

JULY

VIKING

From the Deputy's Desk... Fireworks.

In Ohio, consumer fireworks can be discharged by adults (18+) on their own property or on another person's property with permission, but only on specific dates and times. These dates include the Fourth of July (July 3rd, 4th, and 5th) and the weekends immediately before and after, as well as Labor Day weekend, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. The time restrictions are generally 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., except for New Year's Eve, which extends to 11:59 p.m., and New Year's Day, which allows discharge from midnight to 1 a.m. and again from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

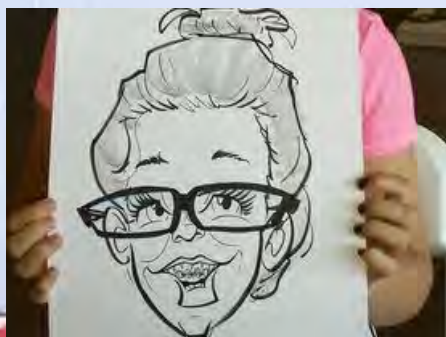
Specific dates and times:

- **July 3rd, 4th, and 5th: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
- **Weekends before and after July 4th: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
 - **Labor Day weekend: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
 - **Diwali: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
 - **New Year's Eve: 4 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.**
- **New Year's Day: 12 a.m. to 1 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
- **Other holidays: Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day weekend, and Juneteenth**

POOL PARTY

Card Scores

Join us for some mid summer fun at the laken-gren pool on JULY 12th from 4-8. We will have a caricature artist to do your family portraits , we will also have our very own Ginger Adams leading a fun beach painting. Biggest splash contest with prizes for first place for our kid and adult groups. Burritos De La Tia food truck will be there as well as The Frozen Fox shaved ice truck to help everyone cool down. MARK YOUR CALENDARS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FREE EVENT!!!



BURRITOS DE LA TIA	
MEXICAN FOOD	
BOWLS	
BURRITO BOWL Choose your protein and toppings, served in a bowl. Includes: rice, beans, cheese, and salsa. \$12	\$12
FAJITA BOWL Choose your protein and toppings, served in a bowl. Includes: rice, beans, cheese, and salsa. \$12	\$12
AMERICANA LUNCH	
CHEESE QUESADILLA Chicken, beef, or pork. \$10	\$10
CHICKEN QUESADILLA Chicken, beef, or pork. \$10	\$10
WALKING TACOS A bag of 10 tacos with your choice of protein, cheese, and salsa. \$10	\$10
CHEESY NACHOS Loaded nachos with cheese, beans, and salsa. \$10	\$10
LOADER NACHOS Loaded nachos with cheese, beans, and salsa. \$10	\$10
TACOS - QUESO OR GREEN Chicken or pork. \$10	\$10
CHICKEN OR PORK Chicken or pork. \$10	\$10
MADE WITH LOCALLY RAISED BEEF FOLLOW US ON FB OR CALL 765-977-5375 TO PLACE AN ORDER	

June 3rd Euchre

1st Dave Monebreak-170

2nd Cora Hodgson-165

3rd Cathy Troxell- 156

4th Verna Ward- 150

June 10th Pinochle

1st Pat Maynard- 539

2nd Dave Monebreak- 537

3rd Ginny Perry- 536

June 17th Euchre

1st Carolyn Seals- 172

2nd Cora Hodgson- 155

3rd Verna Ward- 146

Dave Monebreak- 146

June 24th Pinochle

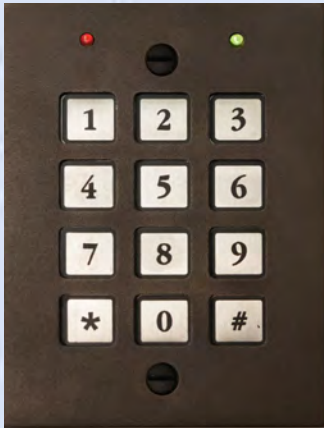
1st Dave Monebreak- 528

2nd Nancy Poffenbarger- 521

3rd Carolyn Seals- 520

POOL NEWS

Pool Entry System Access Improvement



To enhance service and maintain the integrity of the pool amenity, the association has installed a new electronic entry system that allows key-less access using assigned PIN codes. Property owners in good standing will request their pin number from the pool and will be issued a unique code for entry during posted operating hours. This improvement will provide a more convenient and secure access method for members while helping ensure that only eligible residents use the facility. This system allows a more secure method of entry. The pool gates will remain closed at all times. To exit, there is an exit button that must be pushed. This exit button is located on the interior of the pool.

New Lead Lifeguard

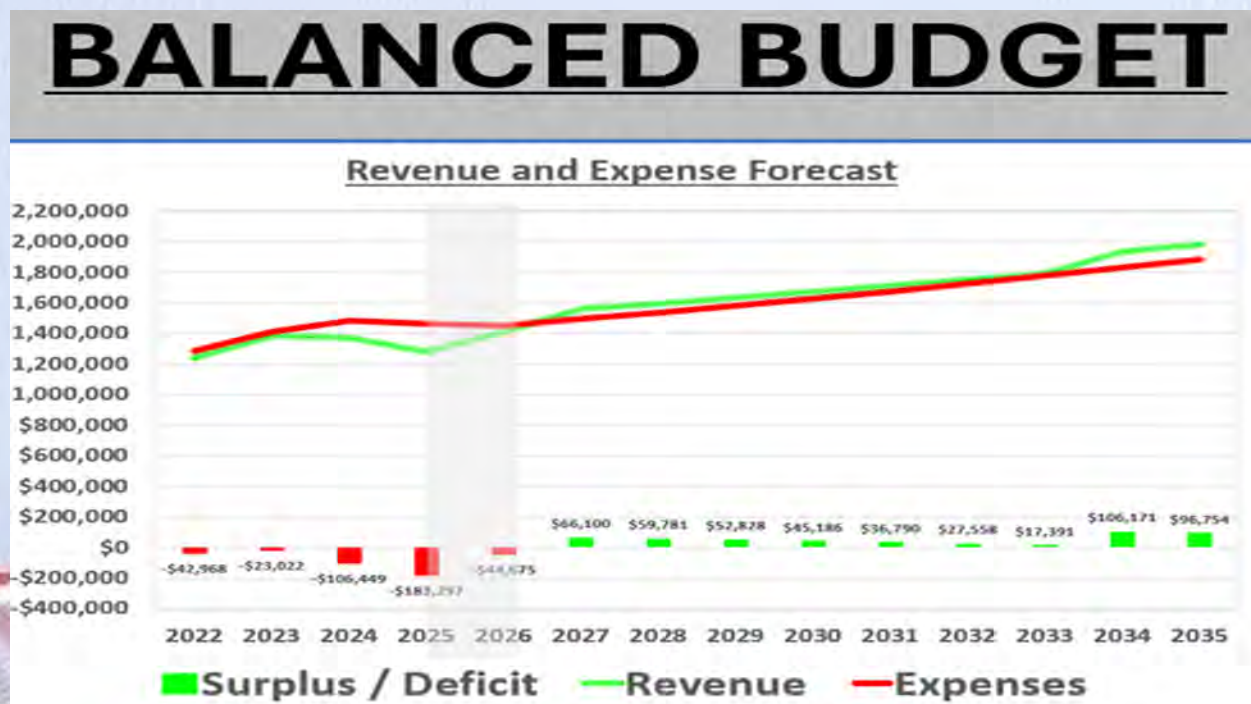
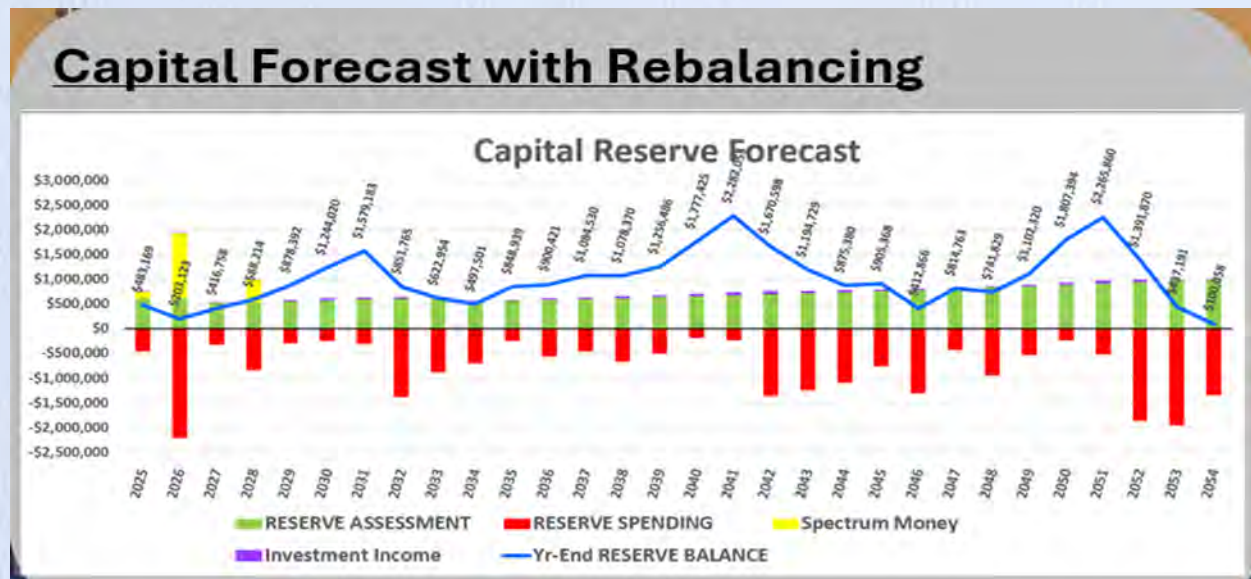


What's up everyone! My name is Carson Shepherd, and I'm excited to announce that I'll be stepping into the role of Lead Guard at the Lakengren pool this season. As a proud member of this community and someone who has worked as a lifeguard here for the past five years, this promotion means a great deal to me. I'm truly honored for the opportunity and ready to take on this new responsibility with dedication and care. I'm committed to creating a safe, fun, and welcoming environment for everyone, and I look forward to a great summer with all of you!

Finances

Financial Committee Provides Critical Long Term Planning

The graphs represent a POTENTIAL scenario based on the November election and what is finalized for vote that will be determined by the input from the community in the Townhall meetings this summer.



Finances

LPOA Budget update 2025 Financial Update

This article has appeared in a previous Viking Article

In the April Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting the Board approved the annual 2025 operational budgets for the three service lines, LPOA (The Association), LWM (Trash), and LVIM (Spectrum). It is typical that the Waste Management Budget and the LPOA operate as a net zero. The LVIM generates on average \$330,000 per year. In October of 2026 the LVIM contract expires. Negotiations with Spectrum will begin in the fall of 2025. The following are the total revenue and total expense for each of the service lines:

Revenue Expense

LPOA \$1,280,796.00 \$1,460,893 --\$183,097 DEFICIT

LWM \$424,003 \$424,003 Break even **

LVIM \$1,664,869 \$1,337,809 \$327,809 SURPLUS

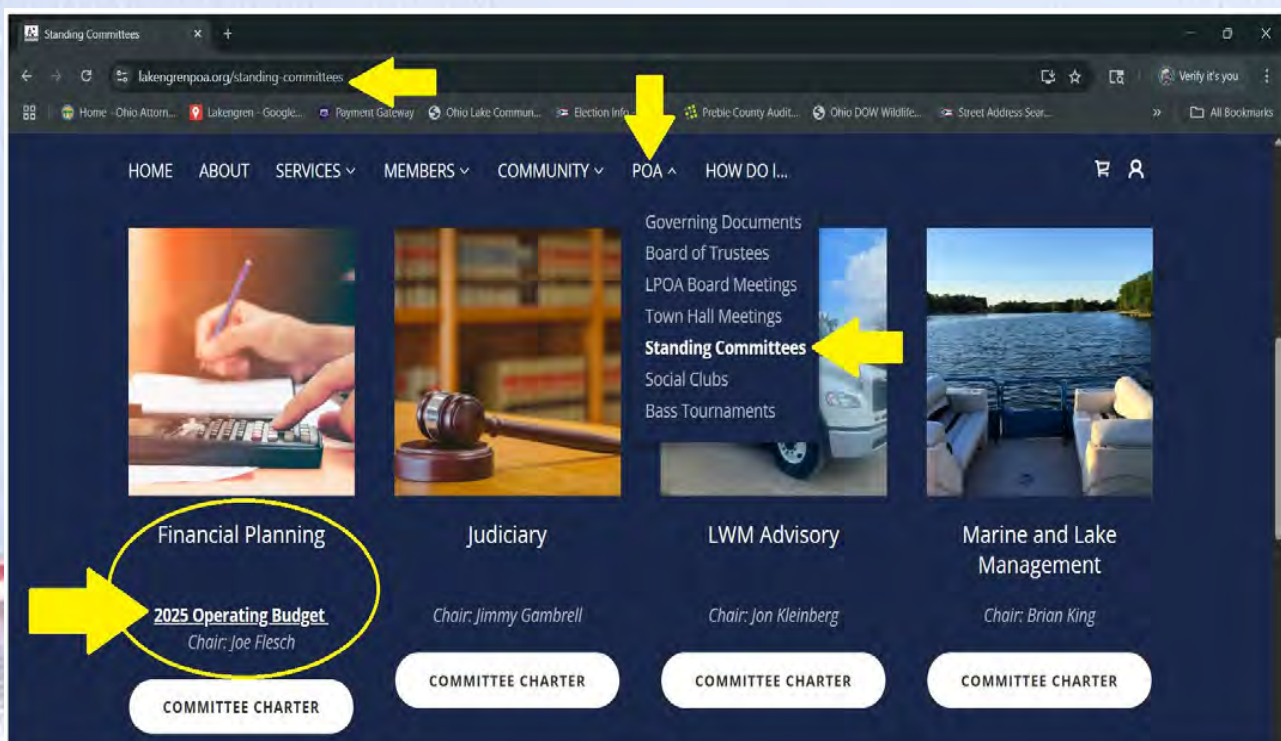
****LWM contributes \$87,000 to the LPOA plus contributes \$30,000 to a capital reserve**

Each year members' bills reflect three charges; annual dues of \$60.00, operational assessment and capital assessment. Members' annual assessment charge for 2025 is \$441.91 and the Capital assessment charge is \$410.29. The Capital assessment funds are used for larger projects. This year's funds will generate \$601,895. Lakengren is in a stable place for our long term capital needs. This was achieved with the reserve plan vote that passed in November 2021. Our goal for 2025 and beyond will be to address the operational budget. Without using Spectrum funds or lot sale funding, the 2025 LPOA budget and future budgets will continue to be seriously negative.

Fixing the revenue portion of the budget is the only way to create long-term operational stability. This year there will be three Townhalls that will explain various options to accomplish sustainability. It is the goal of all leadership to approach the plans without increasing assessments (only as a last resort).

The plans that will be presented are developed in a fair approach that will create income long term and in some cases offer excellent benefits to the membership. Look for the dates of the Town Halls on our Website, LPOA Facebook Page, and one call alerts. Its an exciting time for Lakengren.

Where to find: 2025 Operating Budget...



Balancing weeds vs recreation

Weeds, in fact, are the reason Ohio anglers and Lakengren anglers are enjoying a surge in bass fishing success. Ironically, much of the aquatic vegetation taking root in Ohio is invading from southern U.S. waters with superior bass fishing.

Ohio fisheries officials Nick Radabaugh and Chris Amon both point to weeds as major factors in the surging bass fishing at lakes across the state. He noted the weeds are mostly invasive species. “The vegetation, including Eurasian milfoil, came in fast a couple of years ago. Watercraft transports a lot of grass, especially hydrilla, as pieces cling to trailers and get sucked into live wells and then float out in new waters.”

Why the new weed growth in Lake Lakengren? Amon, Ohio DOW District 3 fisheries biologist, said better water clarity resulting from the establishment of invasive zebra mussels has helped the vegetation flourish. “Zebra mussels have their pros and cons, but the biggest benefit is they improve water clarity by filtering and reducing suspended algae,” Amon said. “The clear water allows light to penetrate in deeper water, thus encouraging aquatic plants to grow.”

Weeds have a place in providing a healthy lake. Lakengren uses an “integrated Pest Management approach of weed control for Lakes. This method is a very defined small areas of the lake. Lakengren **does not** use a wholesale approach to lake weed control.

Lakes Water Testing

Lakengren regularly test for microcystine in three lake: Lake Lakengren, Thor, and Valhalla. A reading above the rating of 20 does not require an “advisory status” Lakengren will post testing results through the summer. Microcystins are a group of potent toxins produced by cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, that can contaminate water sources. These toxins are primarily hepatotoxins, meaning they primarily affect the liver, but can also impact other organs and systems. Microcystins are a concern because they can contaminate drinking water and recreational waters, posing risks to both humans and animals.

- **What they are:** Microcystins are a family of cyclic heptapeptide toxins produced by cyanobacteria, particularly those found in freshwater. Over 250 different microcystins have been identified, with microcystin-LR being the most common.

- **How they're produced:** These toxins are produced by the cyanobacteria cells and released when the cells die and rupture.
- **How they get into water:** Microcystins can contaminate water sources through algal blooms, which are rapid growths of cyanobacteria. Human activities, like adding nutrients (e.g., from fertilizer or wastewater) to water bodies, can contribute to these blooms.

- **Health effects:** Microcystins can cause various health problems, including nausea, vomiting, abdominal

Lakengren Dam Report – Jim Noll Chairman

Dams Committee Report for BOT Open Meeting June 23, 2025

The Dams Committee met on June 12th to discuss the pending status of the HHPD Grant, scope of the work planned for spillway modifications, abandoning the drain pipe through the base of the dam and the extent and timing of lake lowering to enable such work. The committee also discussed ways that the LPOA might be able to fund this work should the HHPD grant fall through (This is the High Hazard Potential Dam. Currently, the Association is pursuing a \$1.9 million grant). Presently we plan to undertake this work starting in the fall of 2026 and completing it in the spring of 2027. This will allow the lake to raise to the normal summer pool prior to boating season that year. (Based on average rainfall expectations) In order to meet the construction timetable the lake would likely have to be lowered starting approximately on October 1, 2026.

Lastly, the committee plans to meet with the contractors handling this work in July to help finalize plans and cost estimates and to gain their help in persuading the ODNR to accept some practical modifications that would eliminate what we feel are unnecessary costs.

LPOA Board approves \$190,000 2025 Road work

The LPOA has announced the 2025 road project funding that will fund approximately 5 miles of roads. This years project will complete the four (4) year plan that called for all roads within Lakengren to receive either an asphalt overlay or chip seal ,since the passing of the reserve funding in the fall of 2021. The Board of Trustees has approved the Road Capital fund budget for 2025. All roads on the West side and the remaining roads on the East side will be completed..



Completion of the 2025 road plan will total nearly 27miles of road work since the passing of the reserve plan. Lakengren’s road committee, led by committee chairman Barry Fought, established a timetable in early 2022 that all roads in Lakengren will receive either an asphalt overlay or chip seal in a four-year period. Funding for the 2025 road projects has already been secured and will meet the road committee goal of “touching” all roads over a four year period.

Additionally, the Board has set aside \$59,000 for additional repairs. The Road Committee will begin marking repair areas in the summer of 2025.



Civil papers served within Lakengren, four (4) were served for Preble County Common Pleas Court.

There were no reported burglaries, one theft that occurred. No reports of fraud/forgery of Identity. One warrant arrest and one arrest for domestic violence.

The total number of calls for service was fifty-eight (58), an increase of fifteen (15) calls from the previous month.

There will be two additional deputies working for the Lakengren Fireworks on July 5th. This will be paid by Andrew Gaydosh and will focus on traffic enforcement. No open containers on golf carts and vehicles. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at dstevenson@preblecountysheriff.org
Deputy Dan Stevenson 68-7

CALL FOR SERVICE MAY NOTES

- Animal Welfare/Humane Complaint 4
- Civil Papers or Civil Matter 4
- Domestic Related Complaint 2
- Citizens Assist /Peace Officer 6
- Follow up on Current Case 4
- Juvenile Complaints 4
- Medical Assist/Fire Assist 3
- Residential Alarm 3
- Special Detail/Meeting etc 5
- Suspicious Person 4
- Suspicious Vehicle 1
- Threatening Suicide 1
- Assist other police agency 4
- Unclassified Complaints 5
- Welfare Check 4
- Warrant Attempts 4

TOTAL CALLS FOR DEPUTY TO RESPOND 58 An increase of 15 calls from April

2025 SELF INITIATIVE Business Check/Vacation house check 16

Traffic Detail/Stationary Radar/Stop Signs 8

TOTAL 24 An increase of 5 calls from April of 2025
TOTAL OVERALL CALLS 83 An increase of 21 calls from April 2025

**2025
Declaration of Candidacy
For
Lakengren Property Owners Association Trustee**

Name: _____ **Lot #:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1. What skills, knowledge, abilities and/or talents do you possess that are relevant to the position of LPOA Trustee?**
- 2. Why are you a candidate for the position of LPOA Trustee?**
- 3. What is your level of involvement in the activities of Lakengren? How long have you lived in Lakengren? Why did you choose to live in Lakengren?**
- 4. Have you attended any of the LPOA Board of Trustees meetings? How often?**
- 5. Are you able to attend the regular meetings of the LPOA Board of Trustees?**
- 6. What are the most important issues facing Lakengren? How would you address these issues?**
- 7. Please feel free to address any other issues you feel are important.**

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR LPOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Reason for Policy: To provide guidelines for declaring candidacy for the Board of Trustees

Source of Board Authority: Code of Regulations of Lakengren Property Owners Association, Inc. Article IV, and Article XIII-b.

1. To be on the ballot as a candidate for the LPOA Board of Trustees the person must be a Full Voting Member in good standing of the Association and have been a property owner for at least six months immediately preceding the election. If elected, the successful candidate must remain a member in good standing for the remainder of their term. Failure to remain a member in good standing will disqualify the member for continued service on the board. A disqualified member can no longer vote or take part in board meetings as a member of the board. Disqualification must be removed within fifteen days of being notified of the change in status or the disqualified member will be asked to resign.
2. All candidates must file a completed Declaration of Candidacy with the Office Manager.
3. To be on the annual meeting agenda and address the BOT/audience a Declaration of Candidacy must be submitted to the Office Manager at least four business days prior to the Annual Meeting.
4. Any person nominated at the Annual Meeting must file a completed Declaration of Candidacy with the Office Manager within five calendar days following the Annual Meeting in order to officially declare their candidacy and appear on the ballot.
5. All Declarations of Candidacy must be submitted no later than the close of business five calendar days after the Annual Meeting.

The poster features a vibrant background with a large orange semi-circle at the top, resembling a rising sun. Radiating from this semi-circle are several diagonal stripes in shades of brown, pink, orange, and blue. The main text is centered within the orange semi-circle. Below this, a solid blue rectangular area contains a list of dates and band names in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, another orange banner with a torn-edge effect contains the venue and time information in white, bold, sans-serif font.

2025 Summer Concert Series

MAY 23 - CAFFEINE

MAY 30 - LINUS TATE

JUNE 20 - RETROBUTION

JULY 4 - WORLEY BOYS

JULY 18 - THE GROWLERS

AUGUST 1 - BRIAN CLOUSE BAND

AUGUST 15 - SOUTHERN SUMMER

AUGUST 29 - 56 DAZE (LAST SHOW)

Lakengren Marina

7-9pm