



# LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

**SPRING 2020**

**"Working together for a fun, safe and scenic lake community"**

## COVID-19 & UPCOMING LAKE EVENTS

BY LINDSAY GALLMEYER

Adapting to change has become a normal part of life these days. Whether we're sanitizing every surface, constantly washing our hands, working from home, wearing a mask in public, or not leaving the house for weeks...we've all been adapting to keep ourselves and our families safe and healthy.

On April 8th your LLPOA board held a meeting on ZOOM to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on our upcoming lake events. Keeping the safety of our community in mind, the following decisions were made:

- The LLPOA sponsored garage sales have been cancelled for 2020.
- The can pickup has been cancelled for May. June 13th will be the first can pickup this year however the canned food collection scheduled for June has been cancelled.
  - \*You can still take your cans to Tim & Ruby Brower's at 5727 Red Bud and place them in the shed inside the fence at the edge of the property.
- The Kids Fishing Derby has been rescheduled for September 5th which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. This is NOT a free fishing day, so adults that are assisting children with fishing will need to have a fishing license.
- The Spring LLPOA membership meeting has been re-scheduled for June 13th at 9:00am at the Milestone/Newman/Treat barn located on N. Arnold.
  - \*To sign up for weed spraying complete the sign up form that was mailed by Aquatic Weed Control or print a copy from the lake website and mail it in with your payment to Aquatic Weed Control. The application is scheduled for the week of June 15-19th.
  - \*If the meeting is postponed again, the raffle will still be held on June 13th. Mail your raffle tickets in with your dues to the LLPOA P.O. Box.
- 4th of July events-
  - \*5.5K Walk/Run will potentially be done as a non-timed FUN RUN.
  - \*Lighted boat parade and Sailboat Race should go as planned but the board asks you to keep social distancing guidelines in mind.
  - \*Pancake Breakfast decision to be made at the next board meeting.
  - \*The Fireworks display will shoot off as planned!
- LLFMP Cornhole Tournament- The Loon Lake Fish Management group has decided to cancel their cornhole tournament that was scheduled for August.

Loon Lake is an amazing community that enjoys having fun in sun and on the water with family, friends and neighbors...that's one thing that will never change! Keep an eye on your email, the website and the Loon Lake facebook group for updates. In the meantime, be safe, stay healthy and continue to look out for your neighbors!



## SHOW YOUR LOON LAKE PRIDE!

Get your Loon Lake window sticker for your car, boat or front door at the spring meeting. Only \$3.00 each!

## SPRING & SUMMER RECOMMENDATIONS

BY GARRY HILL

As spring and summer draw near here are a few things you can do to protect our lake's water and shorelines:

- Pick up Dog Poo - compost or garbage it!
- Clean off all aquatic weeds from your boats before transporting to another lake or putting it in Loon.
- Excess bait should NOT be dumped into our lake! Deposit it in your trash.
- Compost those leaves, spring rankings, and beach debris;
- Pick up plastics, cans and non-compostable trash and recycle or dispose of properly;
- Be aware of your boat speed and wake - avoid erosion of our islands and lake shores;
- Protect and improve shorelines with native plants and glacier stone
- Use cover crops and fence rows to protect your gardens and fields from wind and water erosion of topsoil;
- Limit use of fertilizers and pesticides near the lake and streams;
- Enjoy your walks around the lake, and be sure to visit the wonderful natural areas and nature preserves in our area. They're great places for educational adventures;
- Contact your lake association or ULTRA for opportunities to help with volunteer stream monitoring this spring and summer. Training is free!
- Share your conservation activities with the community through Facebook, emails and pictures!

Garry Hill - President

# LOON LAKE CONTACTS

All Area Codes 260 unless noted

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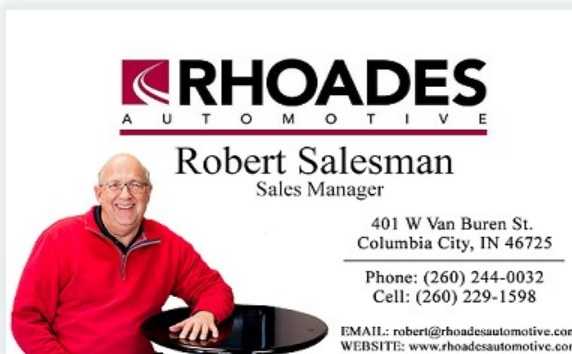


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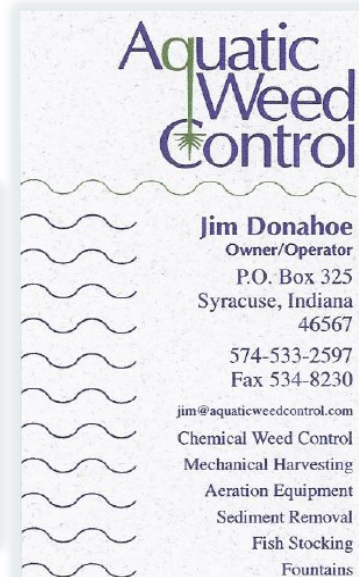
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## INVASIVE PLANTS IN LOON LAKE– CURLYLEAF PONDWEED

BY WALT HESSLER

Curlyleaf pondweed is native to Eurasia, Africa, and Australia and has made its way into Loon Lake. Curlyleaf pondweed was accidentally introduced to U.S. waters by hobbyists in the mid 1800's. The species first became established in the Northeastern United States. By the 1930s it was established in the Midwest and is now readily present in nearly all the lower 48 states.

The most likely mode of introduction of Curlyleaf pondweed into a body of water is through the transport of plant fragments on aquatic equipment such as boats and trailers. These fragments can root and create a new infestation. Once the plant is established in a body of water it can spread quickly. Each plant can yield hundreds of turions. Water currents and wave action can transport turions throughout a waterway.



This submersed aquatic plant has oblong blue-green leaves that attach to its spaghetti-like stems in an alternate pattern. The margins of the leaves are wavy and fine-toothed. Leaves can be up to 3 inches long and a half inch wide. Curlyleaf pondweed produces small flowers that are arranged on dense terminal spikes that rise a few inches above the surface of the water. In the spring the plant is on the lake's surface clogging up the areas it inhabits.

Curlyleaf pondweed is considered a deep-water plant, but it will colonize in shallow water as well. With a strong rhizome anchoring system, Curlyleaf can grow in a variety of different locales and sediment types. This plant can tolerate extreme conditions including low light and cold-water temperatures and has even been found growing under 20 inches of snow-covered ice. Curlyleaf pondweed actively grows during the winter months when most plants are dormant. Curlyleaf reaches its maximum density in late spring and dies back in midsummer when most plants are at their peak of seasonal growth. Although this plant can reproduce by seeds, its main reproductive means is through the production of dormant vegetative propagules called turions. Hundreds of turions can be produced by each plant, and they can be dispersed by water currents. Turions are produced in the late

spring, just before the plants begin to die. Turions remain dormant in the sediment through the summer until cooling water temperature triggers their germination in the fall. The germination rate of turions is very high, some estimates indicate between 60-80%. Turions can also remain viable in the sediment for several years. Plants will also grow from the rhizomes of past plants.

Although Curlyleaf can provide habitat for aquatic life during the winter when few other plants are present, **the negative consequences of this plant far outweigh this one positive aspect.** The mid-summer decay of Curlyleaf pondweed can cause low oxygen conditions in areas where a considerable amount of decomposition is occurring. The die-off will also cause nutrients to be released from the plants which can trigger algal blooms. Dense beds of Curlyleaf can reduce recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing, and swimming.

Once the species becomes established there are a couple of control options. Control efforts should take place for a consecutive number of years to be effective. Early season mechanical removal using weed harvesters, hand cutting, or raking are possible methods of control. Plants should be removed as close to the sediment surface as possible. All fragments must be removed from the body of water for this to be effective. To dispose of the remnants, composting, burning, burying, or trash disposal are all acceptable methods. Early spring treatments using contact herbicides with active ingredients of diquat or endothall have shown positive effects in reducing Curlyleaf pondweed. An Aquatic Vegetation Control Permit is required for weed control efforts on Indiana's public waters.



The Loon Lake Property Owner's Association (LLPOA) is monitoring the Curlyleaf pondweed situation in our lake. This spring the DNR has agreed to survey Loon Lake to determine the impact of this invasive weed. Last year the Curlyleaf pondweed was especially noticeable in the spring and the effects were escalated by the long cool spring. Once the water warms the weeds tend to sink and are less noticeable.

Once the spring survey is conducted and the DNR provides their assessment, the LLPOA will determine what if any steps should be taken to control this invasive weed. The LLPOA will continue to monitor Loon Lake for other invasive weeds that exist in other northeast Indiana lakes in order to work protect our valuable resource.

## SPRING MEETING RAFFLE

Mail in your raffle tickets with your dues or bring them to the Spring Meeting for a chance to win a Stand Up Paddle Board & gift cards to Portside Pizza, Tri-Lake Tavern, The Square and Wings Etc.





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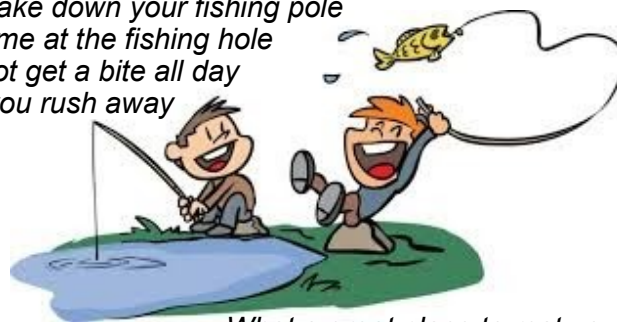
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BY JOAN BUTLER

When: Saturday, September 5th  
Time: 8:30 Sign-in & 11:00 Weigh-in  
Who: Kids ages 2 - 16 years old  
Where: Loon Lake Boat Launch

*Well now take down your fishing pole  
And meet me at the fishing hole  
We may not get a bite all day  
But don't you rush away*



*What a great place to rest your bones  
And mighty fine for skipping stones  
You'll feel fresh as a lemonade  
A-setting in the shade.*

Do these words sound familiar to you? They should because of a whistling sheriff. Andy and Opie are too busy in Mayberry to come to our fishing derby, but we hope you can be there. The day begins at 8:30 at the boat launch when the fisherkids get registered. Each fisherkid will receive a snack, a drink, a bucket and bait. It's now time to go fishing, find your favorite spot and start reeling them in. We will divide the registered fisherkids into age categories.

Bring your catch back to the boat launch by 11:00 a.m. While all the fish are being weighed, everyone should listen to the speakers for important information and fun facts. With all the fish you have caught, now you can go see what kind of prizes are available. It is so exciting and difficult to wait for your bobber number to be called...so as you're waiting, a hot dog, chips and lemonade will be ready for you to enjoy! Fisherkids don't have to pay, but we ask for a donation for adults.

Every child will get a prize, please join us for this family fun event.

If you would like to volunteer or donate a prize, please contact Joan Butler at 260-466-6207 or dcjl1butler@embarqmail.com.



## LOON LAKE WELCOME SIGNS

Want to post a special message on the media signs? Contact Kathy Ehinger at 260-437-8085 to rent the sign for only \$5! Great for birthdays, anniversaries, retirements or even fun messages or quotes!

## POKER RUN

July 25th from 10-12. Registration July 24th from 5-9- 7488 N. Brown Rd. \$5 per hand! Anyone interested in donating prizes please contact Kathy at 260-437-8085 or [kehinger@sttheresefw.org](mailto:kehinger@sttheresefw.org). Come join the fun!



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## GET OUT & GET INVOLVED

BY LINDSAY GALLMEYER

Loon Lake is an amazing community with so many things to do and ways you can get involved, volunteer or just get out and have a good time with neighbors! Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

**Loon Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors:** The board is a group of property owners that makes decisions to ensure a fun, safe and scenic lake community. The board meets once per month from March-November and is currently looking for directors to fill the President and Vice President roles. If you're interested in volunteering or would like to attend one of the next meetings via ZOOM; call Garry Hill at 260-248-8471.

**Lake Enhancement Committee:** This committee is looking for volunteers! If you are a nature lover or want to help enhance and protect the waters of Loon Lake and the native species that inhabit the lake for the betterment of the property owners and visitors, this is the committee for you. There are so many things done by this committee, spraying purple loosestrife, testing the waters at the inlets, monitoring the settling pond, putting in buoys and much more. Contact Walt Hessler if you are interested in volunteering or learning more- 260-799-4903.

**Loon Lisle Reserve Planning Committee:** The Loon Lisle Reserve was recently purchased by the association to remain as a nature reserve. The property is available for events (see website for use) but this committee is working to plan the addition of trails, a pavilion and more. To get involved contact Tena Miller- 260-213-0638.

**Loon Lake Fish Management Program:** This is a group that raises money to stock the lake with walleye and muskie. They have two fundraisers a year. One is the cornhole tournament held in August. It is cancelled for this year but is a fun event with more than just cornhole- there are raffles, a silent auction, a cook-out and a band! Their other fundraiser is a Muskie Shoot-Out in October. Fishers compete to get the highest score by catching the biggest muskies. There are raffles and food provided during the day....If you would like to get involved contact Clark Milestone- 260-348-5706.

**Lake Events:** If you would like to volunteer to help at any of the lake events please contact the chairpersons for the events. All of their contact information is on page 2.

# 2020 LOON LAKE FIREWORKS

The annual Loon Lake fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 4th this year. Since the fireworks will be shot from barges, we'd like to ask for your help making the set up safer for the crews working on the barges and our lake volunteers.

- ★ The most notable safety hazard is waves, those created after 4:00PM by wake boats as well as any boating activity in the proximity of the staging area. As a precaution we will place buoys in the area adjacent to the biggest island and along the shoreline that parallels Arnold Rd. After 4:00PM, please treat this area as a NO WAKE ZONE.
- ★ If you are out, creating a wake after 4:00PM on Saturday, July 4th, we ask that you keep your activity to the far southwest end of the lake. Doing so will go a long way towards insuring the safety of the fireworks crew.
- ★ If you are planning to view the show from the lake, remember that it's important to maintain a safe distance from the barges.

The second Saturday of each month, June through September, we will be collecting aluminum cans as a fundraiser for our annual Fireworks Display! To donate, bag your cans and set them out by the curb by 9:00AM and a crew of volunteers will be by to pick them up!

We are excited about this year's show and expect it to be spectacular as usual! Thank you to everyone that donates and volunteers to make the fireworks an experience we can enjoy with our friends, families and neighbors!



## LLPOA CLOUD STORAGE

BY CAROL KURTZ

LLPOA documents have been in storage in 3 cartons waiting to be saved before extinction. They are dating back to 1973 documenting in various ways the first record of Association meetings and events via Shoppers Guide newspaper articles, minutes, newsletters, bulletins, and flyers. Some are on mimeograph and fading rapidly.

We owe a huge THANK YOU to Bob Barkley. Over the winter he scanned the files to our Cloud document storage. We now have an organized, professional digital file system to have immediate access to those very important files. Many are a necessity such as the signatures of the residents that gave us permission to install fire hydrants on their properties to protect us from devastating fires along with DNR and Army Corp of Engineering approval. There are legal documents with the Board of Health to perform dye testing of septic systems to see what was being leaked into our lakes. There are grant documentation for joining the Sewer District. Just to name a few.

It is more than just the financial and legal documents. In reading the past minutes and newsletters, I realized it is our legacy. It records the many people and their actions that made this Association be the most involved and financially sound Lake Association. More than any other in the area. We are the envy of many other Associations. In reading this history, I realize we have been fortunate to have had involved residents before us that set the bar very high. That made each new generation want to carry on and live up to that "standard".

It is apparent we loved to have safe fun activities and we had fund raising functions to accomplish that. There were "feather" parties with Bingo, pancake breakfast on pontoons, awards given to who ran out of gas the most, boat parades, fall hog roasts celebrations, fishing tournaments and many, many, more activities.

We have attached a scanned copy of a LLPOA agenda from 1973 and pictures of Loon Lake Assoc. dues cards provided by the

*Meet next July 22 Sun. 2 p.m. Aug. 18 Sat. 2 p.m. 72-73*

Dear Loon Lake Property Owner,

The first meeting of the Loon Lake Property Owners Association for the year 1973 will be held at the Big Lake ~~Church~~ *Fire House* recreation room on Saturday, June 30, at 2:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Boating safety classes
2. Swimming classes
3. Weed control
4. Summer activities
  - A. Float and Boat Parade--July 7, at 3:00. Prizes.
  - B. Pancake Breakfast. *Aug 5*
5. Discussion on algae control.

All five of the agenda items have been considered by your officers and Board of Directors. Committees have been formed, and plans are under way.

Membership dues (\$3.00) can be paid at this June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting or sent to Mrs. Gene Gran, Route 3, Loon Lake, Columbia City, Indiana.

Hoping to see you there,

Leslie Pence, pres.  
Paul Linhart, vice-pres.  
Shirley Gran, sec.  
Jean Granlund, treas.

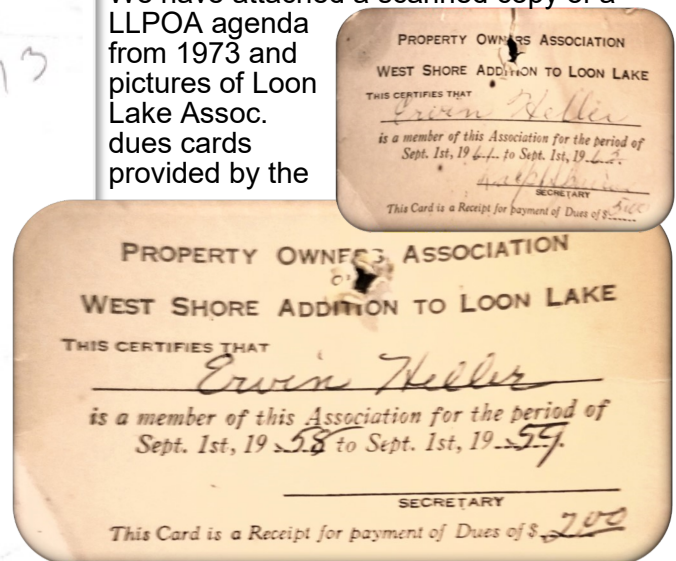
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Grandchildren of Ervin Heller of Heller Pointe to document there was an association in 1958 and 1962...but there are no written records that we know of. We now have a digital record from 1973 to the present assuring we won't lose any further history of Loon Lake.

We must know our history to learn from it. **"We are not makers of history, we are made by history"** -Martin Luther King Jr.

# 2020 LOON LAKE CALENDAR

Date	Time	Activity
6/13/20	9:00 a.m.	Spring Meeting 7722 Arnold
6/13/20	9:00 a.m.	Can Pick-Up*
7/3/20	Dusk	Lighted Boat Parade
7/4/20	8:00-11:00 a.m.	5K Fun Run Loon Lisle Reserve
		Pancake Breakfast Gallivan, north end of lake
	11:00 a.m.	Sailboat Race
	4:30 p.m.	Kayak Flotilla Near Old Campground
	Dusk	FIREWORKS!
7/11/20	9:00 a.m.	Can Pick-Up*
7/25/20	10:00 a.m.	Poker Run Sycamore Bay
	11:30-2:30	Dog and Brats Sycamore Bay
TBD	TBD	LLPOA Golf Outing Crooked Lake Golf Course
8/8/20	9 a.m.	Can Pick-Up*
8/29/20	9:00 a.m.	Fall Meeting 7722 Arnold
9/5/20	8:30-noon	Kid's Fishing Derby County Line Boat Launch
9/12/20	9:00 a.m.	Can Pick-Up*
TBD	7:30 a.m.	LLFMC Muskie Shootout

\*Recycle Aluminum cans may be taken to 5727 Red Bud Lane and left by the garage on left side of driveway.

## LOON LAKE APPAREL

Get your Loon Lake apparel! There are so many choices - sweatshirts, hats, polo shirts, fleeces and more. Beach towels for summer, visors and jackets too. We have catalogues full of items that can be custom ordered with these designs. They can also be personalized. You pick colors and style, DaniJo's Embroidery does the rest!

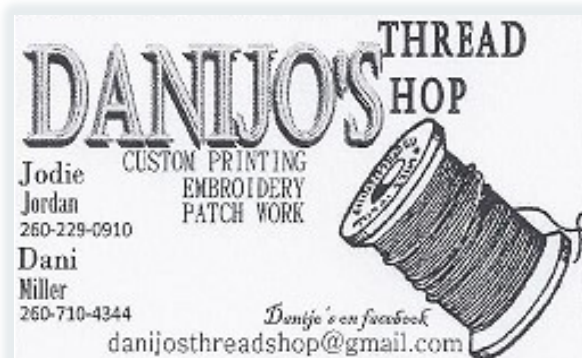


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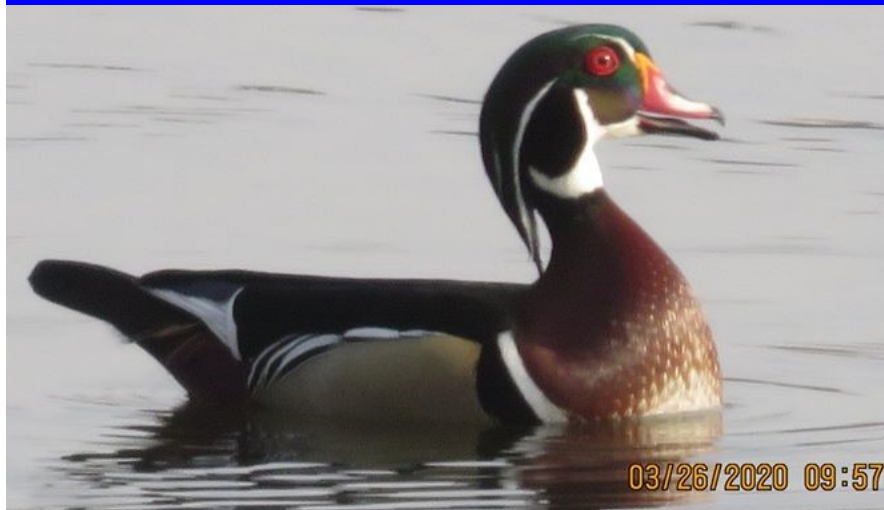
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Wood Duck photographed swimming on Loon Lake..  
Photo courtesy of Carol Kurtz.



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