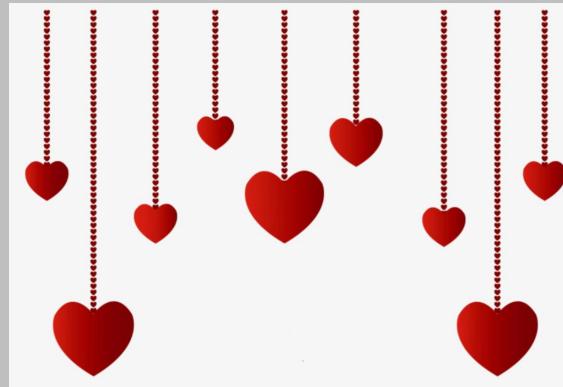


February 2022



Happy Valentine's Day



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New Residents

Please welcome our new residents, Ed and AJ Bottoms, who have moved into 8016 River Bay Drive East!!

From our President

Thank You, Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to Marianna Fallon, 8122 RBDE, for agreeing to become our new Webmaster!! She has the wonderful skills we need and will do a terrific job! She will begin this position in April!

From Our Property Manager

Just a reminder that our roads and driveways are plowed when snow reaches 3 inches. It is recommended to use sand on driveways and sidewalks instead of salt. Salt will pit the concrete. Be safe out there!!

It is now time to remove holiday decorations if they are still up!

From the Grounds Committee...



Bird Nerd Corner - by Bo Ward

Last month, I gave a rather vague accounting of the Seagulls around here . But, thanks to Dave Wehlage's kindness, I now have more knowledge to impart. He gave me a copy of a recent article in "Outdoor Indiana" magazine about Ring-Billed Gulls (which I might have seen, were I not woefully behind on my OIs right now...)



It turns out that not all gulls are seagulls, and our guys often never see the ocean in their whole life. They feed on a wide variety of food sources, according to OI, and can fly at top speeds of more than 40mph. Weirdly, they like landfills, using them for foraging and nesting. They'll be here all winter, so enjoy!

A couple of months ago, when it was a bit warmer, Elaine Caskey asked me what those little birds were that kept yacking at her whenever she

went out to enjoy sitting on her deck. I was pretty sure I knew who the culprits were:



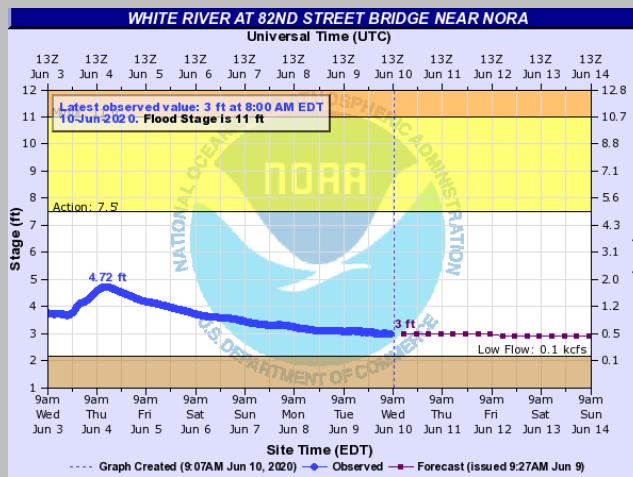
On the left, the little black-and-white guy is a Chickadee, and on the right is the Carolina Wren – one of my all-time favorite birds! They are tiny, but nobody ever told them that. They are both loud and non-stop talkers. The Wren's call is tweedle-tweedle-tweedle, whereas the Chickadee pretty much is saying its name with some extra dee's at the end.

The Chickadee will be your most typical feeder client. They need about 250 sunflower seeds a day to maintain that frenetic pace. They also hide thousands of seeds all over the place to get through the winter – and they remember where they are! Their chatter is mostly about predators they've spotted, complete with a descriptor code of size and proximity. I wonder how they described Elaine?

Carolina Wrens are crafty little guys who will build a nest where a space presents itself, including your garage, the decorative wreath on your door, your gutters, your planters, you name it, and I've heard of one settling for nesting season. I just can't get mad at them because they are so cute and perky! In addition to patronizing feeders, I've seen them at our suet feeder as well, so keep those up all winter too.

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 todays 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

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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.

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[**Email Property Manager**](#)

[**Email Webmaster**](#)