

# BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL LETTER

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Dear Fellow Bass Lake Property Owners,

Greetings! Ready for the 2019 season? How about a great big Bass Lake YES!

The board will continue email distributions for lake information, upcoming events, meeting minutes, and the Catch & Release Newsletter. We encourage members to share and visit our website, [www.inbasslake.com](http://www.inbasslake.com). This is your website and contains a wealth of information regarding past and upcoming events. If you are not receiving email updates/news please contact Kathy Laiter, Secretary, with your email address.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

Scheduled Bass Lake Property Owners Association (BLPOA) meetings at the Property Owners Building (POB) are at 9:00 AM on the following Saturdays:

February 2	May 4	August 24
March 2	June 1 ( <i>Dues collected ½ hour after meeting</i> )	October 5
April 6	July 13 ( <i>Annual Meeting &amp; Board Elections</i> )	November 2

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

- **Membership Drive & Golf Cart Inspections** – May 18 with coffee & donuts, June 8 with ice cream, and June 22 with popcorn, from 9:00 AM until Noon at POB
- **BLPOA Social Committee Event: Pizza Party** - May 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at POB
- **Starke County Environmental Clean-up Weekend** – To Be Determined
- **Department of Natural Resources Safe Boating Class** – To be held at Koontz Lake; date - TBD
- **Property Owners Bicycle Ride** - July 20, start at 8:00 AM from POB
- **Bass Lake Festival** – July 26, 27 and 28

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- **BLPOA Social Committee Event: Soup Social** – October 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at POB
- **Neighborhood Watch Meetings** – Usually the first Monday of month at 6:30 PM starting April 8 at POB
- **Conservancy District Meetings** - Second Monday of month at 6:00 PM at POB

The BLPOA is your association. Our association By-laws are included in the Annual Directory, as is a list of our members and our local business advertisers. If you have not attended a meeting recently, we invite you to do so. New ideas are always welcome. The BLPOA website [www.inbasslake.com](http://www.inbasslake.com) is your website and contains a wealth of information regarding past and upcoming events. Finally, our Catch & Release Newsletter Editor, Kathy Carrier, always welcomes lake news at: [kcarrier@briljent.com](mailto:kcarrier@briljent.com).

## **PROCEDURE FOR PROPERTY OWNER REGISTRATION & GOLF CART INSPECTIONS**

The 2019 BLPOA Membership Form explains the procedure to pay your fees by US mail.

Golf cart inspections, dues and garbage payments will be accepted at the POB on the following Saturdays: May 18 (donuts and coffee served), June 8 (ice cream served), and June 22 (popcorn served) from 9 AM until Noon. Dues will also be collected for a ½ hour following the June 1 BLPOA meeting. Fees include: Membership - \$40.00 and Garbage - \$95.00.

- Please note the **\$5** mailing option on the Membership Form.
- **ALL DUES MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 30, 2018** to avoid garbage pick-up termination.
- If terminated, a \$40.00 reinstatement fee will be charged.
- Please type or print information clearly on your Membership Form.

If you are unable to **personally** drop off your membership form and garbage fees (and do not wish to have your sticker mailed to you) follow the instructions below:

On your 2019 Membership Form, either make a **highlighted** note on the form itself or attach a signed note to your form with the **name** of who you are **authorizing** to pay for and pick up your BLPOA 2019 membership information. It will then be released only to them. This procedure will alleviate any miscommunication and wrongful distribution of garbage stickers/directories.

## **STARKE COUNTY GOLF CART ORDINANCE / INSPECTIONS (9:00 AM until Noon)**

**Sheriff's Dept. Golf Cart inspections at the POB will be on May 18, June 8 & June 22**

At the time of the inspection, besides your golf cart you will need to bring the following items:

- The completed golf cart permit (downloaded from their website listed below)
- A copy of proof of liability insurance for the golf cart
- The annual fee of \$25.00 – cash or check made out to “Starke County”

Starke County passed and adopted an ordinance that governs the operation of golf carts. The ordinance and operating permit can be viewed and obtained via their web site:

<http://www.co.starke.in.us/departments/sheriff/golf-cart-ordinance/>

The Sheriff's Dispatch Center at 574-772-3771 can be contacted with questions and alternate inspection scheduling.

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## **TRASH PICK UP GUIDELINES**

Republic Services provides one 90 gallon container to each member's home. You are responsible for the container and you will be charged for any damage or loss. Garbage is picked up on Monday mornings; however, pick-up on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are scheduled for Tuesday. In 2019 these will be May 28 and September 3. When placing your garbage out on Mondays, have **the WHEELS of the cart point AWAY from the road.**

### **ADDITIONAL VOLUMES OF GARBAGE/TRASH**

Republic Services will take one large item per month like furniture, mattresses, etc. Additional items (such as construction debris) can be picked up with special arrangements by calling the Republic Services dispatcher at 574-842-4719. 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.**

### **CHANGE TO RECYCLING**

It is important for members to take seriously the recycling program that is currently in place in Starke County. The new facility is located just west of the County Garage on 250 North and US 35. If we can minimize the amount of trash that needs to be picked up by utilizing recycling, we can better minimize future increases in trash pickup services while helping our environment.

**Garbage Stickers are not to be shared.** Sharing stickers costs all of us extra money and violates our contract. Members who are found to be in violation of this non-sharing policy will forfeit their stickers and pick up service.

## **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 of the water 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 or if you would like a buoy and would like to become a "caretaker."

NOTE: Copies of the Rules of Waters are available online at the DNR site: [www.in.gov/dnr](http://www.in.gov/dnr).

### **BLPOA PROPERTY OWNERS BUILDING**

The entire building is being utilized regularly for events of all sizes. The building is available at the rental fees listed in the directory and on the Bass Lake website. Call 772-7761 for availability and scheduling.

### **BOATER'S EDUCATION AND SAFETY CLASS**

A Boater's Education and Safety Class will be offered at Koontz Lake this summer (date: TBD). Online pre-registration is 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 and make security checks on senior citizens living alone when requested. 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. We are always looking for additional volunteer drivers, especially during the winter months. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Ron Vendl at 574-772-2580, or [vendlr@yahoo.com](mailto: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 POB.

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## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE – EVENTS**

**Pizza Night – May 18; Soup Social – October 19.** Contact Mary Topelian (361-290-2457) with questions, more information, or to volunteer to help.

## **BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

The Bass Lake Conservancy District (BLCD) owns and operates the lake pump and the sanitary sewer system that provides sewer service to your home. The BLCD usually meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the POB.

The BLCD'S 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 \$1,500 per day.

In the past, the District has had problems with homeowners flushing items such as baby/adult diapers, cleaning wipes, and heavy toweling material down toilets. The lift stations are unable to pump these items to the treatment plant. As a result, pumps have been clogged and damaged. Please DO NOT put any of these items down the toilet. In some cases it is possible to discover where these items come from. A home owner will be held responsible for any damage/repairs to the pumping system as a result of negligence. **Please flush only toilet paper and human waste.** If you have questions regarding the sanitary sewer system, please call the BLCD at 574-772-2974 or visit [www.BLCD-IND.ORG](http://www.BLCD-IND.ORG). For emergencies only call 574-806-1707.

## **BASS LAKE FESTIVAL**

In 2019 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](http://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 Tabitha Dillner at 219-314-2030 for further information.

## **STARKE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND**

The County Clean-up Weekend (Date TBD) will take place at the County Highway Garage on 250 N, west of U S Highway 35 north of Knox. In the past, the County has accepted Tires, Appliances and Electronics (TV's and Computers) on the Friday of Clean-up Weekend from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and accepted Tires, Appliances and Electronics (TV's and Computers), Household Hazardous Wastes and Expired Medications from 8:30 AM to 1 PM on Saturday. A \$25 fee will be charged for each TV dropped off. NO narcotics or controlled meds are accepted.

***See you on, at or in the lake – the 2019 BLPOA Board!***