

The Hiking

MAY IS THE GATEWAY TO SUMMER

Eight Water Safety Updates



General Manager Joe Overton held a Town Hall meeting on April 25 to discuss water safety updates. Joe emphasized the overall goal for the Lakengren community is to "have a good time on the lakes, but to do so safely." Here are 8 key updates from the meeting:

1. Wake boat and wake surfing boundaries are new this season to help direct wake generating activities to the wider section of the lake. These are outlined in Chapter 523.012 of the Lakengren Watercraft Rules
 2. A new class 6 fine has been added to the rules to address those instances when individuals or property are harmed due to unsafe boating practices or wave action damage.
 3. A soon-to-be announced boat safety course will be offered onsite in May and will address Lakengren safe boating practices.
 4. Boat inspections for all boats, except pontoons, paddle boats and kayaks, are being conducted to ensure these do not exceed 20 feet as defined in Watercraft rules.
 5. "No wake" buoys will be reset to 100 ft from shoreline. These will be monitored for wake activity and waves exceeding 1 foot at the buoy will be considered a safety violation.
 6. Counterclockwise direction for watercraft traffic will be maintained as well as rule for maintaining a distance of 250 feet from skiers on the right stern.
 7. Rented boat slips should not be altered. In past, carpet has been added to these and it promotes wood rot.
 8. ODNR visits are planned this summer to help promote watercraft safety
- View recording on [Lakengren POA Facebook page](#). Watercraft Rules are available at www.lakengrenpoa.org, under POA/Governing Documents.



- May 1: Women's Club meeting
- May 2, 9, 16, 23: Cornhole, 6-8 PM, Lodge
- May 4: Night at the Races, Lodge
- May 5: Pickle Ball, 2-4PM
- May 6, 13: Kids Crafts, Lodge, 5-7 PM
- May 7, 21, 28: Card Club, Lodge, 6 PM
- May 7: Adult crafts, Marina, 6-8 PM
- May 11: Euchre Tourney, Lodge, 7-10 PM
- May 15: 22, 29: Euchre, Lodge, 6-8 PM
- May 17: Pool Tourney, Lodge, 7-10 PM
- May 18: Team Up to Clean Up, Maintenance Barn, 10 AM
- May 19: Pickleball Tourney, 3-5 PM
- May 20: Open BOT meeting, Lodge, 7 PM
- May 21: Adult Paint Class, Marina, 6 PM
- May 23: Marina Opens, 4-8 PM
- May 24: Summer Concert, Marina, 7 PM
- May 24: Pool Opens, noon—8 PM
- May 28: Kids Paint Class, Marina, 5-7 PM



WHAT'S THE BUZZ...EVENTS AND CLUBS

Great Turnout For Community Solar Eclipse Picnic

Lakengren was the place to be and be seen on April 8 for the Total Eclipse Community picnic. Nearly 1,500 residents and guests turned out to view the total solar eclipse.

The line for freshly grilled hotdogs and burgers extended from the Marina to the parking lot throughout the day. Moon Pies, a sweet treat that reportedly had its beginning in 1917 when a KY coal miner asked a bakery salesman for a snack “as big as the moon,” were served. And many residents brought side dishes to share for a true, old fashioned community picnic.

The Women’s Club held its first bake sale of the year to raise funds for the community and all the sweet treats completely sold out.

Children enjoyed the face painting, bouncy slide, games, and protective eye glasses. Other activities included volleyball, cornhole and a live DJ. But all was quiet as the clock approached 3:08 p.m. and darkness fell as the moon totally blocked the sun for the first time in Preble County in nearly 200 years. Ohio’s last visible total solar eclipse was in 1806.





MANAGER'S CORNER



Lakengren 2024 Road Project Gets BOT Approval

Lakengren's Roads Committee is responsible for providing information and recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for all road repairs and maintenance of the nearly 28 miles of roads in Lakengren. Lakengren, as a private gated community, is responsible for maintaining all the roads within Lakengren. The committee meets regularly to evaluate the road conditions and to review the financial plan for proper funding. The Roads Committee is chaired by Barry Fought. Barry has been a driving force in working with this committee to aggressively pursue a successful plan for road funding. Barry also works on the Financial Planning Committee. Barry has an accounting background and brings great insight and experience to the Financial Committee, which has been a positive aid to the road planning process.

Lakengren passed the Capital Reserve plan FOR Lakengren in November of 2021. The passing of this capital plan has allowed Lakengren to allocate funding for the necessary road projects. The Association allocated nearly \$550,000 of funding in 2022 and \$585,000 in 2023.

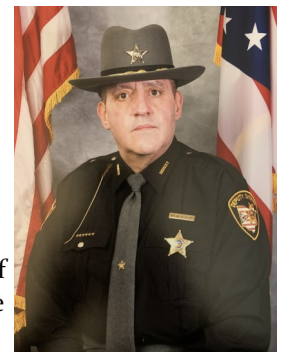
In these two years, nearly 10 miles of roads have received either a two-inch overlay or chip sealing. The Roads Committee created a very aggressive road surfacing plan that calls for all of Lakengren roads to be re-surfaced by 2026. The Capital Reserve plan's passing vote continues to provide positive outcomes for the Lakengren Association.

The Roads Committee in early spring 2024 noticed some product quality issues. These issues primarily appear on Saxon drive. The road is experiencing crumbling and degradation in many areas. The vendor, Barrett Asphalt, has agreed to re-pave this road at no charge to the Association. This work will be completed in mid-May 2024.

A Golf Cart Is A Vehicle

Question: Can a golf cart driver be charged with a DUI (driving under the influence) or OVI (operating a vehicle impaired) in Lakengren?

Answer: Deputy Dan Stevenson explains that a person can be charged with a DUI/OVI for operating a golf cart here. The DUI/OVI statute, Ohio Revised Code 4511.19, prohibits being impaired while operating, "any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley within this state . . ." The definition of vehicle is found in Ohio Revised Code 4501.01 and it is expansive, including golf carts. In fact, the vehicle need not even be a "motor vehicle." That has its own separate definition. **A DUI on Private Property is still a DUI.**



While many traffic laws require operation on a public road, Ohio's OVI statute does not. Note the language from Ohio Revised Code 4511.19 says, "No person shall operate any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley *within this state* . . ." The statute does not limit a DUI to public roads or even public property but includes impaired operation of a vehicle anywhere "*within this state*." A person can be charged with an OVI even if they were operating on private property such as a campground or golf course, and certainly if they were operating upon the roads within Lakengren.

Deputy Stevenson urges Lakengren residents to take time now to review LAKENGREN PROPERTY OWNERS' VEHICLE OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS, found on www.lakengren.org under POA/governing documents.



NOW AND THEN AROUND THE GREN

Safety Tips from Gasper Fire & EMS

Gasper Fire & EMS Chief Andrew George reminds us that the burn ban continues through the end of May.

Also, he notes that planting season has been delayed for farmers in our area due to the spring rains. During those nice, dry days the roadways will see a lot of farming equipment traffic, Chief George pointed out.

Please be patient and cautious with farmers traveling in the roadway getting from field to field to avoid accidents.





SPOTLIGHT ON...

Pool and Marina Openings

The start of the summer season is upon us and pool and marina openings are just around the corner. We have a new pool manager this year, Emily Kelly, following Ginger Adams' retirement last year. Lifeguards are all lined up as well as the marina crew. Emily has some exciting plans for pool programs this year that she will be sharing soon. It's going to be another great summer!

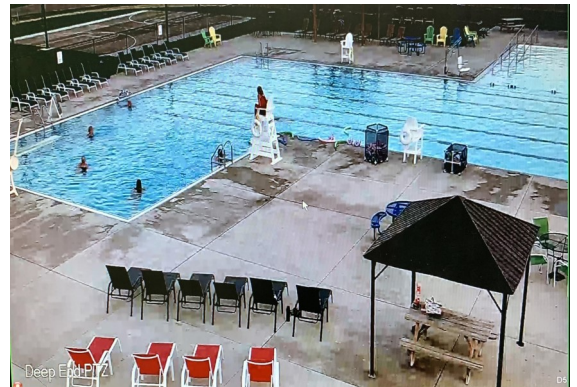
The marina will open Thursday, May 23. Marina hours are Thursdays and Fridays 4-8 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 12-8 pm. Holidays 12-8 pm as well. Don't forget that the marina is now stocked with retail items for most of your boating needs. Come over and check it out.

The pool will open Friday, May 24, Memorial weekend. Hours are 12-8 pm every day. The pool will again have morning water aerobics at 11:00 am until noon, and evening aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9 pm. This is an adult only swim.

If you are interested in renting the pool, pick up a rental form at the pool or the office. You can also download a form from <http://www.lakengren.org>. The pool is available to rent mornings and evenings either before noon or after 8 pm.

Pool rules are posted at the pool and on the website, along with the menu for the pool snack bar. There will be swim lessons again this summer, another great opportunity for our kids! The schedule for swim lesson dates and times will be available soon.

Opening dates are weather permitting. Keep your fingers crossed that it's going to be bright and sunny! Let the fun begin.



LPOA Open BOT meeting, May 20,
7 PM, Lodge
Join us!

Coming next month:
Summer fun around the lake



LAKENGREN A&E INVITES YOU TO

NIGHT @ THE RACES

10 HORSE BETTING RACES
AUCTIONING OFF HORSES
HAT CONTEST

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

DOORS OPEN-6:00PM | RACES START 7:00

LAKENGREN LODGE



TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP LAKENGREN



Saturday, May 18, 2024

[AT] MAINTENANCE BARN [AT] 10

PROVIDED:

GLOVES, TRASH BAGS,
VESTS ✨

COMPLIMENTARY DONUTS



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2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

LIVE AT THE MARINA

THURS 7-9PM FRI 7-10PM

FRI MAY 24 4 LOW

FRI JUN 7 MY COUSIN EDDIE

THU JUN 13 LINUS TATE

FRI JUN 21 BLUE EIGHTY

FRI JUL 5 THE WORLEY BOYS

FRI JUL 19 DAGLIO BAND

FRI AUG 2 CAFFEINE

**FRI AUG 16 DANGEROUS JIM
AND THE SLIMS**

**THU AUG 22 TYLER AND
MAYFLOWER SACHEL**

FRI AUG 30 THE GROWLERS

FOOD TRUCKS EVERY CONCERT



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Check out the **Lakengren Community Calendar** for details on all the great events, activities and leagues underway this year.

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