



Fish/Royer Lake Association

March 2021

Tentative - Annual General Meeting:

Our 2021 annual meeting will be held at the Maplewood Nature Center on May 15th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. We are hoping to have Jill Hoffman of Fish Lake as a guest speaker. Also, there will be continued discussion on how to continue improving our lakes and community. All residents, members and board members are encouraged to attend! However, if you are unable to attend, please be sure to email any ideas or concerns to a board member, prior to the meeting, so they can be addressed.

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Fish Attractors / Lake Structures: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out on March 20th to help build fish structures. The structures will be placed into the lake on Friday, April 9th, and Saturday, April 10th. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Erik Pearson at erikpearson4@gmail.com, to meet at his house at 9:00 a.m. on either or both days.

FISH STOCKING Article Correction: We have obtained a permit to stock the following fish this coming October:

- 360 Northern Pike
- 1800 Walleye
- **2000** Smallmouth Bass
- Catfish: On list to receive DNR overstock

2021 Association Member Dues Are Currently Due!

(Dues forms can be found on the fishandroyerlakes.com website.)

Fish-Royer Lake Association
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WATER LEVEL MAINTENANCE / FLY CREEK CLEARINGS:

First and foremost, Thank You to the few individuals that joined the contact list for Fly Creek clearings so far... Appreciated!

However, we still need more volunteers. Please sign-up if interested. Volunteers will always be contacted first to see if they are available for scheduled clearing days; therefore, you will always have the flexibility to participate only on the days that work for you. We just need a group willing to attempt to gather a day or two, periodically throughout the year, to clear debris.

Clearing the creek is a necessity in maintaining our lake water levels and to avoid flooding. In addition, it is a great way to boost our fish stocking fund, as it has already raised over \$13,000! Sadly, if we do not have enough volunteers, a crew will need to be hired to clear the creek, and they will receive the monies that could have gone into our Fish Stocking fund. The clearings must continue to occur on an annual basis. So, let's work together to keep the water levels and the fish stocking income flowing! Contact Jay at pipefitterjay@comcast.net to receive information or to sign-up today!

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CURRENT 2021 EVENTS:

If in accordance with government restrictions

- May 15th: Annual Association Meeting
- May 29th: Overnight Catfish Tournament
- May 30th: Family Fishing Tournament
- June 19th & 20th: Community Garage Sales
- July 3rd: Family Fishing Tournament
- July 4th: Flotilla
- July 4th: Music Fest by The Considines'
- August 1st: Golf Outing Fundraiser
- September 5th: Overnight Catfish Tournament
- September 6th: Family Fishing Tournament
- September 6th: Fish Fry by The Pearsons'
- August 28th: Association Hog Roast & Election



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES - June 19th & 20th: Our Annual Father's Day Weekend Garage Sales will be allowed on Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We ask that you follow any government guidelines that may still be in place, such as wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing, to the best of your ability. The Association will advertise with signs, place ads in local papers, post on our Website and Facebook pages, as well as post notices on local Facebook Sale pages. In addition, if enough interest, we will be creating a map of all the garage sale site addresses, to be provided to all those participating for customer distribution.

***** If you are participating in the 2020 Garage Sale *****

If you would like to have your garage sale identified on the map, please provide your address, sale dates and hours to Christine Benak at krisy23@aol.com or to Mendy Albert at mendyandmark@live.com by June 1st.

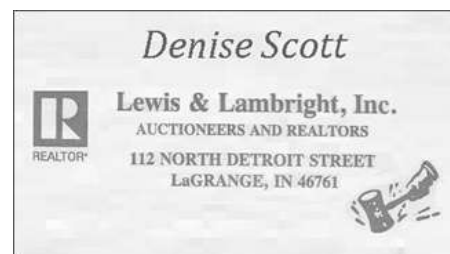
FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENTS:

- Memorial Day Weekend:
Catfish Tournament: Saturday, May 29th 8 p.m.-8 a.m.
Family Tournament: Sunday, May 30th 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Independence Day Weekend:
Catfish Tournament: Friday, July 3rd 8 p.m.-8 a.m.
Family Tournament: Saturday, July 4th 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Labor Day Weekend:
Catfish Tournament: Saturday, Sept 4th 8 p.m.-8 a.m.
Family Tournament: Sunday, Sept 5th 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Catfish Overnight Tournament Rules: Start fishing our lakes after 9 p.m.; take a picture of your catch next to a ruler; forward your picture to Jay Benak before 8 a.m.

Family Fishing Tournament Day Rules: Start fishing our lakes after 8 a.m.; take a picture of your catch next to a ruler; forward your picture to Jay Benak before 8:00 p.m.

*** To be eligible for all tournaments:** Entry must be a 2021 Paid Association Member. \$20 entry fee must be paid to Jay Benak prior to 8 a.m. on tournament day. Entry fee covers the member's entire family. Winners will be contacted the following day. Visit our Facebook and website pages to stay updated as the tournaments approach, and after, as winners will be announced. Entry fees will be split between winner(s) and our Fish Stocking Fund. Prize(s) will be determined upon the amount of entries, so we encourage early sign-up!



4th of July Flotilla - 3:00 p.m.: Decorate your boats, meet up at the public landing and float parade around our Fish & Royer Lakes in celebration of Independence Day!

4th of July Live Music Fest - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Bob & Mary Considine are hosting another Live Music Fest featuring "Motor Folkers!" All are welcome! Float up in your boats or grab your chairs, and join them at their home on Fish Lake - 1420 S. 505 E. - for live music and great socializing! This event is a B.O.Y.B.

Festivities should wrap up just in time to float your boats around our lakes to watch our neighbors finish celebrating Independence Day with their fireworks for all to enjoy!

2021 ACTIVITIES: If Enough Interest

After a year of basically boarding up, Let's Get Out and do things. Our Association wants to offer some 2021 community activities, but we still have some details to workout; and more importantly, We Need Interested Participants!

Whether we get together once a week, once a month, or once a year (?) will be determined by YOU and if enough are Interested!

Over the next couple of months, individual activity posts will be placed on Facebook. When you see an activity you are interested in, simply comment! If you are not a member of our Facebook page, reach out, or send an email to the lead planner mentioned. The lead will discuss the activity with those interested, to decide the details together!

KAYAK CLUB: Mendy Albert is organizing a Kayak Club! Currently, she is considering one day / evening a week, and alternating weeks between Fish and Royer Lakes. There are already 6 individuals interested! To be a part of the planning decisions, such as dates and times, sign-up with Mendy at mendyandmark@live.com!

Wine & Paint: Pre-class Sign-up is required!

Carmen Pearson wouldn't mind teaching a painting class or two, while kicking back and sipping on some wine. She is looking to begin with a two-day project...Painted Stained Glass! This first day will be at her home, on Sunday, May 23rd, starting at 3:00 p.m. The entry fee of \$ 10.00 will include paint, patterns and paintable objects. All you will need to bring is a drink and your willingness to learn and socialize with others. Pre-class sign-up is required, and easy to do, just contact Carmen at erikpearson4@gamil.com.

Corn Hole League or Tournament: We're looking for individuals and suggestions (e.g., one day tournaments or a weekly league; meet all together at one location or at different homes each week; possibly have entry fees and prizes). So... who would like to get together and throw some bags? We would like to begin our first get together on Saturday, May 8th, 3:30 p.m. Join by contacting Erik Pearson at erikpearson4@gmail.com.



MOVIE NIGHT ON THE LAKE!

Our Lake Association is planning Movie Nights on the Lake. The plan is to set up a screen and speakers allowing neighbors to float up in their boats, relax, and watch a summer fun family movie. Dates, movies and location details are still being worked out. If you have any items available for use, helpful suggestions, or want to volunteer your time and services, please contact David McIntosh at davidmcintosh123456@gmail.com.

Golf Outing to Benefit Lake Association:

We are planning our annual golf outing for Saturday, August 1st, with an 8:00 a.m. start, at Heron Creek Golf Course. This event will be dependent on sign-up. If you have a foursome ready, or would like to join into someone else's group, or just want to volunteer to help with games/activities, please contact Erik Pearson at erikpearson4@gamil.com by June 15th!



** FOOD EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED BY COVID STATUS **

Fish Fry: Our Association Board Member, Erik Pearson, and his wife Carmen, are hosting a Fish Fry on Labor Day Monday, September 6th. Gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m., with dinner at 5:00 p.m.! Grab your chair and join them at their home on Royer Lake - 2065 S. 445 E. - to enjoy a fish fry and raffles to raise funds for our Fish Stocking Program. All are welcome to join! This event will be a B.O.Y.B.

Association Hog Roast Meeting & Election: All Association Members are invited to grab your chairs and join together to attend our Hog Roast Meeting and Election, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 28th, 1:00 p.m., at the Hickory Hills lot.

Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser: Our Fish/Royer Lake Association will also be attempting to host another Chicken Dinner Fundraiser this year, at the LaGrange American Legion Post 215. If possible, we can all join together for an evening of an All-You-Can Eat Chicken Dinner, Raffles, Silent Auction, Prizes, Music and Fun! Watch for Updates!

2021 Association Board Election:

Our annual board election will be held during our Hog Roast Meeting & Election tentatively scheduled for August 28th. Paid members will receive one ballot, per household, when they arrive and sign-in at the meeting. Per our bylaws, we are able to have 3 to 9 elected board members. They should be split between both lakes, when possible, and must be split between opposing two-year terms. This year ends the terms for our channel board member Mark Albert, Fish Lake board member Ron Lucas, and three of our Royer Lake board members Jay Benak, Tom McCue and David McIntosh. In addition, to board members, we have expanded to include subcommittees to increase member input and participation. If you would like to be added to the ballot to run for a board member position, or to join a subcommittee, please contact Tom McCue at cagermcq@aol.com, prior to August 15th, 2021.

Stay Up-to-Date with changes, updates or cancellations made to our meetings, events and activities, by visiting our Website: fishandroyerlakes.com or our Facebook page: Fish-Royer Lakes Association

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- 2) NOLO _____
- 3) DABL AGLEE _____
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Our 2021 Association Board:


- Jolyn Strahm, President - Fish Lake - two year term
- contact: (260) 463-6135 or jolynstrahm@gmail.com
- Mark Albert, Vice President - Channel - one year term
- contact: (260) 499-1450 or mendyandmark@live.com
- David McIntosh, Treasurer - Royer Lake - one year term
- contact: (765) 749-6761 or davidmcintosh123456@gmail.com
- Tom McCue, Secretary - Royer Lake - one year term
- contact: (260) 442-7821 or cagermcq@aol.com
- Jay Benak, board - Royer Lake - one year term
- contact: (847) 226-8565 or pipefitterjay@comcast.net
- Ron Lucas, board - Fish Lake - one year term
- contact: (260) 760-9091 or ronlucas48@gmail.com
- Erik Pearson, board - Royer Lake - two year term
- contact: (260) 463-6789 or erikpearson4@gmail.com
- Jeff Slabaugh, board - Fish Lake - two year term
- contact: (574) 971-6814 or jeff@pbnj.org
- David Schnieders, board - Fish Lake - two year term
- contact: (317) 345-2918 or davidschnieders@sbcglobal.net
- Bob Considine, committee - Fish Lake
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- Christine Benak, committee - Royer Lake
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