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Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER	1	LLPOA Dues Payment Deadline
	2	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 @ the Pavilion
	3	Fishing Tournament
	5	Women's Club Meeting & Dinner 6:30 pm @ River Hills Church
	9	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	12	LLPOA Townhall Meeting @ River Hills Church
	15	Barcodes turned off for members not in good standing
	17	Fishing Tournament
	19	Community Volunteers Committee Meeting 7pm
	21	Fall Fishing Tournament 7:30 am-3:30 pm Oktoberfest 6 pm– 11 pm
October	3	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	4	Women's Club Communitywide Yard Sale Members Only Preview
	5-6	Women's Club Communitywide Yard Sale
	7	Water Quality Committee Meeting 6:30 @ the Pavilion
	14	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	15	Lake Valve Opened EARLY for Spillway Repairs
	16	Legend Article and Advertisement Deadline
	17	Community Volunteers Committee Meeting 7pm
November	31	Trunk-or-Treat 5-6pm @ the Pavilion Traditional Trick-or-Treating Around the Lake 6-8pm
	3	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	5	Election Day
	7	Women's Club Meeting 7 pm
	11	Activities Committee Meeting 7 pm
	21	Community Volunteers Committee Meeting 7pm
	28	Thanksgiving– Office Closed



Board of Trustees – President's Corner Bruce Simeone

Welcome to the end of the summer of 2024. That is a very discouraging statement, but time marches on, and there is no stopping it. I would like to begin by thanking the Community for giving me another opportunity to contribute to our Mission and Vision. The next 3 years will come with its own challenges. Some we know, and some we have yet to discover.

The summer of 2024 has already delivered a few milestones. One of those is the official close to the dredging effort. Shannon wrapped up all his areas of responsibility and finalized all the private contracts that people asked of him. I think most will agree that the shoreline work that he completed looks fabulous. All the takeout points that were constructed for the dredge material were restored to their original condition. Those restored areas are probably better than their original condition. The dump sites were graded and cleaned up for the initial process. We will have to come back and do some final touch-up and stability work to close out our permit. Believe it or not, we could not do the "finalizing" to the extent planned because the material was still too wet deeper into the piles. The dump site on Dortman is waiting for the Township to give us a permit to install a culvert pipe allowing access from Black Oak Road. Once we have that, farmers have asked if they could come and take the Dortman dirt off our hands. Of course, we said yes! In terms of the project's financials, we are very happy with the way the project was executed, which was accomplished through the outstanding efforts of Chris K. The final numbers came in at 0.84% under budget without the final site work. With the final site work, we were 0.34% over. For a project this size, that is stellar results as most projects of that type see a 10 to 15% contingency for overruns. To date, loan payback is right on track.

Please join me in welcoming Lee Duncan to the BOT. Lee brings a fresh look to the BOT and a set of skills that will enhance our abilities to get results. He has come on board quickly and has already proven to be a great addition. Lee has volunteered to be the Liaison for Water Quality and GILLWICC. Thank you, Lee, for volunteering your time.

I know most of you have previously heard or read that we are beginning to lower the Lake on October 15 instead of November 15. We are doing this as we must complete the spillway project while the weather is above 45 degrees. Of course, a wet or colder Fall period could hinder this effort. Our communicated plan to ODNR has us committed to the end of 2024 or Spring of 2025 if in fact the Fall weather does not cooperate. We are making every attempt to complete this effort by the end of 2024, as we do not want to keep the Lake lowered too far into the Spring. If we cannot close the valve in the Spring due to lack of project completion, we could potentially miss the Spring rains that are critical to bring the Lake to the normal pool and kick the season off.

Remember, if the Lake and how it is managed is not moving forward, it will be moving backward. Time waits for nobody.

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Roads Committee Stephen Diacont

Hello LL community!

The Roads Committee is happy to report that the asphalt patching has been completed. We look forward to starting our next paving project before the end of the year, consisting of the front entry and exit lanes, the current gravel cul-de-sacs, and Bonn Drive. Please keep an eye on the community's Facebook pages as we will post paving dates, times, and other information as we receive it for the community regarding the paving.

We have taken our first ditch line measurements of Stuttgart Cove and plan to begin ditch line work in the Spring of 2025.

Unfortunately, we have had a handful of roadway signs go missing. Some of you may already know about this. If anyone has information about the incident, please contact the Lake Director or one of the Roads Committee members. The signs will be replaced; however, it does affect the budgeting of other needed work. If you notice a missing road sign, please contact us or the office to report it.

On a closing note, please contact us if anyone is interested in coming on board the Roads Committee or has any questions or concerns. We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the rest of the warm weather!





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Women's Club Mary Beth Cooper

Oh my! Summer and the beautiful days we have been given has been a super joy. It sure has been busy. We were able to participate in the fireworks parade and toss "moon pies" and snacks to the roadside participants. What a joy to see the young ones grab the goodies.

Some of us were able to head to see the Mariemont Players and enjoy the antics of Charlie Brown. A great show.

Gerry Harness's family has notified us of her passing. Gerry served three terms as president of the Women's Club and is graciously remembered. Our members attended the services held in Dayton.

Our August meeting was host to our annual golf cart scavenger hunt. Always a fun night as we seek out the clues! Winners were treated to gift certificates to the marina. Our September meeting will be a dinner at River Hills Church at 6:30 on September 5, where our new board will be installed. We invite you to join the festivities. Come meet our members and enjoy the activities. Guests are always welcome. Welcome Fall!!!!



Geraldine Louise Harness
June 4, 1937 – July 18, 2024

Time to Organize & Declutter! 2024 FALL Community Yard Sale Oct 5th & 6th

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Activities Committee Cindi Wetzel

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2024 LL A.C. Calendar

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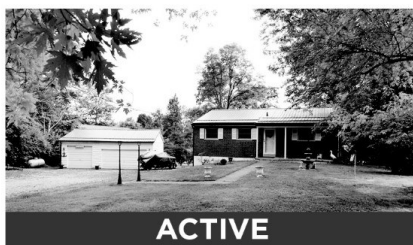
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Lake Lorelei

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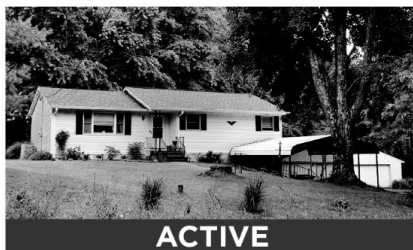
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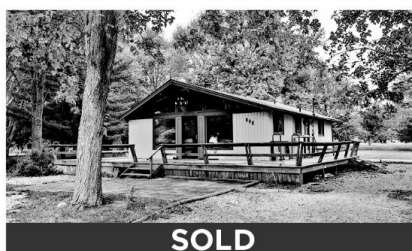
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Fishing Club Tom Iles



Thank you to everyone who participated in the kid's fishing tournament that was held on July 21st. We had a great turnout with sixty-four kids participating! Also, thank you to everyone who donated prizes. The winners were **Max Moore, Jace Iles, Austin Shaw, and Marcus Campbell.**



The Fall Tournament is September 21st from 7:30am until 3:30pm

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Lake Life Lee Duncan

What good are vultures?

Nearly all of us love the charismatic birds of prey we have here at the lake, such as osprey, red-tailed hawks, and, of course, bald eagles. These beautiful and majestic birds are easy to love, but what about our most numerous raptor, the vulture?

We commonly see two species of vulture here at Lake Lorelei: the black vulture and the red-headed turkey vulture (with wingspans of five and six feet respectively).

In flight, the turkey vulture rarely beats its wings; it soars with an unsteady but graceful teetering motion with its wings in a shallow “V.” On the other hand, a black vulture will more often be seen beating its wings in a quick and snappy motion. When it soars, its wings are flat.



These two can frequently be seen together gathered around a tasty meal of dead fish or mammal, and both species serve a vital role in the lake’s ecology. By acting as nature’s “garbage disposers,” these scavengers help keep the ecosystem clean and free of infectious diseases. Amazingly, these birds have such corrosive stomach acid they can ingest meat contaminated with anthrax, botulinum toxin, cholera or rabies and not bat an eye. In fact, a vulture’s digestive system is so efficient at filtering contaminants that its poo (unlike human poo) is sterile—free of bacteria, viruses, or fungi.



Many people in Western societies look down on vultures as ugly and disgusting and fail to appreciate their importance. However, that sentiment doesn’t hold for every culture. On the Tibetan plateau, vultures are an essential component of any funeral. There, monks prepare the body and place it on a platform to attract the attention of vultures. After the birds have consumed the flesh, the person is considered to have been “buried in the sky.” In this way, the deceased loved one has performed one final good deed: offering something to another living creature before going off to rest in the sky.

I don’t imagine that funerary practice will gain much popularity here, but I hope the next time you see a group of vultures picking at a bloated, smelly, 40-pound carp that has washed up on the shore, you’ll have an appreciation of the service they’re doing for us all!

One last thing... last year I happened to see two turkey vultures and they were eating a clown... one turned to the other and asked, “does this taste funny to you?”



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Thinking of Buying?

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Garden Focus in the Fall

The garden season is coming to a close, but there are still things to do to ensure a successful 2025 garden year, so let's take a look at a few things that will help out.



1. Remove spent plants and debris now to prevent harmful insects and diseases from overwintering, causing issues next season. If your plants have any disease problems, don't compost these materials; throw them out. Composting is for healthy plants, leaves, or old veggies.


2. Replenish your beds with compost or organic amendments that will add nutrients that were used by your plants this growing season. I like using leaves from my yard as well. Tilling these goodies into your beds in the fall gives all the soil workers food to break down throughout winter and gives the beds a head start for next year. All manure needs time to compost; adding it now gives it plenty of time to add decomposed nutrients to the soil.

3. This is a great time to give new plantings, shrubs, perennials, or trees one last good soaking to tackle winter. We were semi-drought at times this growing season, so don't let your plantings go into winter on the dry side and struggle; water, water, water!!



4. One thing I like to do each fall since it is fresh in my mind is to evaluate the growing season. What did I like or dislike? What changes do I want to make next year? Do I add plants? Did I plant too much of this? Do I want more of that? I make a chart of each garden year, planting dates, harvest dates, and 2nd crop planting dates so I can keep track easily to look back on; it helps this Senior mind, which doesn't work that well anymore, LOL!!

Keep experimenting, people. Gardening is a positive hobby with no failures; it is just a learning experience!!

Have a happy winter. Go Bengals!!!! 

The Legend Looks Back Martha Wallace

The Legend Looks Back will be in the next issue with a DOUBLE article!

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A Tour of Lake Lorelei Donna Murray

The main lake is named after the Legend of Lorelei. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, the word Lorelei is derived from the German word "lurien," meaning murmuring, and the Celtic word "ley," meaning place or clearing. Loreley, or Lorelei, is a large rock formation situated on the Rhine River in Germany. The rock produces an echo and is associated with the legend of a beautiful maiden who threw herself into the Rhine River in despair over a faithless lover and was transformed into a siren to lure fishermen to destruction.

Lake Lorelei was the 50th recreational community developed by the American Realty Service Corporation of Memphis, TN. It was created by combining over 10 family farms, which made the planned community 1118.5 acres, of which 197 acres are water. The lake was surveyed in 1967, construction began in April 1967, and the lake was filled to capacity in 1968. The lake is fed by Glady Run stream and several other small streams, and it feeds the east fork of the Little Miami River. The lake is 1.75 miles long and a half mile across at the widest point. One inch of rain equals 11 to 12 inches of runoff into the lake. The community has 1750 lots, 10 public access areas, 750 square feet of beach, and over 20 miles of roads.

American Realty Service Corporation had many investors, but none more famous than the king himself, Elvis Presley. TV advertisements showed Elvis greeting potential buyers or sitting on the hood of the famed Cadillac, which would give tours to visitors. Many original owners recalled the traffic jams on Route 131 on weekends as word spread about the new lake being developed. Most visitors then were more interested in seeing Elvis than buying property.

(Please see the corresponding map on page 19.)

1. **Clubhouse-** Modeled after traditional German social houses, it is 5000 square feet and was completed in 1969. Sadly, it suffered a lot of damage in a fire in 2022.
2. **Main Beach-** Before the lake was completed, white sand was brought in to create the illusion of a main beach. Lifeguards were hired for the weekends until the early 1970s.
3. **Lost to Davy Jones Locker-** In 2015, two brothers were fishing on their jon boat sporting their new outboard motor, a Christmas gift from their parents. When attempting to switch fishing locations, a series of heavy waves took their brand new, still running motor to the bottom of the lake, where it remains to this day.
4. **Boater Ashore!-** In 2008, a distracted boater launched his vessel from the lake 25 feet into the yard at 529 Munster Drive. The driver was ejected and required air care to be summoned. The homeowners had just completed their landscaping that day and watched in disbelief as the helicopter blades blew everything away. At last check, the boater is still alive and well but no longer boating on land or sea.
5. **McCafferty Family Home-** The home on the point was built in 1837, and the bricks used to build the home were fired on the property. The front windows were enclosed, and a porch was built. To provide a picturesque view for the family, a summer kitchen was moved from the property to the McCafferty farm on Route 131, where it is still used today. McCafferty house has been around and in the family for over 185 years!
6. **Marina-** In the early days of the lake, the marina used to be the only place boaters were permitted to launch watercraft, and only after the boats were inspected and stickered by the Lake Lorelei boat inspector. The marina building has gone through many remodels and management managers over the years. Bob Kiley has managed the marina since 1986.

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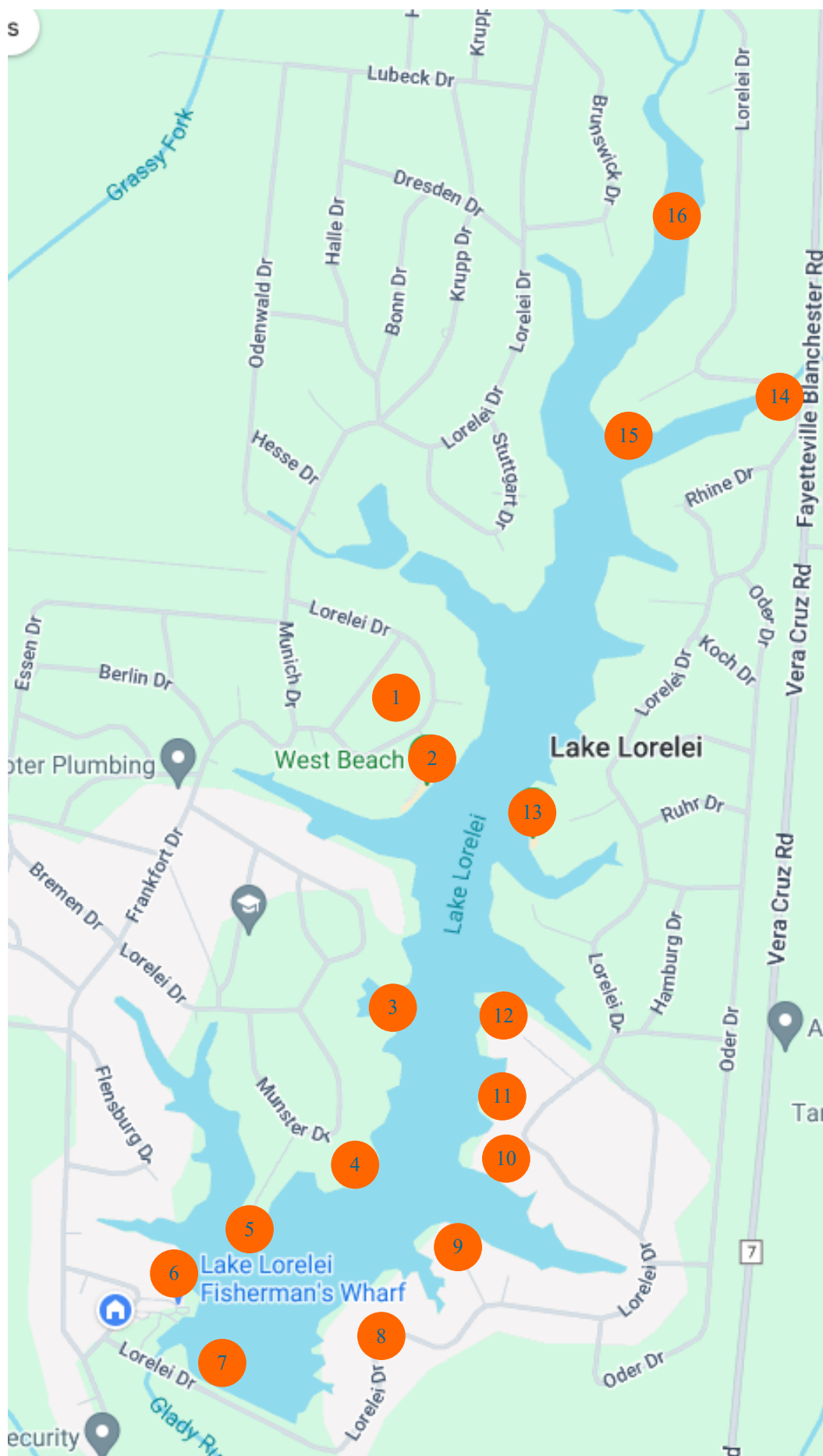


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7. **Spillway and Dam-** The spillway is 150 feet long, and the dam is 842 feet long. According to original members, the Army Corps of Engineers played an important role during dam construction; however, no records of their participation exist when researched. It is presumed that the lack of record keeping was partly due to America's participation in the Cold War and the Army Corps of Engineers completing their construction projects during the 60s and 70s without keeping records. When the dam first opened, the Fayetteville school system refused to allow their buses to cross, leading to a very long pickup and drop-off process for lake students.
8. **Flo Mosbaugh's Home, 1720 Lorelei Drive-** The original A-frame home was the standard 900 square foot A-frame offered to lot buyers by American Realty services, sometimes offered as "specials" to attract buyers.
9. **Nuns of Fun, 1708 Bach Cove-** Lake Lorelei has been a retreat for five different religious orders: the Sisters of Charity, Mercy Sisters, Franciscan Brothers, Sisters of Notre Dame, and the Ursulines of Brown County. The residence, built in 1975, was sold to the Ursuline Sisters in the 1980s to serve as their retreat house. The sound of laughter coming from the house often surprised passers-by since it was assumed to be a quiet place of reflection and meditation. Today, it is owned by the Sisters of Notre Dame.
10. **Lightning Can Strike Twice, 1662 Lorelei Drive-** The Hurleys built their retirement dream home on the property in 1977. Less than a year after it was completed, lightning struck it, and the home's interior completely burned. During reconstruction, the house was struck a second time! A geological evaluation survey disclosed a region of electromagnetism in the area, after which the Hurleys and many of their neighbors promptly installed lightning rods. The Hurley's home was torn down in 2017.
11. **Fool's Gold!**- As the land cultivated during the lake's construction became a shoreline, water washed away sediment to reveal rocks heavy with iron pyrite. In 1976, the great Midwestern drought meant the lake never filled for the season and remained at the winter pool all summer. Eastside shorelines would twinkle during the day. Trespassing became a bit of an issue as children (and some adults) would dig up the pyrite rocks and pay to have them tested, convinced they had discovered real gold!
12. **Better Than Concrete Boots, 1646 Strauss Cove-** The original owner of the stone house on the point was a bail bondsman from Kentucky whose hobby was stone masonry. Tired of having his clients jump bail, he "encouraged" them to stay at his lake home and learn a real trade- stone masonry! The original 1800 square foot house took seven years and an undocumented number of "masons."
13. **East Beach-** Rumor has it that the East Beach resulted from eastside lake homeowners complaining about not having the same amenities as the westside lake homeowners.
14. **Billion-year-old Rock-** It's the treasure of Eiffel Cove.
15. **Spirits of Lorelei-** On an ill-fated voyage across the treacherous Lake Lorelai, a skiff and a wake went to battle. The captain, who was in "good spirits" prior to leaving port, immediately moved to salvage his prized case of wine while taking on water. Standing upright in his state of inebriation caused the vessel to list portside and capsize. The captain and vessel were plucked from the torrent unscathed, but the cargo was never recovered.
16. **North Cove-** Gladys Run enters at the end of the North Cove.



Information was taken from: Lake Lorelei 1993: 25th Anniversary Folder; Time Out for Living- 1968; Cincinnati Post, Cincinnati Enquirer and WXIX TV archives; History of Brown County, 1993- Brown County Historical Society; Ursulines of Brown County Ohio; Fayetteville Centennial Year History 1968 to 1968; Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville KY; Lake Lorelei Legend; John and Mary McCormick Family Members; McCafferty Family History; Flo Mosbaugh; Jim Holden; Bill Herdman; and Bob Kiley.



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INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY JAN 1- JUL 31, 2024

Income		Expenses	
Auto Decals	\$63,382.50	Administrative	\$14,311.34
Boat Inspection/ Decals	46355.00	Community Events/ Projects	34424.36
Building Permits	15016.38	Computer, Internet, & Subscriptions	13668.01
Collection Fees	378.99	Insurance	20018.57
Community functions/ Projects	48528.66	Lakes Fund Loan Repayments	125391.93
Contributions Received	5481.04	Lake Maintenance	12108.34
Dock Rental	16415.00	Legal Fees	15601.28
Dues & Services	200271.54	Merchant Service Fees	9578.04
Fines	1220.59	Personnel Wages	101562.29
Initiation Fees	41428.60	Payroll Taxes	28085.62
Interest Earned	14843.78	Property Tax	13455.95
Mowing and Chipping Fees	24416.00	Repairs & Maintenance	27127.26
Miscellaneous	4596.58	Roads Repair & Maintenance	39414.57
Lake Maintenance Fund	121542.55	Security, Outside Services	2700.09
Road Assessment Income	89831.40	Subcontractors	13370.85
Sale of Lots & Equipment	21020.99	Utilities	16492.61
Total Income	<u>\$714,729.60</u>	Clubhouse Reno Project	412.50
		Total Expense	<u>\$487,723.61</u>
		Net Income	<u>\$227,005.99</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNTS Jul 31st

Operations Reserves	\$210,395.83
Capital Asset Fund	229,368.38
Roads Reserve (Money Market)	180,174.46
Total	<u>\$619,938.67</u>

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