



Fish/Royer Lake Association

WELCOMING 2021

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER:

Our goal is to send out quarterly newsletters in March, June, September and December of 2021; however, due to date sensitive material, we felt a special edition newsletter would be beneficial now. From needing committee volunteers for fish attractors and for Fly Creek clearings, to the paying of membership dues, we want to be proactive.

To Our Lake Community:

We would like to begin this year by stopping and taking a moment to send caring thoughts to all who were, and are, affected by the pandemic events; as well as send our gratitude to all those who have gone above and beyond to help out those in need. As a community, may we continue together in support, and in wishes, for a better 2021.



DAY OF APPRECIATION:

The Parkview LaGrange Hospital staff was provided lunch / dinner on January 13th, on behalf of our Lake Association, in order to show our appreciation during the pandemic. We feel blessed and thankful to have access to such great medical professionals, and felt it was the least we can do to say thank you for taking care of our community.

Thank You: To Jolyn Strahm, Association President, and the Board for organizing the event; to Romer's, an Association Sponsor for many years, for making and delivering the pizzas; to All the individuals who saw the Facebook post and generously donated additional monies towards the cost. It's always nice to be reminded of how great our community truly is!

Don't miss out! Be sure we have your updated address to receive our newsletters. Message Christine Benak thru our Facebook page, or email to krisy23@aol.com

Dues & Don'ts:

DUES: It's a new year and you know what that means. Our Lake Association is collecting the 2021 Annual Membership Dues. Dues are a very important part of a successful association; your contributions help to make our lake community such a great place to live. Dues pay for newsletters, mailings, flyers, the website, information boxes, social activities, lake improvements, wildlife projects, fish structures, and so much more. Without Dues, contributions, fund-raisers, Fly Creek contracts and sponsorship fees, all of our activities, fish stocking, scholarship fund, lake improvements and possible resolutions to our residents' concerns would be nearly impossible. Dues are the glue that keeps us working together.

DON'TS: Don't forget that it is the Membership Dues that are used to cover the costs of any lake concerns brought to the Association for resolutions; do your part. Any solutions requiring at least \$2,000 will need to be voted on by the Paid Association Members, with a majority vote to proceed; paying your annual membership dues is a great way to stay involved. Don't forget that in 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in cancelling fund-raising gatherings, as well as created a lack of creek cleaning project opportunities; the results were a great loss to our funding possibilities. Don't forget that participation is important too; volunteering can help to keep the association's time and costs to a minimum.

Our Lake Association is Funded by Our Lake Residents! Please consider paying your \$40 Annual Association Membership Dues for 2021, and donate to our other options, if possible. Remember, we are a 501(c)(3), so any donations over your \$40 Membership Dues are tax deductible. It is because of your participation and generosity that makes our Lake Association successful!

Want to know more about dues and how they are used? Feel free to contact me and I will get answers for you.

Dave Schneiders, Membership Committee Chairman
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our Facebook page: Fish-Royer Lakes Association

***** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED *****

FISH ATTRACTORS / LAKE STRUCTURES: Erik Pearson, Board member, is looking for volunteers to assist with constructing 60-240 fish attractor structures (4'x6'x4' brush piles) Saturday, March 19, starting at 9:00am. Additional volunteers will also be needed in March to attach the structures to concrete blocks, and place clusters of 5-20 at each of the twelve determined lake locations. If you are available March 19th, for placing structures, or for both, please contact Erik as soon as you can, at erikpearson4@gmail.com.



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FISH STOCKING: Upon completing our fish habitat structure project this Spring, our fish investment will have an extra layer of protection, creating a greater survival expectancy; therefore, our 2021 Fish Stocking goals are:

- 360 Northern Pike
- 1800 Walleye
- 1800 Smallmouth Bass
- Catfish: remain on list to receive DNR overstock

Only one fish stocking event will take place in 2021, sometime in October or November. Dates will be posted on Facebook when confirmed.

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WATER LEVEL MAINTENANCE / FLY CREEK CLEARINGS: Our goal is to avoid flooding. And, we can get paid to do it! When Fly Creek backs up with debris, lake waters rise. If levels get too high, flooding will occur. In hopes to avoid this, Jay Benak, Board member, is looking to form a committee of volunteers willing to assist with clearing Fly Creek. A gage has been added to Royer Lake so level data can be tracked. If levels increasingly rise, Jay will walk Fly Creek. If debris clearing is needed, the DNR will be contacted. If the Association is contracted, those on the committee will be contacted to set up a date/time to complete the job. Keeping Fly Creek cleared of debris is a necessity to avoid flooding. Please understand that if we are unable to set up volunteers willing to participate, a crew will be hired to clear the creek, taking away monies that could have gone into our Fish Stocking fund.

The committee of volunteers will gather a day or two, periodically throughout the year, to clear debris. Keeping our lake waters at a safe level can avoid flooding, as well as a great way to boost our fish stocking funds too, as it has already risen over \$13,000 towards our Fish Stocking Fund! Contact Jay to sign up today at pipefitterjay@comcast.net!

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ASSOCIATION BOARD MESSAGE: As Our Fish/Royer Lake Association purpose is to improve water clarity; protect weed/plant life and shorelines; maintain water level; create conditions for good fishing, boating and swimming, etc., we ask that residents please remember:

Our Fish/Royer Lake Association is a voluntary group; the members and the dues are all voluntary. We have an elected Board, as well as an expansion to include committee leads, so that more interested people can participate. We will continue our purpose, as well as work on ideas to solve other lake problems that may arise. We will continue working to decrease the gizzard shad population by stocking fish, as well as add structures to provide our stocked fish with protection and a breeding environment. We have added Osprey nesting posts and Wood Duck nesting boxes to invite positive wildlife on our lakes, as well as researching solutions to reduce nuisance wildlife. We are doing our best to hold our annual events, as well as being hopeful to add new community activities. We will continue to keep our community up to date with information through Facebook, website, flyer, and of course, our quarterly newsletters.

We are a Lake Association, not a Home Owners Association. We do not have authority over individually owned properties. Yet, even though the Association does not have the ability to fine or warn individuals not complying with local laws or ordinances, we still want to work with you as a Community. Resolutions to these concerns may need you to address the issue with the individual(s) causing concern, or to directly report the incident to the sheriff's office. Pictures and videos are always a plus. If you are unsure, feel free to contact an Association Board member. We will gladly research and provide information on how to resolve a situation through the proper channels. Continuing to keep others aware of situations happening around our lake can help to create a safer environment for everyone.

PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR (Abide by LaGrange County Ordinances)




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GEESE: Spring is nearing, that means geese will be pairing and looking for nesting areas. If you are experiencing issues with the geese population, please read the enclosed insert or visit Canada Geese Management (in.gov).

Our 2021 Association Board!

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Treasurer's Report December 18th, 2020: \$ 15,236.89

General Fund:	\$ 3371.89	Revenue:	\$ 15,037.69
Fish Stocking:	\$ 11,060.00	Expenses:	\$ 19,071.00
Buoys:	\$ 365.00		
Scholarship:	\$ 440.00		

