



## **ILOA Newsletter**

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

March 1, 2026

### **Welcome March**

**March** is the third month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars; its length is 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere, the meteorological beginning of spring occurs on the first day of March. The March equinox on the 20 or 21 day marks the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, where September is the seasonal equivalent of the Northern Hemisphere's March.



**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.



**The ILOA Board will be filing Liens this year on all outstanding accounts with unpaid dues.**

**Current Board Members**

Bonny-Lynn Joplin-President

Carlie Case-Vice President

Crystal Kohanek-Secretary

John Keller-Treasurer

James Turner-Parks & Roads Chairman

Charles Faulds-Lakes & Fish Chairman

James Spell-Pool Chairman

**Architectural Committee**

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Wendy Williamson



## Neighborhood Events / Happenings



### Letter from the ILOA President

“March 2026

Dear Homeowners of Indian Lake Owners Association,

Can you feel it? The days are getting longer, the weather is warming up, and there is a definite buzz of excitement in the air. Here at Indian Lake Owners Association, we are shaking off the winter chill and eagerly anticipating the best time of year in our neighborhood.

#### Honoring a Legacy: “The Robert Sconci Pavilion”

I am absolutely thrilled to share some wonderful news regarding our community gathering space. As many of you know, we have been working on plans to formally name our pavilion. I am delighted to announce that it will henceforth be known as **The Robert Sconci Pavilion**.

This dedication is a small token of our immense gratitude for Robert. (Aka “the Mayor)

We are currently finalizing the details for a Christening Ceremony to officially dedicate the pavilion. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate Robert. Please stay tuned for the official date and time, which will be announced very soon via email and posted on the community bulletin board.

#### Sprucing Up for Sunshine

In preparation for the busy seasons ahead, the current tables will be getting a fresh look and some much-needed repairs to ensure they are

safe, beautiful, and ready for all your family gatherings, birthday parties, and quiet afternoons with a good book.

Our goal is to have the pavilion refreshed, the new picnic tables in place, and the entire area looking its absolute best just in time for our Pool Opening Day.

Who Else is Ready?

As the flowers bloom and the temperatures rise, it is impossible not to feel a surge of excitement. Who else is ready for the smell of sunscreen, the sound of laughter from the pool, and the sizzle of barbecues at the pavilion? Spring and Summer are a time for our community to truly come alive, and this year feels especially promising.

We look forward to sharing these special moments with all of you, starting with the dedication of the Robert Sconci Pavilion.

Sincerely,  
Bonny

Bonny Joplin  
President, Board of Directors  
ILOA”

## Indian Lake has a New Pavilion!

After much hard work and dedication from our community, our Board of Directors and the committee that was assigned to this project, we have a new Pavilion to enjoy for years, let's all come out and enjoy it and take care of it this summer and every day afterwards.





## 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.





## ILOA Website

Please go to our 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. If you need copies of our current by-laws or restrictions, they can be found on this website at the documents tab a dropdown menu will appear then you select the document you wish to view.



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

Bastrop County Commissioner who arranges the mulching of the Indian Lake brush pile, only natural materials are appropriate for the brush pile: brush, shrubs, twigs, branches, small tree trunks.

**Not appropriate** is any processed wood materials, treated lumber, lumber with nails, etc. These products are hazardous to the environment and may damage the mulching machinery.

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





## Welcome to the Neighborhood

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

1. Sharlene Brown (Peace Pipe)



# Bastrop County Development Services

Anyone wishing to file a complaint with Bastrop County about an issue in the neighborhood you feel are violations of County guidelines may do so by completing a complaint form and mailing it to the Bastrop County Development Services Office or you can drop it off in person at:

211 Jackson Street Bastrop, Texas 78602

(ph# 512-581-7176)

There is also on the ILOA Website under the documents tab a link to the County website and a link to download a complaint form.



# Happy St. Patrick's Day



March 17, 2026

The Irish celebrate that St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland.

The celebrations should be about being thankful for him and thankful that his missions helped bring about the message of the Good News. Moreover, it is being thankful that God gave His only Son to die for us so that we could live. Therefore, it is always a celebration when the gospel is preached to the lost.

Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2026



Let's always support our Local Business's in Smithville, it helps our community grow and keeps our Business's open.



## Jersey Mike's to bring fresh-baked subs to Bastrop in May

Jersey Mike's, an East Coast-style sandwich shop, was the first eatery announced as part of **Sendero**—a 75-acre mixed-use development.

- Opening May 2006
- Sendero, 853 Hwy. 71 W., Ste. 104, Bastrop
- [www.jerseymikes.com](http://www.jerseymikes.com)



The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off event March 21, 2026

# SAVE THE DATES!

## COLLECTION 25 EVENTS FOR -26

ALL EVENTS: 9am - Noon and require Voucher\*

OCT  
18<sup>TH</sup>

### PAINT ONLY

Paints & Stains, Aerosol Paint Cans,  
Preservatives, Strippers and Thinners

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

FEB  
7<sup>TH</sup>

### TIRES/ELECTRONICS

Computers, TV's, printers, etc. Limit 10 per  
vehicle. No commercial or ag tires.

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

MAR  
21<sup>ST</sup>

### FULL HHW

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
See complete list on our web page (below)

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

## \*VOUCHERS\*



FOUND ONLINE

SCAN the QR CODE  
or visit the link below

[www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household\\_waste](http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste)

ADDRESS VERIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED  
Show proof at time of drop off with Utility Bill  
or Valid ID.

Vouchers must be COMPLETED prior to event

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YOU  
TO OUR  
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Commercial waste or any item deemed unsafe or  
unidentifiable by staff will not be accepted. For a complete  
list, visit [www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household\\_waste](http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste)

Household Hazardous Waste includes latex and oil-based  
paint, household cleaners and other chemicals, fertilizers,  
pesticides, pool chemicals, etc.

## True Texas BBQ brings brisket and more to Bastrop H-E-B

The smell of smoked brisket is now a part of Bastrop shoppers' weekly grocery run after True Texas BBQ opened inside H-E-B.

### The details

The True Texas BBQ location, which smokes all-natural meats in-house over Texas oak wood, opened as part of an ongoing \$30 million expansion in Bastrop—a project that kicked off in July 2023.

### The menu

The True Texas BBQ [menu](#) features a variety of meats by the pound, sandwiches, desserts and sides, including:

- Apple slaw
- Brisket beans
- Collard greens
- Macaroni and cheese
- Potato salad
- Serrano cornbread



# EMPTY BOWL PROJECT

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

📍 Smithville Recreation Center  
106 Gazley St, Smithville

*Community Event to Fight Hunger*

*Eat Simple.  
Give Generously.  
Make a Difference.*



Handcrafted bowls, tasty soups, and a shared cause to fight hunger in our community.

• **WE BENEFIT:**

- Smithville Food Pantry
- Smithville Community Gardens
- Lost Pines Artisans' Alliance
- Samella Williams Angels Unaware Ministry
- Smithville Community Clinic

**DONATE NOW!**



Scan to donate &  
help fight hunger  
in Smithville

[WWW.SMITHVILLEEMPTYBOWL.ORG](http://WWW.SMITHVILLEEMPTYBOWL.ORG)

## Faire la Nouba brings wine, party supplies and more to Smithville

Smithville is a little more festive after **Faire la Nouba**—a celebration store, bottle shop, and niche grocer—opened in early February along Main Street.

The woman-owned, Black-owned and veteran-owned business is located in a fully restored building that dates back to 1895, and operates with the mission to “create joy and make every moment special.”

“Our store is your one-stop shop for all things ‘celebration,’” owners Rachael and Brian Tolbert said in a statement. “In French slang, Faire la Nouba translates to ‘live it up.’ The literal translation is ‘to do life.’”



## Smithville Music In the Park



### **Save the Dates!**

**Four Thursdays in April 6PM-8:30PM**

Gazebo Park @ the End of Main Street

April 2, April 16, April 23, April 30

April 9: SKIP THE GAZEBO AND GO TO  
JAMBOREE @ RIVERBEND PARK!

***Sponsor the Program:***



*Brought to you by Smithville's Richard D. Latham Cultural District, Songs of Smithville, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Lost Pines Artisan's Alliance, and the City of Smithville*

## Property for Sale in Indian Lake

This will be posted quarterly as I don't want to duplicate the same information.

These listings can also be found at [www.HAR.com](http://www.HAR.com)



106 Caddo	Sec-1 Lot #87	\$325K
117 Caddo	Sec-1 Lot 95-96-97-98	\$102K
211 Big Bow	Sec-3 Lot #200	\$280K (New Build)
359 Big Bow	Sec-2 Lot #89	\$339K
Big Bow	Sec-1 Lot #49	For Sale by Owner
145 Buffalo Run	Sec-2 Lot #350-353	\$189K
Peace Pipe	Sec-2 Lot #466-467-468	For Sale \$75K
118 Peace Pipe	Sec-2 Lot #459-460	\$274.9K (New Build)
Chickasaw	Sec-2 Lot #218	\$37.5K
Chickasaw	Sec-2 Lot #238	\$30K
TBD Wigwam	Sec-3 Lots #87-88	\$55K
106 Wampum	Sec-3 Lot #2	\$30K
441 Tom Tom	Sec-2 Lot #441	\$25,250K

# In support of our Veterans



Date: March 28, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Everyone is invited to come out and join us in celebrating all our Veterans

We will be hosting a Potluck/Barbeque at the New Pavilion

Hamburgers - Hot Dogs will be provided

Please join us and bring your favorite side dish



Recipe of the Month:



## Chicken Noodle Casserole Recipe

**PREP TIME** :10 minutes

**COOK TIME:** 35 minutes

**TOTAL TIME:** 45 minutes

### Ingredients:

- 2- (12.5 oz) cans chunk chicken breast, drained (or 1 quart Home canned chicken)
- 2- (10.5 oz) cans of chicken cream soup
- 1- cup of mayonnaise
- 1- cup of milk
- ½- cup onion diced
- 1- can whole kernel corn
- 1- bag (10-12 oz) frozen sweet peas
- 1- Teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1- Teaspoon sea salt
- 3- cups finely shredded fiesta blend cheese
- 12- ounce package egg noodles, cooked and drained
- ½- cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1- stick butter (1/2 cup) melted

### Instructions:

Preheat the Oven to 350 F degrees.

Spray a 9X13-inch baking dish with a non-stick cooking spray.

Shred your chicken or open and drain any excess water from the can and break up the large chunks.

Boil noodles in a large pot until el dente (about 5 minutes) and then drain.

Combine the chicken, cream of chicken soup, mayonnaise, milk, onion, peas and corn, salt and pepper and cheese into a large bowl.

1. Stir until combined.
2. Gently stir in the noodles until everything is evenly coated in the cream sauce.
3. Carefully pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish. Spread around until it is even.
4. Sprinkle the top evenly with panko breadcrumbs.
5. Drizzle the top with the melted butter evenly over the breadcrumbs.
6. Bake uncovered for 30-35 minutes or until heated through and the top is golden brown.
7. Serve warm and enjoy.



## Inspirational Quote:

**March forwards no matter how slow your progress might feel, even if you're moving at a snail's pace, the important thing is that you're moving just like nature in March, this is the perfect time to nurture your goals and watch them come to life, much like the flowers blooming around you. Enjoy what March has to offer.**

