Summer 2019 - Packed with Fun!!

By LLPOA Board of Directors

Well, winter seemed to last forever, but with daffodils coming up and the ice long off the lake, we know there is hope. Enclosed 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 3rd and 4th kick it 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 18 the association board invites you to attend our Annual Spring Meeting. Location same as last year, 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 it. 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 1 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 Thursday night, July 4th we kick off our Independence Day events with the lighted boat parade. Decorate your boat and come out at dark-thirty. Meet in Sycamore Bay to cruise around the lake. A little change this year, on Friday, July 5 we will settle in at dark (about 10) for the fabulous Fire Works presentation. On July 6th we pull off all the other big events to celebrate our Independence. 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 serving from 8 - 11. 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, sit back and enjoy your family fun.

Couple weeks later we celebrate the annual Poker Run on the lake! Saturday, July 20 finds clue seekers looking for dealers to make the best hand. Always a GREAT time! There were great new twists that added fun and prizes. Watch e-mail 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. We are looking for a new chair for the golf outing, please contact any board member if you are interested in taking this job!

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!
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After Hours Emergency number 609-9680

After Hours Emergencies
Tri-Lakes Sewer District

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

Check out the Loon Lake website! Offer your suggestions on how to improve it.

Email ideas to Lindsay Gallmeyer,
Our new webmaster at lindsaygallmeyer@yahoo.com

THANKS LINDSAY!!

Annual Garage Sales
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4

world.loonlakeindiana.org
CAN PICK UP & FOOD DRIVE

The second Saturday of each month, May through September there will be a truck picking up cans that are bagged and put out to the curb by 9 am. The Association collects and recycles beverage cans as a fundraiser for our Fireworks Display. We now shoot the fireworks off a barge and last year’s display was one of the best ever! Please help us continue this fantastic popular fireworks show by saving your cans!

On June 8th in addition to recycled empty cans we will once again pick up your generous donations of non-perishable canned food items for a local food bank. It is Loon Lake way of giving back to the surrounding community.

ULTRA SPRING EDUCATIONAL SESSION

On Tuesday, May 14, ULTRA [Upper Lakes Tippecanoe River Association] will hold its next educational session at Big Lake Church of God. A light dinner will be provided at 6:00 pm with the session starting at 6:30 pm. Come learn about our lakes [Loon, Big, Old, New, Crane, Goose and Crooked]!

Lyn Crighton, TWF Executive Director, will discuss the TWF long-term monitoring programs, as well as, the results of the Snapshot Monitoring Day last fall with a focus on ULTRA Lakes.

Scott Ziegler, TWF technical support, will review the recently completed projects on the upper lakes and review what additional projects are being developed to help our water quality. Scott is very knowledgeable about how to improve our lakes working very well with landowners (including farmers).

Fireworks Safety

Again this year we will be shooting our fireworks from barges located on the lake. From our experience last year we learned some important safety lessons. Most notable was the fact that waves created by boating action late in the afternoon caused some serious safety concerns. Specifically, the wake boating activity after 4:00 pm once fast boating time is over, is the greatest concern. However, any boating activity in the proximity of the staging area can create a potentially dangerous situation for the crews working on the barges. Imagine trying to handle and place large and dangerous explosive shells on a barge being buffeted by large waves. Not a job any of us would likely sign up for.

To address the problem this year, we will place buoys to mark the area where the staging of the barges will occur. Basically, this will be the area adjacent to the biggest island and along the shoreline that parallels Arnold Rd. After 4:00 PM, in order to enable the fireworks crew to do their job safely, we are asking everyone to treat the area noted as a NO WAKE zone.

Alternatively, if you find it necessary to continue any activity that produces a wake, please keep that activity to the far southwest end of the lake. Doing so will go a long way towards insuring the safety of the fireworks crew. Finally, please remember that if you choose to view the show from the lake, it is important to maintain a safe distance from the barges for safe viewing. We are excited about this year’s show and observing these few simple guidelines will help insure everyone’s safety.
The free fishing weekend for Indiana residents is June 1 & 2nd. Loon Lake would like to invite all children between the ages of 2 & 16 to come to the boat launch at 8:30 am Saturday. Each child will receive a goodie bag to help with his/her fishing adventure along with some red wigglers to lure the fish to the hook. Adults (even those unlicensed) can help those little ones with baiting and taking big fish off those sharp hooks. After everyone is signed in, loyal volunteers get the young fishermen and ladies divided into the five groups - Minnows, Bluegill, Bass, Walleye, and Muskie.

When you have caught so many fish that your arms are sore, come on back to the boat ramp by 11:00 to get your catch weighed. We bet you’ll be hungry, so hotdogs, chips and lemonade will be available to fill your rumbling tummies. A DNR officer will be there to talk about our environment and how to have fun on the water, but still be safe. Check out the prizes and be ready to choose the one you want when your bobber is called. Every child receives a prize. We hope you will join us for this family fun event.

If you would like to volunteer or donate a prize, please contact JoAn Butler at 260-799-4193 or dcjl1@embarqmail.com.

The annual 5.5 K run/walk will be held at 8:00 am Saturday, July 6. Racers will gather at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve and proceed counter clockwise around the lake. If you are not participating in the race, please go out to the road and cheer on the runners and walkers. They really appreciate the support!

Thanks to Gary Bock for taking on the chairmanship of this event so it will continue. It is our biggest fundraiser and has become one of the area’s premier runs. You can register at runsignup.com/loonlakerunwalk or look for registration forms at the Spring Meeting.

If you would like to volunteer to help the day of the race, please contact Gary Bock at 260-241-6899.
Water Filters

By Walt Hessler, Lake Enhancement

It is almost that time of year where some of us start raking out the leaves and weeds from the lake. Inevitably we will also rake up a few mussels or ‘clams’ as they are known. As the water gets warmer the kids may specifically look for these cool creatures. Did you ever wonder what their purpose is in our lake? These creatures are actually freshwater mussels and they are all over beneath the surface of Loon Lake. They are a fascinating group, with a unique role in Loon Lake’s ecosystem. The presence of mussels benefits all the life around them.

These mussels are good at taking out the trash. They clean the water and stabilize the foundation of the community for all the other aquatic critters living near them. Indeed, freshwater mussels play an important role in engineering the ecosystem. They also help aerate sediments with their movements. But these shells aren’t just cool looking rocks. These fresh water mussels actually have gills and guts! By recycling nutrients into the food chain they provide food for other aquatic life, while also creating habitat.

Freshwater mussels are also one of nature’s greatest natural filtration systems. A single freshwater mussel typically filters 5 to 10 gallons of water per day. They function like natural water treatment plants that help keep the water clear and remove many types of pollutants. Imagine all the mussels in Loon Lake filtering who knows how many gallons of water a day.

By feeding on microscopic particles that cause turbidity (cloudy water), freshwater mussels remove vast quantities of algae, bacteria, nitrogen, phosphorus and other chemical compounds in the lake. And what they don’t use is repackaged into little organic baskets of food for organisms like aquatic insects, which are valuable food items for fish, or aquatic fungi that facilitate the decomposition processes in the lake. Put it all together, and where there are mussels, you find more aquatic insects and more fish and better water quality.

So as we are raking out our beaches and our kids are looking for aquatic life to capture, make sure we return these mussels to the lake. We all need them to continue to help filter the waters of Loon Lake!

Loon Lake Fish Management News

The Loon Lake fish group has just kicked off the 2019 fund raising season to stock fish. Our 2019 goal is 400 Muskie and 1500 Walleye. The sustained support from the Loon Lake community and generous sponsors is greatly appreciated and needed to continue our work. Our primary source of income is the annual raffle that is drawn at the end of our annual corn hole tourney. This year’s tourney will be August 24th, at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve.

Raffle tickets are available from any member of the fish management committee. If you are not sure who to contact, or if you want to join the group, please contact Clark Milestone at 260-348-5706, or Bob Barkley at lake46725@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2019
7722 Arnold Road
Bring your chairs
9:00 coffee & donuts
9:30 call to order!

Poker Run 2019
Saturday, July 20
Loon Lake 2019 Calendar
(Watch Newsletter for any changes)

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*Oct-May Recycle Aluminum cans may be taken to 5727 Red Bud Lane and left by the garage on left side of driveway.

Spring Raffle!

Don't miss the great raffle this spring! Drawing takes place at the Annual Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 18.

Enclosed you will find 5 raffle tickets. Price is 5 for $20 or $5 each. You can sell these to friends, or you can buy them for yourselves. If you want more, just contact any board member.

Prizes this year are great!!

First prize The Pad (aqua mat) measuring 6' x17'!

2nd - 5th Prizes: $50.00 Gift certificates for:
- The Square (formerly Downtown on the Square)
- Wings, Etc
- Portside Pizza
- Tri-Lakes Tavern
All your favorite spots when dining out around the lake.

Proceeds from this year’s raffle support the fireworks display on Independence Day weekend! Thanks for your support!!

Why Pay My Dues, You Might Ask…

Membership in The Loon Lake Association is totally volunteer. However, we are proud that nearly 70% of home owners take this matter as a serious responsibility. The dues have remained ONLY $30 for the past several years, a mere pittance compared to what many of you spend to belong to Costco, Sam’s Club, Amazon Prime, Pandora Prime, not to mention all those Starbucks and Dunkin’ Donuts you consume. That’s slightly over 8 cents a day over the span of a year. The LLPOA by-laws state: A “Member in good standing” has paid their association dues at or prior to the Annual Spring Meeting. Further, a “Member in good standing” has the right to vote on association business. Insure that you have a voice in the direction of the association. We make it very simple to do that with this newsletter! Enclosed you find an envelope addressed to the association. You simply must fill out the form on page 7 (PLEASE...this is very important for us to keep our lake directory accurate) and send your check along with the form in that envelope! We really appreciate those who can donate more...directed to their area of specific interest, Lake Enhancement or Fireworks Fund. You can send JUST ONE check to cover dues, any additional donations and the cost of your raffle tickets.

Save time and the lines at the Spring Meeting on May 18 by sending in your dues ahead of time! Your LLPOA Board thanks you!
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!

Find LLPOA on Facebook!

Loon Lake Property Owners Association has a Facebook page where you can follow news and other exciting happenings around the lake. Over 100 folks keep track of lake business by joining this group. Great for lost and found, help needed, cottage for rent, etc. Need an update on a coming event? Just ask via Facebook. Check it out!

Independence Day Weekend Events

Mark your calendars for these fun events!!

Thursday, July 4
Lighted Boat Parade

Friday, July 5
FIREWORKS!!

Saturday, July 6
5.5K Run/Walk, Pancake Breakfast, Sailboat Race & Kayak Float

2019 Loon Lake Property Owners Association $30.00 Annual Dues

Make checks payable to: LLPOA Mail to PO Box 605, Columbia City, IN 46725

Complete, clip and return form below with one check to address above

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Cell: _____________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________________________

Lake address: ______________________________________________________
(If different than above)

☐ Please do not publish my phone numbers(s)
☐ Please do not publish my e-mail address

Dues: $30.00
Raffle tickets: $_______ (drawing 5/19)
Fireworks donation: $_______
Lake Enhancement Donation: $_______

Total: $___________

One check can cover the total sent!
Have you been receiving messages from LLPOA via e-mail to your inbox? If you are not receiving important messages from LLPOA, please contact us at loonlakemail@gmail.com so we have your e-mail address. We do not share e-mail addresses and all messages are sent via blind copy so others can not pick up your information.

The summer/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!

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.

Have your message posted on the main media sign for only $5.00.
Contact Kathy Ehinger at 260-437-8085 to rent the sign.

ROAD REPAIRS CONTINUE
Efforts by Noble County to eliminate the flooding problem on County Rd 700N near the boat launch began last fall, but are far from complete. For various reasons the project needed to be tackled in phases. The initial work saw the installation of a new culvert. Additional phases of the project will see the actual roadbed raised in the hopes that the frequent flooding of the road can be eliminated.

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