

January 2022



Holiday Decorations

Thanks to all who helped decorate Sandy Point for the holidays. We have some very beautiful displays throughout the neighborhood. May you all have a very blessed and Happy New Year!





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Sandy Point Board of Directors for 2021-2022

- President - Judy Bourquin
- Vice-President - Mike Sherman
- Secretary - Gail Bowler
- Treasurer - Elaine Caskey
- Architectural Control Committee - Susan Oxforth
- Building Committee - Pat Guenin and Mike Sherman
- Communications Committee - Greg Lupo
- Grounds Committee - Bo Ward and John Ryan

Homeowners Monthly Dues

Monthly HOA dues will increase to **\$335.00 per month beginning January 1, 2022**. The ACH withdrawal increase will be automatic for you. You do not need to make any changes with your bank, as Jerri Guinn will handle all of that for you.



From Our Property Manager

Jerri Guinn has an important announcement! Republic has asked residents to please place your trash bins out by 6:00 a.m. for pickup. This is a great deal earlier than our old pickup times! Please make a note of it!

Speed Limit



The speed limit in Sandy Point is 20 MPH and is clearly posted for all to see. The roadway in Sandy Point is narrow and winding, and there are no curbside lights or sidewalks, so speeding puts walkers, joggers or others using our roadways at significant risk. You, your family members, your guests and all service providers (UPS, FedEx, Comcast, etc.,) are asked to drive with caution and observe our posted speed limits, especially during wet and snowy

conditions.

From the Grounds Committee...

“What Were Those Guys Doing Out There on the Road??”

This past Fall, Bob Albaugh and David Ward attended a seminar sponsored by the Friends of White River regarding soil erosion problems in Marion County. There was a speaker there from the County's Soil and Water Conservation office. They approached her afterward about our Honeysuckle problems, specifically our desire to eradicate them and replace them with appropriate native plantings that would hold the soil and attract wildlife by providing a safe and inviting habitat. She agreed to come out and meet with David to get a tour and see what advice she could offer. Then, convinced of our desire to do something to rid ourselves of the honeysuckle, including the fact that we have a line-item amount for it in the Sandy Point Budget, she offered to bring out a man from the USDA to help us out. There is a Federal grant program for this kind of problem that provides 80-20 funding and three years of help as long as we do the work and replace everything with appropriate plantings. With this in mind, John Ryan (Bob's successor as Grounds Committee co-chair) and David got together a crew of volunteers (thanks goes out to Mike Caskey, Jeff Bourquin, and Joe Klein) to chop down all the honeysuckle and vines along the road coming into Sandy Point. Jerri Guinn sent her crew to help when the vines proved daunting. Our tree contractor will remove the resulting (neatly stacked!) piles of honeysuckle when they get here later this month, weather-dependent.

When the government folks got here, they were duly impressed! The USDA guy was very enthusiastic about our chances and promptly helped us fill out the grant application then and there, taking it to file. So, now we wait. With their 80% funding, to match what we put up, this project would be able to move much faster than the 5-year timeline we had set for ourselves. Just imagine how beautiful it will be eventually when the Nature

Preserve is restored to its former glory, with a variety of plants and flowers. The birds and animals will be sure to return! The guys will continue to attack this task as the weather permits. Volunteers are welcome to join them. However, don't go off on your own doing this willy-nilly. There are procedures to follow and safety to bear in mind.

On a related subject (soil erosion), Jerri arranged to repair and replace the retaining walls across from 7931-35 RBDE and behind the area of 8118 RBDE. Unfortunately, the original walls and barriers installed by the developer are starting to fail, and this is an ongoing concern that the Board will be keeping an eye on and budgeting for.

Any questions, please feel free to call the Grounds Committee: John Ryan or me.

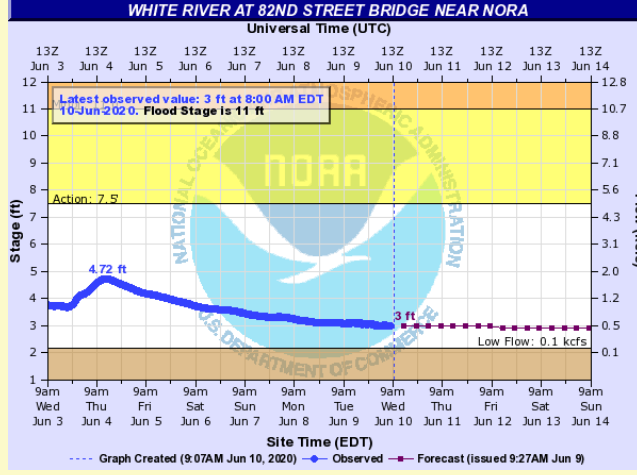


Bird Nerd Corner - *by Bo Ward*

With all this oddly warm weather, you'd think I'd have something interesting to say about unusual sightings, but I don't. However, Judy did report a view of our resident Great Blue Heron down by her dock, looking for brunch. With no ice, he will be fine. If you wondered, the herons do stay around all winter – there's always a spot somewhere that isn't iced over. I did enjoy a couple of days of Seagulls swooping over the water. Such a graceful sight to see! They also stay around all winter. Bet some of you have been surprised to see them and realize they are not just coastal birds. Any body of water will do!

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](#)