Another Summer of Fun!!

Well, winter wasn't too bad, it just always feels like it is lasting forever! However, with daffodils coming up and the ice long off the lake, we know there is hope. As in the winter newsletter, enclosed here you will find the all-important calendar of events for the coming season. Cut it out and post it on your fridge! You won't want to miss any of the fun!

May 4th and 5th kick off with the annual lake-wide garage sale. Dig out your treasures and items to tempt those of us who are looking for just the right thing. Hours from 8 am to 4 pm Friday and Saturday.

Two weeks later on Saturday, May 19 the association board invites you to attend our annual spring meeting. Location has changed, come to 7722 Arnold Road, pole barn owned by Clark & Denise Milestone, Mark Newman and Karen Treat. Bring your chairs, your dues (if you don't mail them in ahead of time!) and come hear all that is new and planned for the lake community. You won't want to miss. Come at 9 for coffee, donuts and sign up for weed control and mingle with friends. Meeting called to order at 9:30 sharp!

Another two weeks and we hit June 2 for the annual Kid’s Fishing Derby. More info on this fun event inside this newsletter.

By that time it should be full fledged summer time and you have the whole month to enjoy sunshine, water and family. On Friday night, July 6th we kick off our Independence Day events with the lighted boat parade. Decorate your boat and come out at dark-thirty. Meet is Sycamore Bay to cruise around the lake. On July 7 we pull off all the big events for that day. 8 am will find runners and walkers all gathering at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve for the annual 5.5K. Also, hungry families will be heading to the north end of the lake for the boat-in pancake breakfast. At 11 am the colorful sails of the Loon Lake Yacht club will take to the waters and entertain us with their annual regatta. Please be sure to give them the right of way! After all the afternoon fun, slow down at 4:30 and haul your kayak or canoe out on the water to paddle around with the group. How many paddlers can we gather this year? Learn the secret kayak wave! Once the burgers are grilled and the stars come out, position your chair to look out over the lake for the barges carrying the fireworks for dark-thirty. A new adventure for this feature, hopefully more folks can enjoy from their shoreline.

Couple weeks later we celebrate the annual Poker Run on the lake! Saturday, July 21 finds clue seekers looking for dealers to make the best hand. Always a GREAT time! New chairmen this year promise more new ideas. Watch the summer newsletter, email and facebook for more info on this great activity.

Fast forward to August as summer is passing by quickly. Typically the first Saturday in August is the Loon Lake Golf Outing. Watch Facebook and your e-mail for further info as the date gets closer.

As you can see, lots to look forward to and we can always use great volunteer help to pull off these fun events. Talk to any board member or chair person to volunteer. You won’t be sorry!

Annual Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2018

7722 Arnold Road

9:00 Coffee, donuts, pay dues

9:30 call to order

Bring your chairs, don’t miss this important kick-off!
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Check out the Loon Lake website!
Offer your suggestions on how to improve it.

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Tri-Lakes Sewer District

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Save your aluminum cans for recycling
to
benefit the fireworks fund!
Take to Tim Brower’s on Red Bud Lane!

If you ever have sewer issues AFTER business hours
and the office is closed, you can call their emergency
number. Do NOT call for normal business issues. The
number listed above should be posted in your home for
quick access. 260-609-9680
Kids Fishing Derby
June 2nd 2018

CATCH MORE THAN JUST FISH! CATCH THE SMILES, THEY’RE CONTAGIOUS!
GET HOOKED ON THE FUN WITH ALL THE FAMILY!!

Who: Kids - Ages 2 to 16 years
When: June 2nd at 8:30am, weigh in time is 11:00. Event lasts till noon.
Where: Meet at Loon Lake boat launch

Sign in at the boat launch by 8:30 am. We have different age groups, from Minnows, Guppies, Blue Gills to Bass. We provide red worms. You can fish on land or lake. It is Free Fishing Weekend. (Youth, age 17 and younger, do not need a fishing license to fish in Indiana waters. Additionally, during Free Fishing Weekend all Indiana residents do not need a fishing license to fish Indiana waters). Come back to weigh your catch at 11:00. At 11:30 a DNR officer will talk to the kids about our environment, and how to have fun while being safe. Every child leaves with a prize. Have a refreshment of lemonade, hotdogs and chips while you watch the action and enjoy some good old fashion fun for the kids.

Lake Wide Garage Sales
Friday & Saturday
May 4 & 5
8 am—4 pm

Don’t miss chance to sell and buy all that “stuff!”

Thanks to all our advertisers! Please be sure you patronize these businesses and thank them for their support of Loon Lake!!

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Runs for 3 issues!

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The fall/winter issue of Loon’s Call will be sent only via e-mail unless you request a hard copy. Be sure we have your e-mail address correct!
Even though the cold winter weather kept most of us indoors for the winter months a large number of hardy souls took advantage of the conditions to get out on the ice and do some fishing. The extremely cold temperatures resulted in some very thick ice allowing fisherman to fish multiple parts of the lake which is not always possible. In addition, the Loon Lake Fish Management Committee was active over the winter planning for the coming lake season and future events. In late March the group, with fish biologist Jed Pearson of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and is happy to report the topics covered.

The first item discussed was recent stocking activities and their impact on the Loon Lake fishery. In particular, the group was curious to know whether they were stocking too many fish. Jed advised that the numbers stocked were about half of what the state would add if they had the funding. The committee has secured permits to stock 400 more Musky and 1500 more Walleye this fall.

Another idea discussed was the possibility of introducing fish cribs into the lake. A fish crib is a manmade structure placed on the lake bottom to provide a haven for prey fish, typically in areas under 15 feet. The DNR grants permits and provides structure guidelines for their construction. The LLFMC intends to apply for a permit and we hope to have an update at the spring meeting.

The group also learned the DNR intends to conduct an electrofishing survey for Walleye this September. This will be followed by another for Bass and Crappie in 2020. Commonly called shocking, electrofishing is a common scientific survey method used to sample fish populations. When performed correctly electrofishing results in no harm to the fish collected. Test results from the studies will be shared with us as soon as they become available.

And finally, the group wants to make you aware of a couple of important dates and events. First the Annual Cornhole Tourney will be held on August 25th, following the Fall Association meeting. You've got all summer to practice so sharpen up your skills and plan to enter. And then comes the Musky Shoot Out fishing day on October 13th. More information on this event will be released later.

Anybody interested in joining the committee or helping can email Bob Barkley at lake46725@live.com or call Clark Milestone at 348-5706.
Add to Your Loonie Wardrobe

If you don’t have any Loon Lake apparel, now is the time to order. There are so many choices - sweatshirts, hats, polo shirts and fleeces to mention a few. Beach towels for summer, visors and jackets. We have catalogues full of items that can be custom ordered with this image. They can also be personalized too. You pick colors and style. DaniJo’s Embroidery does the rest!

Pick from our original embroidered loon motif or the newer flip flop sun screen print!

Sample prices include:
Sweatshirts - $25 - $45  Polo shirts - $25  Fleece jackets start at - $42

It takes about 2 weeks, why not put your order in today and beat the Spring meeting rush? Contact JoAn Butler at 799-4193 or e-mail dcjillbutler@embarqmail.com. She has everything you need to pick out a special item, even sample sizes. You can see samples and all the options at the Spring meeting in May, but don’t wait, order now so you can wear it to the meeting!
**Obey Speed Limits Around the Lake!!**

S 600 W-57 along east side of lake is now 30 mph.
W 700 N along the south end of lake is 20 mph.
Long, curvy, hilly Brown Road is 20 mph.
Watch your speedometer and take it easy!

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**5.5 K Run / Walk**

We are in need of a volunteer (or two!) to help organize the 5.5K run/walk for 2018 on July 7. Chris Rice has chaired this event for the past 6 years and this will be her last. Chris has organized this whole event so very easy to step in and follow all her steps to a smooth, flawless day. A committee has already been formed; Chris just needs someone who is willing to take the reins with her this year to manage it all and then take over next year when she steps down. Chris isn’t leaving the lake, we’re sure she can answer questions and guide you next year. It’s just time for someone else to help pull off LLPOA’s LARGEST fundraiser. She already has a lot underway for this year! As you can see throughout this newsletter, many folks volunteer and make our lake a better place! We have fun doing it too! Please contact Chris if you are willing to help.

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**LLPOA Directory**

An updated version of the Loon Lake Directory will be compiled this spring as membership dues come in. There have been many properties change hands in the past few years and we have worked hard to update our records and get all new folks included. Many people are dropping landlines in favor of cell phones. This is a challenge to keep up with. The new directory will be sent out via e-mail to those on our distribution list. Limited number of hard copies will be available once it is published. Please be patient as we work on this endless task.

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**CAN PICK UP FOR FIREWORKS / CAN DRIVE FOR THE HUNGRY**

The second Saturday of each Month from May through September is our dates for recycled can pick up. (May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8).

Recycled cans have provided a much needed fundraiser for our Independence Day fireworks for many years and now more than ever we need this source as this year we are shooting from “barges” in the lake! Please help us continue our fireworks show by saving your beverage cans and setting them out securely bagged on pick up mornings by 9 am.

On June 9th in addition to the recycled cans, we will once again pick up your generous donations of non-perishable canned food items for a local food bank. We feel it is important to give back to the community that has been so generous to us here at Loon Lake. Set your donation out with your recycled cans or if you want to just give to the food bank set out your donated food items and the volunteers will pick up!

Thanks to our volunteers who gather the cans! And thank you to Tim Brower for storing and then taking the cans to the recycler at the optimum time. (Your recycled cans can be dropped off at Tim’s shed if you are unable to set out at the curb.) Loon Lake generosity is the best!!
Fireworks - New and Improved!

The Annual 4th of July Fireworks display has always been one of the more popular events for Loon Lake residents and guests. This year's display is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, July 7th. As always, the display will start once the skies darken. Typically that's sometime around 10:00 pm.

This year we have hired a new vendor and we're confident they will put on a great show. But, there is an even bigger change planned. In prior years the display was set up on the grounds adjacent to the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve. However, this year's display will be launched from barges positioned on the lake. The exact location will be determined to comply with appropriate regulations, but we anticipate it will be about 50' from shore on the east side of the lake, south of the southerly island - towards the Loon Lisle Reserve property. There will be a restricted area (at least 600 ft) around the launch platform that must be avoided. Additional details are still being worked out, but we anticipate there will be markings and/or "safety boats" patrolling the restricted area around the launch platform. You will still be able to head out on the lake and view the display from your boat, as many of you like to do. However, please be respectful and avoid this restricted area and follow any instructions or warnings provided to insure the safety of all and so we can continue this tradition without issues. (See the image for an approximation of the restricted area)

We appreciate all the work done by the Fireworks Committee to make this transition successful. We're excited about the change and are looking forward to the evening with great anticipation.

And finally, like all the events and activities we enjoy, it's the hard work and dedication of our volunteers that make events like this possible. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Committee Chairman Bob Barkley at 260-341-1804 or email lake46725@live.com.

Pancake Breakfast on the Lake
July 7th, 8:00am to 11:00am

Start your Holiday weekend with the traditional Pancake Breakfast. Again this year we will be serving at the North end of the lake at our gracious hosts, Bob and Greta Gallivan’s home. You can come by the boat-load or by car. Bring your family and friends. All proceeds help pay for the fireworks display presented by the LLPOA. Anyone wishing to volunteer can call Mark Newman at 260-437-5825.

Adult Breakfast $5.00
Children $3.00

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2018 Loon Lake Property Owners Association $30.00 Annual Dues
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Complete, clip and return form below with one check to address above

Name: __________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
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Dues: $30.00
Raffle tickets: $_______
(Facing 5/19)
Fireworks donation: $_______
Lake Enhancement Donation: $_______
Total: $___________

One check can cover the total sent!
We're pleased to report that plans for the final phase of the island stabilization project continue to move forward. At this point we are very hopeful that everything will be in place to complete the project mid to late summer this year. For those of you who have been following our announcements you know that our goal is to finish placing glacial stone and plantings along the west bank of the larger island on the east side of the lake.

As we've previously announced we have obtained funding for the project in the form of two grants. One from the DNR's Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program. And another from the Fish America Foundation (read more about this group in the related article on this page). Currently we are working our way through the permitting process. As you might imagine when you are dealing with numerous government and environmental agencies this is no small job. Fortunately for us, this is now in the hands of S&L Contractors.

There is one significant difference with this second phase of the project. This time around the DNR suggested that we “drop” some of the trees on the island and leave the fallen trunks and limbs in the water. These would be trees that are already dead or in danger of falling due to the erosion that has already taken place. The idea is to create an additional barrier to protect against the wave action and protect some of the plantings that are part of the project. In addition it will create additional habitat for fish. Something that should improve the overall quality of the lake and fishermen will love.

Finally, we will still need a group of volunteers to help with the placement of the shoreline and aquatic plants. For those of you who like to get your hands dirty and don't mind getting wet this can be a fun and rewarding activity. If you're interested in helping with this project, or others like it, please talk with any Board member or Walt Hessler, Chairman of the Lake Enhancement Committee.