

The Hiking

SPRING INTO ACTION

Town Hall Updates

The March 26 Town Hall meeting focused on 2023 accomplishments and plans for 2024. General Manager Joe Overton presented an agenda but emphasized that the town hall meetings are intended to address questions and top-of-mind concerns of Community members.



Joe discussed 2024 Capital Project plans: road repairs, dredging, dock rentals and repairs, boat inspection and lake safety with an emphasis on wake activity which is now limited by policy to the area between Lakengren Cove and the Marina on Lake Lakengren.

Another key topic of discussion was the dam repair project. As a follow up to the Dams Committee report at the March 25 BOT meeting, General Manager Joe Overton reviewed the history of dam maintenance and plans to keep the dam operating at peak performance. Joe pointed out that the repair project has shifted out of the current fiscal year to the 2026 timeframe as the Dams Committee works with ODNR and also applies for a FEMA grant, which if successful, will cover about 65% of the total estimated cost of the ~\$1.5 million in needed repairs. Joe explained that Gasper Township Fire & EMS is working jointly with Lakengren as a sponsor to help Lakengren qualify for the grant. More information will be shared as the year progresses.

The Town Hall meeting recording can be viewed on the Lakengren POA Facebook page. The April Town Hall meeting will focus on lake patrol updates and a representative from the ODNR will present on Lake Best Practices.



- April 1: April Fool's Day
- April 8: Lakengren Eclipse Picnic, 1-5 PM, Marina
- April 10: Kids Paint Class, 5 PM, Marina
- April 13: Document Shredding truck onsite at main entrance, 10 AM—noon
- April 15: Tax Day
- April 15: Adult Paint Class, 6 PM, Marina
- April 17: Wreath Making Class, 6 PM, Marina
- April 18: Kids Paint Class, 5 PM, Marina
- April 21: Spring Open Bass Tournament, Practice, 7 AM—3 PM, Marina
- April 22: Open BOT meeting, 7 PM, Lodge
- April 28: Spring Open Bass Tournament, 7 AM—3 PM, Marina
- April 29, Adult Paint Class, 6 PM, Marina
- May 4: Night at the Races, 7 PM, Lodge
- June 6-8: Community Yard Sales



WHAT'S THE BUZZ...EVENTS AND CLUBS

Much Merriment In The Month Of March

March was a month to remember at the lake with a wide range of events and activities for everyone. Along with the official passage from winter to spring, the community was "all in" for shaking off the winter blues by joining the many activities and events available.

From disc golf, pool, euchre and corn-hole tournaments to craft classes for kids and adults, it was a busy month around the lake. The Women's Club kicked off the month with its annual Staff and BOT Appreciation luncheon and our always entertaining A&E Club sponsored the Kids Easter Egg Hunt with over 3,200 eggs and Easter Bunny picture opportunity.

Gaspar Fire & EMS joined the fun with the Polar Plunge/community breakfast, raising ~\$5,000 and we celebrated St. Patrick's Day the musical way with an open mic/karaoke night at the Lodge.



Staff & BOT Appreciation Lunch



Gaspar Fire & EMS Polar Plunge



Open Mic & Karaoke



Pool Tourney



Kids Solar Eclipse Paintings



Kids
Easter
Crafts



MANAGER'S CORNER

Lakengren Events Create a Special Place to Live

Did you ever stop to think about what makes Lakengren a strong and vibrant place to live? While everyone is likely to answer that question a little bit differently, I would contend that it is the combination of amenities and the many, many events and activities that we have here.

The Lakengren events coordinator is a position created within the Lakengren services team to increase awareness of the many amenities available within the Lakengren community. These events create a special place to live. The philosophy: “ownership of an amenity will create awareness- which in turn creates protection of the amenity”. We have seen this philosophy work many times in association management. The increased awareness of our amenities has also increased satisfaction within the community. Parents continue to express great satisfaction that the children of our community have “things to do.”



Lakengren is planning over 210 activities and events for 2024

In 2023 we planned to have 60 events and exceeded that goal by producing over 130 events. 2024 promises to be even better with over 210 events planned. Our coordinator, Valorie Kleinberg, has done an excellent job of planning events such as cornhole tournaments, disc golf leagues, shuffleboard, paint classes, many craft classes and billiard leagues. New leagues for 2024 include pickleball, euchre, and possibly basketball leagues or tournaments.

Lakengren is a community with many amenities and attractive green space. Our events coordinator has created a connection between events and amenities. This awareness has created a greater pride of our key assets which in turn has helped to protect the care of the assets. Truly a win - win for our members and our assets.

Combining event coordination with a very strong A&E club and the many events created and executed by them, provides a very robust list of activities for our members. The dual performance of Event Coordination and A&E has truly helped in making Lakengren a special place to live.

A special thanks to Leanne Mullins, Ginger Adams and Amanda Cornett for all their assistance in planning and executing the many events. Also, a special thanks to Laura Klejnot and the many members of the A&E Club for all their hard work.

Lakengren is fortunate to have such talented people who give so much to the members of our association.



NOW AND THEN AROUND THE GREN

Responsible Dog Ownership

As responsible pet owners, we should all be aware of our community policy related to dogs.

The policy (available under POA/Governing Documents on <http://www.lakengrenpoa.org>) states:

POLICY:

A. Control. No dog owner shall allow his/her dog(s) to infringe on neighboring properties, persons or Lakengren recreation areas where dogs are prohibited. No owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog(s) shall fail at any time to keep the dog(s) either physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger by leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision or secure enclosure to prevent escape, or under reasonable control of a responsible person who is of suitable age and discretion. Owners should be considerate of their neighbors by cleaning up after their dog(s) when not on personal property.



Benefits of Having a Pet-Friendly Policy:

Risk Reduction and Safety: A pet-friendly policy helps reduce the risk of dog-related incidents. You can help your dog by providing proper training and socialization which makes pets well-behaved and less likely to exhibit dangerous behaviors, such as biting or aggression. Additionally, supervising pets when outside the home minimizes the chances of accidents like running into traffic or getting lost.

Guidelines for Responsible Pet Ownership

Regular Exercise: Regular exercise is necessary for a dog's physical and mental well-being.

Training: Training fosters obedience and strengthens the bond between pet and owner.

Safe Environment: Providing a clean, secure home and access to outdoor spaces such as Lakengren's dog park (pictured above) supports a safe and comfortable environment. By ensuring proper nutrition, regular exercise, and veterinary care, pet owners contribute to their pet's overall health and happiness.

Supervision: Regular supervision of your pet prevents dangerous or destructive behavior.

Neighbor Consideration: Being respectful of neighbors includes preventing excessive barking and ensuring pets are not allowed to roam freely.

In summary, a pet-friendly policy promotes responsible pet ownership, enhances safety, and contributes to a harmonious community.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Two Eclipses in One?

Did you know that whenever there is a solar eclipse there is also a lunar eclipse within two weeks of the solar eclipse? According to Miami University instructor Jerry Riesenber and Professor Steven Alexander, this is indeed so. So along with the April 8 Total Solar Eclipse, there was an accompanying lunar eclipse on Monday, March 25, 2024 from about 1 AM— 5:30 AM EDT.

This eclipse on March 25 was a “penumbral lunar eclipse,” which means that the earth's shadow on the moon was very faint. Most of us may not have noticed any color darkening on the moon. However, if you compared the moon's brightness at the beginning of the eclipse to the brightness at 3:15 am EDT you might have been able to see some darkening.

And, for you eclipse watchers, there will also be a partial lunar eclipse on September 18, 2024, in which the dark earth's shadow partially covers the moon. It will appear as the earth's shadow takes a bite out of the moon.

There is more fun ahead in 2025 when, on March 14, 2025, we will see a total lunar eclipse, otherwise known as a "blood moon" for its reddish color.

Here's hoping for clear skies for the Lakengren solar eclipse viewing party on April 8, from 1 PM — 5 PM at the Marina. Don't forget to drop by the Women's Club bake sale for some delightful treats.

LIVE DJ

LAKENGREN COMMUNITY ECLIPSE PICNIC

1-5pm @ Marina

FREE eclipse glasses for first 200 guests!

ECLIPSE TSHIRTS FOR SALE

CORNHOLE & VOLLEYBALL

FREE Hotdog meal!
Carry-in side dishes welcome!

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
LAKENGREN APRIL 8TH, 2024

LPOA Open BOT meeting, April 22,
7 PM, Lodge
Join us!

Coming next month:
May is the gateway to summer

HOW TO VIEW A SOLAR ECLIPSE SAFELY

A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon completely blocks the sun's bright face, also known as totality, and day momentarily turns into night.



The only safe way to look directly at the sun during an eclipse is through special-purpose solar filters, like eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers.



The only safe time to look at the sun without solar filters is during the 2-4 minutes of total eclipse. It is never safe to look at the sun without solar filters during any other phases of the eclipse.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR SAFELY VIEWING THE ECLIPSE:

- Only look at the eclipse through a special-purpose solar filter. Safe eclipse glasses should comply with ISO 12312-2 international standard.
- Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are unsafe. They transmit too much sunlight and could damage the eyes.
- Inspect your solar filter; discard if scratched or damaged. Follow any instructions for the filter.
- Always supervise children using solar filters.
- Stand still, cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking at the sun. Afterward, turn away before removing your filter — never remove it while looking at the sun.
- Do not look at the un eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device.
 - Similarly, do not look at the sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eye(s), causing serious injury.
 - Seek expert advice before using a solar filter with a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device. Note that solar filters must be attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, camera lens, or other optics.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART OF IT ALL





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



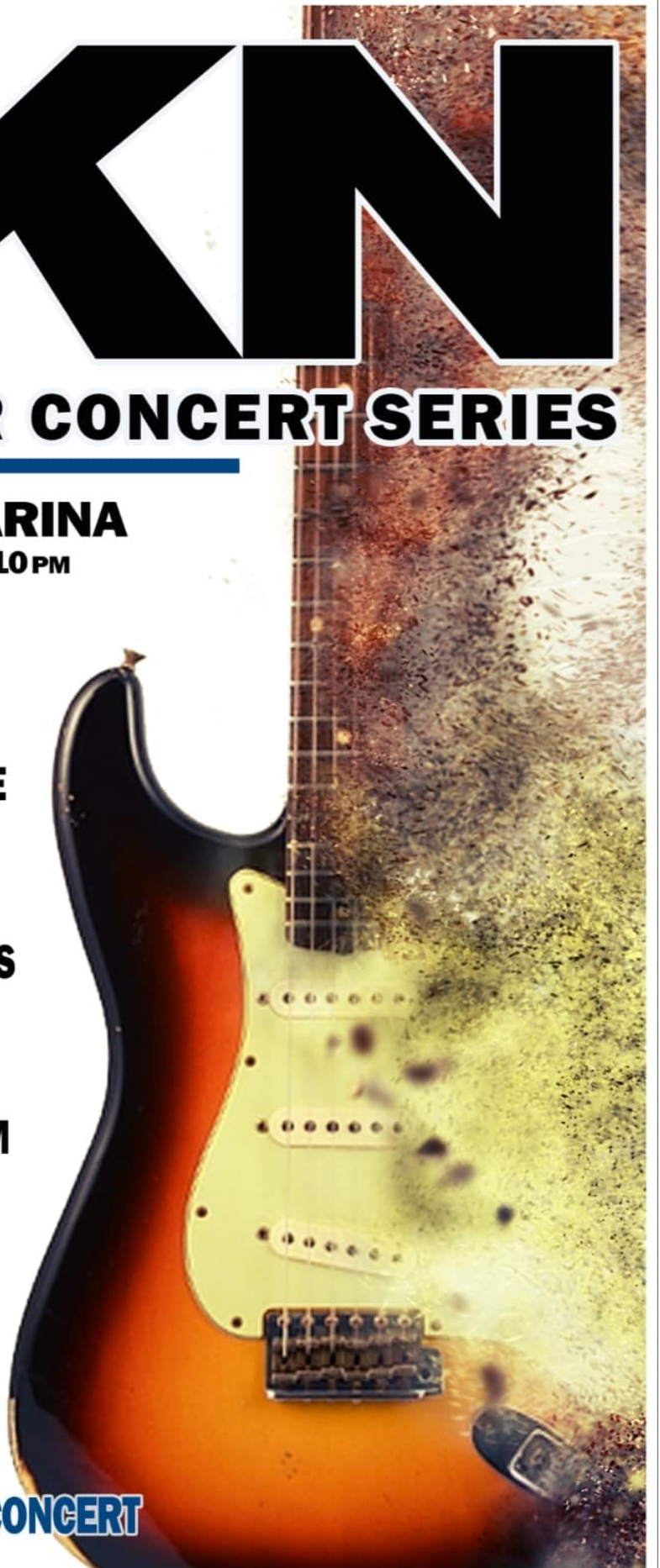
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2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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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