

May 2022



Upcoming Events



May 20th. - Drinks on Driveway- 5-7PM
Co-hosted by Vicki Johnson and Alice Dills (8024 RBDE)
June 4th. - SP Garage Sale
June 5th. - Summer Party at Pool

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From the Nominating Committee

The Sandy Point Nominating Committee is beginning its search for candidates to serve on the Board of Directors for the term beginning October 2022. As a Board member, you will understand the Sandy Point Covenants and Bylaws, and interface with neighbors and other Board members. There will be three Board positions opening in October, for a term of three years. Current Board positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Building Committee, Architectural Committee, Grounds Committee, and Communications.

Good candidates for the Board are people who have the ability to delve into details while keeping an eye on the big issues. Board members are willing to spend time reviewing and understanding details of our governing

documents. They should also be committed to frequently evaluating and refining the HOA's big picture and plans for the community.

If you have an interest in becoming a nominee for the Sandy Point Board, please contact Susan Oxfurth prior to July 1, 2022. Thank you for considering serving on the Sandy Point Board!

Nominating Committee

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PICKLEBALL AT SANDY POINT

Residents are invited to play co-ed pickleball on the Sandy Point courts on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 beginning Saturday, May 7.

Guests accompanied by residents are welcome to join in. If you're interested in playing or have any questions about the group, contact Jeff Bourquin at 317-501-4128 or jeffbouquin@hotmail.com



Pool is Opening!



Assuming Spring ever gets here, I seem to remember that Summer will be arriving right behind. And that means:

THE POOL IS OPENING!!!

You have until Saturday, May 28, to find your suits and sunblock. Hours will be 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Also, mark your calendars for 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 5, for the Annual Sandy Point Pool Party. Details are coming later on that.

Now, for more tedious but necessary reminders. Some of you may not realize that we do not hire a pool service company to do anything else but keep us in compliance with City ordinances regarding pool water safety. We do our poolside maintenance, including cleaning up the deck areas, emptying trash, washing down the furniture, lowering umbrellas, skimming leaves off the water, and opening and closing. In the Fall, we wash and store all the furniture. And by "we," I mean the Grounds Committee and a beloved core of pool volunteers.

Here's where you come in:

- 1) These are your neighbors cleaning up after you! We are asking for some common courtesy. Please take your trash with you when you leave, as we aren't charmed by collecting dirty diapers and rotten food.
- 2) Lower umbrellas when finished with them.
- 3) If you see something, say something. If kids are running or doing other risky behavior that is not allowed, please speak to the adult supervising them. Read the Owner's Manual for specifics but know that guests cannot be at the pool without an SP owner.
- 4) Do not complain to Jerri!! If something needs to be addressed, talk first to our Pool Manager Sandy Wood or a member of the Grounds Committee.

Okay, that's it for lectures for now. Enjoy a wonderful Summer!!



We Still Need Volunteers!

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the pool this season! All openings and closings for the season are filled. Cleaners for the pool area and restrooms are still needed for the 3rd week in June

and all of August. Cleaners will clean either Thursday or Friday (your choice of day) for weekend use and check either Monday or Tuesday (again, your choice of day) to see if cleaning is needed after the weekend. Cleaning should take less than an hour.

If interested in doing a day, a week, or more, please contact Sandy Wood by email at csjlwood@att.net or by phone or text at 317-225-6206. Thanks!

Sandy

Mailbox Theft

From The President.

It is that time of year when we have many people outside of Sandy Point walking in our neighborhood. Adjacent neighborhoods have already reported mailbox theft, so please be diligent with keeping our eyes open. In speaking this week with our mailperson, Patricia, she had some suggestions. Do not place mail in the mailbox until mid afternoon as she typically picks up between 4-6pm. Do not put the red flag on the mailbox up because she checks all the mailboxes for outgoing mail. Use the post office for mailing if you feel more secure in doing that. Patricia has given me her cell number in case you have a special request....it is 773-852-6530. In addition, Patricia now has my cell number in case another mailperson has this route for the day....she will call me and I can alert the neighborhood to put flags up or take mail to the post office.

Pontoon Boat Wanted

Matt and Cristina Brown, 3118 RBDN, are looking for a pontoon boat for sale. If anyone is looking to sell theirs or knows of anyone who might be interested in selling, please contact Matt at (812) 345-2708 or Mattdbrown2487@gmail.com.

Drinks on the Driveway

Drinks on the Driveway resumes on May 20th, 5-7 p.m. co-hosted by Vicki Johnson and Alice Dills (8024 RBDE). Please bring a chair, your own beverage and a snack to share. Feel free to bring a homemade snack if you would like! It would be nice to put the Covid restrictions behind us!!



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 Garage Sales

Shop 'til you drop!!! And sell a lot!!! Save the date of June 4th. for the **SANDY POINT GARAGE SALE**. Spring Cleaning is always the time to find "treasures" that you may no longer consider "treasures". Pull them out! Price them and voila, they will become someone else's prized find. Don't have enough? Talk to a neighbor and combine your items. Cost to participate (besides the joy of de-cluttering) is \$5, covering advertising and promotion.

Registration and Questions?
Gail McDermott-Bowler, 8134 RBDE, 317 258-3646

Grounds Committee Commemorative Bench



The Grounds Committee thanks all who donated for the commemorative bench, honoring the volunteers who have gone before. The bench is installed on the point. Go sit on it!! We truly appreciate your generosity.

To update the Honeysuckle Eradication Campaign news, we can report that the bushes provided us by DNR (native, non-invasive, hardy, bird-friendly) have been planted in the areas where we removed honeysuckle (on the road and riverbank leading into SP). We sprayed the honeysuckle roots with the DNR-recommended plant-killing application when they emerged. The wattle ground covering will soon be staked along the river bank to help hold the soil and our new plantings.

As I write this, Spring still hasn't gotten here, and I haven't seen anybody

put boats in the water. But we on the Grounds Committee are ready at the starting gate for anyone who wants to get a jump on summer garden planning!



BIRD NERD CORNER



Thank you, Theresa Kress!



This week, I've been enjoying a bird that I realized I've never talked about – the Osprey.

Many of you who travel to Florida in the winter may be familiar with this large hawk-like bird, and some around here may have confused him (*yes, "him" – she sits on the nest only*) with the Bald Eagles. They both swoop and dive over our waters, performing outstanding fishing maneuvers.

This photo was caught a couple of weeks ago by Theresa Kress in her sycamore by the river's edge. I was so glad she got this, as I'd been enjoying his aerial show too much to think to get my camera. (*Per usual...*) This is an excellent view to see what distinguishes this guy from the eagles – the all-white underside instead of the eagle's white head and tail only.

We've seen an osprey around here for several summers, fishing for what we suspect is a nest somewhere just south of Sandy Point in River's Edge. They typically migrate and breed in Canada and North America during the summer months, then head for the southeast coastal areas and Central America when winter arrives. While we consider Osprey a rare treat here, they are very commonplace in Florida. In Satellite Beach, where we were visiting family, we were surprised to see large wood platforms built atop utility poles with very messy nests on them. The power company had installed them for the ospreys' convenience, safety, and protection.



I have shamelessly copied some fun facts from the Cornell Ornithology page regarding these birds:

1) Ospreys are unusual among hawks in possessing a reversible outer toe that allows them to grasp with two toes in front and two behind. In addition, barbed pads on the soles of the birds' feet help them grip slippery fish. Finally, an Osprey lines up its catch headfirst for less wind resistance when flying with prey.

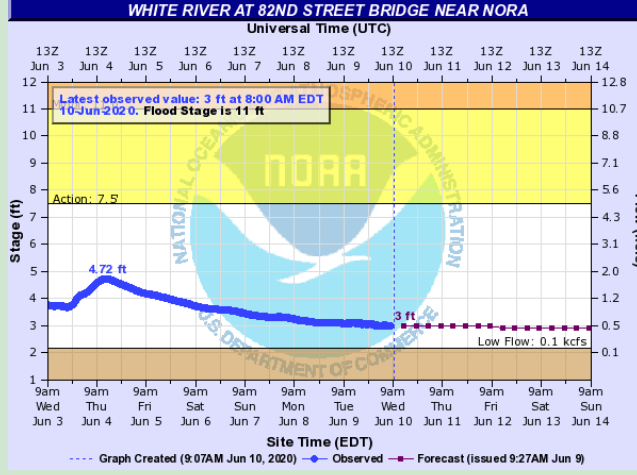
2) Ospreys are excellent anglers. Over several studies, Ospreys caught fish on at least 1 in every four dives, with success rates sometimes as high as 70 percent. In addition, the average time they spent hunting before making a catch was about 12 minutes—something to think about next time you throw your line in the water.

3) Near open water with an abundant supply of fish, listen for the Osprey's whistling or chirping calls overhead, or look for this bird's distinctive flight profile and heavy wingbeats. A boat or raft on a lake or river can provide an especially good vantage point from spring into fall. Scan treetops and other high spots along the shore for perched adults and untidy stick nests piled atop a platform, pole, or snag out in the open.

I must go ponder that flexible toe thing now!

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](#)