

January 2023

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### What's up this new year?



- Holiday decorations
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### Holiday Decorations

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the festive holiday decorations at Sandy Point. The colorful displays add to our seasonal cheer. A



friendly reminder that your beautiful holiday decorations should be removed by month end, weather permitting.



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## Welcome New Neighbors!



Please welcome the following new neighbors to Sandy Point:

Barbara A. Kuhns at 8084 RBDW,  
Deborah Dick at 8114 RBDE, and  
Nicole Streza at 2901 RBC.

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## HOA Dues Increase Reminder

As approved by homeowners at the October 27, 2022 Annual Meeting, HOA dues increase to **\$345.00 per month beginning January 1, 2023**. The Automatic Payment Authorization contract you signed addresses dues changes. Therefore, you do not need to initiate any changes with your bank. Jerri Guinn, Sandy Point property manager, will handle this adjustment for us.



## Sandy Point Board of Directors for 2022-2023

- President - Judy Bourquin
- Vice-President - John Ryan
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- Secretary - Gail Bowler
- Architectural Control Committee chair - Steve Grothouse
- Building Committee co-chairs - Mike Sherman and Greg Lupo
- Communications Committee chair - Lyn Berkebile
- Grounds Committee co-chairs - Bo Ward and John Ryan



### Bird Nerd Corner – by Bo Ward

Much as I try not to have favorites, there are just some birds that tickle my fancy. Right up there at the top of that list is the Nuthatch. It is a busy bird who likes insects, which makes him even more endearing, right?

I'll let Audubon explain how it got its name:

*They get their common name from their habit of jamming large nuts and acorns into tree bark, then whacking them with their sharp bill to "hatch" out the seed from the inside. White-breasted Nuthatches may be small, but their voices are loud, and often their insistent nasal yammering will lead you right to them.*

"Yammering" is a fair description! If you are sitting under a tree, it's a good chance it is either a Nuthatch or a Chickadee disturbing your peace. The Nuthatch will be the little gray/blue guy on the tree trunk, usually going down headfirst. Some confuse them with Woodpeckers, but they are smaller and have no red highlights.

Let me tell you a story about one Nuthatch that endeared himself to our family many years ago. My husband's bath and dressing room were in the basement, and he had left a window cracked to let out steam from his shower. When he picked up his slippers – the warm fur-lined Eddie Bauer kind – a little head popped out. They looked at each other and smiled, but the bird did not attempt to move out of his cozy lair. It was a Nuthatch who figured he'd found his dream winter home!



Hubby eventually enticed the bird onto his hand, from where it climbed up to his shoulder and perched quite contentedly, hopefully checking his beard for bugs. By now, our daughter was determined to make the little darling a pet and was quite upset to find out that dad was going to walk him up the stairs and out the door. The Nuthatch reluctantly flew off, and every time we saw

one after that, we assured the kidlet that it was him!

When we came across these pictures, we got to thinking about Nuthatches. They are native all over the country year-round, so why aren't they more popular? They are cute, practical, loud, and can stand upside-down. We think they would make the ideal team mascot! But, instead, you have Terrapins, Warthogs, Royals, Bison, Aggies, Senators, and Knights, all uninspired names with no endearing qualities. Also, you have mean angry birds like eagles, hawks, and owls, or heaven-help-us, the inappropriate Trojans. Frankly, the Cardinals have been overdone in the pretty cute bird mascot category.

We hereby nominate "Nuthatches" for the next team in search of a new moniker! Can we get a motion to approve?

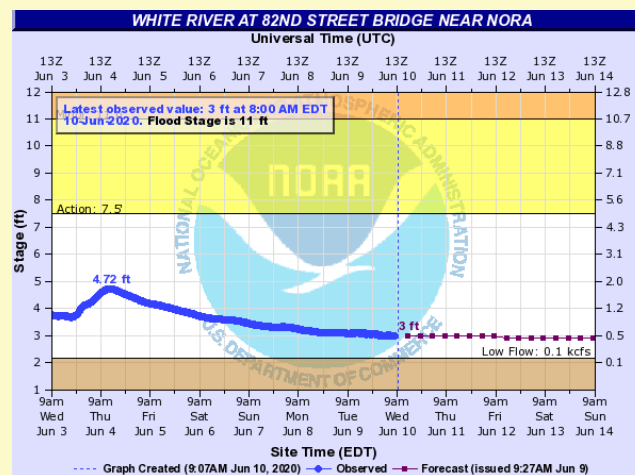
## No Mail Delivery on Monday, January 2, 2023

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day) & Monday, January 2 (New Year's Day Holiday Observed)

- Local Post Office locations will be closed.
- Blue Collection Boxes: Mail will not be picked up.
- Regular mail will not be delivered.
- Priority Mail Express mail will be delivered in limited locations.

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](#)

**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.*

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