



# LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2021

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

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY RICH NELSON

What a year it has been! It was a year ago, on April 8, 2020, that the LLPOA Board met virtually on Zoom and made some tough decisions. We cancelled the 5.5K Run/Walk and the officially sponsored garage sale. We rescheduled the fishing derby and the spring membership meeting. In May the pancake breakfast was scuttled. Fireworks still happened, but got rained on -- big time. Sadly, several of our neighbors passed away.

But we're back, with a full lineup of LLPOA-sponsored activities! You can see the entire schedule with details and times on page 5 but here are some highlights:

- May 22 -- Spring Membership Meeting and Raffle
- June 5 -- Kids' Fishing Derby
- June 11-12 -- Garage Sale
- July 2 -- Lighted Boat Parade
- July 3 -- 5.5K Race, Pancake Breakfast, Sailboat Race, Kayak Flotilla, FIREWORKS!
- July 24 -- Poker Run, Dogs and Brats
- August 7 -- Golf Outing
- August 28 -- Fall Membership Meeting

One more thing. Because our two biggest fund raisers, the 5.5K race and the pancake breakfast, had to be cancelled, the LLPOA's financial situation is less rosy than it was a year ago. So please keep that in mind as you get a chance to donate when sending in your dues or when you see a donation jar. And now, let the 2021 fun begin!

Richard Nelson  
LLPOA President

## SPRING MEETING & RAFFLE

Gather to hear news of what's happening and share your ideas. The meeting will be held at the Milestone/Newman/Treat garage at 7722 N Arnold Rd. Doors open at 9:00 am, meeting called to order at 9:30. Please bring your own chairs.

Our 2021 Raffle will be held at the meeting! Your raffle tickets will be mailed to you along with your dues payment form. Bring your raffle tickets to the spring meeting or mail them in with your dues for a chance to win an Electric Smoker & gift cards from Portside Pizza, Tri-Lake Tavern, The Square and Wings Etc.

## '21 LAKE events

**10** | aluminum can  
**APRIL** PICK-UP 9AM

aluminum can | **08**  
PICK-UP 9AM | **MAY**

**22** | spring meeting  
**MAY** 7722 ARNOLD 9AM

kids fishing derby | **05**  
BOAT LAUNCH 8:00-NOON | **JUNE**

**11 & 12** | association  
**JUNE JUNE** GARAGE SALES 8-4

**12** | aluminum can &  
**JUNE** canned food donations  
PICK-UP 9AM

lighted boat | **02**  
PARADE DUSK | **JULY**

**03** | 5.5k virtual  
**JULY** WALK/RUN 8AM

pancake  
BREAKFAST 8-11  
sailboat  
RACE 11AM  
kayak  
FLOTILLA 4:30  
fire  
WORKS DUSK

aluminum can | **10**  
PICK-UP 9AM | **JULY**

**24** | poker run 10am  
**JULY** DOGS & BRATS 11:30

annual | **07**  
GOLF OUTING 11:30 | **AUG**

**14** | aluminum can  
**AUG** PICK-UP 9AM

fall meeting | **28**  
7722 ARNOLD 9AM | **AUG**

LLFM corn hole  
TOURNAMENT NOON

**11** | aluminum can  
**SEPT** PICK-UP 9AM

LLFM muskie | **TBD**  
SHOOTOUT

# LOON LAKE CONTACTS

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 Noble County Health Dept----- 636-2191

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 Noble REMC -----636-2113 or 800-933-7362  
 The Watershed Foundation -----574-834-3242  
 Tri-Lakes Sewer District -----691-2820

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BY JOAN BUTLER

**LOON LAKE KID'S FISHING DERBY 2021**

Date: Saturday, June 5

Time: 8:30 registration with 11:00 weigh in

Place: Loon Lake boat launch

Who can participate: 2 - 16-year-olds



The ice is off the lake, it is time to start fishing. This year's fishing derby is set for the first Saturday in June. It is a free fishing weekend for adults, so you can take the children to the lake and have some fun. The way it works is this - come to the boat launch at 8:30 a.m. to get registered. A bag of treats will be provided for the fish and the kids. Take it and find your secret spot to catch a big one, but keep the little ones too. All size fish count. At 11:00 come back to the boat ramp and get your fish weighed.

The participants will be divided into 5 groups according to age. Each one of the groups will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finisher. No one leaves empty-handed, everyone gets to pick a prize. While you wait to find out who has the heaviest fish bag, grab a hot dog, chips and a drink. But the best prize is getting to spend the day on the lake enjoying the outdoors.

The Loon Lake Kid's Fishing Derby is a self-supporting event. Many local businesses and Loon Lake property owners make donations to help. We could not do this without them.

The weather will be beautiful, the worms will be wiggling and the fish will be biting. No promises; just prayers!

If you would like to donate a prize or make a monetary donation, please contact JoAn Butler at (260)466-6207 or [dcjl1butler@embarqmail.com](mailto:dcjl1butler@embarqmail.com).

**[www.loonlakeindiana.org](http://www.loonlakeindiana.org)**

The Loon Lake website is being redesigned and will soon have an updated, fresh new look! Coming soon! Visit [loonlakeindiana.org](http://loonlakeindiana.org) to see the 2021 events calendar, lake history, newsletters, and more! A big thank you to Steve Lipinski for getting it set up and also to Cathy Davis and Misty Coons for generously sharing their photos which were used on the new site.



## ONGOING WATER QUALITY MONITORING

BY WALT HESSLER

It is important to monitor the quality of the water that enters Loon Lake. Monitoring provides the objective evidence necessary to make sound decisions on managing Loon Lake's water quality today and in the future. Water-quality monitoring is used to alert us to any potential problems and to determine how to address any problems that may be detected.

You cannot tell much about the quality of water simply by looking at it; most pollutants are invisible to our eyes. Nutrients are the primary cause of water pollution. The primary pollutants in this category are nitrogen and phosphorus. This type of pollution has impaired more than 3.8 million acres of lakes, ponds, and reservoirs nationwide. Excess nutrients cause algae to grow out of control and use all the available oxygen in water, killing off other organisms that need oxygen to live.

The most effect method for identifying these harmful nutrients is to conduct testing of the water entering a body of water like Loon Lake. The Watershed Foundation (TWF) conducts monthly testing on the Winters ditch which is the largest tributary supplying water into Loon Lake. Watershed Foundation Baseline Water Quality Assessment consists of monthly water chemistry sample collection. Sampling occurs regardless of flow and weather conditions from February to October. The 2021 monitoring season will be the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive sampling year. Two sample bottles are filled for analysis of:

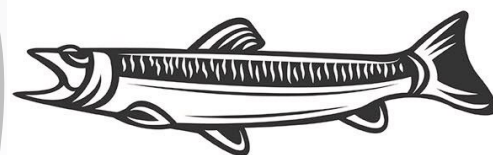


**Nitrate-nitrogen**  
**Total phosphorus**  
**E. coli.**  
**Flow**  
**Dissolved oxygen**  
**Water temperature**  
**Conductivity**  
**Turbidity (water clarity)**  
**pH**

The data collected are compared to a set of water quality targets and compared to previous years and baseline standards.

TWF also annually conducts a Snapshot Monitoring day in which the same types of data are collected from a total of four tributaries feeding into Loon Lake. This is part of over two hundred citizen scientists joined forces to collect, test and analyze water samples from across our locality. All the data collected is

again compared to previous years data and baseline standards. All the information is mapped and made available on the TWF website (<https://watershedfoundation.org/2020-snapshot-day-results/>). Snapshot Monitoring Day will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. You do not need any prior training or experience to participate!



## LOON LAKE FISH MANAGEMENT NEWS

BY BOB BARKLEY

The Loon Lake fish group will be active again in 2021. As you probably know, the extraordinary situation with the Covid-19 virus, forced the committee to suspended fund-raising efforts for the 2020 summer season. While we were unable to stock as many fish as we had hoped last year, we were able to stock 275 Muskies and 1500 Walleyes, thanks to the generosity of private donations and a successful Shootout last fall.

Our 2021 goal is 400 Muskie and 1500 Walleye. The sustained support from the Loon Lake community and generous sponsors is greatly appreciated and needed to continue our work. Our primary source of income is the annual raffle that is drawn at the end of our annual corn hole tourney. Tickets will go on sale soon and the details for the corn hole tourney will be released later in the season. This year's tourney will be after the fall meeting, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Loon Lisle Nature Reserve.

Raffle tickets are available from any member of the fish management committee. If you are not sure who to contact, or if you want to join the group, please contact Clark Milestone at 260-348-5706, or email [lake46725@gmail.com](mailto:lake46725@gmail.com).



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**DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program needs donations for the 8th annual fish stocking.

**2021 Goal- 400 Muskie and 1500 Walleye**

Mail donations to: LLFMP  
 7350 N. Brown Rd. Columbia City, IN 46725  
 Questions? 260-348-5706, [lake46725@gmail.com](mailto:lake46725@gmail.com)

## LOON LAKE WELCOME SIGNS



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

# 2021 LOON LAKE events calendar

Date	Time	Activity
4/10/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
5/8/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
5/22/21	9 AM	Spring Meeting 7722 Arnold
6/5/21	8:00-NOON	Kids Fishing Derby County Line Boat Launch
6/11/21 & 6/12/21	8 AM-4 PM	Association Garage Sales
6/12/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
7/2/21	Dusk	Lighted Boat Parade
7/3/21	8 AM	5.5K Run/Walk Loon Lisle Reserve
	8 AM-11 AM	Pancake Breakfast Gallivan's, north end of lake
	11 AM	Sailboat Race
	4:30 PM	Kayak Flotilla Near Old Campground
	Dusk	FIREWORKS!
7/10/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
7/24/21	10 AM	Poker Run Sycamore Bay
	11:30PM	Dog and Brats Sycamore Bay
8/7/21	11:30 AM	LLPOA Golf Outing Crooked Lake Golf Course
8/14/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
8/28/21	9 AM	Fall Meeting 7722 Arnold
	NOON	LLFMP Corn Hole Tournament Loon Lisle Reserve
9/11/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
TBD	7:30 AM	LLFMP Muskie Shootout

## 2021 LOON LAKE FIREWORKS

The annual Loon Lake fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 3rd 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 workers and 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. After 4:00PM, please treat this area as a NO WAKE ZONE. 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!

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### Speed Limits Around the Lake

S 600 W-57- east side:

**30 mph**

W 700 N- south end:

**20 mph**

Brown Rd- west side:

**20 mph**

# LOON'S CALL



## LOON LAKE APPAREL

BY KAREN TREAT

For your Loon Lake apparel needs, please call or text message Karen Treat at 260-438-7968. Screen-print and embroidered options pictured above. Karen can send you three pages of colors to choose from for screen-printed t shirts. These are just a few items and prices available. Find more on the Loon Lake website:

[www.loonlakeindiana.org/loon-lake-apparel](http://www.loonlakeindiana.org/loon-lake-apparel).

Screen-Printing	Price
T-shirts S-XL	\$12
T-shirts 2XL-3XL	\$14
T-shirts 4XL-5XL	\$16
T-shirts Youth	\$12
Sweatshirts S-XL	\$24
Sweatshirts 2XL-3XL	\$29
Sweatshirts 4XL-5XL	\$30
Sweatshirts Youth	\$24



Get your Loon Lake window sticker for your car, boat or front door! Only \$3.00 each! Get yours at the spring meeting or contact Karen Treat - 260-438-7968.

### "BAND in a BARN"

Come dance with us to kick off 4th of July Weekend!

When: Friday, July 2nd

Time: 7:00-11:00PM

Where: 7722 N Arnold Rd.

The band U.R.B will be playing Old Rock n' Roll & Island Hits! Bring your own chairs and beverages. See you then!

(This event is not sponsored by the LLPOA Board)

## website

Visit [www.loonlakeindiana.org](http://www.loonlakeindiana.org) to see the lake calendar, history, news, contacts, newsletters & more! Have any suggestions or photos you'd like to see featured on the Loon Lake website? Email them us at [loonlakemail@gmail.com](mailto:loonlakemail@gmail.com).

## facebook

Join the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Facebook group. Follow news and other exciting happenings around the lake. Over 400 folks keep track of lake business by joining this group. Great for lost and found, help needed, cottage for rent, etc. Need an update on a coming event? Ask on facebook!

## email

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