

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2020 ANNUAL LETTER

Dear Fellow Bass Lake Property Owners,

Greetings Bass Lake 2020! Our Membership Drive Dates at the Property Owners Building will be: **MAY 16th; MAY 30th & JUNE 20th** - write those dates down.

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 1	May 2	August 22
March 7	June 6 (<i>Dues collected ½ hour after meeting</i>)	October 3
April 4	July 11 (<i>Annual Meeting & Board Elections</i>)	

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

- **Membership Drive & Golf Cart Inspections** – **May 16** with coffee & donuts, **May 30** with ice cream, and **June 20** with popcorn, from 9:00 AM until Noon at POB
- **BLPOA Social Committee Event: Pizza Party** - May 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at POB
- **Starke County Hazardous Waste Event** – May 2 -- 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
- **Department of Natural Resources Safe Boating Class** – To be held at Bass Lake; June 20
- **Property Owners Bicycle Ride** – July 18, start at 8:00 AM from POB

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- **Bass Lake Festival** – July 24, 25 and 26
- **BLPOA Social Committee Event: Soup Social** – October 17 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

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 Noon)

2020 BLPOA Membership Form 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 16** (donuts and coffee served), **May 30** (ice cream served), and **June 20** (popcorn served) from 9 AM until Noon. Dues will also be collected for ½ hour following the **June 6** BLPOA meeting.

Fees include: **Membership - \$40.00 and Garbage - \$105.00 Optional Curbside Recycling - \$110**

- 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, 2020** 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 & Directory mailed to you) follow the instructions below:

On your 2020 Membership Form, either make a highlighted note on the form itself, attach a signed note to your form, or write on the reverse side with the name of who you are authorizing to pay for and pick up your BLPOA 2020 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 16, May 30 & June 20

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 carts 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 2020 these will be May 26 and September 8. When placing your garbage out on Mondays, have **the WHEELS of the cart point AWAY from the road (opens toward the road).**

BLPOA members may contract with Republic directly for a second 90 gallon container at a cost of \$42 per year by calling the Republic Services Dispatcher at 574-842-4719.

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**.

OPTIONAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling is available to members at a cost of \$110 per year and is included as an option on the 2020 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 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

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 Bass Lake this summer on June 20. 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>

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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 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 Night – May 16 (Chair: Rick Anderson)

Bike Ride - July 18 (Chair: TBD)

Soup Social – October 17 (Chair: TBD)

BASS LAKE FESTIVAL

In 2020 the festival will be held **July 24, 25 & 26**. 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.

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. For emergencies only call 574-806-1707.

STARKE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

On May 2nd from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, a Starke County Hazardous waste event will take place. 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 2019/2020 BLPOA Board!