September 2 dawned a beautiful start to the Labor Day weekend. Families were gathering for one more party and celebration of summer before it ended. Loon Lake Property Owners Association had one very, very important plan for that Saturday afternoon. For over three years the board had been working hard to bring together a wonderful opportunity for the whole community. Back in the fall of 2013 we signed a lease with land owners and spring of 2014 we began to solicit donations to buy the old “camp grounds” also known as the Lisle property along the white fence on 600. Steve and Cassie Lisle’s wish was to see this land remain natural and undeveloped, which matched perfectly with a dream of two Loon Lake residents. Walt Hessler and Gary Hicks approached the Lisles in 2013 to start this venture. LLPOA president at the time, Dave White got involved and brought in the help of an attorney pro bono, Wayne Walston. The decision was made to lease the property for use by the association. Fast forward to 2017! After endless hours of work on the part of Garry Hill, president for the last 2 years, fund raising was done and insurance was obtained. We were very thankful to Jan Barkley for completing and obtaining a $75,000 grant from the Indiana Bicentennial Nature Trust, enabling us to bring this all together. Closing occurred on the fall of 2016.

The name, Loon Lisle Nature Reserve was chosen after residents submitted over 25 ideas, which the board narrowed down to five. Final choice was voted on at the 2017 Fall meeting. Folks gathered on Saturday, September 2, 2017 to celebrate and dedicate the new purchase, Loon Lisle Nature Reserve. Catered by Urban Station and with live music and a special cake, the affair was festive and fun. Newly installed president, Gary Hicks did a short presentation summarizing the journey of obtaining the property. Past LLPOA presidents came forward and helped reveal the new sign and name for the property. It was a day of joy for everyone who had been involved, donated funds and came to celebrate.
# 2018 LOON LAKE CONTACTS

## OFFICERS
- Gary Hicks, President 799-4599
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- Fireworks (Bob Barkley) *Steve L 341-1804
- Garage Sale (Karen Davison) *Carol 609-8144
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- Lighted Boat Parade (Carol Kurtz) 799-4980
- Loon Lake Apparel (JoAn Butler) 799-4193
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- Pancake breakfast (Mark Newman) *Clark 799-9990
- Sailboat Race (Tom Zahm) *Gary H. 341-8349
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- Whitley County Sheriff 244-6410
- Whitley County Fire 248-8911
- Whitley County Health Dept 248-3121
- Noble County Sheriff 636-2182
- Noble County Fire 636-7712
- Noble County Health Dept 636-2191

## COMMUNITY-OTHER
- Columbia City Utilities 248-5110
- Humane Society 244-6664
- Noble REMC 636-2113 or 800-933-7362
- The Watershed Foundation 574-834-3242
- Tri-Lakes Sewer District 691-2820

**After Hours Emergency number 609-9680**

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### Annual Spring Meeting Saturday, May 19, 2018 7722 Arnold Road

9:00 Coffee, donuts, pay dues

9:30 call to order

**Bring your chairs, you won’t want to miss this important kick-off!**
Have you been receiving messages from LLPOA via G-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 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!
In 2014 the LLPOA started an ambitious project to stop the erosion of two islands on the east side of the lake. Both islands were slowly being washed away from the constant pounding of waves against their shores. The plan was to add river rock and aquatic plants to stabilize the shoreline of both islands. This would prevent further deterioration and stop significant amounts of sediment from being washed into the lake.

Phase I of the project was completed in 2014 with funds obtained through a grant from the Indiana DNR’s Lake and River Enhancement program (LARE). With that grant we were able to stabilize the shoreline of the smaller of the two islands and a small portion of the bigger island.

This past year we obtained an additional grant through the LARE program enabling us to begin planning Phase II of the project. Phase II will see rock and plants placed along the remaining west shoreline of the bigger island. Project bids were sent out late last year and again S&L Environmental Contractors has been awarded the contract to complete the work. If all goes as planned work should begin sometime in late Spring or early Summer of this year.

However, even with the second LARE grant we were still short of our funding goal to fully complete the project. Late last Fall we became aware of a grant opportunity through the Fish America Foundation and the Brunswick Public Foundation. The FAF provides grants to enhance fish population, restore Full funding of the project will still require our “in-kind” contribution of labor on our part. If we can find enough volunteers to assist with the placing of the various aquatic plants we will fulfill this “in-kind” funding. Feel like getting your hands dirty??

By: Gary Hicks

Island Stabilization Phase II

www.loonlakeindiana.org

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

Thanks to webmaster, Steve Lipinski for keeping this up to date!

Save your aluminum cans for recycling to benefit the fireworks fund!

Take to Tim Brower’s on Red Bud Lane!
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 dcej11butler@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!

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!
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 well, that it will be 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. 260-403-5785

**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.

**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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**Have your message posted on the main media sign for only $5.00. Contact Karen Davison at 609-8144 to rent the sign.**

**Watchful Eyes**

During these winter months, many cottages and homes sit empty. Please be on the watch for suspicious activity and report to authorities. You will find both Noble and Whitley County sheriff’s phone numbers. If you don’t have contact info for neighbors, call a board member so we can try to get in touch with those who are gone. Let’s keep our community safe and protected.

Also, SLOW down on the roads, Brown and 700 speed limits are 20 mph! 600 is 30 mph!