

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

2023 ANNUAL LETTER

Dear Fellow Bass Lake Property Owners,

Greetings Bass Lake 2023! Our Membership Drive dates at the Property Owners Building (POB) will be: **MAY 20 & JUNE 10. Dues will also be collected after the June 3 PO 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 for lake information, upcoming events, meeting agendas, and the Catch & Release newsletter. Articles for C&R can be submitted to Kathy Carrier at kcarrier@briljent.com. 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 4	May 6	August 19
March 4	June 3 (<i>Dues collected ½ hour after meeting</i>)	October 28
April 1	July 8 (<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 20** and **June 10** from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at POB
- **A Taste of Bass Lake Pizza** - **May 20** 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at POB
- **Department of Natural Resources Safe Boating Class** – **TBD** (usually in June/@ Bass Lake) at POB
- **Neighborhood Watch Meetings** - Usually first Monday of Month at 6:30 PM starting **April 10** at POB

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- **Property Owners Bicycle Ride - July 15**, start at 8:00 AM from POB
- **Soup Social – October 28** 4:30 pm to 6:30 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 12:00 PM)

2023 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 20** and **June 10** from 9 AM until 12:00 PM. Dues will also be collected for ½ hour following the **June 3** BLPOA meeting.

Fees include: **Membership - \$40.00 / Garbage - \$110.00 / Optional Curbside Recycling - \$125.00**

- 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.
- **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 2023 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 2023 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

2023 GARBAGE STICKERS MUST BE ON DISPLAY

REPUBLIC SERVICES DISPATCHER PHONE NUMBER FOR BLPOA - 574-842-4719

Republic Services provides one 90 gallon container to each member's home. You are responsible for the container; however, Republic will replace damaged containers by calling their Dispatcher. 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. ***A new garbage service will be one bulk pick-up item the 4th Monday of each month.***

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. More details related to garbage services can be found on the back inside cover of the BLPOA Directory.

Garbage is picked up on Monday mornings; however, pick-up on Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas and New Years are scheduled for Tuesday. In 2023/24 these will be May 30, September 5, December 26, and January 2. When placing your garbage container out, have **the WHEELS of the cart point AWAY from the road (opening roadside).**

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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 Dispatcher. 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 \$125 per year and is included as an option on the 2023 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 TO BE ON DISPLAY AND 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

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 this summer (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. 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 574-202-4666, 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 POB. Our first meeting will be Monday, April 10 (2nd Monday).

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – EVENTS

A Taste of Bass Lake Pizza - May 20 Contact Mary Jesso or Kathy Laiter

Bike Ride - July 15 Contact Rick Anderson

Soup Social – October 28 Contact TBD - *looking for coordinator(s)*

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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 20 & June 10

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.

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.BassLakeCD.IN.ORG. For emergencies only call 574-806-1707.

BASS LAKE FESTIVAL

In 2021 the festival will be held **July 28, 29 & 30**. 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, (219-31-8703) 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 2023/2024 BLPOA Board!