

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

2022 ANNUAL LETTER

Dear Fellow Bass Lake Property Owners,

Greetings Bass Lake 2022! Our Membership Drive dates at the Property Owners Building will be: **MAY 21 and JUNE 11**. Please note there will only be two this year.

We encourage members to share and visit our website, **www.inbasslake.com**. This is your website and contains a wealth of information regarding past and upcoming events. The Board will continue email distributions for lake information, upcoming events, meeting minutes, and the Catch & Release newsletter. 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 5	May 7	August 20
March 5	June 4 (<i>Membership forms accepted 30 minutes after meeting</i>)	October 15
April 2	July 9 (<i>Annual Meeting & Board Elections</i>)	

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

- **Membership Drive** – **May 21** and **June 11** from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at POB
- **Golf Car Inspections** – **May 21** and **June 4** from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at POB
- **Starke County Hazardous Waste Event** – **TBD**
- **Department of Natural Resources Safe Boating Class** – **TBD** (usually in June / Koontz Lake)
- **Neighborhood Watch Meetings** – Usually first Monday of month at 6:30 PM starting **April 18** at POB
- **Conservancy District Meetings** - Second Monday of month at 6:00 PM at POB

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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. Finally, our Catch & Release newsletter editor, Kathy Carrier, always welcomes lake news at: kcarrier@briljent.com.

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

2022 BLPOA Membership Forms will be accepted (in person) at the POB or by US mail.

Dues and garbage payments will be accepted at the POB on the following Saturdays: **May 21** and **June 11** from 9 AM until 12:00 PM. Dues will also be collected for a half hour following the **June 4** BLPOA meeting.

Fees include: **Membership - \$40.00 / Garbage - \$110.00 / Optional Curbside Recycling - \$120**

- 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, 2022** to avoid garbage pick-up termination.
- Beginning July 1, 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 & Directory mailed to you) follow the instructions below:

On your 2022 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 2022 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 12:00 PM)

Sheriff's Dept. Golf Cart inspections at the POB will be on May 21 and June 4

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 golf cart 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. As a reminder all garbage should be inside of the can with no spill-over or bags sitting on the ground as well as off the main road for vehicles passing by.

Garbage is picked up on Monday mornings; however, pick-up on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are scheduled for Tuesday. In 2022 these will be June 1 and September 6. When placing your garbage tote out on Mondays, have **the WHEELS of the cart point AWAY from the road (opening roadside).**

BLPOA members may contract with Republic directly for a second 90-gallon container at a nominal cost per year by calling the Republic Services Dispatcher at 574-842-4719. More details related to garbage services can be found at the end of the BLPOA Directory.

ADDITIONAL VOLUMES OF GARBAGE/TRASH

Republic Services will take one large item per month like furniture, mattresses, etc. Separately, 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**.

OPTIONAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling is available to members at a cost of \$120 per year and is included as an option on the 2022 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. 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 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, 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

The entire building can be utilized for events of all sizes. The building is available at the rental fees listed in the directory and on the Bass Lake website. Call 574-772-7761 for availability and scheduling.

BOATER'S EDUCATION AND SAFETY CLASS

A Boater's Education and Safety Class is scheduled to take place at Koontz Lake on a Saturday in June (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>

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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. 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 for more information. Neighborhood Watch meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the POB.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – EVENTS

Pizza Party – May 21 Contact: TBD - *looking for coordinator(s)*

Bike Ride - July 16 Contact Rick Anderson (574-772-6208)

Soup Social – October 15 Contact: TBD - *looking for coordinator(s)*

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: diapers, depends, feminine products, cleansing wipes, 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.BLCD-IND.ORG. For emergencies only call 574-806-1707.

BASS LAKE FESTIVAL

In 2022 the festival will be held **July 29, 30 & 31**. 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 Tabitha Dillner at 219-314-2030 for further information.

STARKE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT - TBD

A Starke County Hazardous waste event may be scheduled. Their location is 250 N, west of U S 35 north of Knox. As more info becomes available it will be distributed.

See you on, at or in the lake – the 2022/2023 BLPOA Board!