



ILOA Newsletter

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

February 1, 2025

Welcome February

The month of February has several popular holidays, namely **Groundhog Day**, Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. Also known as Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day falls on Monday, February 17, 2025, and is the only federal holiday during the month.

National Texas Day February 1, 2025



Mail HOA Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

The ILOA Board is still accepting payments via credit card or ACH. If you would like to pay your HOA dues by Credit Card or ACH bank draft, please call the ILOA Office at 512-237-8500 to make arrangements, there will be a small convenience fee for paying by ACH bank draft or Credit Card. In an effort to cut down on mailing costs, the Board sent invoices to all members with registered email addresses currently on file. Please check your email.



Dues are now considered late, please make your payment to avoid any additional late charges being added.

Current Board Members

Position Open-President

Doug Wilson-Vice President

Tonya Boess-Secretary

John Keller-Treasurer

Michael Segura-Parks & Roads Chairman

Adron Eyhorn -Lakes & Fish Chairman

Bonny Joplin -Pool Chairman

Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Cynthia Prudhomme



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 the ILOA Office phone 512-237-8500. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.



Neighborhood Events / Happenings



SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!

*****Indian Lake Social Hour Change*****

The Christmas Social Hour was a fun, well attended community event that we will continue to hold in December.

We are modifying the frequency of the Social Hour held at the pavilion throughout the rest of the year due to commitments by the organizers, unpredictable weather for an outside gathering, and marginal attendance at the other Social Hours. At this time, the plan is for a quarterly event – the next one to be a Spring Easter family event in April.

We need other community members to volunteer to help organize and put on the Social Hours. If there are more volunteers and the community shows more interest, there could be an increase in the frequency of these events.

Please give us your feedback and willingness to help/volunteer.....

Call: 970 689-0347

Indian Lake Dam (**restricted area**)

Everyone please remember the top of the Indian lake Dam is a restricted area, please **DO NOT** drive any type of vehicles onto the top of the Dam area unless you have been authorized to do so, violators will be subject to prosecution!



Indian Lake Clean-up - Saturday, March 8

Dumpsters at the Pavilion

Available to all Indian Lake Residents until they are full and hauled off that day. We owe a "thank you" to Bastrop County for providing this service to our community.

The drop off will be monitored to keep prohibited items out of the dumpsters.

Prohibited items:

- No mattresses or box springs
- No paint or hazardous/corrosive liquids
- No car batteries
- No tires
- No masonry - cement bricks, etc.
- No dirt

We are also planning on another dumpster event on October 11, 2025.

We need Volunteers: people willing to monitor dumpsters and people with trucks or trailers willing to help our neighbors hauling stuff to the pavilion.

Call: 970 689-0347 for more details.

Loose Dogs in the Neighborhood

The ILOA Board continues to receive numerous calls concerning loose dogs roaming freely in 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 any way 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 secure your pets before something serious happens to them. It is illegal for your pets to run at large in Bastrop County and owners can and will be held liable and ticketed. This is to help protect our pets and community. There are civil and criminal penalties including felonies in Texas if your dog attacks or harms another person. **Be a Responsible Pet Owner.**

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

Email: bcas@co.bastrop.tx.us



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 iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer your time.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member



Expertise Needed

Our wonderful neighborhood is full of members with unique talents and equipment, from painters and electricians to dirt haulers and welders.

From time to time the ILOA Board of Directors needs this great talent and it sure would be helpful on community projects if this great talent was offered to the Board to help keep costs down. If you would like to offer your expertise in helping to get community projects completed, please reach out to the Board at 512-237-8500. The Board hears from members that state these services could be done by members instead of the Board having to hire outside services to get projects done, please step up and offer your services if you can. Any help of any kind would be greatly appreciated by the Board. Remember, this is your community, let's all work together.



Welcome to the Neighborhood



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

1. None to report



Owners of Anita's in Bastrop open Quinto Patio in Smithville

The owners of Anita's Mexican Restaurant in Bastrop opened a new Tex-Mex eatery in Smithville.

What they offer: Located inside the historic Vasek Garage, Quinto Patio features indoor and outdoor seating, as well as live music.

What's on the menu: Centered around Tex-Mex cuisine, the restaurant uses freshly made flour and corn tortillas to accent its all-day breakfasts, tacos, enchiladas and plates.

Looking for a libation? Quinto Patio also has a full bar, and offers non-alcoholic options like Jarritos, Mexican Cokes and Aguas Frescas.

- 114 2nd St. NE, Smithville



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

Groundhog Day February 2, 2025



Bastrop museum to offer quilt exhibit, related events starting Feb. 7

The Stitched Exhibit will spotlight the evolution of quilting, ranging from the mid-1800s through today, with a special focus on the personal and communal histories accompanying them, museum spokesperson Rachel Hatch said.

Other highlights will include:

- Displays showing traditional quilting techniques and patterns
- Modern displays that reflect contemporary art and cultural narratives in quilting
- Interactive displays that explain the significance of quilting in building bonds among community members

"This exhibit celebrates the art of quilting, their stories, and the developing community of Bastrop County," Bloom said in a news release.

- Feb. 7-March 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Free
- Bastrop Museum and Visitor Center, 904 Main St., Bastrop



Valentines Day February 14, 2025



Presidents Day February 17, 2025



Smithville's Farmers Market

Sunday Market is the weekly farmers market in Smithville, Texas that meets rain or shine, all year round, at Railroad Park. The market is held every Sunday from 10 am - 2 pm and moves to summer hours of 10 am - 1pm June-August. All products are either locally grown, homemade, or handmade. We always have LIVE music too.

Come Sunday with us!



Sew Together Smithville

Join the sewists of Smithville at the Prizer Gallery located, at 212 Main Street, to repair/remake by hand/machine, i.e., always better than buying new.

Please register at: sewtogethersmithville@gmail.com

Date & times listed below

Sew Together Smithville
A community skill share

SEWING

JANUARY
SATURDAY 1/4 2-5
WEDNESDAY 1/8 6-9
SATURDAY 1/18 2-5
WEDNESDAY 1/22 6-9

FEBRUARY
SAT. 2/1 2-5 PM
WED. 2/5 6-9 PM
SAT. 2/15 2-5 PM
WED. 2/19 6-9 PM

212 Main St. Smithville

Got a machine? Bring it.
Don't have one? Please let us know at email below. We will have some onsite.

Beginners please register:
sewtogethersmithville@gmail.com

Brought to you by the sewists of Smithville and Prizer Arts and Letters.

All levels welcome. Come See. Come Sew.



Recipe of the Month:



Red Velvet Cupcakes w/Cream Frosting

Ingredients:

For the Cupcakes:

- **4 tablespoons (57 g)** unsalted butter, at room temperature
- **¾ cup (149 g)** granulated sugar
- **1 egg**
- **2½ tablespoons (13 g)** unsweetened cocoa powder
- **2 tablespoons** red food coloring
- **½ teaspoon** vanilla extract
- **½ cup (120 ml)** buttermilk
- **1 cup (125 g) + 2 tablespoons** all-purpose flour
- **½ teaspoon** salt
- **½ teaspoon** baking soda
- **1½ teaspoons** distilled white vinegar

For the Cream Cheese Frosting:

- **½ cup (113 g)** unsalted butter, *at room temperature*
- **2 cups (227 g)** powdered sugar
- **1 teaspoon** vanilla extract
- **¼ teaspoon** salt
- **8 ounces (227 g)** cream cheese, *chilled and cut into 8 pieces*

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a standard muffin/cupcake pan with liners.
- On medium-high speed, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Turn the mixer to high and add the egg. Scrape down the bowl and beat until well incorporated.
- In a separate small bowl, mix together the cocoa powder, vanilla extract and red food coloring to make a thick paste. Add to the batter and mix on medium speed until completely combined. You may need to stop the mixer to scrape the bottom of the bowl, making sure that all the batter gets color.

- Reduce the mixer speed to low and slowly add half of the buttermilk. Add half of the flour and mix until combined. Scrape the bowl and repeat the process with the remaining milk and flour. Beat on high until smooth.
- Again, reduce the mixer speed to low and add the salt, baking soda and vinegar. Turn to high and beat for another couple of minutes until completely combined and smooth.
- Divide the batter evenly between the cupcake liners and bake for about 20 minutes, or until a thin knife or skewer inserted into the center of the largest cupcake comes out clean.
- Cool for 10 minutes and then remove cupcakes from the pan and place them on a cooling rack to cool completely before frosting.
- **Make the Frosting:** Using an electric mixer, beat the butter, powdered sugar, vanilla, and salt on low speed until smooth, then mix for an additional 2 minutes, scraping down the bowl as needed.
- Increase the speed to medium-low and add the cream cheese one piece at a time and mix until smooth, then mix for an additional 2 minutes.

Notes

- This recipe can be doubled to make an 8 or 9-inch layer cake.



Inspirational Quote:

February: "Is the Month for lasting Memory"

February is a month for new beginnings. It's the perfect time to start that home project you've been putting off, or to finally tackle that long TO-DO list.

No matter how you choose to spend February, make sure to take some time for yourself and the people you love - Valentines Day is a good excuse, right?!

