



Fish/Royer Lake Association

SPECIAL EDITION: WELCOMING 2020!

Our Lake Community:

You have a very active Lake Association, doing it's very best to insure our lakes remain clean and in maintaining an environment that we and our neighbors enjoying living in.

We have a fish-stocking program which has invested more than \$15,000 over the past two years to stock 6600 walleye, 360 northern pike and 3500 channel catfish (from the DNR). That's approximately 9,600 walleye, 360 northern pike, 18,500 channel catfish over the past 17 years! These stocking efforts have our population of walleye, pike, bass, catfish, crappie and bull-gill thrive, while helping to decrease the troublesome gizzard shad population. Maintaining and increasing our lakes' fishery also helps to improve our overall water quality. So, we are asking that everyone continues to "catch and release" any walleye or northern pike caught again this year.

We have purchased new buoys, which will continue to be placed in our lakes in order to help enforce the No Wake / 10MPH laws on our lake. The buoys and laws in place help with the safety of swimmers and boaters, minimize the damage to shorelines of property owners, and protect our wildlife and lake environments. Thank You to Jeff Klebe and Jim & Patty Koza, our lake residents who volunteer to place, maintain and retrieve the buoys each year!

We have a Chicago Joe Scholarship fund that is annually awarded to a winning essay written by an association member, their child or grandchild, in order to assist them in furthering their education. Our 2019 recipient was awarded a \$400 scholarship. The winner was Nicole Pettifor, granddaughter of association members Royer & Lydia Allman. Nicole will be continuing her education by studying both Digital Media and Creative Writing while attending Cornerstone University this year.

In addition to our semi-annual meetings, our association along with your help, will continue to create events during the year for our lake residents and families. In 2019, we continued the annual Father's Day Garage Sale, the 4th of July Flotilla, and the Member's Hog-Roast . We had 1 Golf Outing, , 2 Fishing Tournaments and 2 Dinner Fund-Raisers. We even had lake residents host firework displays for all to view and enjoy. Our last fund-raiser dinner event had over 100 in attendance enjoying a delicious meal, musical entertainment, split-the-pot, raffle prizes and a silent auction, raising over \$2500. But, these events are more than just a chance to raise monies for lake projects. They are an entertaining day or night out, giving our members and residents a chance to socialize and enjoy each others' company as a community.

Our President, Erik Pearson, had contracted with LaGrange County on two previous occasions to clear East Fly Creek. The association purchased equipment and gathered volunteers in order to clear the fallen trees and debris. Not only did these clearings help to decrease property flooding by allowing faster drainage of our lakes after heavy rains and thaws, but they raised over \$5000 for our association funds to use towards lake projects.

The funds were so helpful Erik has contracted another clearing to be completed over the next few months. We are looking for anyone and everyone who can volunteer. If you are able, please contact Jay Benak and let him know what days and/or weekends you are available to help out!

Our Treasurer, Dave McIntosh, will continue to organize and maintain a financial spreadsheet of all income and expenses. He will also keep a current membership listing, which will to be posted on our website as it is updated.

Visit our website at fishandroyerlakes.com

Like us on facebook: Fish-Royer Lakes Association

Our association Secretary, Pan Deetz, will continue to publish and send out quarterly newsletters. Jay & Christine Benak will keep our website and Facebook pages as up to date as possible. These are all avenues in place to keep you informed. They give you a platform to ask questions, to voice your concerns or compliments, to learn about events, and to share exciting moments with your lake neighbors and families. Our Facebook alone has grown to over 130 members in the past couple years. If you haven't joined at least pop in and take a peek. Take a scroll through our photos that range from fun fishing moments to amazing bird and wildlife sightings, to stunning sunrise and sunset views.

We found the posted pictures so inspiring that we are including a calendar as a token of appreciation that you are a Fish/Royer Lake resident. Each month features a picture taken by different lake residents. Thank you to the following individuals for sharing their moments with us:

January:	Christine Benak	of Royer Lake
February:	Jolyn Strahm	of Fish Lake
March:	David Stokley	of Royer Lake
April:	Joan Alberson Swihart	of Royer Lake
May:	Michelle Hannon	of Fish Lake
June:	Jody Greer	of Fish Lake
July:	Mary Ann Lucas	of Fish Lake
August:	Pam Deetz	of Fish Lake
September:	Mary Fox Considine	of Fish Lake
October:	Mark Albert	of Channel
November:	Lori Crouch Holub	of Fish Lake
December:	Linda Swopes	of Royer Lake

Want to share even more of our world? Over the summer, there were inquiries about home to rent on our lakes for a weekend, week, etc. If you are interested in renting to family and friends of your lake neighbors, please complete back page or contact a board member with information. We will share with individuals, as they inquire, and have them contact you directly to reserve.

Fish / Royer Lake Days of Caring: Our goal is to organize a few days with a team of volunteers to work together as a community and assist with home or yard work of lake residents in need of some assistance. Complete back page, or contact a board member, if you are interested in volunteering to help out, or if you, or someone you know, who is a 2020 Association Member, could use some help. Please provide:

- Contact Information
- Lake Resident Name & Address
- Description of project needing assistance

Our 2020 Fish Royer Lake Association Board:

President:	Erik Pearson	260-463-6789 erikpearson4@gmail.com
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Whether or not you become an association member, we ask that you always help keep our community safe. If you see anything suspicious or illegal, contact our LaGrange Sheriff's Office at 260-463-7491.

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Fish/Royer Lake Association is still working hard for YOU!

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Fish and Royer Lakes,

As we enter 2020, know that The Fish/Royer Lake Association will strive to continue enhancing our lakes and our community. We want our lakes' water quality to continue to improve for our all of our fishing, boating, swimming and other recreational activities. We will continue working with the DNR, maintaining weed control and addressing the gizzard shad problem. We will be scheduling our meetings, annual events and fund-raisers, so we can gather and enjoying each other's company, while finding resolutions that effect all of us. And, we will still be keeping in touch with residents by publishing our newsletters, as well as, maintaining our web and Facebook pages. Ultimately, our goal is to keep the quality of our lakes and homes the best they can be!

In order to work on the behalf of the 255 property owners, we need everyone's support. We were so excited to exceed 50% membership in 2019, with 135 paid member dues, however, we know we can do better. Please consider paying the 2020 \$40 membership dues, and if possible, support other areas of need listed below. Remember, the Fish/Royer Lake Association is now a 501c3 not for profit organization. Any monies donated, over the \$40 membership dues, is now a tax write-off. Contact David McIntosh at (765-749-6761) or Erik Pearson at (260-463-6789) for tax form information. If your company matches donations, that would be great too! In short, we need your support so the assoication can work on your behalf. So please complete the form below, cut and send with you check or cash to our Treasurer:

David McIntosh
1207 N. Meadow Lane
Muncie, IN 47304

Thank You for Your Support!

2020 Fish/Royer Lake Association Membership

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Name: _____ Date: _____
please print members name(s)

Lake Address 1: _____ Phone: _____
please print your lake address(es) or street/lot # information

2nd Address (not required): _____
please print your 2nd address for mailings, if different from your lake address (not required)

Please select how you would like to receive mailings: Email ____ or Hardcopy to: Lake ____ 2nd Address ____

If Email chosen, indicate your receiving email address: _____
please print your email address

\$40 Annual Membership: \$ _____ - Fish Stocking: \$ _____ - Buoy Maintenance: \$ _____

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Looking to rent to lake neighbor family & friends? (complete only if interested)

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Lake Address: _____

Single Nights: Yes _____ No _____ - Weekends: Yes _____ No _____ - Full Week: Yes _____ No _____

Decription: _____

Fish / Royer Lake Days of Caring: (complete only if interested)

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Interested in Volunteering: Yes _____ No _____ - Know of Someone in Need of Assistance: Yes _____ No _____

Resident Name & Address: _____

Decription: _____