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Community Calendar

March	1	1st Half of Dues are Due
	3	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 pm @ 1309 Mann Cove
	6	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm with guest Honey Sweetie Acres
	9	Daylight Savings Begins
	10	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	17	St. Patrick's Day
	20	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email Len Pohlar at pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
April	1	Fishing Tournament
	3	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm- Easter Basket packing
	7	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 pm @ 1309 Mann Cove
	12	BOT Quarterly & Annual Meeting
	14	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	15	Fishing Tournament
	16	The Legend March/April Article and Advertising Deadline
	17	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email Len Pohlar at pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
May	26	Lake Lorelei Day at John's Flowers 9 am - 6 pm
	1	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	2	Women's Club Community Yard Sale-Members Only 6 pm -8 pm
	3-4	Women's Club Community Yard Sale- Public 9 am - 4 pm
	5	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 pm @ 1309 Mann Cove
	6	Fishing Tournament
	11	Mother's Day
	15	Community Volunteer Committee Meeting 7 pm email Len Pohlar at pohlarlp@gmail.com for location
	12	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	20	Fishing Tournament
	25	Raft-up ft Rebels @ Cove H (The Morrison's) 3pm - 7pm
	26	Memorial Day



Board of Trustees – President's Corner

Bruce Simeone

In this edition of the President's Corner, I would like to address a couple questions posed by members during the Open Board Meeting.

1. How does the office being closed two days per week benefit property owners?

This answer is driven by multiple points that caused the BOT and Chris to think differently.

- In the past, we saw office employees sitting there waiting for someone to walk into the office with a question or a need. Those periods seemed to be followed by massive effort hour "loading" during March and September. In business, that is a clear indicator that something is designed poorly and, therefore, an opportunity exists.
- This year, for the first time we are aware of, we went back to basics on a budget. The BOT asked Chris to go through a typical effort hour month (for every employee), plus other high-volume months, and determined what effort hours were needed to perform the required tasks for that time period. Through that effort, we discovered specific times during the year when we had short falls and others we had available time.
- The BOT determined that if we leveled effort hours across the year, we could get better customer service with no wage increase and be able to use "extra time" to do money-saving projects - Electronic voting is only one example of that utilization of time.

Those were just some of the reasons we decided to do two things:

1. Change the time that the "non-dues fees were due, thus removing some of the workloads in March and September. That allowed us to spread that effort into what we considered to be slower months when we looked at "effort loading." Also, as a side note, NON-dues fees are from January to Dec 31. Not March to the end of February.
2. By shifting the office hours to appointments only on Saturdays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, productivity increased due to fewer interruptions, and we could better fit our budgeted effort hours, thus saving money overall. In addition, mistakes have decreased, and customer service has improved based on "wait times" and people standing in lines in the office.

Having said that, let me again correct a misunderstood fact about the "office being closed." It **is only closed to walk-ins on Saturdays, Mondays, and Tuesdays. The office is open to people who make an appointment whenever they need it (other than Sunday).** However, it does require people to be proactive.

2. It is disappointing that LLPOA cannot seem to establish a fully automated interface to facilitate all aspects of community needs. Why can't we fully automate?
- We totally agree with your concept. However, all Lakes in Ohio are in the same position. Our technology seems to be "Homegrown" from when systems did not talk to systems. That is limiting all of us from moving faster into automation. It won't stop, but it makes moving forward time-consuming and more expensive.
 - The other part of reality is the fact that when we automate, we lose the portion of our Community that does not have the electronic interfaces or skills to handle the automated requirements.

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- Finally, there is a segment in our Community that is pushing back on EVERY automation step we take. In some cases, it even gets very confrontative for our employees.

However, we have taken two very large steps. First, you can now pay online, thus reducing the tremendous workload in the office and helping us receive our money faster. It also helps reduce errors that are being made. Second, as mentioned above, electronic voting is now here. That will allow less expense to the voting process, which is now approximately \$1,000 every time we have a referendum. At the same time, electronic will be more accurate and less "effort hour" consuming.

We are not stopping there. Chris and I intend to be present at the next Ohio Lake Conference in April. At that time, we plan on challenging all the Ohio Lakes to pool our resources to develop a system that all the Ohio Lakes can use to bring us into this Century of automation.

#LakeLoreleiStrong

Contact the entire Board of Trustees with one email address:

board.trustees@lakeloreleiiohio.com

BOT Mission Statement: Lake Lorelei Property Owners Association Board of Trustees Provides leadership and direction with fiscal responsibility for the necessary services to assure a safe secure and continuously improving environment for out LLPOA membership with integrity in accordance with our association governing documents.

BOT Vision Statement: To preserve and expand out community, its lifestyle, and the Association's assets through effective, transparent, and fiscally responsible management.

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Activities Committee NEWS

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Activities Committee
meets the 2nd Monday
of each month
6:30pm
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Come Join the Fun of Planning
New Events for
Lake Lorelei
Families, Neighbors
& Friends

Watch FB Pages
Lake Lorelei Property
Owners Association
Members
&
Lake Lorelei Residents

2025 LL A.C. Calendar

Winter Euchre Nights—TBA

Winter Game Night—TBA

Winter Exercise with John Huyck

MWF 9:30AM RiverHills Church

Tia Chi with Melissa Basile

Starting in April

Summer Kick-Off—

May 23, 24, 2025

Amazing Golf Cart Race, PickleBall
Tournament, CornHole Tournament
IceCream Social

June Poker Run—

Saturday June 14, 2025
Call to Host a Dock

Summer Bluegrass Concert—

Saturday July 19, 2025

Two Bands This Year

August Poker Run—

Saturday Aug 9, 2025

Call to Host a Dock

LL Octoberfest—

Saturday September 20, 2025

Lake Lorelei

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Women's Club MaryBeth Cooper

Spring is right around the corner. We watch our lawns turn lush green, and the bulbs we planted sprout and bloom in the bright and beautiful colors of spring and new life. The air is filled with the energy of the sun to bolster our energy and kick us into gear for packing Easter baskets for the children clients at Hope Emergency. This is a spring tradition for the Women's Club. If anyone would like to donate candy for the Easter baskets, please ensure all candy is sealed, and there are no jelly beans. Small chocolate candy bars or small packs of M&M's are always a hit. Donations can be brought to the office before April 1.

Looking to the future, one of our outstanding projects will come. The spring yard sale. We are hoping for a repeat of the huge response we had last year. Clear your closets and garage and join the fun.

Our flower sale with John's Flowers will take place at the end of April. More info will be coming. We encourage you to plan for your garden needs. If it is too early to decide, choose to purchase gift certificates to cover your needs. They can be used at any time and will support the profit of the Women's Club.

Another success for us! Tommy Iles spoke to the group, relating his joy in the kids' fishing tournament to be held in mid-July. Tom was presented with a check to help with a gift for each of the expected 70-plus entries!

On March 6, Honey Sweetie Acres will be our guest speaker along with the kids to enjoy their cries as they sing and enjoy our petting them. We will hear about natural oils and have the opportunity to purchase goat milk products made in Owensville. All are welcome- members and guests! Come and enjoy! Enjoy our Spring!



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Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd & 4th
from 9 am to 4 pm

Permits Required!

- * **\$10.00** - includes area advertising and a lake map for visitors.
- * **Pick up Registration forms in the Office, Gatehouse, or Marina Store**
 - * **OR email womensclub@lakeloreleiohio.com**
- * **Completed forms and payment due to the office NO LATER than Tuesday, April 29th!**



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Fish Committee Tom Iles

The Fish Committee would like to thank the Lake Lorelei Women's Club for their generous donation to support the 2025 Kids Fishing Tournament. It was a pleasure meeting with all of you during the February 6th meeting.

Entry

Entry Fee: \$25.00 Per Team
Individual Fee: \$25.00
\$10.00 Of Entry Will Go Toward Big Bass

Prizes (number of boats competing)

5 or Less 1st Place 100%
6-8 2 Places: 70% & 30%
9+ 3 Places: 50%-30%-20%

Dates

April 1st	6-8:30 P.M	July 1st	6-9:30 P.M
April 15th	6-9 P.M.	July 15th	6-9:30 P.M.
May 6th	6-9 P.M.	Aug 5th	6-9:30 P.M.
May 20th	6-9:30 P.M.	Aug. 19th	6-9 P.M.
June 3rd	6-9:30 P.M.	Sept. 2nd	6-9 P.M..
June 17th	6-9:30 P.M.	Sept. 16th	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 a **2025** sticker on their boat.
- 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 12th; 7am - 3pm

Kids Tournament July 19th; Sign ups 5:30pm

Fishing 6-8pm

Night Tournament - August 9th; 12am - 8am

Fall Tournament - September 20th; 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 ~~

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Catch ~~ Always Release

Average size: 10-14 inches, 1-2 pounds
May grow as large as 13½ pounds in Ohio



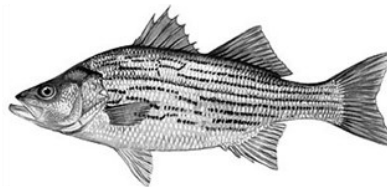
Upper jaw extends
beyond eye

Dark lateral streak
from head to tail

WIPER

Catch ~~ Always Release

Average size: 15-20 inches, 5 pounds
Hybrid fish



CATFISH

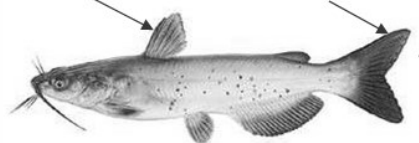
Size Limit 15 inches

Daily Limit 4

Average size: 10-20 inches, 1-5 pounds
May grow as large as 30 pounds in Ohio
Slender body with speckled sides

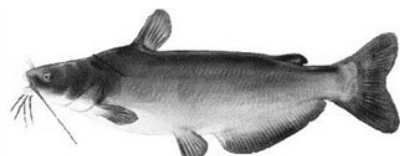
Sharp spine

Deeply forked tail



CHANNEL CATFISH

Lower tip shorter



Angled head

BLUE CATFISH



SHOVENOSE CATFISH

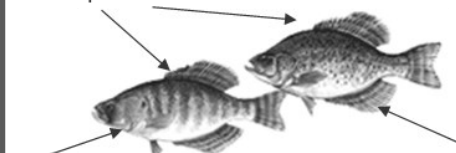
WHITE and BLACK CRAPPIE

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

5 or 6 spines



White Crappie has black
vertical markings

Black Crappie has black
random markings

BLUEGILL

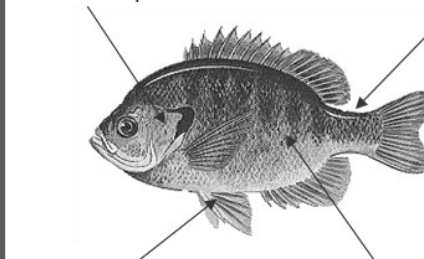
Size Limit 4 inches

Daily Limit 50

Average size: 6-7 inches, 3-6 ounces
May grow as large as 3 pounds in Ohio

Black ear flap

Black blotch on
back of dorsal fin



Pectoral fin long
and pointed at tip

5-9 vertical bars
on side and back

WALLEYE

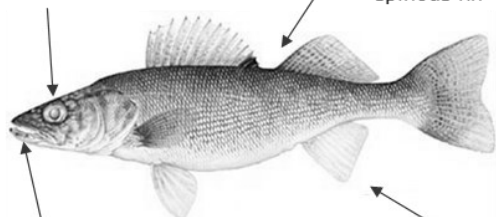
Size Limit 15 inches

Daily Limit 3

Average size: 12-20 inches, 1-3 pounds
May grow as large as 15½ pounds in Ohio

Eyes cloudy

Fins separated - black blotch
spinous fin



Teeth sharp

White tip

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



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Lake Lorelei Fishing Limits



Community Volunteers Committee TJ Jackson

Before we launch into our community volunteering plans for a busy 2025, let's take a look back at some important accomplishments from 2024 and the presentation of the Bill Herdman award.

The Bill Herdman Award is presented annually to a person who exemplifies the spirit of Initiative, Dedication, and Volunteerism for the Maintenance and Improvement of the Lake Lorelei Community. This is the 15th year of this recognition.

The Community Enhancement Volunteers Committee selected Steve Russell as the recipient of the Bill Herdman Award for 2024.

During the last year (and before), Steve has volunteered his time and energy in being a Co-Leader of the Lakes Committee which successfully completed a major dredging effort on schedule and under budget in 2024. He also developed a comprehensive evaluation of Lake Lorelei's fiscal health, developed a capital expense plan, and structured a plausible proposal to ensure the long-term sustainability of our community. This effort resulted in the referendum that passed the LLPOA's vote in 2024. He has also spent numerous hours researching the Ohio Revised Code and drafting proposed language for LLPOA's governing documents, to bring them up to date and into compliance.

Steve's efforts have, and will continue to have, a long-lasting, positive impact on the Lake Lorelei Community. The quality of the lakes, and the new financial tools and processes that the LLPOA will use to maintain and enhance the community's future are directly attributable, in a large part, to Steve Russell's excellent work.

Lake Lorelei is lucky to have Steve as a caring leader, volunteer, and neighbor. It is an honor to present him with the Bill Herdman Award for 2024. Thanks for all you do Steve.

As spring approaches, our Team is getting ready to restart our monthly meetings to plan our community enhancement activities for 2025. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We communicate via email to let folks know what is coming up and what has been accomplished. It is a great group of volunteers. We are always looking for participation. Even an hour or 2 can have a positive impact. If you would like to be included on the notifications OR if you have suggestions for future projects, please email Len Pohlar at pohlarlp@gmail.com. You can view pictures of several of our past projects on our Committee page on Lake Lorelei's web site. See <https://lakelorelei.com/community-enhancement>.

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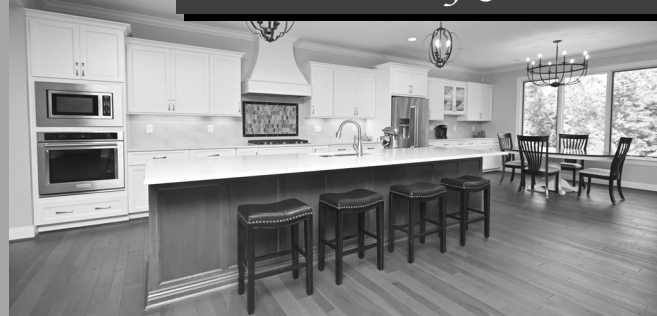
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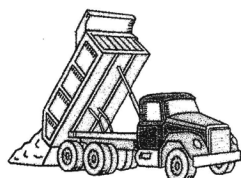


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Roads Committee

Stephen Diacont

Hello Neighbors,

Currently, the Roads Committee does not have much of an update. We are working on getting bids for culvert work around the lake. Once we have bids, we can get the work scheduled. We had an unexpected culvert failure at Rhine and Lorelei. It wasn't catastrophic so our budget should not be affected as we move forward through 2025. This is really the only new news we have to share for this article. When more consistent weather arrives, we can start getting into our planned projects that were in the last article. Until then, we hope everyone stays healthy and safe! As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of us.

Fireworks Committee

Shandra Doughman

FIREWORKS PARADE



Let's show our patriotic spirit
on the 4th of July weekend by decorating
our community– houses, mailboxes, boats,
docks, golfcarts, bikes... EVERYTHING!

Join us **Friday, July 4th** for a **PARADE** by being in it or watching!

Participants should meet in the Clubhouse parking lot by 6:45 pm to line up.

The parade will begin at 7 pm, looping all the way around the lake and finishing back at the Clubhouse. Children under 12 should be supervised by an adult. You must be a licensed driver to operate a golf cart. The loop we'll take is right out of the parking lot onto Lorelei, right onto Munich, back onto Lorelei, right onto Brunswick, back onto Lorelei, onto Frankfort, back onto Lorelei, and to the clubhouse lot.



LAKE LORELEI FIREWORKS!

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LAKE LORELEI WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Adult Volunteers

Are you passionate about preserving our beautiful lake and ensuring its health for generations to come? Join us as a volunteer in our Water Quality Monitoring Program at Lake Lorelei!

****What You'll Do:****

- Learn about crucial water quality issues that affect our local ecosystem, including the benefits and risks associated with changing water conditions.
- Monitor visible changes in the lake, such as algae growth, and understand how these changes impact our waters.
- Participate in scheduled water testing, which includes taking dissolved oxygen readings and conducting E. coli tests at the beaches.

Family Volunteers

Families are encouraged to volunteer to monitor and keep a weekly journal of water conditions off their docks.

Special Lake monitoring equipment is provided to families interested in doing weekly water observations.



Lake Lorelei Water Quality Impacts You

The water quality of Lake Lorelei impacts you—whether you enjoy fishing, swimming, boating, floating, skiing, tubing, or simply relaxing by the shore and taking in the serene beauty of our lake. Living at a man-made freshwater lake in Ohio is a privilege that enriches our lives, and it's one we should work to protect.

For the past 11 years, the Lake Lorelei Water Quality (WQ) Volunteers have played a vital role in preserving our recreational lake. These dedicated individuals help the Lake Lorelei Property Owners Association (LLPOA) maintain a greater understanding of water quality through education and training focused on critical water quality issues.

Our volunteers engage in continuous training and actively participate in testing, making observations, and collecting data about our precious freshwater lake. By observing changing water conditions, they provide valuable insights that contribute to better lake management practices.

We encourage others to join our efforts! If you're passionate about the environment and want to make a difference in your community, consider volunteering with us. Your involvement can help ensure the health and enjoyment of Lake Lorelei for everyone.

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Lake Life: The Plant That's Eating Cincinnati

Lee Duncan

Back in early December, my son and his friend asked me to join them hiking in beautiful Mt. Airy Forest, Cincinnati's largest park. I'd been there 45 years ago when I was a student at UC, and remembered how beautiful it was, so I happily accepted the invitation. We weren't far into our journey, though, when a sinking feeling started to come over me. The leaves had fallen from the sycamores, maples, oaks, and other trees of the forest... but yet there was a solid understory of still-green woody plants for as far as the eye could see: the invasive amur honeysuckle.

Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) is a major ecological problem in southwest Ohio, and its impact on local ecosystems is hard to overstate. Honeysuckle was originally introduced from Asia in 1896, which was before we understood the problems that invasive species can cause. Now, 125 years later, it's become a dominant force in our landscape. While it may look harmless with its fragrant flowers and bright red berries, it's wreaking havoc on biodiversity, soil health, and water quality. While I have nothing against amur honeysuckle as a plant—it's absolutely fine in its native habitat—when I see it here it makes me sick to my stomach. Here are just a few reasons why I dislike this plant so much.

1. It crowds out native plants. Amur honeysuckle grows aggressively, forming dense thickets that block sunlight from reaching native plants. It leafs out earlier in the spring and holds its foliage longer into the fall than native species, giving it a competitive edge. Studies show that areas invaded by honeysuckle have 53% lower plant species richness and significantly fewer tree seedlings compared to uninvaded areas. This disrupts the natural regeneration of forests.
2. It messes with both soil and water. Honeysuckle alters soil chemistry by releasing chemicals that inhibit the growth of nearby plants. Its dominance also leads to soil erosion as native plants that stabilize the ground are displaced. This contributes to sedimentation in waterways, degrading water quality throughout the Ohio River watershed. Even honeysuckle's toxic leaves and berries can harm aquatic ecosystems when they wash into streams.
3. It negatively affects wildlife. Everything in nature is intertwined. Our local insects, which are at the base of the food chain, have coevolved to be able to digest the native vegetation. When honeysuckle takes over what was once a native forest, there aren't many bugs equipped to eat it. This imperils not only the insects but also the birds and other animals that depend on them for survival.
4. It's ugly. As I've said, I have nothing against the plant per se, but when I see entire hillsides that are a monoculture of nothing but honeysuckle where there used to be myriad different species of tree—it looks ugly in comparison. The dense growth of honeysuckle not only wrecks the beauty of natural landscapes but also makes forest management costly and labor-intensive. Eradication efforts often require repeated cutting or herbicide application, which are expensive, time-consuming, and have their own issues, especially in the case of chemical herbicide.

Amur honeysuckle may seem innocuous at first glance, but its long-term effects on our ecosystem are devastating. From reducing biodiversity to harming water quality and wildlife, it's a serious problem. I've done some honeysuckle removal over the years, and honestly it seems a Sisyphean task. But I hope you'll consider joining local habitat restoration projects or taking steps to remove honeysuckle from your own property—who knows, maybe eliminating invasive honeysuckle will **grow on you!**

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School News

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Rocket Community Wellness Center

At Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools, it is our goal to always maintain full transparency with our Rocket families and community. To that end, we have created a FAQ to address questions you may be having about the construction and maintenance of the Rocket Community Wellness Center (RCWC). We understand that the questions from our community may continue to evolve, so we are also providing you a means to submit your questions. Please click the [RCWC Question Submission Form](#) or scan the QR code to the right. Alternatively, please feel free to reach out to Superintendent, Tim Carlier (tim.carlier@fpls.us) or Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Jennifer Spaeth-Mullis (jennifer.mullis@fpls.us), and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Our [RCWC Frequently Asked Questions](#) document can be found by clicking the link or by scanning the QR code to the left. We are expecting to host a ground-breaking ceremony sometime in May – more information will be available in the coming months. We are excited for the many opportunities for our students to be involved in the construction process, as both our architect and general contractor have committed to providing hands-on learning experiences for students across all grade levels!



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District Strategic Plan

Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools is currently wrapping up our current three-year strategic plan (FY22 -FY25). This plan saw the successful introduction and full-scale implementation of comprehensive, vertically aligned curricula in ELA (grades K-8) and math (grades K-10), as well as the adoption of Gradual Release of Responsibility (I do, we do, you do) as our district-wide, evidence-based, instructional strategy which can be adapted and scaled for all grade levels. Teachers and administrators have worked together to implement our plan with 100% fidelity to help students be successful learners and show growth from year to year.



The FPLS District Leadership Team is now working on our next three-year plan which will take effect in July 2025, and we need to hear YOUR feedback! We are currently creating a series of easy-to-complete surveys for students, staff, parents, and community members which we expect to publish next month (March '25). We will be sending these surveys via email as well as posting them to our district website, our live feed and all social media platforms, so please be on the lookout for these. If you need to update your email, please be sure to contact the building secretary as soon as possible. The surveys will only remain open for two weeks, as we need to collect and review your responses in a timely manner.

Portrait of a Rocket

Our District Leadership Team is developing the **FPLS Portrait of a Rocket** —our personalized adaptation of the Portrait of a Graduate framework. This initiative brings together educators, students, elected officials, partners, community members, and families to create a shared vision for our learners and educators.

To ensure this vision reflects our community's priorities, we will be gathering your input through our upcoming strategic planning surveys. Your feedback will help us identify key competencies, or "soft skills" (communication, collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, adaptability, work ethic, etc.) that will shape our **Skills for Success** program.



Skills for Success (SFS) is a part of our Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) which provides a strategic plan for improving academic and behavioral outcomes for all students. MTSS has been successfully implemented in our elementary and middle school buildings, and it will be moving to high school next year (SY25-26). The Skills for Success element of MTSS has been taking shape over the past two years and is a critical component in ensuring essential key competencies are fostered at every grade level, K-12

Please take this opportunity to share your insights and contribute to the development of our district's strategic plan, as well as the growth of our MTSS and SFS programs. Your input is essential in shaping a vision that supports our students, educators, and community, so please watch for these surveys and don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard!

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Boat Inspection/ Decals	57,467.35	Community Events/ Projects	42,875.65
Building Permits	31,194.61	Computer, Internet, & Subscriptions	2,267.26
Collection Fees	378.99	Insurance	36,113.00
Community functions/ Projects	58,441.62	Lakes Fund Loan Repayments	224,876.04
Contributions Received	11,325.99	Lake Maintenance	15,591.54
Dock Rental	20,090.00	Legal Fees	26,207.65
Dues & Services	481,597.73	Merchant Service Fees	17,539.11
Fines	1,520.59	Personnel Wages	178,068.88
Initiation Fees	76,412.95	Payroll Taxes	46,618.32
Interest Earned	29,345.44	Property Tax	13,455.95
Mowing and Chipping Fees	36,540.29	Repairs & Maintenance	55,377.90
Miscellaneous	6,136.96	Roads Repair & Maintenance	167,380.67
Lake Maintenance Fund	236,999.35	Security, Outside Services	9,030.09
Rental Income	2,325.00	Spillway	51,700.32
Road Assessment Income	187,904.17	Subcontractors	36,676.54
Sale of Lots & Equipment	21,020.99	Utilities	27,010.59
Total Income	\$1,333,710.39	Clubhouse Reno Project	9,362.50
		Total Expense	\$997,624.80
		Net Income	\$336,085.59

RESERVE ACCOUNTS Dec 31st

Operations Reserves	\$214,360.93
Capital Asset Fund	233,661.82
Roads Reserve (Money Market)	248,577.39
Total	\$696,600.14

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