



## **ILOA Newsletter**

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

March 1, 2025

### **Welcome March**

March marks the transition from winter to spring in the Northern Hemisphere, bringing about various natural changes and weather patterns. Here are some interesting facts about March's natural phenomena.

The Spring Equinox typically occurs on March 20th or 21st in the Northern Hemisphere.

March is known for its unpredictable weather, giving rise to the saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb."

The Northern Lights are often more visible around the Spring Equinox due to geomagnetic activity.

In the Southern Hemisphere, March marks the beginning of autumn.

The full moon in March is traditionally called the "Worm Moon" by some Native American tribes.

## 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 5% surcharge for paying by credit card and 2.5% surcharge for ACH bank draft.



Thank you to everyone that has paid their 2025 dues, if you have not paid them yet they are now considered late, please make arrangements to get your dues paid.

Please let the Board know if you have not received your 2025 Invoice yet!

**Current Board Members**

**Position Open**-President

**Position Open**-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



## MESSAGE FROM THE INDIAN LAKE BOARD

Dear ILOA Members,

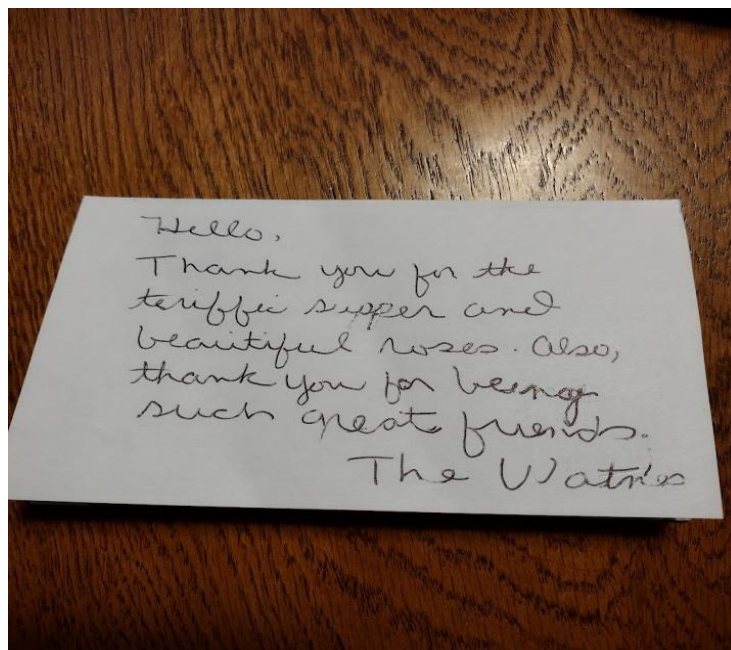
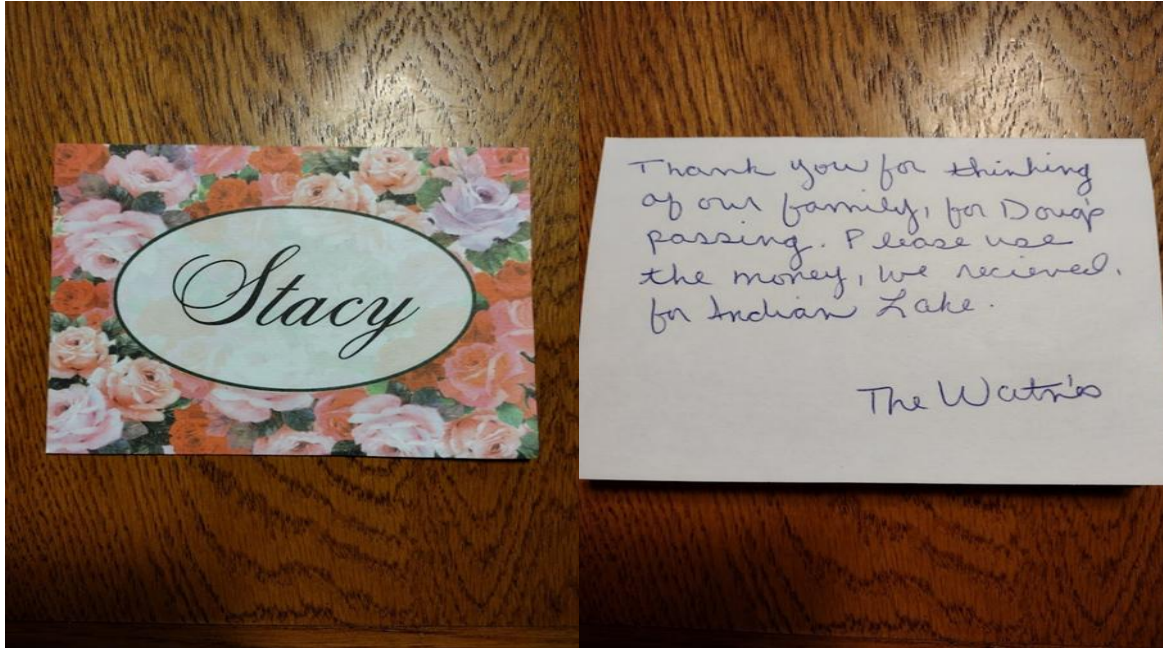
**This is a Call to Arms notice**, we are asking all members to consider stepping up and joining the Board in order to help your community that you live in thrive and be successful, if you are interested in running for a Board of Director position, please submit an email containing your name and address to the [iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com](mailto:iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com) email address **as soon as possible** to be considered for a position.

Sincerely,

*ILOA Board of Directors*

### Special Mention

The family of Douglas Watne sends a big thank you to their Indian Lake neighbors for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of their loved one, they made a nice donation to the ILOA Board in Doug's honor, the Board is very thankful for this donation and sends a big thank you to the Watne Family.





## 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](mailto:iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com) or by calling the ILOA Office phone 512-237-8500. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.





## Indian Lake Cleanup Saturday, March 8, 8am-1pm Dumpsters and "Curbside" Brush Pick Up

Dumpsters will be available at the Pavilion, to all Indian Lake Residents until they are full and hauled off that day. The drop off will be monitored to keep prohibited items out of the dumpsters and not be overloaded past the top dumpster rim.

### Prohibited items for dumpsters:

**No mattresses or box springs**

**No paint or hazardous/corrosive liquids**

**No car batteries**

**No tires**

**No masonry, cement, bricks, in large quantities**

### Brush pick up from "curbside":

Put your brush at the road by 8am Saturday and volunteers will pick it up. We won't come back if it's not out by 8am. Shortly after this event, the county will turn the brush pile into mulch, so we want to collect as much brush as possible now.

## **We need Volunteers: Call: 970 689-0347**

- to monitor dumpsters
- with trucks or trailers to help haul stuff and brush to the pavilion and brush pile
- muscle to help load trailers at people's homes.

We owe a big "thank you" to Bastrop County for providing this service.

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





### ILOA 2025 Membership Wrist Bands

The Membership wrist bands for 2025 are in, reach out to a board member at 512-237-8500 to purchase your wrist bands, the cost will be \$5 each for the bands, members must be paid up on their dues to purchase the bands.



The Board will set aside a special day to set up at the Pavilion to sale Membership bands to members, please watch for the special day announcement.

## 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](mailto: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



## Little Library

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 young people 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.

Cynthia is thinking about adding a second library box just for books for youths might be warranted. Is there an interest in having more books for children and young folks?

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





## Welcome to the Neighborhood



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

1. Ana F. Madea (Chief)
2. RMI Custom Homes (Deer Run)





## Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2025

### Texas Independence Music Festival March 1st-3rd

Our annual Texas Independence Music Festival is back!

Do you love live music? You won't want to miss this jam-packed weekend??  
Cost of entry: FREE (donations for music and food are encouraged)

Bands performing throughout the weekend: South Austin Jug Band, Tony Kamel & Kym Warner, Jack Barksdale, Marshall Hood Band, Ben Zuniga Band, Jeff Robertson and Friends, Dave Becker, Jeremy McCarroll Band, Girl Haggard, Big Eyes Parker, Charlie and Anji Day, Elle Townley, Parker Jensen, Thursday Night Jeffersons

#### Food:

Friday Night - New Mexican style red chili asado dinner

Saturday Night - Pig Roast BBQ

Sunday Morning - Bloody Mary Gospel Brunch

We have a kitchen on site at our brewery that will be open during regular business hours and we will be serving our full food menu.

We are a family and pet friendly establishment (pets on leashes), so feel free to bring out the whole crew!

Bring your tents or campers and stay the whole weekend. No hookups available, but generators are welcome.

**MARCH 1-3, 2024**  
**TEXAS INDEPENDENCE JAM**  
AT RISING SUN VINEYARD & YEGUA CREEK  
MCDADE, TX

**FREE ENTRY INCLUDES:**

- FESTIVAL FOOD:**  
Friday Night: Chili Dinner  
Saturday Night: Pig Roast Dinner  
Sunday Morning: Bloody Mary Brunch  
(all donations will be appreciated)
- ALL DAY/ALL NIGHT CAMP JAMS OF ALL LEVELS**
- Our on-site kitchen will be open with a full food menu for purchase all weekend during normal brewery business hours.**
- RAFFLE DRAWING 8PM SATURDAY**
- PLEASE BRING CASH DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE, BANDS, AND COOKS**
- Want to be a sponsor for this event? Visit our website for more info [risingsunvineyard.com](http://risingsunvineyard.com)**
- A PORTION OF PROCEEDS GO TO HAAM**

**Bands performing:** JACK BARKSDALE, BEN ZUNIGA BAND, TONY KAMEL & KYM WARNER, MARSHALL HOOD BAND, JEFF ROBERTSON & FRIENDS, DAVE BECKER, JEREMY MCCARROLL BAND, GIRL HAGGARD, BIG EYES PARKER, CHARLIE AND ANJI DAY, ELLE TOWNLEY, PARKER JENSEN, THURSDAY NIGHT JEFFERSONS

**Sponsors:** Rising Sun Vineyard, YEGUA CREEK BREWERY

# Texas Independence Day

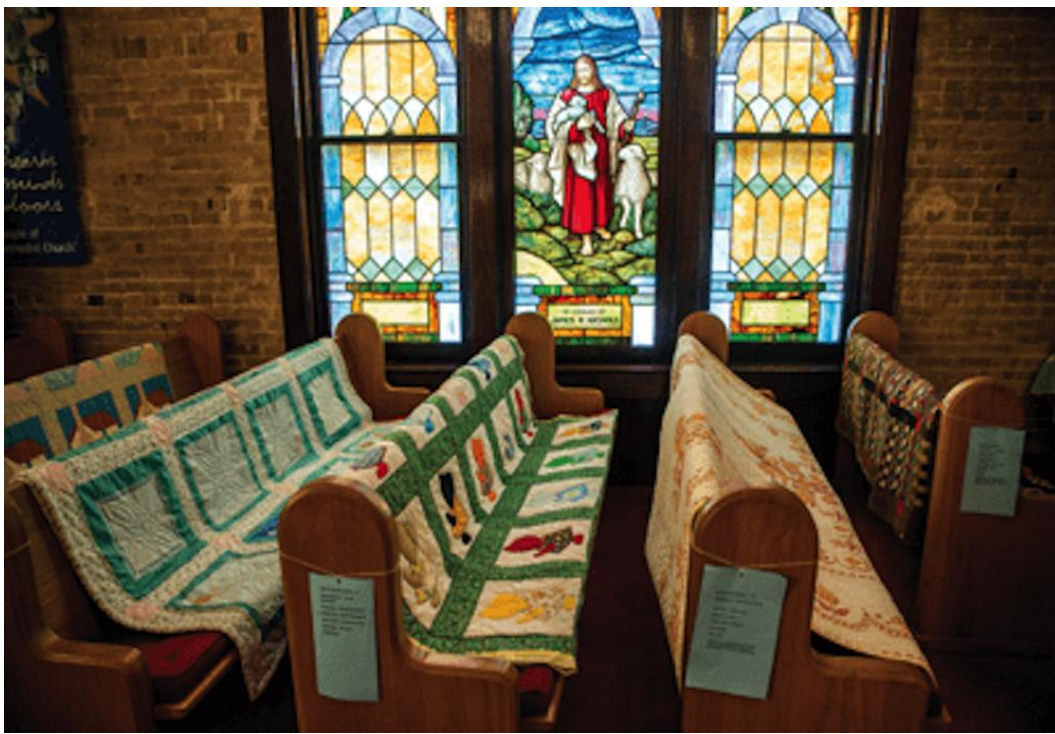
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## Smithville Stitchers Quilt Guild

For the first time in a long time, Bastrop is having an Airing of the Quilts". This will be on Saturday, March 8 at the Bastrop County Museum.



## Keep Smithville Beautiful-Spring Super Sweep

Join us for Spring Super Sweep 3/22-3/30/2025 to clean up our community! Join others or choose your own location - gloves, pickers, and bags provided. [Click here for details and to register.](#)

Keep Smithville Beautiful's

# Spring Super Sweep

March 22 to  
March 30, 2025

Come together to pick up litter &  
keep Smithville beautiful!

Join others or choose your own location!  
Gloves, pickers, & bags provided

keepsmithvillebeautiful@gmail.com

The graphic includes three photographs of community cleanup events. The top photo shows a group of people standing behind a large pile of collected trash. The middle photo shows a group of people in yellow safety vests sitting on the grass next to a sign that reads 'SMITHVILLE STREET SWEEP'. The bottom photo shows a group of people standing in a field, holding a blue sign.



## Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521122067249240/members>

This page will be for Indian Lake Owners Association Members ONLY!

It will be called **Pool at Indian Lake (Members Only)**

We want this to be a Friendly place for conversation.



The page is not any part of the official Indian Lake owners Association.

# Lost Pines Artisans Alliance

The goal is to enrich, educate and unify the arts community in Smithville, Texas and Bastrop County.

Our Open Clay/Glaze class will begin with a tutorial demo. Students can then recreate the tutorial or make something completely original. All clay creations will be left to dry, once they are completely dry, they will be bisque fired. Tutorial: Let's capture the natural beauty of summer while we can. Gather up leaves and flowers from your favorite plants. We will be making textures in our clay using elements of nature. If you wish to glaze your Adult Open Clay/Glaze creation you can join us at the next Adult Open Clay/Glaze class. Once student artwork is fired, it is relocated to the LPAA Gallery where it can be picked up.

Saturday, Mar 1st & 15th, 2:00-5:00 PM 3hr = \$30

## Mary A. Nichols Art Center

Street Address: 301 Burleson St, Smithville, TX 78957

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 121,  
Smithville, TX 78957

[Lostpinesartisansalliance@gmail.com](mailto:Lostpinesartisansalliance@gmail.com)



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

## Who Was Austin Icon Barbara Jordan?

Barbara Jordan was the first *everything*. She was the first Black woman elected to the state legislature, the first Black woman in America to oversee a legislative body, the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress from the South since 1898, and the first Black person and first woman to give a keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention.

Jordan, a native Houstonian, moved to Austin after retiring from politics in 1979. While you might be familiar with her name, or the statue of her at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, here are some other things about the trailblazer you should know:

### **She Successfully Led an Effort to Include Hispanics in the Voting Rights Act.**

When the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which bars racial discrimination in voting, was up for extension 10 years later, Jordan pushed for it to include language minorities, notably Hispanic voters, the Texas State Historical Association says.

“The barriers continue,” Jordan said at the time. “And so must the Voting Rights Act — the most effective statute minorities have to guarantee that one day those barriers will come down.”

### **Jordan Couldn't Attend UT Because of Segregation but Taught There as a Professor for Almost 20 Years.**

Jordan was part of the 1956 graduating class at Texas Southern University, the school's first, after it was created by the Texas legislature to avoid integrating UT. But 22 years later, Jordan was appointed the Lyndon Johnson Chair in National Policy at UT's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and taught there until the early 1990s.

### **Jordan Was Almost the First Black Woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.**

Jordan was former President Bill Clinton's first choice for the U.S. Supreme Court seat that was later filled by Ruth Bader Ginsburg. According to the Washington Post, Clinton asked former Texas Governor Ann Richards if Jordan would be interested in the seat. Richards sent her assistant to ask Jordan, who laughed and said, “Oh, think who I'd have to sit next to,” before adding, “No. I like my life.” Clinton later speculated that Jordan's health was part of why she declined the



offer. Jordan was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and died from pneumonia and leukemia in 1996.



## St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day also called Feast of St. Patrick, and St. Patty's Day is observed on **March 17** and marks the death date of Saint Patrick who is the patron saint of Ireland. In the early 17th century, it was made an official Christian feast day observed by the Church of Ireland, the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and Lutheran Church. The day celebrates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland as well as the culture of Ireland and commemorates the death of Saint Patrick.





Recipe of the Month:



## Chicken Carbonara Pasta Bake

### Ingredients:

- 10 ounces diced pancetta
- 16 ounces spaghetti
- 4 large egg yolks
- 2 cups grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups cooked chicken breast
- 1 tablespoon Italian parsley

### Directions:

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Cook pancetta in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until lightly browned and crisp, about 5 minutes. Set aside.
3. Boil spaghetti in lightly salted water for 5 minutes. Drain pasta and reserve 2 cups of pasta water.
4. Meanwhile, add egg yolks to a large mixing bowl and whisk until smooth.
5. Gradually pour 1 1/2 cups of hot pasta water over egg yolks, whisking vigorously, making sure to whisk constantly so eggs do not scramble.
6. Whisk in Parmesan cheese, then heavy cream.
7. Add cooked pasta, pancetta, and chicken to the sauce, toss to combine. Transfer pasta mixture to prepared dish.
8. Bake until hot and sauce has thickened for 20 minutes, stirring halfway through.
9. Remove from heat, stir and let stand for 2 to 3 minutes allowing sauce to continue to thicken. Additional pasta water can be added, as desired, for saucier pasta.
10. Garnish with parsley and extra Parmesan cheese.



## Inspirational Quote:

**March: "Savor the Beauty or March"**

March is here — signaling the awakening of spring and bringing a revitalizing energy that inspires us to appreciate every blooming flower and lengthening day! It's a time for renewal, growth, and the anticipation of vibrant days ahead.

