

# The Viking

# June 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6/5-6/7– Yard sales

6/5– Cornhole league begins

6/10– Kids paint class

6/12– Kids paint class

6/14– Kids Fishing Derby

6/14– Cornhole Tournament

6/16-6/20– Swim lessons

6/20– Summer Concert Series

6/23– Borad Meeting

6/27– Pool Tournament

6/28– Dive in movie night at the pool

7/4– Summer Concert Series

7/5– Fireworks

# 2025 Financial update

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 --\$180,097 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. It's an exciting time for Lakengren.**

## Road Work

The LPOA has announced the 2025 road project funding that will fund approximately 5 miles of roads. This year's 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. The timeframe of completion will be late June/July 2025. There are a number of areas that will be repaired with asphalt prior to the chip seal overlay.

Completion of the 2025 road plan will total nearly 27 miles 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.

# 2025 Boating Update

## Reminder of some key components of boating rules:

- All V-hull boats will be inspected for size. Boats cannot exceed 20 feet in length. This requirement does not include pontoons, kayaks, or paddleboards. The LPOA operations teams will be flexible with dates and times of inspections.
- All boat owners will be required to sign off on an inspection form acknowledging their understanding of the Lakengren watercraft rules and confirming their boat size prior to receiving their 2025 boat stickers. Boat Patrol Officers will inspect all boats that are encountered for the required safety equipment.
- The Lakengren watercraft rules require that boat operators always must maintain a safe operation of the watercraft. Should safety issues occur, the Lakengren boat patrol will identify the offense with the boat operator, and if necessary, issue a citation.
- For the 2025 season, ODNR will be invited to visit our lake to help the Association in maintaining safe boats along with safe operators.
  - All boats must operate counterclockwise on Lake Lakengren.
- Boats are not allowed to “plow”. Plowing is a term that describes operating a boat over 200’ just below plane with the objective of creating heavy/large wakes. This is now considered a safety violation subject to fine.
- Boaters MUST abide by all directions/commands given from Lake Patrol. Failure to comply can result of fines and loss of boating privileges.
  - All Boaters must abide by ODNR and ORC Laws applicable to boat operation
    - Everyone is looking forward to a safe and fun year on all our lakes.



# Pool and Event News

## **Pool Entry System Access Improvement**

To enhance service and maintain the integrity of the pool amenity, the association will be installing a new electronic entry system that allows keyless access using assigned PIN codes. Property owners in good standing will be issued a unique code for entry during posted operating hours. This improvement, implemented at minimal cost to the association, will provide a more convenient and secure access method for members while helping ensure that only eligible residents use the facility. You can obtain your PIN code at the pool on your next visit.

As summer finally begins, I find myself looking forward to lazy days by the pool, bonfires, fishing, summer concerts and maybe just maybe a slower pace for a few months!! Ok seriously though!

Who am I kidding!! There is so much to do in Lakengren this summer!!

Our pool is open daily from 12pm-8pm and available to rent for summer parties! Swim lessons are the week of June 16th and are free for residents ( forms are available at office and must be turned in by June 11th) We have a few events planned at the pool including a movie night and a family pool party with food trucks and a caricature artist!! Disc golf and cornhole leagues start this week and we will run a few tournaments for cornhole and pool this summer!! You can check the website for more information and dates!

The always popular kids fishing derby is back this year and we are so grateful to all our sponsors for making this a fabulous opportunity for kids and dads to hang out on Father Day weekend every year!!

As I enter my third year as the activities director here in Lakengren I am so grateful for the opportunity to plan events and see new friendships formed as we find common ground and mutual interest in this amazing community, we call home!



# Meet our Lead Lifeguards



Hi everyone, I'm Keirstyn Schmidt. I have been appointed one of the pool's leads. As a leader at the pool this season, I am honored to take on the responsibility of helping ensure a safe, welcoming, and well-organized environment for both our staff and the families we serve.

With several summers of experience working in various roles at the pool, I've grown familiar with the day-to-day operations, emergency protocols, and the rhythm of a successful swim season. Over time, I've developed skills in communication, problem-solving, time management, and—most importantly—teamwork, which I bring into this leadership position.

I will report directly to Valorie and Leann, keeping them informed with regular updates, addressing concerns quickly, and making sure our team is aligned with their expectations. My top goals are to prioritize safety, support the lifeguards, and maintain a positive, team-focused atmosphere. Safety is especially important to me, and I'll help lead training sessions covering emergency procedures, CPR refreshers, and scenario practice. I'll also work closely with the guards to provide feedback, answer questions, and assist wherever needed. I believe leading by example and being approachable will help our team stay prepared, confident, and ready to handle anything that comes our way this season.

My name is Madison Edwards and I have been recently promoted to a lead guard position at the Lakengren Pool. As this is my 4th summer with Lakengren I have come to learn and understand what it means to have a position with the importance of Lakengren family & friends in mind. Working here has given me many opportunities to learn, to teach, and now to lead. As this is my first year being a Lead guard I won't allow it to shy me away from being an ear for my coworkers and the community. I am as dedicated as I've been in the past years to keep Lakengren pool safe and an outlet for the family and friends of Lakengren. I plan on setting the standard, but also setting an example.



# Lets Talk Fishing

## **Bass Love weeds- 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 Rada-  
baugh 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."

## **SPRING BASS TOURNAMENT**

The Spring Bass Tournament was another success for the community in showing how well our fishery and our lake are doing. Several Lakengren residents participated in the fun of the day. Showcasing our fishery, we had several limits of fish being caught. We also had the big bass of the tournament weighing in at over six and half pounds which is the largest I have weighed in an open tournament in over a decade. The fish in general are in great health with their weights increasing over past years. We had 8 bags that weighed in at over 10 pounds. In the past we would have had one or two bags over 10 lbs. We are seeing good growth in our non-bass species as well. The yellow perch in the lake are doing very well with several reports of perch being caught over 12 inches. Crappie fishing was also good this spring even with the weather fluctuations. The increase in the size and quality of the fish is likely related to the additional cover that has been growing in our lake for the past few years.

Brian King-

Committee Chairman

Marine Lakes Committee



**Deputy Dan Stevenson**  
**1139 Preble Drive**  
**Eaton, Ohio 45320**

Civil papers served within Lakengren, seven (7) were served for Preble County Common Pleas Court.

There were no reported burglaries, one theft that occurred on Brande Drive involving a Weed Eater and Backpack Blower. Both items and suspect were in West Elkton, Ohio. Items were returned to the owner.

One report Fraud/Theft of Identity. Three thousand dollars was taken from checking but was able to recover the money back into his account.

Attached is a breakdown of the Calls for Service (CFS) for April 2025. The total calls for service were forty-three (43), a decrease of four (4) calls from the previous month.

Call for service	April	Notes
Abandoned 911 call or hang up	3	
Civil Papers or Civil Matter	7	
Crash Non Injury	1	
Theft	2	Blower and Weed eater recovered/ Suspect located
Domestic Related Complaint	1	One Adult Arrested
Citizens assist	1	
Fraud/Forgery/Identity Theft	1	\$3000 taken from checking/ was able to recover
Follow up on current case	4	
Juvenile Complaints	2	
Medical Assist/ Fire assist	3	
Residential Alarm	1	
Special Detail/Meeting etc.	4	
Suspicious Person	2	
Suspicious Vehicle	4	
Threatening/Menacing	1	On going family matter
Assist other police agency	2	
Unclassified Complaints	4	
Total calls for deputy to respond	43	A decrease of 4 calls from March 2025
Self initiative		
Business check/Vacation house check	13	
Traffic detail. Stationary radar/ stop signs	6	
Total	19	Decrease of 1 calls from March 2025
Total Overall Calls	62	Decrease of 5 calls from March 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 central orange semi-circle containing the title text. Radiating from the top and bottom of this semi-circle are colorful diagonal stripes in shades of brown, pink, orange, and blue. The background of the poster is a light green-to-yellow gradient. A solid orange vertical bar runs along the left edge. The event details are listed on a blue rectangular background, and the venue and time are in a yellow banner at the bottom.

# **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**

LAKENGREN COMMUNITY

# Yard Sales

JUNE 5, 6 & 7

8am-5pm





**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**KIDS  
FISHING  
DERBY**

**Hammer Lake**

**Registration-  
9:00am**

**Fishing-9:30am-  
11:00am**

**Prizes, FREE Lunch**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

**BASS CLUB**

**FARMERS MARKET**

**SMOKE NATION BBQ**

**ANDREW GAYDOSH  
& ASSOCIATES**

**Kids Up To Age 14  
accompanied by an adult**





JUNE 28th @ 9:00pm



DIVE-IN  
MOVIE

FREE  
POPCORN!

