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# IGWA Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA)

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## Letter from the President

As I sit here and write my first letter as President of IGWA, what can I say? It has been a pleasure to work with our outgoing President, Greg Parker. Obviously, Greg is not going anywhere and will be here for many years to come to help our industry in any way that he can, but two more years has gone by so the rolls in IGWA must change once again.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is having a good winter so far. So, we all blinked and it's already 2020! I trust and believe all of us had a great year yet again in 2019. I am, as all of us are I'm sure, looking forward to another challenging and rewarding year. I'm sure we would all like some frost in the ground to start our year off a little better, but I have no doubt we will keep doing what we do, as we always do, no matter what the weather brings.

This industry of ours can be very challenging yet rewarding in all kinds of ways. Election years always bring a given amount of uncertainty, but I believe this year will be another great one at any rate. The comradery in this industry still continues to amaze me. On that note, I would like everyone to know that if they would like to contact me about IGWA or just to chat please do not hesitate. I look forward to getting to know more industry peers from our great state in my tenure and would like to help all of us in any way I can.

Well, I guess it's back to work for this guy and I hope to see and talk to all of you in the future.

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## ENVIRONMENTALLY RESTRICTED PROPERTIES: WHERE THEY ARE AND HOW TO FIND THEM

*Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Institutional Controls*

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) mission is to implement federal and state regulations to protect human health and the environment while allowing the environmentally sound operations of industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental activities vital to a prosperous economy.

IDEM uses institutional controls such as Environmental Restrictive Covenants (ERCs) as one way to accomplish this protective mission. An ERC is a legally binding and IDEM-enforceable document that restricts certain land uses on property where contamination was left in place after cleanups were completed. The most commonly used land-use restriction prohibits the use of groundwater for human or animal consumption, gardening, industrial processes, or agriculture. Over 3,000 properties in Indiana have ERCs attached to the property deed.

Additionally, some municipalities may limit or prohibit the installation of drinking water wells via another institutional control called an Environmental Restrictive Ordinance (ERO). EROs control the use of groundwater to protect human health and the environment by eliminating access to groundwater and in some cases, prohibiting the installation of drinking water wells.

*Before drilling a well, licensed Indiana well drillers should:*

- 1) **Determine if a property is restricted.** IDEM's Institutional Controls web page (<https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanups/2358.htm>) contains institutional controls registries that list sites with institutional controls by county. An interactive GIS map (Figure 1) shows where these restricted properties are located. The map is searchable by address (in the upper right) so users can see if a property is on, or near, a restricted property. (Link to GIS map: <http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgis.in.gov%2Farcgis%2Frest%2Fservices%2FDEEM%2FRestrictedSites%2FFeatureServer&source=sd>)



Figure 1: Interactive GIS map that list sites with institutional controls by county

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## Environmentally Restricted Properties: Where They Are and How to Find Them

- 2) Because EROs are enacted at the local level, contact the applicable city or county government agency to determine if an ERO is in place that limits or prohibits the installation of drinking water wells. MyLocal.IN.gov (<http://www.in.gov/core/mylocal/>) provides links to local government agency websites (select a county from the dropdown menu).

Ultimately, the current property owner is responsible for maintaining land use restrictions. However, as properties change hands, the current property owner may be unaware of restrictions on the property. Well drillers can provide a beneficial service to clients and drill with confidence by ensuring that property owners do not violate land use restrictions that protect human health and the environment.

For more information, contact IDEM's Institutional Controls Group at 317-234-8622 or [InstitutionalControls@idem.IN.gov](mailto:InstitutionalControls@idem.IN.gov).

## DUES REMINDER

The end of the year is a frantic time all the way around. End of year planning and the holidays take up much time. Dues were due on November 30. If you have not sent your yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you paid, please call or email the office. The IGWA is a non profit dependent on dues to continue.



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### SAVE THE DATE

## THE 2020 BIENNIAL CONVENTION & EDUCATION EVENT!

2020 marks the 90th year for the IGWA. Our industry has changed considerably since 1930! Mark your calendars to save the date for October 22 and 23. Our board is hard at work to make this a great convention. This year we will have a LIVE auction at the end of the trade show with something for everyone! The auction benefits our scholarship fund.

Registration will open in August with a special issue of the newsletter devoted to the convention. There will be an early bird incentive to sign up early!

We would like a current picture from all our member companies. Please email a high resolution photo to [ingroundwater@gmail.com](mailto:ingroundwater@gmail.com). We will showcase these on the overhead screens during the convention, on the website picture gallery, and our Facebook page.

Remember this is the end of the two year cycle for continuing education hours to renew your license with the DNR. The classes at the convention will satisfy ALL your hours for renewal! One stop for all!

**On August 5, 2010 a mine collapsed in Chile trapping 33 miners. Center Rock, Inc. was part of the rescue effort.**

**We are excited to announce that one of our Keynote Speakers is Richard Soppe who was on site and an integral part of the rescue.**

**YOU do not want to miss this incredible opportunity to hear from Richard himself describe the efforts!**

## INDIANA GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

### A Call to Serve

If you are interested in chairing or serving on a committee, check the respective committees below, complete the form, and return to IGWA.

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## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING AND TOP GOLF OUTING

A great time was had by all at the Top Golf Outing the night before the annual meeting in Fishers, Indiana. Drillers and pump installers were able to mingle and meet with our manufacturer and supplier members. We had a great line up of door prizes and prizes for our TOP golfers. Here are a few pictures of the event.



*Installers, drillers, suppliers and manufacturers mixed, mingled, and golfed at the IGWA Top Golf Outing.*

### Top Golf Winners



*Top Golfing first place winner, Barte Holle*



*Top Golfing second place winner, Brad White*



*Top Golfing third place winner, Ryan Johnson*

### Door Prize Winners:

*In all the prize presentation photos, IGWA's President Greg Parker hands out the prizes.*



*Brock Rutlege (center) door prize winner*



*Dale Remmler door prize winner*



*Tom Sheehy door prize winner*



*Russell McDorman door prize winner*



*Laura Rutledge door prize winner*



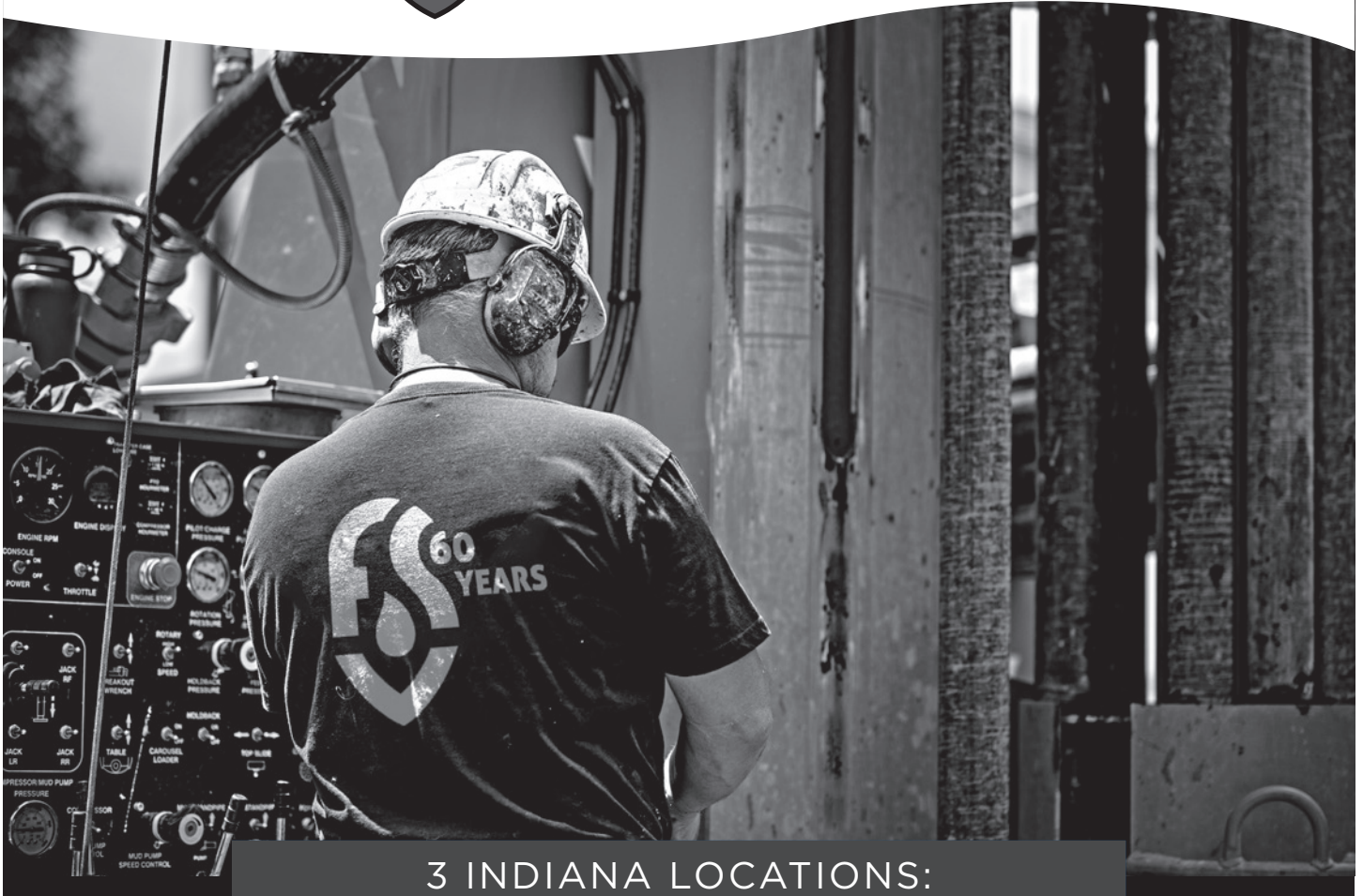
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2019 brought the change of leadership in the executive portion of the board. Mark Ortman took over the Presidency from Greg Parker who has served on the board since 2013 in various positions. Your new board is:

President: Mark Ortman  
Vice-President: David Mumma  
Treasurer: Nathan Rutledge  
Secretary: Dale Remmler  
Directors: Dustin Findlay, Rusty McGrew, Jack Wymer, Aaron Rice, Jeff Stone, Joe Gordon, and Mike Hexamer  
Past President: Greg Parker  
Legislative Liaison: Troy Alexander



### Past President Award

*Greg Parker receiving Past President award from incoming President Mark Ortman.*

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*Terms end at November in year of meeting*



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# NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK

**March 8–14, 2020**

Groundwater Awareness Week is March 8-14 this year. The National Groundwater Association has many products that you can utilize to make your customers aware of this week.

As we in the industry know, groundwater is one of the most valuable natural resources we have. Educating the public is one of our best tools to ensure everyone understands this.



**More information about National Groundwater Awareness Week can be found at:**

<https://www.ngwa.org/get-involved/groundwater-awareness-week/groundwater-awareness-week-2020>

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Top 10 Facts About Groundwater Use

- Only 1 percent of the water on earth is useable, 99 percent of which is groundwater.
- The United States uses 349 billion gallons of freshwater every day.
- Groundwater is 20 to 30 times larger than all U.S. lakes, streams, and rivers combined.
- Groundwater accounts for 33 percent of all the water used by U.S. municipalities.
- 44 percent of the U.S. population depends on groundwater for its drinking water supply.
- More than 13.2 million households have their own well, representing 34 million people.
- 53.5 billion gallons of groundwater are used for agricultural irrigation each day. In 1990 that number was 2.2 billion.
- The largest U.S. aquifer is Ogallala, underlying 250,000 square miles stretching from Texas to South Dakota. Scientists estimate it could take 6,000 years to naturally refill the aquifer if it were ever fully depleted.
- California pumps 10.7 billion gallons of groundwater each day, a third more than the second-highest state, Texas.
- Groundwater is the world's most extracted raw material with withdrawal rates in the estimated range of 259 trillion gallons per year.

– Source: <https://www.ngwa.org/>

### Top Groundwater Myths

- Groundwater migrates thousands of miles.
- Groundwater removed from the earth is never returned.
- Groundwater is not a significant source of water supply.
- Groundwater is abundantly available, therefore does not need to be conserved.
- There is no relationship between groundwater and surface water.

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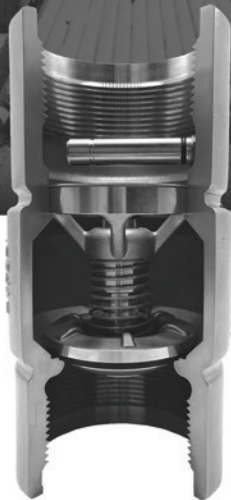
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## Calendar

**March 2020**

8–14 .....National Groundwater Awareness Week

**August 2020**

1 .....Registration opens for IGWA Convention.

**October 2020**

22–23 ...2020 Biennial Convention and  
Education Event

**November 2020**

30 .....IGWA Membership Dues Due Renewal

**December 2020**

31 .....License renewal through DNR. End of two education cycle. CEU hours are needed to  
renew license.

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