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## **Community Calendar**

Morning Exercise with John Huyck every MNF 9:30 am @ River Hlls Church starting in January

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	1	1st half of HOA fees are due
MAINDI		Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 @ 1309 Mann Cove
		Women's Club Meeting 7 pm @ Fayetteville House of Worship
Ĭ		Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm @ 1309 Mann Cove
		Board of Trustee applications due
		Vehicle, watercraft, and golf cart registration renewals due
		Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 @ 1309 Mann Cove
-		Fishing Tournament
		Women's Club Meeting 7 pm @ Fayetteville House of Worship
		Euchre Tournament 5:30 pm-11pm
		Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm @ 1309 Mann Cove
AFINII		BOT Quarterly & Annual Meeting
T		Fishing Tournament
		Legend Article & Advertising Deadline
		Community Volunteers Committee Meeting 7pm
		Women's Club Flower Sale at John's Flowers
		Deadline to register for spring Community Yard Sale
		Women's Club Meeting 7 pm @ Fayetteville House of Worship
		Women's Club Community Yard Sale
		Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 @ 1309 Mann Cove
		Fishing Tournament
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X		BOT Town Hall Meeting
		Beautification & BBQ
		Fishing Tournament
		Summer Kickoff
		Memorial Day Service

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## Board of Trustees - President's Corner Bruce Simeone

Welcome to late Winter 2024 and what will undoubtedly shape up to be a very exciting, yet progressive year for the community. As many of you probably have already figured out, my term as a BOT member is ending this May. Rest assured, I have carefully considered what I am about to tell you. Being part of this BOT has always been, and promises to continue to be, a very demanding volunteer role. Adding the responsibility of the President increases that demand exponentially. It takes a toll on those involved as well as their families. We live in nothing short of a full-fledged Community with most of the issues of a normal City without the taxes or people to absorb the tasks required to make it function smoothly. It could not be done without the support of each of you and the people who volunteer to be part of Committees. You are clearly the lifeblood that makes this Community function.

I would like to take a moment and look back at the last 3 years and review what we have accomplished versus what I/we promised. Those accomplishments are as follows:

Promised	Delivered Y / N	Specifics
A stable office and personnel staffing plan	Yes	I think we can all agree that the personnel in the Lake are making a difference. They are being cross-trained and taking on responsibilities to ensure they have the skills needed now and in the future.
A work master plan to ensure items are completed as needed during every season	Yes	We have a 12-month work Master Plan detailing each item that needs to be completed across the entire Lake monthly. The completion rate is tracked monthly, with uncompleted items discussed and detailed how to avoid missing them the next time.
A Lake Vision, Mission, and Principles that we follow to help make decisions.	Yes	I am used to a set of "guiding statements" to fall back on when tough decisions must be made. That document helps us to better understand where to put effort over the upcoming years.
A standard meeting flow for the BOT work process.	Yes	We review our most important topics in every meeting right in the beginning. Those are the financial status, Work Master Plan, CHMP, and Lakes Fund. They do not get missed or put off because of the latest issue for that month. Those areas stabilize us.
Assuring the community survived and exited the unexpected tornado issues	Yes	When I promised to do my best for the community, I never expected to lose 6 months dealing with the aftermath of a tornado. <b>BUT</b> we did it and accomplished it with excellence. I think the community came out of the incident stronger than it was going in.
Assuring the community dealt with and had a solid plan after the Club House fire.	In Process	The other unexpected challenge was the Clubhouse fire. We put good people on the aftermath of activities to recover from this incident. We are not done by any means. However, we have a plan of what to do and a vision of the endpoint that will be executed once the community agrees.
Lakes Fund establishment and completion of the first phase, called dredging	In Process	This activity was conceived and accepted by the community in an effort that extends back 6 years. However, we will complete the physical dredging in 2024 and focus on what will happen to the dirt as we plan area by area.
Rule and code update	No	We simply ran out of time on this one due to the unexpected Clubhouse activities and the effort the tornado recovery took. That is not an excuse by any means. Just a fact as we don't have unlimited resources, and we decided the lives of the community were more important. We must clean up our enormous document of rules and ensure our Code of Regulations meets the Ohio Revised Code 5312 requirement. (ORC 5312).



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A financial stabilization plan	In process	Although we have started on this path, it is not complete. You should have attended the February meetings by the time you read this to understand what we are up against. Again, the Tornado and Clubhouse activities hijacked the timing of this effort.
Develop a stable functional BOT after the massive changeover due to term limits	Yes	I am quite proud of our new onboarding process for BOT members. It was clearly a necessity once term limits were instituted. This should ensure that skills will be obtained and passed down from BOT to BOT.
Snow plowing priority plan	Yes	Our website has a map detailing the snow plowing sequence for priority plowing. Good job this year to all involved. It worked!
Committee charter update and budget approval	Yes	The Lake Committees' charters have been renewed for the first time in many years. As a result, all their budgets have been approved as per Code requirements before money has been spent. A BIG thank you to all our chair people.

Looking back, I can say it has been one heck of a busy first three years for the BOT. Certainly, I could classify it as a period I would not want to repeat. The issue I now face is quite simple. I did not accomplish everything I set out to do 3 years ago.

I am simply not used to not completing what I set out to do thus what I commit to accomplish. Therefore, I have decided to run for the BOT and serve another 3-year term. My name will be on the ballot. I hope you will see that I have the community at heart and will continue to try to move toward the Vision we have developed. I believe I can lead the Lake over the next 3 years. Therefore, I hope you approve of the past 3 years enough that you can see your way clear to support me again. If re-elected, over the next 3 years, the top 4 items that I would set as BOT priority are the following:

- Dredging, including the stabilization and or silt removal plan.
- Build the Club House and implement the CHMP (Club House Master Plan) to the extent the community approves.
- Develop and institute a stable financial process, including a reserve, to ensure we continue to be a solid Lake Community to the extent the community approves. Simply put, the financial process for continued LLPOA success MUST be fixed.
- Simplify our Rules and bring our Code of Regulations up to date with the Ohio Revised Code 5312. (ORC 5312)

Other items on the "desired to accomplish list" are as follows:

- Staff the maintenance team for success.
- Simplify our office work processes to accept electronic systems better.
- Work leveling across the year for the office personnel to save additional wages.

Let's see what we can accomplish in the next 3 years by working together. #LakeLoreleiStrong

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Trustees:	John Wyman	2023	John.Wyman@lakeloreleiohio.com	held typically in the
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	Cindy Tullis	2025	CindyTullis@lakeloreleiohio.com	
	Kathryn Greene	2024	Kathryn.Greene@lakeloreleiohio.com	Applications Due
	Jon Riehle	2026	Jon.Riehle@lakeloreleiohio.com	3/15/24

## LLPOA Office News Brittany Smith



A friendly reminder that HOA dues are due on **March 1, 2024**. Vehicle and Boat Renewals are due **April 1st, 2024**. If Barcodes are not renewed by April 1, 2024, they will be turned off by April 2nd. If you have any questions please call the office. We are open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9AM until 5PM. Or call 513-875-3435 to make an appointment.

## Clubhouse Campus Masterplan Project Todd Steele

Warm weather is right around the corner, and soon enough Lake Lorelei will buzz again with people, boats, and sunshine. I intend to be one of the first members to put a boat back in the water this spring; fingers crossed you see us back out there sometime in March!

As everyone knows, a tremendous amount of work has been completed by dozens and dozens of volunteers over the last year to develop a master plan to reimagine our common facilities and clubhouse after the unfortunate fire. This project is called the Clubhouse Campus Masterplan. All members in good standing were surveyed to understand what was important about the clubhouse and other common areas around the lake. Plans were designed and presented multiple times in focus groups and town hall meetings to solicit feedback and build consensus on rebuilding the clubhouse and office and developing the lakefront area for all to enjoy. A formal recommendation was made to the Board, which was accepted last year, and we are all now awaiting a vote to be called sometime this spring to raise the funding for the project.

The clubhouse has been redesigned to meet the varied needs of our entire community. There are new and improved areas for our various clubs to meet and to finally have proper storage for all their things! How about the new and expanded workout gym—no more excuses, people. ;-) The design includes a caterer's kitchen to enable food service for big or small events. The new design highlights a wonderful lake view and allows for handicap access. The clubhouse will be worthy of hosting all kinds of events, from big to small, including committee meetings, birthday celebrations, graduation or anniversary parties, wedding receptions, or community events.

But the really exciting thing about the new clubhouse design is the opportunity we all will have to engage with each other as a community and gather in a central place to enjoy our lake community together. Imagine an ice cream social one hot July evening or food trucks serving up dinner on a Saturday evening. Activities for kids to play and learn are only limited by our willingness to organize them. How about a ping pong tournament, euchre tournament, guys' poker night, bible study, ladies' event, dessert social, or kick-off to summer party? With so many opportunities to gather and enjoy this new space, we anticipate adding an Activity Coordinator to help us all organize things and ensure we all take care of our new facility.

I hope that by reading this, everyone is excited about the future of our clubhouse and you will approve the ballot measure to fund our Clubhouse Master Plan, which will serve this community for the next several decades.





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## Water Quality Committee Cindi Wetzel

Lake Lorelei was fortunate in 2023; our water quality was very good compared to other lakes in the greater Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio areas.

E. Coli tests were taken biweekly from June through September at both the Main & East Beaches—all tests were reported within acceptable ranges. Water clarity measurements taken from April through September indicated the clarity of the water improved over previous years. Dissolved oxygen testing was conducted and recorded from April through October —records for the past 5 years were given to the Clermont County Soil & Water testing lab for analysis. Cove Monitors observed algae growth by sending photos from each cove's end. The good news is no significant algae blooms were observed.

Over 20 Lake Lorelei residents participated in the 2023 Water Quality data collecting and monitoring program. Thank you to everyone who participated.

In 2023, the Water Quality at Lake Lorelei was good because dredging provided deeper water and more water movement at the end of the coves. Fishermen reported that 2023 yielded larger and healthier fish than they had seen in years. Our lake will always show algae of various kinds, but the balance between "good & bad" algae was good in 2023.

2023 provides a good **baseline** for the Lake Lorelei Water Quality data collection and monitoring program.

## Now It's Time To Plan for 2024. Volunteers are Needed for Four Types of Data Collecting and Monitoring:

- E. coli tests are taken from Lake Lorelei on Tuesday mornings. They must be delivered with a chain of custody report paperwork to the Clermont County Water Resources Department at 1003 US 50 before 11:00am. E. coli test samples are collected at 3 sites on the Main Beach and 2 sites on the East Beach.
- 2. Clarity data is collected monthly from April until September, but bimonthly is ideal. This task has a flexible schedule. Due to the dredging project, water clarity data will be extremely important for the next 2 years. Clarity data is collected off the end of a property owner's dock. This would be a good project for a family with children or any homeschoolers living at the lake.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen data is collected monthly from April until October in several locations. Members are trained on how to use the dissolved oxygen meter. Data is collected with a calibrated DO meter from a boat with a deep water collection tube. This is a trained team of 3-4 volunteers that measured on a flexible schedule.
- 4. Cove monitors select a specific cove location to monitor and take photos to observe changing algae conditions. Monitors alert the Water Quality team when to take samples to identify Cyanobacteria.



The Water Quality Committee is a great way to volunteer and learn more about our beautiful LAKE. We meet on the first Monday of the month from March to October at the Pavilion or East Beach. Contact Cindi Wetzel at (513) 505-1077 for more information.

## **Greater Lake Lorelei Water Improvement Corporation**

Have you ever had a **DREAM** that actually came true?

My DREAM started in 2010 when I was privileged to participate in a leadership program for developing nonprofit organizations...As I sat on the end of my dock, my DREAM was to improve the water quality of our beautiful lake by decreasing agricultural runoff, reducing the need for aquatic herbicide, and removing 50 years of built-up muck.

#### DREAM Part 1- University of Cincinnati Environmental Capstone Projects

Capstone Project #1-Nutrient Mitigation
Capstone Project #2–Glady Run/Mud Wall Project.

I will start with Project #2– Glady Run/Mud Wall. A large source of the runoff in the north basin came from our own property, the Glady Run/Mud Wall, a 40-foot mud wall at the final bend of the Glady Run Creek coming into Lake Lorelei. After several attempts to find funding from local and state soil and water agencies, it was determined that most of the water quality funding for the State of Ohio went north to the Lake Erie Watershed. The DREAM, the "Glady Run/Mud Wall UC Capstone Project," was applied for. One year later, the engineering work developed from the Capstone project saved Lake Lorelei \$30,000 in engineering fees. Cooper Excavating eliminated and redesigned the first 500 feet of the Glady Run/Mud Wall.

#### **DREAM Part 2 - GLLWIC**

In 2017, I asked a group of Lake Lorelei property owners, all with professional backgrounds in nonprofit organizations, to come to my house to discuss their concerns about water quality at Lake Lorelei. It was noted that the Lake Lorelei Lakes Committees were trying to address various specific issues, all without state or private grant funding, because LLPOA, as an HOA, would qualify for neither. Most funding organizations require the requesting party to qualify for grants as a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization. The DREAM, Greater Lake Lorelei Water Improvement Corporation (GLLWIC), became a public charity classified under IRS Section 501(c)(3) certified effective 8/10/2017.

#### **DREAM Part 3 - Dredging**

The dream has always been to find funding to improve the quality of the water flowing "into, through, and out of Lake Lorelei." In 2023, dredging finally started at Lake Lorelei. The day the big trucks pulled into the back gate, I was driving to the north end just by chance. I sat in my car with tears running down my face. The dream of dredging was coming true. Although GLLWIC had not found big grants for Lake Lorelei's dredging project. The DREAM, a \$25,000 GLLWIC grant from the "Jumpstart Campaign," paid for the first scoops of muck removed from our lakes. This Grant was provided outside of the "Lakes Assessment Fund" by private GLLWIC donations.

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#### **DREAM Part 4 - Education**

GLLWIC was founded for two water quality reasons: funding and education. Remember the UC Capstone Projects? The Nutrient Mitigation project objective was to engineer a nutrient control system to filter agricultural nutrients from flowing into Lake Grunwald and decrease dependence on aquatic herbicides. Prairie strips would prevent phosphorus inflow & sub-surface vegetated beds to provide denitrification. In 2023, the DREAM for a prairie or riparian zone west of Lake Grunwald to decrease the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus coming into the lake (one of the biggest causes of Cyanobacteria or Bluegreen Algae) was outlined in a \$50,000 grant application through H2Ohio. Included in the proposal was the building of a Riparian Park west of Lake Grunwald. By integrating some of Capstone's proposals, the park would consist of a walking path among native plants known to absorb nutrient runoff, a testing location to monitor the inflow of nutrients and algae growth, and an educational facility to encourage future generations to learn more about pond and lake management. Unfortunately, GLLWIC did not receive the H2Ohio grant in 2023 but has been encouraged to reapply in 2024. The DREAM continues; stay tuned.

If you want to donate to the Greater Lake Lorelei Water Improvement Corporation, visit our website, gllwic.org.

DREAMER—Cindi Wetzel, vice president of GLLWIC

## Women's Club Marybeth Cooper

Spring is just a hop, skip, and jump away! The Women's Club took a breather in February and is now looking forward to spring. Our March 7th meeting will host Christina Anderson from Clermont House of Honey in Owensville. She will fill us in on her venture of bringing honey and other bee products to Brown County. March 15th, we will meet at Hope Emergency from 10 am to noon to pack Easter baskets for the children serviced by Hope Emergency. Please join us, and don't forget to bring two bags of candy!! In April, our Fayetteville Fire Department will share info and safety tips. Don't miss this one.

As if we were getting cozy, Ta-Dah!! We have a new project. We are sponsoring a supply drive for the Brown County Humane Society. We will have a pickup station at the pavilion from 10 am to 2 pm on April 13th. We hope to capture a bounty of cleaning supplies and food with all the animal lovers here at the lake. Even one can of food or bag of kibble is welcome. See our flyer for a listing of

needed items.

Before I sign off, let me share that the Women's Club is working with the office for a trial run of a Tuesday evening food truck at the pavilion. A wide menu and delivery are available. Let us know what you think! Come be our guest any 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Fayetteville House of Worship on 68. We hope to see you there. Happy spring!



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## OUR 4-footed friends NEED our HELP!

The Women's Club is pleased to sponsor a DONATION DRIVE for the Brown County Animal Shelter on

Saturday, April 13, from 10 am until Noon at the Pavilion

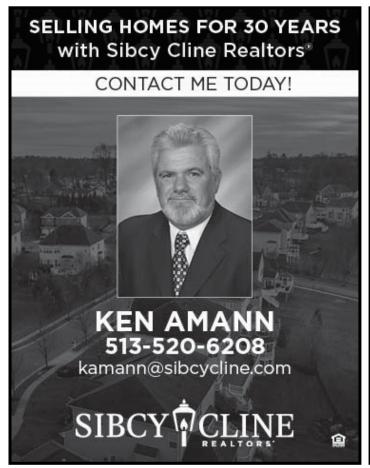
#### **Choose one or many ITEMS to Bring:**

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- Dog and cat collar and leashes



The Brown County Humane Society is a small county shelter with a big country heart. The organization was founded in 1976. We are proud to have achieved no kill status in 2010. Because of these efforts and the ongoing hard work of our staff, volunteers and community we do not euthanize animals due to lack of space.





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Friday (members only), May 3 from 6 to 8 pm
Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5, from 9 am to 4 pm

## Permits Required!

- \* \$10.00 includes area advertising and links to a lake map.
- \* Pick up Registration forms in the Office, Gatehouse, Marina, on the Lake website, or email <a href="mailto:womensclub@lakeloreleiohio.com">womensclub@lakeloreleiohio.com</a>
- \* Completed forms and payment due to the office **NO LATER** than **Tuesday, April 30th**

## Lakeside Gardening Gary Hetzell

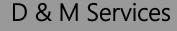
Food Truck at the Pavilion

One of the first things you can do is consider amending your veggie beds with lots of organics, aged manure of any kind, and old leaves from fall, along with some fertilizer tilled into your beds, which will get them off to a fast start. This is a great time to trim and divide perennials before they completely come out of dormancy; a shovel or a spade will work fine for breaking up the clumps into very workable sizes to move into their new locations.

Spring & fall are the perfect times to plant new shrubs or trees in your yard since the cooler weather does not stress them and gives them plenty of time for the root systems to establish themselves before the warmer temperatures arrive. Remember to dig your planting hole wide & deep enough to give the root system plenty of area to expand before it comes in contact with our natural clay soil. Normally, around the first of April, we start planting our cool weather crops, lettuce, spinach, radishes, arugula, carrots, onions, and the herb cilantro, which likes cooler weather to grow. Those that I just mentioned are started from seed, except for our onions, which are dormant plants ordered from a company called Dixonville and shipped to us the first week of April for planting.

Remember, we are only planting cool-weather crops now; for the heat-loving plants, we will wait until the end of May to plant once we definitely have soil temperatures of 65 degrees or better. Please don't jump the gun when we start getting 70-degree days in early May, and think I can plant now. Dig a hole in your bed 6 to 8 inches down and see how cold that soil is. If you plant, they will be stunted and take much longer to grow, so be patient. I know it's hard for Bert and me, too, but you will have happier and healthier plants if you wait till the end of May!! Everyone, have a great growing season; you know where I live if you have questions.







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## Community Enhancement Volunteers Len Pohlar

A volunteer spirit has always been a hallmark of Lake Lorelei. One place, among others, where you can put that community spirit to good use is the Lake Lorelei Community Enhancement Volunteers Committee (LL Volunteers). We will start 2024 with our annual Spring Beautification and BBQ (B&B) on May 18 at 9 am at the pavilion. We will make sure our lake community looks great and that a few needed improvements are accomplished. A lunch will be served for all volunteers around noon. We look forward to having many volunteers and meeting our neighbors, especially our newest neighbors – Welcome to Lake Lorelei!

One area of emphasis this year will be planning for projects that can only be completed after the dredging and clubhouse campus renovation projects have been completed. Some projects may require attention before construction begins, such as memorial benches near the clubhouse. Other projects will wait until construction is complete. Until then, our projects will likely focus on areas not directly associated with contracted activities of either dredging or the clubhouse campus renovation. If you have ideas, please email me at pohlarlp@gmail.com or respond to any of our Facebook posts.

There are many different ways for you to be a part of the LL Volunteers:

**COMMITTEE DIRECTOR-** Our central team has 6-8 directors who manage the formal affairs as established in our charter. We have openings available. Most of our work is done by email, message, and access to online cloud storage files.

AREA MANAGERS - Our eyes & ears of your area. These volunteers tell us where we can make a difference, adopt a part of our community, and work to improve it.

**PROJECT MANAGERS** – Volunteers who accept a one-time project manager role to plan, manage, and report on the status of a project.

**ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS** – We maintain an email group of active volunteers. We do not spam this group but ensure they know about upcoming activities.

**SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEERS** – Everyone who chooses to show up and join us is welcome. Come join the fun & meet your neighbors in whatever way you can.

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April 2nd	6-8:30 P.M	July 2nd	6-9:30 P.M		
April 16th	6-9 P.M.	July 16th	6-9:30 P.M.		
May 7th	6-9 P.M.	Aug 6th	6-9:30 P.M.		
May 21st	6-9:30 P.M.	Aug. 20th	6-9 P.M.		
June 4th	6-9:30 P.M.	Sept. 3rd	6-9 P.M		
June 18th	6-9:30 P.M.	Sept. 17th	6-8:30 P.M.		

#### **Tuesday Evening Rules**

- · Ties will be resolved in the following order:
  - \* most fish, the largest fish, then a flip of a coin
- · A limit of 5 bass per person at least 12 inches long, measured with the mouth fully closed
  - \* 10 bass per boat
- · Official time will be kept. One person must be at the marina and on the ground at the official quitting time.
- · All fish must be brought to the scales in a weigh-in bag with sufficient water.
- · All boats must return to the check-in site for the weigh-in.
  - \* Teams or individuals late for the weigh-in will be penalized 1 pound per minute for up to ten minutes, then disqualified.
- · No dead fish will be weighed in.
- · All property owners must have **2023-24** stickers on their boats.
- · We understand and agree that the Lake Lorelei Property Owners Association, Inc., its members, trustees, and other participants are waived of any responsibility for damages, injury, or loss incurred during this tournament.

· No live bait is allowed.

- · Be at the marina at 5:30!!!

Spring Tournament April 20th; 7am - 3pm Kids Tournament July 21st; Sign ups 5:30pm Fishing 6-8pm

Night Tournament - August 24th; 12am - 8am Fall Tournament - September 21st; 7:30am -3:30pm

### **Angler of the Year Points System**

- Points will be awarded to individuals for each night of fishing.
- The end-of-the-year prize will be \$100.00 cash.
- Points will be awarded as follows:
  - \* 5 points first place,
  - 4 points second place,
  - \* 3 points third place,
  - \* 2 points for big bass. Both individuals will be awarded big bass points no matter who catches the fish.
  - \* 1 point will be given for showing up if you do not place.

#### ~~ No unattended lines in main lake ~~



Average size: 10-14 inches, 1-2 pounds May grow as large as 131/2 pounds in Ohio



Upper jaw extends beyond eye

Dark lateral streak from head to tail

#### WHITE and BLACK CRAPPIE

**WIPER** 

**Catch ∼∼ Always Release** 

Average size: 15-20 inches, 5 pounds

Hybrid fish

Daily Limit 4 Size Limit 9 inches Daily Limit 100 Average size: 8-10 inches, 8-9 ounces May grow as large as 4 pounds in Ohio **Elongated Body** 





White Crappie has black vertical markings

Black Crappie has black random markings

#### **CATFISH**

Size Limit 15 inches Average size: 10-20 inches, 1-5 pounds May grow as large as 30 pounds in Ohio Slender body with specked sides Sharp spine Deeply forked tail 5 or 6 spines



**CHANNEL CATFISH** 

Lower tip shorter



Angled nead

**BLUE CATFISH** 



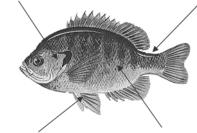
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#### **BLUEGILL**

Size Limit 4 inches Daily Limit 50 Average size: 6-7 inches, 3-6 ounces May grow as large as 3 pounds in Ohio Black blotch on

Black ear flap



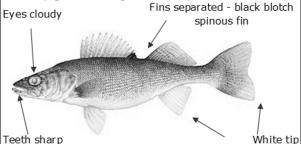


Pectoral fin long and pointed at tip

5-9 vertical bars on side and back

#### **WALLEYE**

Size Limit 15 inches Daily Limit 3 Average size: 12-20 inches, 1-3 pounds May grow as large as 151/2 pounds in Ohio



DO NOT **TAKE** 



#### **PERCH**

Size Limit 8 inches Daily Limit 10 Average size: 6-10 inches, 8-12 ounces May grow as large as 1 pound in Ohio



## Lake Life Lee Duncan

#### The Fish in the Lake

The weather is warming, and it's getting to be the time of year when many of us enjoy one of the most popular activities here at the lake: fishing. Whether fishing from shore or from a many-thousand-dollar bass boat, the fun of hooking one of the plentiful bass, bluegill, crappie, or hefty cat-fish is a hobby you can enjoy for your entire life.

When I was a kid growing up here in southwest Ohio, I took for granted the amazing number of fossils in just about every rock in the creek near my house. I've since learned that fossils are not so common in other parts of the country. Our area is blessed with millions of fossils laid down about 500 million years ago when Cincinnati was covered by a shallow sea teeming with life. However, you'll never find a fish among the corals and other oceanic fossils. Why is that? Because fish didn't yet exist!

All the fossils of marine creatures you'll find around here are those of invertebrates, meaning they had no backbone. Fish didn't evolve until *after* the water retreated from what's now Cincinnati. These early fish most likely represent the first creatures to have a spinal column, which was a huge development in the evolution of life on Earth. Scientists think every vertebrate (animal with a spine and an internal skeleton) is descended from these earliest fish. That means every dinosaur, bird, reptile, or mammal that has ever lived.

Fish are some of the most prolific and successful animals around. Over 20,000 distinct species are identified, and many more may still need to be classified. They range from a half-inch-long goby weighing just an ounce to a sixty-foot-long whale shark weighing twenty tons. There are fish that can swim backward. Champion swimmers like tuna, swordfish, or some sharks—all apex predators—can swim fifty miles an hour... fifteen mph over the lake speed limit!

Fish never chew their food. It makes sense if you think about it because they must keep a continuous flow of water over their gills to breathe. If they stopped to chew, they might suffocate. Fish have the same five senses as we do, but they have an additional organ called the lateral line running down each side, giving them an enhanced sense of touch. This organ consists of microscopic pores that detect movement and vibration in the surrounding water. The lateral line can detect water pressure, prey, predator movements, currents, and objects.

Fish are immensely important to humanity because so many of us consume them as food. Each year, the world produces about 200 million tons of fish, both wild-caught and "farmed." Fish farming is called aquaculture, which now produces more food than those caught by commercial fishers.

These are but a few interesting facts about our friends, the fish. There's certainly nothing *fishy* about appreciating what amazing creatures they are.

#### References:

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## **LAKE LORELEI**

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## SATURDAY, JULY 6TH AT 10PM

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Each year we reach out to the community for donations to support the *next* year's fireworks event. A primary way we do this is by selling advertising space at the *current* year's event. Sponsors will have a sign displayed along the main entrance into Lake Lorelei beginning a week prior to the event. Signs will be removed the week following the event.

If you would like to help this wildly popular event happening, mail your donation to LLPOA Fireworks, PO Box 18, Fayetteville, OH 45118. To qualify for a sign out front, you donation must be received by June 6th.

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## Activities Committee Cindi Wetzel

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Next
Euchre Tournament
April 6<sup>th</sup>
Watch FB to
Sign Up

Activities Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month 7PM 1309 Mann Cove

Come Join Us to Create Some Lake Lorelei Fun

## 2024 LL A.C. Calendar

Morning Exercise—MWF 9:30. Exercise with John Huyck @ RiverHills Church on Rt. 50...Great Group!!! Join the Fun!

Euchre Tournament—April 6, 2024. 5:30-11PM

Watch FB for Sign-Up and information

Summer Kickoff—MEMORIAL WEEKEND MAY 24, 25, 26, & 27.

Different Events each Day for the whole family Monday, May 27, 2024. A Special Memorial Day Service

## 2024 Poker Run

## Date Correction—June 8 and August 10

<u>NEEDED</u>: Dock Hosts— Get your family, neighbors & friends together to host a Dock Party for the LL Poker Run. It is a great time to celebrate what has become a LL summer tradition. Text Cindi at 513-505-1077 and let us know you want to Host a Dock.

Summer Pavilion Concerts

## <u>Bluegrass</u> Concert

July 20, 2024 at the Pavilion

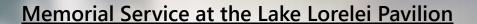


## OKTOBERFEST - September 28, 2024

Celebrating our German Community with Dancing, Singing, Brats & Metts, & Brew

\*\*\* Home Brewers we hope to have a little friendly competition.... So get your best Brew started now!





We would like to invite you to a Memorial Day Service to honor our veterans who never made it out of uniform to come back home to their loved ones:

Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 3:00 PM Lake Lorelei Pavilion

Posters will be located at the front of the pavilion to display photos and other items of our fallen heroes as we recognize them for their sacrifice to our country.

You are encouraged to bring any pictures or related items to the Lake office, or to Ron Borton at 1482 Oder Drive. We will make sure these items are honorably displayed on the poster. Please be sure to label the item with the Hero's name.

After our service of honor we will have refreshments as we gather as a community of friends.

Please be sure to take the photos and items of your hero when you leave.



## 7 am or pm on Saturdays

Starting April 6, 2024

Want to develop a healthy Saturday routine with your Lake Lorelei neighbors?

No registration required, JUST MOVE IT!

2 Mile Walk Or 6 Mile Bike Ride Or 3 Mile Kayak

## Fayetteville-Perry School News Jennifer Spaeth-Mullis



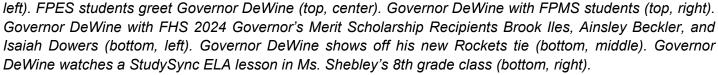
## FPLS Students – Focus, Prepare, Learn, and Succeed with Improved Literacy Skills!

Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools was proud to host Governor Mike DeWine, along with Chief of Literacy, Melissa Weber-Mayrer, and Director,

Stephen Dackin from the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce, who visited FPLS staff and students in January. Governor DeWine and his staff were able to observe instruction in the classroom and see first-hand the exciting literacy improvements made possible

through the \$450,000 CLSD Grant awarded to the district last summer. Ms. Swisher's Kindergarten class presented the governor with a special gift, and Ms. Swisher received a certificate from the governor honoring her as a 2024 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

Photos Below: Mrs. Vaughn (Title I teacher) had the opportunity to demonstrate Tier III Interventions for Governor DeWine in her MTSS Rally Rocket Room (top,









#### District Literacy Night - Wednesday, March 6, 2024

FPLS is hosting its first District Literacy Night on Wednesday, March 6th with plans to make this an annual event linked to Read Across America Week, and the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday – March 2, 1904. Families are invited to come view student work, play literacy-based games, <u>learn tips</u> to help students improve literacy skills at home, meet local author Rose Long, register for door priz-



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es, and more! District Literacy Night is geared toward helping families understand the importance of supporting language and literacy skills in students throughout their development from preschool to high school.



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Students: Reading is Fundamental, the nation's largest children's literacy non-profit, published their 2022 Literacy Facts & Stats which asserted that

"America's literacy crisis has reached epidemic proportions, with millions of children and adults affected each and every year by a never-ending cycle of educational disadvantage." For more on "Why Reading Matters", check out the facts below and scan the QR code to read the entire report:

- •34 percent of children entering kindergarten lack the basic language skills needed to learn how to read.
- •Students who lose reading ability over the summer rarely catch up.
- 8,000 students guit high school every day, limiting their financial potential and their ability to become strong members of the workforce.
- •3 out of 4 people on welfare can't read
- •20% of Americans read below the level needed to earn a living wage
- •Illiteracy costs the U.S. economy a staggering \$225B each year.

#### Families Can Help Instill the Joy of Reading in Their Children!

Families can help avoid skill deficits that lead to the negative outcomes above by helping to instill the joy of reading in their children. Research studies validate the "joy of reading" as a model for driving the frequency, motivation, and engagement with texts that children need to become skilled readers. To read more about this research visit https://www.rif.org/why-reading-matters.

#### Access to a Variety of High-Interest Texts is Key!

Surrounding our students, especially young ones, with a diverse selection of books that appeal to

their interests will help instill the love of reading, keep them reading, and improve their language and literacy skills throughout their lives. FPLS has committed CLSD grant funds toward improving classroom libraries and filling them with the books students want. We will also be launching SORA - an online lending library available for all students. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon! It's also critical that families make the commitment to improve language and literacy skills at home by supporting the importance of reading outside the classroom. For tips to support your student' reading skills, check out the following Six for Success:



- 1.Set aside regular reading times and have conversations around this time.
- 2. Model reading fluency by reading aloud with your child or just allowing them to see YOU read.
- 3.Make reading fun by creating a comfortable space and choose "silly" books in addition to "classics."
- 4.Build literacy skills with literacy-based games (Scrabble, Bananagrams), mazes, and crossword puzzles.
- 5.Look for books being adapted into movies to compare media types; the book is ALWAYS better!
- 6.Partner with teachers and librarians for book suggestions.





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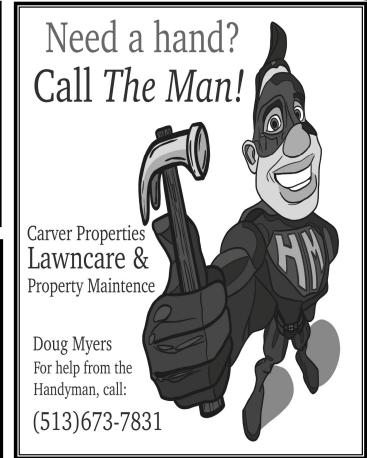
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## The Legend Looks Back Martha Wallace

A brief summary of what was published each decade, during the same time of year.

#### 1974

Raffle Tickets were being sold to raise money for the boundary fencing.
 The drawing was scheduled for July. There was no mention of what was being raffled.



- Black top pavement costs rose by 350% in the last year, necessitating the use of gravel to repair potholes.
- Fisherman's Wharf was looking for small boats and motors to be donated, so that they could be rented out to increase income for the lake.
- Six selfless people were running for the three open Board of Trustees (BOT) positions.

#### 1984

- As of April 1st, Fisherman's Wharf was leased to Bob Kiley. At that time, he operated Kiley's Market in Fayetteville. Prior to this, the store was owned and operated by the BOT, at an increasing loss. \*Stop by any weekday and thank Bob for sticking around!
- The Clubhouse stopped renting for private events on Saturday evenings. This was to accommodate the Lake's weekly, Saturday "Happy Hour" get-togethers (I'll drink to that!).



- Beginning in May, all pontoons had to be scheduled though the office for any weekend launches.
   Only five time slots were available on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Six good people were running for the Board of Trustee open positions.

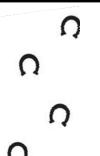
#### 1994

• The Legend was published quarterly during this period.

#### 2004

- Overall, the Lake's insurance premiums increased to almost \$100,000. The Fish Committee was
  asked to cover their tournaments' liability premiums which amounted to approximately \$1,800.
  Requests for solutions were published.
- Results of a November 2003 survey were published. Highlights from respondents included: 44% were full-time residents (62% with no children in the home); 55% were retired; 40% did NOT attend any meetings; 50% did not eat in the restaurant. The top uses of the lake were Fishing at 71%, Swimming at 59%, and Boating at 50%.
- Five intrepid souls were running for the Board.



















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#### 2014

• The Board of Trustees sponsored an Official Boating Education Course presented by a representative of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) at a reduced cost. Ohio still has a mandatory Boating Education Law on the books requiring anyone born on or after January 1, 1982 to complete a Boating Safety Course.



- New concrete pads were added to the Marina's boat launch ramps in order to reduce damage to watercraft.
- A Revised "Code of Regulations" was adopted by majority mail-in vote of 212 to 54. Overall simplification was the stated goal.
- Six community-minded people were running for the Board. A BIG THANK YOU to all who have volunteered their time and energy to these vital positions!

## LLPOA Financial Summary Cash Modified Basis

#### **INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY 2023**

Income		Expenses		
Auto Decals	60,440.40	Administrative	13,730.30	
Boat Inspection/ Decals	46,758.46	Community Events/ Projects	52,675.09	
Building Permits	31,101.30	Computer, Internet, & Subscriptions	19,607.07	
Community functions/ Projects	52,565.70	Insurance	37,972.00	
Contributions Received	24,671.11	Lakes Fund Loan Repayments	79,189.40	
Dock Rental	15,375.00	Lake Maintenance	30,595.29	
Dues & Services	393,031.85	Lake Dredging Exp	199,648.88	
Fines	7,060.00	Legal Fees	11,151.71	
Initiation Fees	32,561.23	Merchant Service Fees	15,713.56	
Inierest Earned	20,394.29	Personnel Wages	159,659.27	
Miscellaneous Income	1,415.70	Payroll Taxes	43,645.66	
Mowing and Chipping Feees	9,975.00	Property Tax	13,483.89	
Lake Maintenance Fund	247,250.21	Repairs & Maintenance	108,745.62	
Road Assessment Income	175,469.28	Roads Repair & Maintenance	79,413.16	
Rental Income	7,300.00	Security, Outside Services	4,830.37	
Sale of Lots & Equiptment	23,500.00	Subcontractors	23,529.67	
Total Income	1,148,869.53	Utilities	34,185.83	
RESERVE ACCOUNTS NOV 30th		Clubhouse Reno Project	44,951.71	
General Reserves (CD's)	223,319.61	Total Expense	972,728.48	
Roads Reserve (Money Market)	105,288.72	Net Income	176,141.05	
Total	328,608.33			

<sup>\*\$127,157.42</sup> of the above Net Income is Roads Net Income, this will be carried over to 2024 to complete paving and Roads projects. **Note:** Information is based on the most current data available. More detailed reports are available in the Lake Lorelei Office.



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Clean glass bottles, jars, and jugs. Any color. No window glass, mirrors, vases, etc. Only clean bottles, jars, & jugs.



Clean plastic bottles & jugs, including: pop, shampoo, milk, water, laundry detergent, and bleach bottles.



No plastic bags, margarine/cottage cheese tubs, kitty litter buckets, Styrofoam, or any plastic that is not a <u>bottle</u>, jar, or jug.

Also, NO oil, pesticide, or herbicide containers.

#### **Paper**

Newspaper, flattened boxes, junk mail, paper, books, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, cardboard, clean pizza boxes, cereal & snack boxes, shredded paper (please leave in a bag), etc.

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Fayetteville Fire Department	513-875-2202
Fayetteville Public Library	513-274-2665
Fayetteville Schools	513-875-2423
Fayetteville-Perry Sewer District	513-875-4600
Post Office - Fayetteville	513-875-3740
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