the website.

Although groundbreaking for Burleson Crossing East has not been set, Bastrop Public Information Manager Colin Guerra said stores should begin opening in late 2025.



Chipotle Mexican Grill is slated to open its first Bastrop location at Burleson Crossing in early 2025.





SCREAM HOLLOW

WICKED HALLOWEEN PARK

Time

October 31, 2024 7:00 pm - 12:00 pm

Location

Scream Hollow Wicked Halloween Park

149 Split Rail Lane

Smithville, Texas 78957

info@screamhollow.com

October Awareness Month:

ADHD Awareness	October 1
Breast Cancer Awareness	October 1
Kindness to Animals Day	October 5
World Teachers Day	October 5
World Homeless Day	October 10
National Coming Out Day	October 11
World Hunger Day	October 16

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

Interactive Harry Potter exhibit heads to Bastrop County Nov. 9-Dec. 19

Local witches, wizards and muggles will unite to explore the world of Harry Potter later this year when "Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience" opens in Bastrop County.

The family-friendly exhibit will take place in 60- to 90-minute increments in the evenings at McKinney Roughs Nature Park, where the forest will be illuminated with scenes from the popular franchise.

As this takes place along a walking trail in the park, attendees are encouraged to dress in comfortable footwear and clothing.

Officials said those needing walking assistance can rent motorized scooters for free or bring their own.

- Nov. 9-Dec. 19, evenings, 5:45-10:15 p.m.
- \$28-\$82 (admission)
- McKinney Roughs Nature Park, 1760 Hwy. 71 W., Cedar Creek
- www.hpforbiddenforstexperience.com



Bastrop County burn ban extended through Oct. 15

With no significant rainfall forecasted for the area, Bastrop County Judge Gregory Klaus extended the current burn ban through Oct. 15.

Who is affected?

Residents living within unincorporated areas of the county are prohibited from any outdoor burning until the order is lifted.

What you need to know

According to the burn ban order, enforcement for outdoor fires includes:

- Response from the fire department to extinguish the fire
- An investigation into the nature of the fire, which can result in a citation for violating the burn ban
- A fine of up to \$500

How we got here

As of Sept. 25, Bastrop County is at a Keetch-Byram Drought Index of 610.

The Texas A&M Forest Service website explains that this level indicates a high potential for wildfires that can show extreme intensity.

As stated in the Aug. 26 Bastrop County commissioners agenda packet, the KBDI average for the county jumped from 338 to 512 from Aug. 7-20, which initiated the original burn ban. Since then, the county has not received any significant rainfall.



Texas Secretary of State recently removed 1.1 million from the Texas voter rolls. Some people discovered that they were erroneously removed. Even if you haven't voted in the last two election cycles you may have been removed or suspended. You can check to see if you are still registered online at the link below and under "Am I Registered" just enter ID or name, birthdate, County. You may call the Bastrop County Elections office for any questions: 512 581-7160.

Important date: Last day to register for this election - October 5
 Early Voting begins - Monday, October 21
 Regular voting - Tuesday, November 5

<https://www.votetexas.gov>



Recipe of the Month:



Chicken and Bacon Pasta with Spinach and Tomatoes in Garlic Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 lb chicken (skinless, boneless chicken breasts or tenderloins)
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning (thyme, oregano, basil - combined)
salt to taste.
1.5 cups heavy cream
½ cup Parmesan cheese shredded
5 tomatoes (medium, chopped in large cubes)
3 cups fresh spinach or 1 cup cooked spinach.
5 garlic cloves minced.
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes crushed
6 bacon strips cooked, drained off fat, and chopped.
10 oz penne pasta (for gluten-free version, use gluten-free brown-rice penne)
½ cup Parmesan cheese shredded, for serving

Instructions:

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet, on medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook on one side on medium-high heat for 4 minutes. While it cooks, sprinkle the uncooked sides of the chicken with paprika, Italian seasoning, and salt. Flip the chicken over and cook on the other side for 3 more minutes on medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low-medium, flip chicken over again and cook, covered, for several minutes until no longer pink in the center. Remove chicken from the pan and keep chicken warm.
2. To the same pan (but without chicken), add heavy cream and bring to boil. Only after the heavy cream starts boiling, add shredded Parmesan cheese. Immediately reduce to simmer (low-medium heat) and stir, while simmering, until the cheese melts and the sauce is creamy, for about 1 or 3 minutes.
3. To the same pan with the creamy sauce, add chopped tomatoes, fresh spinach, garlic, crushed red pepper. Stir in the sauce on medium heat just until the spinach starts to wilt and sinks into the sauce. Add ⅓ of the cooked chicken (sliced into small strips)

and half the bacon (already cooked and drained of fat). Mix everything. Remove from heat.

4. In the meantime, bring a large pot of water to boil, add pasta, and cook according to instructions (usually 10 to 15 minutes). Drain the pasta.

5. Add cooked pasta to the skillet with the sauce and reheat on low heat. When ready to serve, top the pasta with the remaining half of bacon (cooked, drained of fat, chopped, gently reheated) and the remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cooked chicken (sliced into small strips, gently reheated). This is done for presentation purposes.

6. When serving, top the pasta with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of shredded Parmesan cheese.





Inspirational Quote:

October is here — welcoming the heart of fall and gracing us with a cozy energy that makes us want to savor every moment of amber foliage and crisp, clear skies! It's a month of festive pumpkin patches, hot apple cider, and the comforting embrace of oversized sweaters. October is the only month that sits right in the sweet spot where Southerners can enjoy the autumn season.