



Fish/Royer Lake Association

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual Hog Roast will be held at Hickory Hills on September 24th. Meeting will start at 11:00 with dinner following at noon. Hog will be purchased from Young Farms and we are asking for those to attend to please bring a side dish to share. Plates, utensils, condiments and water will be provided.

NEW THIS YEAR - Do you have a side dish or dessert that is family gathering famous? Potatoes that are rave worthy? A cake that everyone eats first so they don't miss out? Well bring that favorite dish and you could win fame and fortune. (Well at the hog roast at least) This year we will have voting for the best side dish and best dessert. The winners of each will receive a **\$50** Gift Card to one of our sponsor restaurants. And if you're willing to share that secret recipe we would like to publish it in an upcoming Newsletter.

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

We will be having a fundraiser chicken dinner October 22nd @ 6:00pm. Proceeds this year will be for the Miracle Tree Program. See article below for more information. Please contact a board member for tickets. Tickets are \$25. We are hoping to have a band and some prizes!

Scholarships

The Fish/Royer Lake Association's annual scholarship fund has \$915 to be awarded. Two scholarships are available. Applicants should be family members of people who belong to our association. Deadline for applications in October 17th. To apply, a 200-300 word essay should be sent to Jeff Slabaugh, the association vice-president, at scholarship@fishandroyerlakes.org Please be sure to include your name, the school you are attending, and your connection to Fish/Royer Lakes. This year's topic is "The Benefits of a Comprehensive Lake Water Study and How It Can Benefit Future Generations of

Lake Residents." Currently our lake association is applying for a grant that would help cover the expenses of this detailed study of our lakes and the surrounding watershed. The study is an involved process which takes several months of data collecting and research. Once the scholarship essays are received, Jeff will remove the names of the applicants and the board members will determine the scholarship recipients based of the content of their essays. Winners will be announced at the Association Chicken Dinner at the American Legion in Lagrange on October 22nd. If you have any questions, contact Jeff or an association board member.

Diver Down

Do you know what this is? Do you know what to do when you see it? This is a Diver-Down Flag!



It's red with a white diagonal stripe extending from the top left to the bottom right corners and it is typically 12 inches by 12 inches square. This signal is used (and required) to warn other boaters of scuba diving and snorkeling activities in the water. It can be displayed on a float or buoy like what is pictured here. But it can also be displayed on a boat from which the diving



activity is taking place. Indiana law requires that scuba divers or snorkelers display a diver-down flag to mark the diving area. The diver must stay within 100 feet of the flag.

Boats must stay at least 150 feet away from the flag unless directly involved in supporting the diver. Scuba divers & snorkelers should not place a flag in an area already occupied by other boaters or where their diving operation will impede the normal flow of waterway traffic. (IE: within 150 feet of the opening to the channel.) For the safety of the people below the surface, if you see one of these make sure to stay a safe distance away.

Contact Information

Need to contact someone about lake issues? Here is a list of people who might be able to help you answer your questions about your lake and the community surrounding it.

- LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District is responsible for soil and water within the county boundaries. They work toward conserving the natural resources of our county, according to their website. Martin Franke is the district manager and can be reached at 260-463-3166, ext. 3 or at his office at 910 South Detroit Street in LaGrange, IN 46761. His hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Drainage issues around the county are handled by Zachary Holsinger, the county surveyor. Zachary's office is in the County Office Building at 114 W. Michigan St, LaGrange. Office: 260-499-6306. Mr. Holsinger plays a significant role in keeping our lakes from flooding.
- The Indiana DNR Fishery Biologist for our lakes is Matt Horsley. Matt's office is at the Fawn River State Fish Hatchery, 6889 N. SR 327, Orland, IN 46776. Matt has been very helpful with our lake's fishery issues. He can be reached at 260-829-6241.
- IDEM, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, is the state's enforcement agency for environmental problems involving air, water, and land. IDEM's Northern Regional Office is in South Bend. Office: 574-245-4870. Environmental emergencies can be reported 24 hours a day at 317-233-7745 or 888-233-7745.
- The LaGrange County Public Health Department is located at 304 North Townline Road, Suite 1, LaGrange, IN 46761. Office: 260-499-4182. Kelly Bills is the Office Manager and is very helpful with questions about water testing and other environmental concerns.
- District 51 State Representative is Denny Zent. Office: 317-234-2993 Email: h51@iga.in.gov

- State Senator is Sue Glick and her number is 317-232-9400 Email: Senator.Glick@iga.in.gov
- The LaGrange County Commissioners meetings are open to the public and meet in the LaGrange County Annex Building. Dates and times are available by calling 260-499-6300.

Farmers Market

LaGrange Farmers Market has had a significant increase in the number of suppliers as well as a variety of vendors. This is held on the south side of the Courthouse every Saturday 9am-2pm with the last weekend being September 24th.

Apparel

Lake apparel that was sold at The Considine's 4th of July bash totaled \$280.00!!!! Thanks Mary and Bob. We had 12 shirts left that we donated to Hindman, Kentucky due to the flooding. Monies raised will go into the general fund.

Indiana Clean Lakes Program

First samples have been sent to IU. Over the last couple months, we have taken 2 samples from each lake at the same locations. Royer Lake sampling is near the water level marker in front of the Benak's and Fish Lakes were gathered about 20-30 feet from the mouth of Fly Creek. Overall we did see improvement in the Secchi Disc Readings which is a visual reading of the lake's water clarity and overall appearance, but there is room for improvement!

Website – fishandroyerlakes.com

We are currently working to get the association website updated and revamped. The board is also working to leverage our non-profit status to gain access to additional resources to allow us to have a more up to date site, possibly integrated with our Facebook group and several other things. So, watch for changes, they are coming.

Seeking Volunteers to Serve on the Board

We have open seats on the board as terms are ending. 2 positions open for Royer and 1 for Fish. If interested, please contact one of the board members listed below before the hog roast!

Currently running for positions on the board:

Carolyn Caldwell – Royer

Cheryl Albergo - Royer

Geoffrey Wedwaldt - Royer

Krystal Park – Royer

Nancy Block – Royer

Valerie Campbell - Royer

Amy Coburn - Fish

John Walker - Fish

Details on the election & number of board members etc. will be covered at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, but would like to vote, contact Jolyn or Jeff. Each household of dues paying members of the association has one vote.

2022 Lake Association Board:

Jolyn Strahm, President - Fish Lake – one year term
(260) 463-6135 or jolynstrahm@gmail.com

Jeff Slabaugh, Vice President -Fish Lake– 2-year term
(574) 971-6814 or jeff@pbnj.org

Mark Albert, Treasure/Secretary – Channel – 2-year term
(260) 499-1450 or mendyandmark@live.com

Tom McCue, board - Royer Lake – 2-year term
(260) 442-7821 or cagermcq@aol.com

Ron Lucas, board - Fish Lake – 2-year term
(260) 760-9091 or ronlucas48@gmail.com

Erik Pearson, board - Royer Lake – 1-year term
(260)463-6789 or rikpearson4@gmail.com

David Schnieders, board - Fish Lake – 1-year term
(317) 345-2918 or djschnied@gmail.com

Bob Considine, committee - Fish Lake
(513)518-1473or bobconsidine345@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report: \$29,976.84

General Fund: \$ 11,069.84

Buoys: \$ 1055.00

Fish Stocking: \$ 12,306.00

Scholarship \$915.00

Comprehensive Study Fund: \$ 4,631.00

Members: 135

LaGrange County Miracle Tree

This year's Chicken Dinner proceeds will be directed to LaGrange County Miracle Tree. The non-profit is committed to provide assistance to the children of LOW-INCOME LaGrange County families, both in annual Christmas giving and in family crisis such as fire loss and domestic violence.

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