

Fish/Royer Lake Association

ISSUE 1:2024

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Fish Lake and Royer Lake, and its surroundings; to monitor Fish Lake and Royer Lake for environmental and ecological changes; and promote activities which will enhance the water quality, fishing, boating, safe navigation, swimming, and aesthetic values of Fish Lake and Royer Lake, enjoyed by all users of Fish Lake and Royer Lake, as a public recreational facility, for today and for future generations.

Presidents Message

Hello fellow Fish-Royer Lakes Association members. My name is Geoffrey Wedwaldt and at the January 4th meeting of the Board of Directors I was elected to be your new Board President. My wife, Cindy and I bought a home on east Royer Lake in April of 2022. We relocated from Toledo, Ohio and are both retired and love the lakes and wonderful community of people that we share them with. We both enjoy boating and fishing and the abundance of wildlife in the area. I am excited about the enthusiasm of my fellow board members and the many engaging ideas they have for the upcoming year. I also know that we face some challenges when it comes to managing the health of our lakes. I can assure you that we will do everything within our power to adhere to our Mission Statement when it comes to monitoring the environmental and ecological conditions of the lakes. I would like to thank and recognize the previous Board of Directors and especially Jeff Slabaugh for their hard work and diligence with respect to coordinating and executing the comprehensive study of the lakes. The process will continue and is my highest priority during my term. Other priorities are to improve communication with our membership and provide complete transparency about Association business. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. 419-340-8054, geoffreywedwaldt@yahoo.com

2024 ASSOCIATION BOARD:

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2024 EVENT DATES

Annual Spring Meeting-Maple Wood Nature Center, April 27th,
Memorial Day Fish tournament-May 25th Saturday and May 26th Sunday. Rules to be announced.
Fish-Royer Lake Garage Sale June 13th, 14th, 15th
July 3rd Considine concert on Fish Lake from 7-9 pm
July 4th Flotilla July 4th 4pm,
July 6th and 7th Fish Tournament Rules will be announced.
Labor Day Fish tournament Saturday and Sunday. Rules to be announced, possible chicken dinner fund raiser to be announced
Annual Fall/Hog Roast-Sept 28th

TREASURERS REPORT:

General Fund:	\$ 14,984.67
Fish Stocking Fund:	\$ 5421.00
Buoy Fund:	\$ 1,480.82
Scholarship Fund:	\$ 965.00
Comprehensive Study Fund:	(\$ 844.00)
Total amount of funds	\$ 22,007.49

VOTES FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE LAKE STUDY:

After the meeting on January 27th, it was concluded based upon the votes from the association members that the 2nd phase of the Lake Grant process will proceed forward with a vote of 23 for and 2 against.

If there is anyone that wants to help collect data from our lakes, please reach out to a board member and will get you in the correct direction for doing so.

LAKE WIDE CHALLENGE

Spring is just around the corner and on its heels is Memorial Day. Docks will go, decks set up and boats delivered back to their summer homes. The lakes will get busy with everyone back.

We are so lucky to have a great outdoor space with beautiful views. We should put it to good use. I knew most of us know our neighbors, but there is room to grow. Summers are the perfect time to get together and widen our friend circles. I challenge every neighborhood to plan a get together. Any type will do-a S'more party, a cookout, game night or whatever works in your area. We over here in Hickory Hills are planning an ice cream social.

It would be great to see everyone post their pictures on Facebook. You can never have enough friends or neighborhood support. You never know when someone who lives close is in need of help or you need an extra hand.

KAYAK CLUB

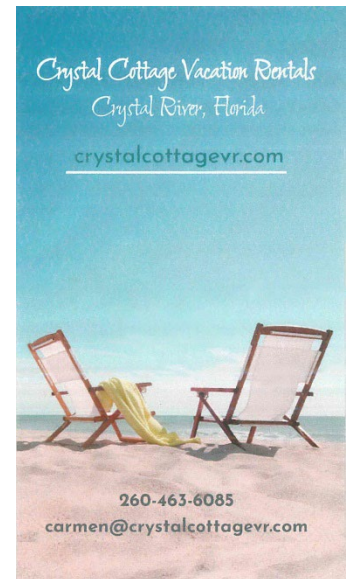
We are hoping to get kayak club up and going again this year and are looking for your input. We are hoping to select a time either on Saturday or Sunday each week to kayak the lakes, alternating between the two lakes. If you are interested in joining in the fun, please text Melinda Albert at 260-336-0989 and indicate which day would work best for you. Based on the input given, a day/time will be chosen and announced. Weather permitting; we plan to kayak each week beginning the first weekend in May through sometime in October.

PHOTOS

The board has discussed sending out Christmas cards using Fish/Royer Lake photo/s please submit any photos for consideration to our Facebook page. Please let a board member know if you would like to help with this project.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION FROM THE LAKE ASSOCIATION?

Each year the Association publishes four newsletters which are distributed quarterly. If you would like to receive email updates on Association activities i.e. fishing tournaments, spring and fall general meetings, parade of boats etc. Please send your contact information to geoffreywedwaldt@yahoo.com and you will receive regular updates on what's happening. It also opens a line of communication for any of your questions or concerns.



DID YOU KNOW

Fish-Royer Lakes Association is not a homeowner's association. There are no rules or regulations pertaining to your home or property that are set forth by the Lake association. Only county regulations apply. The sole purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Fish Lake and Royer Lake and their surroundings. We also monitor each lake for environmental and ecological changes, promote activities which will enhance water quality, improve fishing, swimming, boating, navigation, and the aesthetic values of Fish Lake and Royer Lake as a public recreational facility, for today and for generations to come. The DNR implements and enforces all boating fishing and trapping rules and regulations.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Stay calm, minimize time in the water. Get out as soon as possible safely. If possible, utilize any floating objects to get out of the water. Evaluate your options. If you can swim to safety, stay calm and do so. If you cannot swim to safety, conserve energy and heat and await rescue. If you cannot get to safety, assume the heat escape lessening position (H.E.L.P) position. This protects the critical body areas and slow down the loss of heat. H.E.L.P positions means; draw your knees to your chin and keep your legs together and press both arms against your side and keep your head out of the water. Minimize time in the water.

GRAZE
LaGrange

Restaurant Row
LaGrange, Indiana
February 26 - March 9, 2024

THE MENUS

Each locally owned restaurant will have a set menu of appetizers, entrees & desserts - All set at a friendly price for lunch or dinner.

No reservations needed.

Graze on something different and hang out with us - off the beaten path!

THE LOCATIONS

Destination 814
Scratch Kitchen & Bourbon Bar
814 Detroit St | 260.214.5612

Fireside Craft Burgers & Brews
101 S. Detroit St | 260.768.3473

Foltz Bakery
122 S. Detroit St | 260.463.3423

Hector's
Mexican Restaurant
104 W. Lafayette St | 260.667.1809

Linder's Tavern on Main
Smoked BBQ Joint
211 S. Detroit St | 260.499.3393

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The L.A.R.E grant process entails a lot of time and effort to fill out the application and to make sure all info submitted is correct and complete. This process has been handled for us by Dave McIntosh who is a resident and association member. I know I can speak for all of our lake residents when I say THANK YOU DAVID.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS

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