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Thank You, Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to Sandy Wood, 8004 RBDE, who has agreed to be our Pool Coordinator this summer! She will be looking for volunteers to help with cleaning!

Update! Volunteers Needed for Pool

Anyone wishing to help keep the pool clean this summer can call, text, or email me to volunteer. If you can help one week, two weeks or more often, contact Sandy Wood at 317-225-6206 by call or text or csjlwood@att.net via email.



Spring Is Here

Beautiful morning sun shining on the trees of the peninsula! May is right around the corner!! The flowers will be popping soon! Residents mulch will be delivered to guest parking areas soon!

Upcoming Events

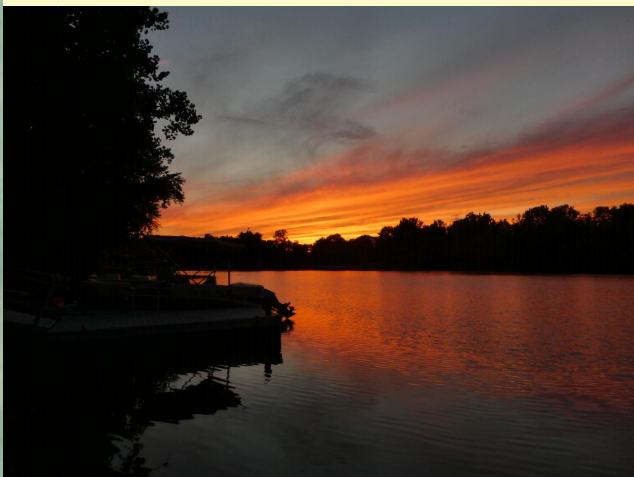
May 20th.-Drinks on Driveway-TBD
June 4th.- SP Garage Sale
June 5th. - Summer Party at the Pool



Invasive Milfoil Treatment

The DNR lake and River Enhancement program has approved funds of up to \$5000.00 to treat the invasive Eurasian Milfoil that clogs the water in the Sandy Point area for 2022.

This is on a reimbursement basis with matching funds required. The contract is with the White River Yacht Club Foundation. We are trying to raise donations to match the state funding so we can do this again this year.



Please mail donation checks payable to the:
White River Yacht Club Foundation
c/o David Hoover
860 E. 86th Street, Suite 5
Indianapolis IN 46240

We would like to make the water near our homes nice.
Thank you!!!

Do you have a boat for sale?? Still Looking!

Diana Mercer, 2945 RBDN, is looking for a boat for sale, rent, or to co-own with another resident of Sandy Point. Ideally a pontoon boat or kayak that

seats 2+ people. Please contact Diana at (808) 868-8421 or diana1159@aol.com.

Drinks on the Driveway

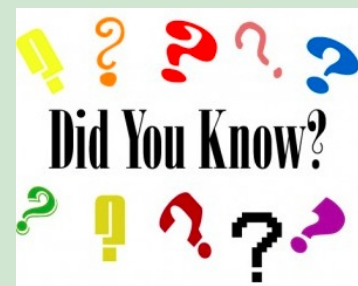
With Spring comes Drinks on the Driveway (DOD)!! For our new residents, DOD is an easy and fun way to get out, socialize and meet new neighbors. DOD runs from May-September, on the 3rd. Friday of the month from 5-7pm. All residents are welcome to choose a month to host. As a host, you open your garage, add a table or two, name tags, paper plates and napkins. Those attending DOD bring their own beverage, a bag of chips to share and their own chair. We modified the food in the last 2 years because of Covid. We will see how the Spring progresses and whether we want to serve only individual packets. We would love to see some of our new neighbors host!! If you are interested in hosting, please contact Elaine Caskey, 317-752-1221 or elainescoc@aol.com, or Judy Bourquin, 317-501-5407 or judybourquin@live.com **Hurry, the slots fill up quickly!!**



Sandy Point Committee News...

Architectural Control Committee

With spring approaching, the ACC reminds everyone that you must schedule a pre-meeting before signing any contracts for your projects. Also, please give us more than a one-day notice to schedule a meeting. If you'd like a quick review of the ACC approval process, feel free to contact one of us on the committee.



Susan Oxfurth (317) 294-7257
Julie Marsh (317) 985-8586
Dave Wehlage (317) 598-1324

Grounds Committee

With the rising water events of the last few weeks, we were finally able to address a continuing concern that former Chair Bob Albaugh had regarding the break in the levee on the far side of the Conservancy opposite the open field before reaching the tennis courts. David Ward went over at the time of the river cresting at 13.5 feet and observed that the water was still a foot and a half below the top of the boat ramp. As the ramp is higher than the levee, he is confident that we do not have to fear the river washing out our road. If it were to get higher than we have previously experienced, it would still not be a rushing torrent, but rather it would move slowly, pool, and sink back down. At most, we might have to add some gravel. Repairing that break in the levee would be much more expensive and probably unnecessary.

John Ryan and David Ward will do a walkabout when the weather gets warmer, assess the condition of Residents' docks, notify Jerri followed by the particular Residents of any repair issues that need attention.

Building Committee

This has been another tough year for Sandy Point roads. We want you to know that we are making arrangements to make contractor performed road repairs this year. While the long term budgeting plan has us resurfacing all of our roads in three phases in 2025, 26 & 27, East drive from the entrance to the split will be the first phase in 2025. Obviously we can't wait that long to make repairs. This year we have plans to fill all of the potholes with hot asphalt as soon as the asphalt plants open for the season. This should occur late March or early April. We will follow this work with another project to mill and repave sections of East drive from the entrance to the split, similar to what we did in 2020. We appreciate your patience as we work to keep SP roads safe.



Grounds Committee Commemorative Bench Proposal

With the recent passing of former Board Member



Susan Ulmer and several other long-time neighbors, a group of residents has approached the Board with an idea to honor past volunteers. Volunteering is the lifeblood of this community, as so many things would not get done if folks weren't willing to pitch in to make it all happen. You may not realize how much time is put in around Sandy Point, not only by your tireless Board but by the Pool managers, those who maintain the Pickleball Courts, the overseers of the Boat Yard, the planners of all the parties,

etc. All this effort is free and willingly provided by your neighborhood volunteers to keep our monthly fees down. The proposed idea is to install a permanent bench down at the point of the Conservancy, facing the River and our Sandy Point development. The bench will be a resin-type material that won't fade, or splinter secured by concrete pillars sunk into the ground.

A plaque attached to it would be "in memory of all the Sandy Point volunteers who have gone before us."

Although the Board doesn't have the budget for this project, the Grounds Committee is committing to installing this bench for free if residents can raise the money to buy it. Approximate cost of the bench \$350.00!

This bench idea is something many of us feel passionate about, as people have long expressed a desire for a bench down at that beautiful vantage point.

Please donate whatever you are willing, and we thank John Ryan (3026 RBDN) for agreeing to handle the collections. Since this is not a Board project, please make checks payable to John, not the Board.



BIRD NERD CORNER

It's a beautiful day, and I sat in my upstairs window just watching the show this morning. Cormorants diving, Gulls soaring, Mallards floating (hubby saw some Wood Ducks a couple of days ago, but no luck for me yet), a Sparrow trying to make a nest on top of our awning (which we will have to discourage as that will be a mess when we hit the button to wind it out!), Goldfinches at the feeder, a very fat Robin on the grass, Geese honking as they try to come ashore, a Woodpecker and a Flicker banging away, and my big thrill: an EAGLE swooping overhead!!!! There must be babies in the nest upriver, as this was a grown adult, and I'm guessing he was hoping for fish to take back. All in all, it was a great morning.

Neighbors ask me how I recognize all these birds (lovely of them not to assume it's just my longevity on this earth...), and I can tell you that my dad started me out appreciating birds, then my husband took me from there, as well as his brother who is an avid fan of all raptors.

So, I thought I'd share some great reference sites with you since I can't get you access to my relatives. Cornell and Audubon will happily accept donations and send you beautiful newsletters or just let you browse for

free. Minnesota's page is just a bit of fun to test your knowledge.

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>

<https://www.audubon.org/>

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mcvmagazine/bird_songs_interactive/index.html

There are some good apps for your smartphones, but I think Merlin is the most intuitive and fun:

<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

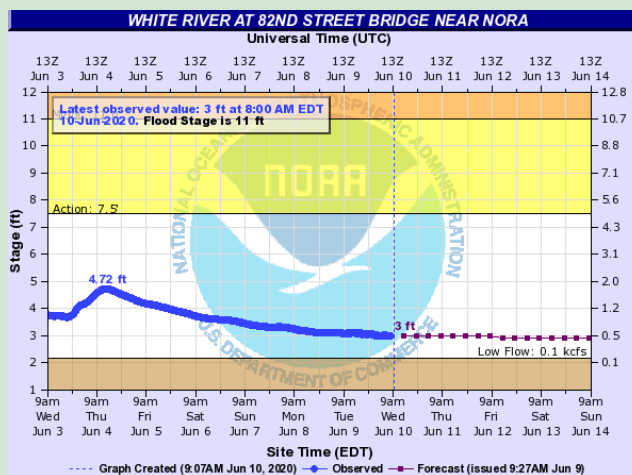
The Song Sleuth is a fun one for identifying bird songs (my tin ear makes it impossible for me to differentiate them, no matter how long I've been hearing them!):

<http://www.songsleuth.com/#/>

And finally, if you are on Facebook, there is a great group you can join called "Birding in Indiana" that has all levels of expertise among its members. They are gracious about answering questions and making identifications, and always have the most spectacular photos members have taken. It is a well-moderated site, so no worries about joining.

Below is a screen shot of the Water level on the White River as taken at the 82nd Bridge location.

- Many folks care to know what it is from time to time. To get this current information you may click "**Here**" or on the image. Both will take you to today's forecast.



Below are the important connections to the website and contact information for the Sandy Point Website Community

Click here to go directly to the website

8077 River Bay Drive East - Indianapolis, IN 46240

Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00PM

From time to time you may have a question and not know the answer or to whom to ask the question.

Email President

Email Property Manager

Email Webmaster
