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May the wind be always at your back



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Drinks on the Driveway

As we approach warmer weather, it is time to ask our residents to host Drinks on the Driveway (DOD). This year, we will hold DOD during the months of May, July and September, on the 3rd Friday of the month, from 5-7pm. DOD is a fun and easy way to get out to meet and enjoy your neighbors. DOD hosts offer up their garage and driveway, set up a food table and supply paper goods and name tags. Neighbors bring their own beverage, a chair and a snack to share.



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.

Welcome New Residents!

Please welcome our new neighbors, Dakota Wilkins and Mattie Baca, who have moved into 2946 River Bay Drive North.



Neighborhood Crime Watch



Since Shirley Judkins moved from Sandy Point, we have not had a Crime Watch Coordinator. Shirley did an outstanding job communicating any neighborhood crime issues to the residents. If there is a resident in Sandy Point who has an interest in taking on this responsibility, please contact Judy Bourquin, (317) 501-5407, or judybourquin@live.com. Judy has a Crime Watch PDF that can be sent to you that gives a very detailed outline of what this job entails.



BIRD NERD CORNER - by Bo Ward

Sandy Point's Board is amidst a massive editing project, and yours truly is a bit tired of her keyboard. So, this letter will be short, but I promise I'm writing about our resident Wood Ducks next month, one of the nicer privileges we have living here.

(See how I did that? Now I must write about them because I told everybody I would. We procrastinators have our tricks.)

Many have reported that migration seems to be happening earlier this year. I guess word of our mild winter got around. So, keep your eyes out (or your glasses on, or whatever...) for traveling shorebirds that may be on the river earlier than usual.

The most surprising thing has been all the sightings of Sandhill Cranes, even in January. They seem to be returning to their stop-over grounds in Indiana way ahead of normal. Could Florida be losing its appeal to them? It is not unheard of for former migratory birds to reside here year-round. Bluebirds and Cormorants are examples folks have spotted at more odd off-season times. Who knows? We can hope!

Spotting the Sandhills is tricky because they fly so high in the sky. You will often hear the trilling sound they make

before you spot them. I include a picture of them in the Chicago sky to show you how hard you must squint to make them out. The sound is key because it is so unmistakable. I suspect our editor would kill me if I tried to include an audio clip here, so you'll have to google.



They fly in huge groups, and sometimes they will stop in mid-air and start to circle as they wait for stragglers to catch back up and organize themselves. That is when the calling gets loud, and it is a beautiful sight to see. These giant birds are not introverts -- I am attaching a picture of them all crowded together at Jasper-Pulaski

Wildlife Preserve, where they take their Spring Break. It is only two hours from here and well worth the drive.

I've written about this place before, but it is worth repeating! Here's more info:

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/properties/jasper-pulaski-fwa/>

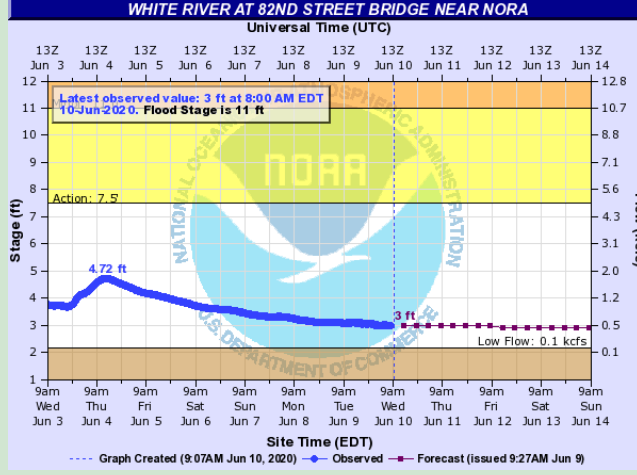
A Little Thing:

Please bag all trash.

Loose trash may blow out of the can!
Help to keep Sandy Point litter free.

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](#)

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](#)

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