



ILOA Newsletter

P.O. Box 808 Smithville, Texas 78957

May 1, 2026

Welcome May

May, the fifth month of the year, is known for its beautiful birthstone emerald, green. Its deep green color mirrors spring's fresh growth. Two flowers share May's spotlight. Lily of the Valley brings tiny white bells and a sweet scent to gardens. Hawthorn shows off clusters of white or pink blooms on sturdy branches.



Mail HOA Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

The ILOA Board is 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.



First Lien Notices going out June 1, 2026

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

Come Leave Your Mark at the New Pavilion!

Dear Neighbors,

As part of our May 16 Pool Opening & Pavilion Celebration, we're launching a special community project—and everyone is invited to take part!

We've added a large wooden table inside the new pavilion, and we'd love your help tiling a mosaic on its top. This is a chance to get creative, have fun, and leave your mark on a lasting piece of our shared space.

When: Throughout the event on May 16

Where: The new pavilion

Who: All ages and skill levels welcome

Come for the pool opening, stay for the celebration, and help us make something beautiful together. Let's create a one-of-a-kind table that reflects the spirit of our community.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served, please bring a covered dish and join in on the celebration

Hope to see you there!

Bonny Joplin,
President

Indian Lake owners Association

Below is a picture of the table we want to do a mosaic on the top



Special Membership Business Meeting

The Special Membership Business Meeting will reconvene at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Indian Lake Pavilion, located at 298 Big Bow (by the community pool), we will remain in session throughout the day. Those owners that have **NOT** yet voted may submit their ballots in person on the day of the meeting, if you still have your ballot and would like to drop it off, you can do so by placing it in the lock mailbox located at 426 Big Bow.

This is your last chance to cast your vote; we hope to see you all on May 16th.



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.





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 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. Montoya-Salas, Luis & Juana (Deer Run)





We recently had a member find a set of keys in the road, they turned them into the ILOA Board, the Board posted a notice on the Bulletin Board at the front entrance, that same day another member notified the Board that they had also found a set of lost keys, within a 3 day period the owners of the keys called the Board and their keys were returned to them, if you find any items while out and about the community, please notify the ILOA Board by calling 512-237-8500 or sending an email to the ILOA Board email address iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com.

It takes a Village!!

Mother's Day



May 10, 2026

"Mother's Day is an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society." Enjoy this special day with your mother.

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.

Bastrop County ESD 3

Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 3 is continuing its year-long transition away from using Acadian Ambulance as a vendor, we are ahead of schedule for district-operated EMS

“We’re about halfway through that, and we’re well ahead of schedule,” said Allen Johnson, executive director of ESD 3. “In fact, we’ll start receiving delivery of our new ambulances in June.” It is our intent to have eight ambulances, 24 hours a day, with three additional peak trucks,” Johnson said during a March 24 Bastrop City Council meeting. “So, we will have gone, over about a 16-month period, from four ambulances a day to a max of 11, with two supervisors.”



CARTS boosts metro-bound Bastrop County routes to cut traffic and emissions

Bastrop County commuters gained new transit options March 2 with the launch of two regional bus routes culminating in downtown Austin: one connecting Bastrop and Smithville, and the other connecting Georgetown and Round Rock.

The launch coincided with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the remodeled Smithville Station at 300 N.E. Loop 230.

This service runs 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and is accessible via the existing CARTS Now app that can be downloaded online. Rides are priced at \$2 for a one-way trip, \$6 for an all-day pass and \$88 for a monthly pass with half-price fares for seniors 65 years and older, individuals with disabilities, and children 12 years and younger.

Residents can get the wheels turning by:

- [Downloading](#) the Transit App
- Booking rides [online](#)
- [Gifting a ride](#)



Bluff Schuetzen Fest

Celebrate the history of the Bluff Schuetzenverein, a German marksmanship and social club that once met on the Bluff at Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill State Historic Sites in La Grange. Toast to 250 years of America's independence at a site filled with Texas history! Admission to the family heritage festival features: Laser shooting gallery, Live music, History & beer talks, Guided tours of brewery ruins, Living history programs, Festival games & scavenger hunt, Food & drinks & MORE! Online General Admission (Prices go up at the door): \$5 Adults \$2 Students For more info, visit www.bluffschuetzenfest.org Purchase a beer tasting package to enjoy the Texas History on Tap Experience! Taste Texas's brewing heritage at the site of one of the earliest commercial breweries in Texas. A beer package gets you access to the unique selection of beers on offer from 15+ Texas craft breweries, many of which are brewed specially for our event.



Saturday May 16, 2026
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT

Kreische Brewery State Historic Site 414 State Loop 92 La Grange,
TX

Stitched Quilt Exhibit

Quilting has long been an important part of Bastrop's women's history, reflecting the creativity, resilience, and resourcefulness of generations of women. The Bastrop Museum is proud to present *Stitched*, a special exhibit showcasing Bastrop's historical quilts, now on display through May 2.

Come explore these remarkable quilts and discover the inspiring stories behind their creation. We invite you to visit the museum, admire the careful artistry of each piece, and celebrate the women who helped shape Bastrop's community.



Saturday May 2, 2026
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM CDT

Bastrop County Museum & Visitor Center
904 Main Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602

<https://www.bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com/event-details-registration/stitched-a-historic-quilt-exhibit>

Music in the Park

Since 2018, we've been bringing the community together for evenings filled with great local music, friendly faces, and small-town charm.

Bring your blanket, chairs, and a cooler—It's the perfect way to spend time with family, friends, and neighbors.

Where: Downtown Smithville, TX – Main Street Gazebo

When: Thursdays in April 6:00–8:30 PM (Except 4/9 for Jamboree Event)

Cost: FREE!

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IN THE PARK

Smithville, Texas | April 2026

Envy of Them All
w/ Orion Robinson
April 2, 2026

Big John Mills & Friends
w/ Willy 2 Strings
April 16, 2026

Johnny Rockit Band
w/ Ace Ahlbrandt
April 23, 2026

Ally Taylor
w/ Jansen Landers
April 30, 2026

Gazebo Park
(At the End of Main Street)
Don't miss the Smithville Jamboree
on Thursday 4/9 in Riverbend Park!

Thursday's in April
6:00pm-8:00pm
(Except April 9th Jamboree Weekend)

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Smithville winery Frontier Cellars opens with Texas wines, & small bites.

After spending the last three years renovating, Lance and Alysen Bondy now offer a selection of wines and small bites at their recently opened winery in Smithville.

Set on 73 acres, Frontier Cellars offers a tasting room overlooking a two-acre lake. Alysen Bondy said guests can enjoy indoor and outdoor seating at the veteran-owned business, which makes its wines exclusively from Texas-grown grapes.

- Opened March 7
- 157 Hector Road, Smithville
<http://www.frontiercellars.com/>



Make plans to join us for the **20th Annual Smithville Fly-In** on Saturday, May 9th from 10 AM – 2 PM at Hwy 71 & Hwy 95!

Whether you're an aviation enthusiast or just looking for a fun day out with the family, this is a Smithville tradition you won't want to miss!

☁️ Rain date: May 16, 2026

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**20TH ANNUAL
SMITHVILLE
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**SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026**

10AM - 2PM
Hwy 71 at Hwy 95

Rain Date: May 16, 2026

The Good Old Days

Many once-common features removed from today's cars are now sorely missed. The New contemporary cars are marvels; with proper maintenance they can last longer than ever-200,000 miles or more. They are also vastly more fuel efficient, cleaner running and more cash-worthy compared to cars from four or five decades ago. Compiled is a list of what we miss in the cars today from years ago.

1. **Uncovered engines**-they now have a huge plastic cover over them.
2. **Oil Dipsticks**-most newer cars have an electronic sensor letting you know when the oil is low or needs changing.
3. **Analog instruments**-all new cars have huge electronic screens that reach from one side of the dashboard to the other side.
4. **Buttons, knobs, levers**-now you must wade through a menu on a large screen to change anything.
5. **Unconnected infotainment**-now all new cars are connected to the internet by relaying your every move and collecting your personal information.
6. **Full size spare tires**-new cars now have a spare tire the size of a donut.
7. **Glorious colors**-most new vehicles are white, black or 50 shades of grey, bring back our glorious 2-tone paint colors.
8. **CD players**-everything is electronic through the internet.
9. **Unpainted bumpers**-no more big chrome bumpers, everything is painted and plastic now.
10. **Printed owner's manual**-you now must view your owner's manual on a large touch screen.
11. **Drivers**-as autonomous cars become the thing; drivers will be a thing of the past.



Recipe of the Month:



Stick of Butter Mississippi Chicken Spaghetti

Ingredients:

1/2x
1x
2x

Original recipe (1X) yields 8 servings

- 2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 (1 ounce packet) au jus mix
- 1 (1 ounce) packet of ranch seasoning mix
- 12 jarred pepperoncini peppers, divided, or more to taste
- 1/4 cup pepperoncini brine from the jar
- 1 stick butter
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1 pound spaghetti
- 8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions

Directions:

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Place chicken breasts in the bottom of a slow cooker. Sprinkle evenly with au jus and ranch seasonings. Place 6 peppers on top and pour in 1/4 cup pepper

brine. Place stick of butter on top, cover, and cook on High for 2 hours 15 minutes.

3. Uncover and add cream cheese. Replace the lid and continue to cook while pasta cooks, for about 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 9 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta water and drain pasta.
5. Remove chicken from slow cooker and shred it into bite-sized pieces. Remove peppers and chop them into smaller pieces. Chop remaining peppers and add chicken and chopped peppers back to the slow cooker. Stir until well combined and creamy.
6. Add pasta and pasta water, along with 1 cup cheese. Stir until well combined. Top with remaining cheese and cover until cheese is melted, 5 to 10 minutes.
7. Serve topped with green onions.



Inspirational Quote:

May is here — May is the most beautiful month of the year, a month alive with warm colors. The flowers and trees are in full bloom, and even the sun joins this rhapsody by emitting warmer rays. May is also known as the gateway to summer.

