



## ILOA Newsletter

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

April 1, 2026

### Welcome April

**April**, the fourth month of the year, is a refreshing gateway to spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. It has 30 days in total. Known for its blooming flowers, unpredictable weather, and vibrant spirit of renewal. April is a month that bridges the warmth of the sun with the freshness of new beginnings.



**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.



**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

Letter from President  
April 2026

Your Vote is Needed to Modernize Our Community

Dear Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today not just as your Board President, but as a fellow homeowner who shares your interest in protecting the value, safety, and future of our community.

In the coming weeks, we will hold a Special Meeting to vote on a matter of critical importance: the long-overdue update of our community's governing documents (our Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and Bylaws).

As many of you are aware, our current documents contain provisions that are outdated, inconsistent with current Texas state law, and—frankly—difficult to enforce effectively. This puts our association at significant risk and hinders our ability to manage the community efficiently.

For these updates to become effective, state law requires a high threshold of member approval. If we do not achieve a sufficient voter turnout, the amendments will fail. A "non-vote" has the same effect as a "no" vote.

Failure to pass these updates does not mean things will stay the same. It means we will remain stuck with legally risky, unenforceable documents that handcuff our ability to manage the community properly. The issues we face will not go away; they will simply become more difficult and costly to address later.

This is one of the most significant decisions our community will make in years. Your voice is essential. Whether you are in favor of or against the amendments, I urge you to participate. A low turnout is a disservice to our community and leaves critical decisions in the hands of a very few.

We have a responsibility to one another to ensure our community remains a desirable, well-managed, and financially stable place to call home. By voting, you are taking a direct role in shaping that future.

Thank you for your time, your attention, and your commitment to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Bonny Joplin  
President, Board of Directors  
Indian Lake Owners Association



## Robert Sconci Memorial Celebration Naming and Pool Opening

The ILOA Board has set a date for the Robert Sconci (The Mayor of Indian Lake) memorial celebration, there will be a Plaque displayed at the pavilion and the celebration date will be held on May 16, 2026, along with the Pool Grand Opening, at 11:00 AM





**The Little Library has been moved up against the Pumphouse on the Pool Side, Veronica Nunez will be taking over maintaining the Little Library, if you have any issues or suggestions for the Little Library, please get with Veronica Nunez.**

## The Veterans Fly Fishing Event

The Veterans Fly Fishing Event was held March 21, 2026, we had 14 Veterans out Fly Fishing on the lake, they enjoyed the day and were very appreciative of the Community putting on this event for them, they look forward to being invited out again as they lake was a very relaxing/calming place for them to release some PTSD by floating around the Lake in their Kayaks fly fishing.

We want to Thank Patrick McPherson for being instrumental in getting the Veterans out here, Maribeth & Mark for mowing the park areas, Nick Wilson for edging the grounds and being the Master Griller for the event.

Thank you to everyone that came out to enjoy the day and providing side dishes for the event, and thank the Veterans for their service .





THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS FOR YOUR SACRIFICE

## Pool Violators/Trespassers 3-25-2026

We had 2 individuals' trespass onto the ILOA property at the swimming pool on March 25, 2026 around 6:52PM, one guy climbed the fence while the other guy shimmied through the gate and they both went swimming, this is considered TRESPASSING on ILOA Property since the pool is not open for the summer yet, this has been reported, if these 2 show back up they will be arrested. If you know them, you may want to warn them.

Pictures below:



**Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted!**







## 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.



## 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. None to report.



# Easter Sunday



**April 5th, 2026**

The exact date of Easter varies each year because it is based on the lunar calendar. It generally falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, which is around March 21. As a result, Easter can occur between March 22 and April 25.

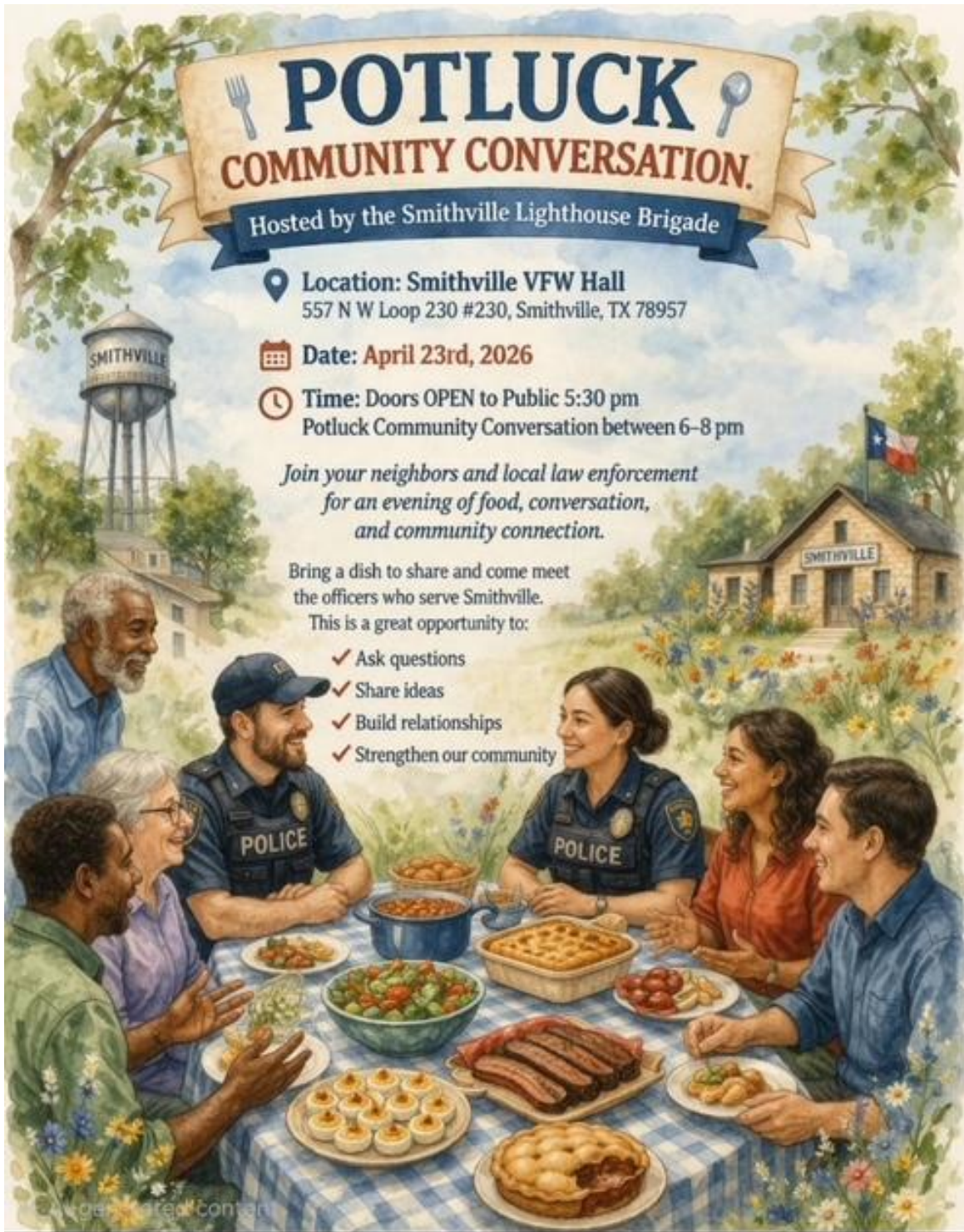
Easter is a Christian religious holiday, also known as a feast day, that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described in the New Testament of the Bible. It is considered the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church. Easter is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

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.

Make Plans to attend this Community Conversation Potluck Gathering



**POTLUCK**  
**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.**

Hosted by the Smithville Lighthouse Brigade

**Location: Smithville VFW Hall**  
557 N W Loop 230 #230, Smithville, TX 78957

**Date: April 23rd, 2026**

**Time: Doors OPEN to Public 5:30 pm**  
Potluck Community Conversation between 6-8 pm

*Join your neighbors and local law enforcement  
for an evening of food, conversation,  
and community connection.*

Bring a dish to share and come meet  
the officers who serve Smithville.  
This is a great opportunity to:

- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Share ideas
- ✓ Build relationships
- ✓ Strengthen our community

## Crust Pizza Co. to dish up Chicago-style flavor in Bastrop

Crust Pizza Co. will soon dish up Chicago-style flavor at Sendero—a 75-acre mixed-use development by Peral River Companies actively building along Hwy. 71 in Bastrop.

Crust Pizza Co., founded in 2011 in The Woodlands, now has dozens of locations throughout Texas and Louisiana, serving Chicago-style thin-crust pizzas alongside a wide variety of appetizers, pastas and desserts.

- Opening this summer
- Sendero, 853 Hwy. 71 W., Ste. 158, Bastrop



Y'all, it's official — save the date! The 2026 Smithville Jamboree is set for April 9–11

Smithville  
**JAMBOREE**

**STARS, STRIPES & JAMBOREE NIGHTS**

*Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

*Be Part of the Parade!*

**PRE-REGISTER NOW**



*Scan to Register Your Entry*

- ★PARADE: **APRIL 11th**
- ★STARTS: 1:30 PM
- ★DOWNTOWN SMITHVILLE
- ★REGISTER BY: **APRIL 4th**

**ALL FLOATS, VEHICLES & ENTRIES WELCOME!**

*13 Ft HEIGHT RESTRICTION ON ALL ENTRIES*

*SPOTS FILL QUICKLY, SECURE YOURS TODAY!*



HAPPY  
250TH BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA  
Jamboree 2026

# Pocket's Grille in Smithville to undergo \$400K expansion

Pocket's Grille in Smithville will get a makeover with more space and upgraded amenities—positioning the longtime local favorite for continued growth.

**About the project:** The 1,223-square-foot expansion, scheduled to begin May 12 and take approximately a year to complete, is estimated to cost \$400,000.

The scope of work includes:

- Building a new bar
- Adding indoor and outdoor seating
- Installing a walk-in cooler for keg storage
- Installing a walk-in cooler for the kitchen
- Relocating the existing playground

**Also of note:** Pocket's Grille will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sept. 16.



## **Chuy's** to bring burritos, enchiladas and more to Bastrop on May 18

Chuy's is bringing its Tex-Mex fare to Bastrop, with the Austin-based restaurant planning to open a new location in Sendero, a 75-acre mixed-use development, in mid-2026.

Chuy's menu, which offers "Texas-sized plates that won't break the bank," features the following:

- Burritos
- Chips and queso
- Eight signature sauces
- Enchiladas
- Fajitas
- Margaritas
- Tacos



## Freebirds World Burrito

Freebirds World Burrito is expanding its Central Texas presence with its first location in Bastrop, bringing more Tex-Mex options to the growing community.

**What we know:** The Bastrop spot will be in the Burleson Crossing East shopping center, developers Durham & Bassett Realty Group confirmed.

**The menu:** Freebirds World Burrito, founded in 1987 in California, we operate more than 60 locations across Texas, and offers menu items such as customizable burritos, tacos, bowls, nachos, salads and more.

- Opening TBD
- Burleson Crossing East, 600 block of Hwy. 71 W., Bastrop



Recipe of the Month:



## Alfredo Shrimp Scampi Dump Dinner

### Ingredients:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for the casserole dish  
12 ounces rotini pasta  
1 pound frozen peeled and deveined medium shrimp  
2 cups chicken broth  
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
Zest of 1/2 lemon  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan  
1/3 cup loosely packed fresh parsley, chopped  
1/2 cup heavy cream, warmed

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Generously grease the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish with butter.
2. Spread the rotini in an even layer in the bottom of the prepared dish. Scatter the shrimp over top and dot with the cubes of butter. Pour in the broth, then sprinkle with the red pepper flakes, garlic, lemon zest, 2 teaspoons salt and some black pepper. Cover with aluminum foil and bake until the pasta is al dente, stirring halfway through, about 30-35 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss together the Parmesan and parsley. When the pasta is done, stir in the warm cream and top with the cheese mixture.



## Inspirational Quote:

April is here — signaling the full bloom of spring and bringing a refreshing energy that makes us want to cherish every budding tree and bright, blue sky! It's a month of Earth's awakening, new beginnings, and the joyful promise of warmth. April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter.

