

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL LETTER

Dear Fellow Bass Lake Property Owners,

Greetings Bass Lake 2024! Our Membership Drive dates at the Property Owners Building will be **MAY 18** and **JUNE 8**. **Dues will also be collected after the June 1 property owners' meeting.** If you cannot make any of these dates, the \$5 mailing option can be used.

We encourage members to share and visit our website: www.inbasslake.com The Board will continue email distributions (members only) with lake information, upcoming events, meeting agendas, and the Catch & Release newsletter. Articles for C&R can be submitted to Kathy Linkus (linkusk@hotmail.com). Please note that our newsletter will now be produced quarterly. If you are not receiving email updates/news, please contact Kathy Laiter at info@inbasslake.com with your email address.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Scheduled Bass Lake Property Owners Association (BLPOA) meetings at the property owners' building are at 9:00 AM on the following Saturdays:

February 3	May 4	August 17
March 2	June 1 (<i>Dues collected ½ hour after meeting</i>)	October 5
April 6	July 13 (<i>Annual Meeting & Board Elections</i>)	

SCHEDULED EVENTS (*all times listed in this letter are Central Standard Time*)

- **Membership Drive: May 18 and June 8** | 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM
- **A Taste of Bass Lake Pizza: May 18** | 5:00 PM
- **DNR Safe Boating Class: TBD** (usually in June) | Location: TBD
- **Neighborhood Watch Meetings:** usually first Monday of month at 6:30 PM starting **April 15**
- **Starke County Hazardous Waste Collection: May 4** | 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Property Owners Bicycle Ride: July 20** | 8:00 AM
- **Soup Social: October 5** | 5:00 PM

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Our association By-laws, list of members who would like their information shared as well as local business advertisers are included in the Annual Directory. If you have not attended a meeting recently, we invite you to do so. New ideas are always welcome.

PROCEDURE FOR PROPERTY OWNER REGISTRATION (9:00 AM until 12:00 PM)

2024 BLPOA Membership Forms will be accepted in person at the property owners building at our two membership drives (May 18 and June 8) as well as by US mail.

Fees include: **Membership - \$40.00 / Garbage – 135.00 / Optional Curbside Recycling - \$135.00**

- To register and receive your materials by US mail, use **the \$5 mailing option** on the Membership Form.
- **ALL DUES MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 30, 2023** to avoid garbage pick-up termination.
- Please type or print information **clearly** on your Membership Form.

If you are unable to **personally** pick up your directory, pay membership/garbage fees, and do not wish to have your Sticker & Directory mailed to you, follow the instructions below to have someone else pick up your package.

On your 2024 membership form, either make a highlighted note on the form itself or attach a signed note to your form with the name of the person you are authorizing to pay for and pick up your BLPOA 2024 membership information. It will then be released only to them. This procedure will alleviate any miscommunication and wrongful distribution of garbage stickers/directories.

TRASH PICK UP GUIDELINES

2024 ADHESIVE STICKERS MUST BE ATTACHED TO ALL GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CARTS.

Apex Waste will provide one 95-gallon cart to each member's home. You are responsible for the cart. Please contact Apex to coordinate any issues with your cart(s) by calling their Dispatcher (after July 1st). A replacement cart will be delivered with a 2024 sticker attached. As a reminder, all garbage should be inside of the cart with no spill-over or bags sitting on the ground as well as off the main road for vehicles passing by. ***One bulk item will be picked up the **FIRST** Monday of each month. In order for this service, you will need to call Apex to advise them of your item and address the week prior.*** Please note that a mattress and box spring will be considered one item.

Garbage is picked up on Monday mornings; however, 2024 pick-up for Memorial Day and Labor Day are scheduled for Tuesday. In 2024 these will be May 28 and September 3. When placing your garbage cart out, have the WHEELS of the cart point AWAY from the road (opening roadside). **Your adhesive sticker needs to be placed at the top on the side as the truck approaches. ONLY APEX CARTS ARE TO BE USED (RED FOR GARBAGE | DARK GRAY RECYCLE).** Apex stickers will be on approved carts. Other carts will not be accepted/emptied.

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ADDITIONAL VOLUMES OF GARBAGE/TRASH

Additional items (such as construction debris) can also be picked up with special arrangements by calling the correct Dispatcher (Republic through June 30th and Apex after July 1st). There may be an extra charge to you for this type of pick-up service. Items such as leaves, grass clippings, hazardous oil/chemicals, tires, batteries, concrete, dirt, medical waste and appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, TV's and computers are **not acceptable**.

OPTIONAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling is available to members at a cost of \$135.00 per year and is included as an option on the 2024 BLPOA Membership Form. Recycling can also be done at the Starke County Recycle Facility located just west of the County Garage on 250 North and US 35.

OTHER VERY IMPORTANT ITEMS

ADOPT-A-BUOY

This program adds buoys to areas of the lake to give our members more shoreline protection. Adopt-a-buoy volunteers place buoys out approximately 350 feet from *their* shoreline. At the end of summer they take the buoys out and store them for the season. Remember, the BLPOA buys the buoys; however, if you adopt a buoy "you put it in, you take it out." Please contact Gary Laiter (773-750-4049) if you no longer want your buoy, if you would like a buoy and would like to become a "caretaker", or if your buoy is damaged.

NOTE: Copies of the Rules of Waters are available online at the DNR site: www.in.gov/dnr

BLPOA PROPERTY OWNERS BUILDING

Single rooms or the entire building is available at the rental fees listed in the BLPOA Directory and on the BLPOA Website. Call 574-772-7761 for availability and scheduling.

BOATER'S EDUCATION AND SAFETY CLASS - TBD

A Boater's Education and Safety Class may be offered at Bass Lake or Koontz Lake (date: TBD). Online pre-registration will be requested in mid-May and can be done at:

<https://www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/104-indiana-boater-education/agency:25>

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

All volunteers donate their time, gas, and cars to patrol the Bass Lake area. Any suspicious activities are reported to the Sheriff's Department. This is a year-round patrol that strives to keep your property safe while you are away. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Ron Vendl at 574-202-4666, or vendlr@yahoo.com for more information. Neighborhood Watch meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the property owner building. The first meeting will be Monday, April 15.

STARKE COUNTY GOLF CART ORDINANCE / STICKER

The Starke County Sheriff Department has implemented a new procedure to obtain your golf cart sticker. You need to complete a form that will require a signature attesting that your cart and insurance information is accurate. The form can be found on Sheriff's website as well as ours.

You will need to take your completed form and a check/cash for \$25 to the Justice Center located at 5435 E State Road 8. Their hours are 24/7 for everyone's convenience.

Starke County golf cart ordinance and operating permit can be viewed via their web site:

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<https://starkecountysheriff.com/>

BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

The Bass Lake Conservancy District (“BLCD”) was created by the Starke County Circuit Court in accordance with the requirements of the Indiana Conservancy District Act. The BLCD owns and operates the sewer system that services the residents of Bass Lake. It is also involved in lake water quality control (i.e. invasive weed control) and during certain times of the year will pump water into the lake in an effort to maintain the lake level. The BLCD meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM CST at the BLPOA building.

The BLCD sanitary system use ordinance PROHIBITS sump pumps and other clear water sources from being connected to the sanitary sewer system. Following a scheduled inspection, homeowners who are found to have these illegal connections can be fined up to \$1,500 per day.

In the past, the Conservancy District has had problems with inappropriate items being flushed into the system. Please **DO NOT** dispose of any of these items in the toilet: disposable diapers, baby wipes, depends, feminine products, flushable cleansing wipes, dental floss, and paper toweling. The lift stations are unable to pump these items through the lines to the treatment plant. As a result, pumps are clogged and damaged. ***FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER AND HUMAN WASTE.*** In many cases it is possible to identify where these items originate; and a homeowner may be held responsible for any damage/repairs to the pumping station because of this negligence.

If you have questions regarding the sanitary sewer system – **or want to register your email with us for our new email service** – please call the BLCD at 574-772-2974 or visit us at www.BassLakeCD.IN.ORG. For emergencies only call 574-806-1707.

BASS LAKE FESTIVAL

In 2024 the festival will be held **July 26, 27 & 28**. The Committee’s mission is to showcase the beauty and diversity of the lake, promote local businesses, provide family entertainment and build community spirit within and outside Starke County. Check the festival website www.basslakefest.com regularly to stay updated with the latest news and information. Entry forms for the events and activities are on the website which may be downloaded and mailed to: Bass Lake Festival Association, P.O. Box 455, Knox, IN 46534. Volunteers are always needed, and the committee can use your help no matter how large or small. Please contact Jennifer Humpfer, President, (219-331-8703) for further information.

STARKE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT – MAY 4 | 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

A Starke County Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Their location is 3835 E. 250 N (north of Knox). Additional information will be sent closer to the event as well as posted on our website.

See you on, at, or in the lake – the 2024/2025 BLPOA Board!

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING PORTA-POTTIES

To ensure their safe and healthy use, Porta-Potties within the Bass Lake Conservancy District (BLCD) are regulated by BLCD ordinance (13-02) and resolution (number 2022-01). These documents can be viewed online at basslakecd.in.gov, the district's website. (To view these documents on the website - from the Home Page, Click on Ordinances, then Click on Ordinance 13-02 and Resolution No. 2022-01).

The following are requirements of the ordinance:

- Any installation and use of a Porta-Potty within the district must be approved by the conservancy district Board. The ordinance provides for penalties for non-compliance.
- A Port-a-Potty permit must be completed and returned to the Bass Lake Conservancy District office. The form is available at the office or online. (online at basslakecd.in.gov – from the Home Page, Click on BLCD Forms, then Click on Port-A-Potty Permit).
- There is a fine of \$100 and \$25 each day thereafter, for non-compliance.
- Permits for porta-potties to be used for more than 30 days must be approved by the conservancy district board. The Board meets on the 2nd Monday evening of each month. Please allow appropriate time for application and approval prior to placement of the unit.
- Permits for use of 30 days or less must be presented to the BLCD office in person or by mail prior to the placement of each unit.
- Any company or person placing a Port-a-Potty is **required** to ANCHOR DOWN the unit prior to inspection by the District Plant Manager. Please make sure the company you hire is aware of this requirement.
- ALL Port-a-Potties **must be at least 50 feet away from the Lake**. Please make sure the company you hire is aware of this rule. Non-compliance with these last two items will result in the removal of the unit when it is discovered out of compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact us on (574) 772-2974.

The Board of Directors - the Bass Lake Conservancy District

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