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MAY 2018—BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

May's arrival was hot & sunny, the return of spring! \$422,255 & where is the egg? I would say, only the four spring winds know. If the egg went over the dam along with some of the 4 plus inches of rain that fell on May 2, perhaps some lucky farmer will find it. On May 7 our lake was about 4 inches over the "Top of Dam" mark. Very few deceased fish have washed up on our shores while many have been spotted splashing about. Double D Dennis says.....stop in a get your own fish report. The 32,000 just stocked blue gills should be out there eating our blue-green algae. Know anything about blue-green algae? Are they a common ingredient in Spirulina drinks? Any healthy lake sage can explain, they are often marketed as an immune booster, a good source of protein and iron. Some say they also have virus and cancer fighting properties that boost your immune system. Consequently they are a common ingredient in bottled green juices. So, when the kids fall off that tube and get a mouth full, be less alarmed - happy tubing kids.

If you were at the May property owners meeting, you know that we have appointed a 2018 Audit and Budget Committee along with a Nominating Committee for our July Annual Election. Starke County has passed a new RV ordinance. The Pizza party on May 19 (this weekend!) should be another good one. Volunteers are appreciated to help with the Bass Lake Festival. Daphne Hackler has received our 2018 buoy order. A 2019 grant for glacial seawall stone financial help is on track. A DNR boating class is all day June 2 at the BLPOA building. Our Welcome Committee created a brochure for local realtors to welcome new residents to the lake. Routine lake water testing is anticipated for summer 2018. Become an involved Property Owner! Our lake water also contains chlorophyll which research suggests can increase energy and mental clarity while improving digestion. I'm not saying drink lake water; however, engaging in physical activity behind a speeding watercraft is probably much more beneficial to health than the resulting consumption of a little lake liquid. Perhaps related, the Dallas Brain Institute suggests that the lower a person's fitness level the faster the deterioration of vital brain nerve functions. So, if the kids want to go tubing, take them; help with the development of good lake brains. For adult exercise, you might help putting in a pier. *Stay Safe & Healthy, Rick*

Bass Lake Buoy Program—If you have questions about our Buoy Program, who gets them, who pays for them, who installs them, where to put them, how to get a light for yours, etc. please contact our Buoy Master, Daphne Hackler, dbhackler@hotmail.com.

Melody Drive-In Theatre—Now open with four movies an evening, every weekend. www.melodydrivein.com.

Bass Lake Property Owners Association:
Our next property owner meeting is on June 2 at 9:00 a.m. at the BLPOA building

Bass Lake Conservancy District (our sewers): Monday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. BLPOA building

Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch: Monday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA building

Bass Lake Festival: The 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 at the BLPOA building

Starke County Park Board: Tuesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Starke County Annex building

Prairie Trails Club (our nearby bike path):

Thursday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m., CDT (7:00 p.m., EDT) in the Depot, Starke County Chamber of Commerce Office, 400 North Heaton Street, Knox

Environmental Waste Day is Sept. 15. Stay tuned!

Taste of Bass Lake Pizza Party

Taste of Bass Lake Pizza Party—May 19 from 6:00—7:30 at the BLPOA building. This is the third annual lake season kick-off party, featuring fifteen of the local pizza parlors who advertise in our directory. Hundreds of lake folks enjoy this \$5/person night out. Contact Rick Anderson if you'd like to volunteer with crowd control or help serve, barefootrun@mchsi.com.

5K Color Walk/Run—The Prairie Trails Club is hosting their popular Color Run on June 2. Proceeds go to the improvement and maintenance of our local spectacular bike trail. For additional information, contact Kathy Lucas, kathleenlucas216@gmail.com.

New Starke County RV Ordinance—A controversial revised RV ordinance was passed several months ago by the Starke County Commissioners. An RV may be stored in the back yard on a property as long as it is owned by the property owner, properly plated with a current registration, and it is within a minimum of five feet from the rear lot line. The ordinance states that RVs shall not be occupied for temporary or permanent use as a dwelling. RVs are not to be permanently affixed to the ground as a principal or accessory structure on a lot in any zoning district.

They may be used on a temporary basis, but not more than 72 hours at one time. Finally, you must get approval from the Starke County Planning Commission before using for temporary use with a visible expiration date posted. If you have questions or comments contact your Starke County Commissioners, Kathy Norem (574) 772-3910, Donnie Binkley (574) 772-4362 or Charles Chesak (574) 896-3793.

"A Taste of Bass Lake Pizza"
May 19th (Saturday)
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
BLPOA Building

With RSVP:
Price — Advance Purchase **\$5 Adults** and Children 10 & Under **FREE**
Price at the door **\$10**
Place **You & Yours on the "Who's Coming so Far List"**
Please Contact:
Rick & Jane - barefootrun@mchsi.com
Please make checks out to **BLPOA**
Hand deliver or send to:
Rick Anderson 4574 S. CR 210 Knox, IN 46534

Bass Lake Property Owners Association

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- Diane Blais
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- Rik Ritzler
- Gayle Smith
- Ron Vendl

Board member contact information is on our website:
www.inbasslake.com.

Thank You Diane Andrews

Diane Andrews, one of our BLPOA Board Members is moving away from Bass Lake and with that change her position on the Board is open. We thank her for her service to the Board and for leading the Beautification Committee. We appreciate her fine and talented service to our lake community. Gayle Smith will be taking over her role as the head of our Beautification Committee! Eight of our Board positions will be up for re-election at the annual meeting on June 30. At that meeting the new BLPOA bylaws will also be voted on.

Festival Volunteers

Calling all volunteers for the Festival! Volunteer one or two of your family members to help out for a few hours. Send Tabitha Dillner an email, tdillner@gmail.com.

Informative BLPOA Website

Thanks to Larry Collura for managing our lake website in a superior manner! Minutes of meetings, events, past issues of the lake newsletter, contact information and much more is included: www.inbasslake.com.

Lake Shore Shoppes Open Soon

Lake residents Tabitha Dillner and Daphne Hackler are opening a custom gift shop and creative studio on May 17. The address is 6413 S Rannels Rd. E. There will be a grand opening Memorial Day weekend!

Furniture & Concrete Gallery

Featuring farm tables, benches, chairs and concrete statuary, this Grovertown shop is a gem.
www.furnitureandconcrete.com.

Golf Cart Inspection Dates—Sheriff's Dept. Golf Cart inspections at the BLPOA Building will be on May 19, June 9 and June 23. At the time of the inspection, besides your golf cart bring the following items: the completed golf cart permit (downloaded from their website listed below, also on the Bass Lake Property Owners website); a copy of proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and the annual fee of \$25.00 – cash or check made out to "Starke County". Starke County allows golf cart operation on CR 210; golf carts remain illegal on Indiana highway SR 10. 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/>. Contact the Sheriff's Dispatch Center, (574) 772-3771 with questions and alternate inspection scheduling.

Register Online for the Free DNR Water and Boating Safety Class- This popular class will be held at the Bass Lake Property Owners building on Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thanks to Aileen Collura for coordinating it. Online pre-registration is requested ASAP and can be done at: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/indiana/104-indiana-boater-education/agency:25>. There is no cost for this course, lunch is provided and the class limit is 40 people. So, register now!

Important Message from the Bass Lake Conservancy District—With the summer season upon us and with folks returning to the lake, the Bass Lake Conservancy District (BLCD) would like to review a few items that impact our sanitary sewer system. In the past, the Conservancy District has had problems with inappropriate items being flushed into the system: including 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. Please DO NOT dispose of any of these items in the toilet. 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 as a result of this negligence. If your cottage/home is used by multiple families/renters, the District would suggest a notice be included in directions for operation/use of other systems such as heating/air conditioning, water softener, well pumps, etc. If you have any questions regarding our sewer system please call the BLCD at 574-772-2974. For emergencies only, call 574-806-1707. Submitted by Russ Blais – BLCD Director At Large

Healthy Shoreline Initiative—The BLPOA is focusing on restoring our natural shoreline to preserve and enhance our water quality, prevent erosion, and provide healthier and safer habitat for fish. If you are interested in learning how to fertilize your lawn with lake-friendly fertilizer, contact Rick Anderson, barefootrun@mchsi.com. Over the next month, we will conduct a lake audit with Rod Edgell of the DNR, to determine where there are opportunities for glacial stone walls, as a healthy addition to a concrete seawall. Stay tuned for additional information about grants which will pay up to 80% of qualifying glacial stone projects. Finally, we are working with Phil Woolery from the Purdue Starke County Extension Office on expanded monitoring under the Clean Lakes Program. Training on how to test our lake water will be conducted later this month.



Please join us in "Flipping Your Lid"! - The Bass Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors welcomes you to another new season. We have a great project and would like your help in collecting all those plastic container lids and caps that you don't know what to do with. The Prairie Trails Club sponsors the bike trail from Bass Lake to North Judson and is collecting plastic lids and caps to recycle into park benches. This is a great way to become involved as a family while generating a visible commitment to your community.

So please join "Flip" and the rest of us in a campaign to see how many lids and caps we can collect for the season. You may drop off your lids and caps in the bright green bins at the BLPOA building, at the Bass Lake Marina or on the porch of homes at 4544 S. CR 210 or 5339 S. SR 10. Please see the list of acceptable caps and lids: <http://www.greentreeplastics.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/acceptable-unacceptable-caps-list-2018.pdf>. The Prairie Trails Club (bike trail group) has a website with more information, www.prairietrailsclub.org.

Interested in Recycling? The BLPOA recycling bins are located behind the BLPOA tan building.

Dear Friends of Bass Lake History,

Normally in this spot you have seen pictures and articles compiled by former Starke County Historian Marvin Allen that I have shared with you. Marv created a Bass Lake picture booklet for the Starke County Historical Society and, I am sorry to say, we have used every page he included in that manuscript over the past several years in the BLPOA Catch and Release newsletter.

However, Marv also generated a picture and article booklet on California Township which borders much of the south and west side of Bass Lake. The sixteen articles and pictures in that booklet focus on some of the schools, families and farms in California Township. Many of them are not directly related to the lake as the last articles have been, but focus on the few miles just west and slightly south of us. Starting in June, we will share these photos and stories with you over the next year or so and hope you enjoy a little different perspective of what life used to be like around here in the past century.

Ron Vendl, Starke County Historical Society