



# LOON'S CALL

LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2022

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

## CALLING ALL FISHER KIDS

BY JOAN BUTLER

The 2022 Loon Lake Kids Fishing Derby will take place on **Saturday, June 4**. Participants will come to the boat launch to register before **8:30 a.m.** Fisher kids from **2 years old to 16** are able to get signed up. The fishing must be done on Loon Lake. This is Indiana's Free Fishing weekend for adults, so get out there and get fishing.

At **11:00 a.m.** or before, come back to the boat ramp and get your catch weighed. While the fish are being taken care of, grab a hot dog, chips and a drink. Kids eat free and a free will offering is collected for adult meals.

Now the fun begins - Prizes and trophies are handed out. The top three in each age group gets a trophy and everyone gets a prize.

Surely you can out do these fisher "kids"!



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY RICH NELSON

A willingness to volunteer is the lifeblood of the Loon Lake Property Owners Association. Our yearly cycle of events (garage sale, 5.5K run, pancake breakfast, fireworks, poker run, and all the rest) are a terrific successes only because of the people who make them possible. There are always opportunities for us to serve in ways that match our schedules, talents, and interests. I encourage you to look over this newsletter and spot a role that excites you. Then be ready to sign up on one of the volunteer sheets that circulate around the spring membership meeting (May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am, 7722 Arnold). Or better yet, phone the appropriate board member listed in the "Loon Lake Contacts"

One example of chance to help out and have fun is the **poker run**, which will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup>. A half dozen dealers are needed. If you want to help out you can contact Kathy Ehinger at 260-437-8085 or [kehinger@sttheresefw.org](mailto:kehinger@sttheresefw.org). Donations for prizes would also be appreciated.

Rich Nelson- LLPOA President

## '22 LAKE events

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

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

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

kids fishing derby | **04**  
BOAT LAUNCH | JUNE

**10 & 11** | association  
JUNE | JUNE | GARAGE  
SALES

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

lighted boat | **01**  
PARADE | JULY

**02** | 5.5k  
JULY | WALK/RUN  
pancake  
BREAKFAST  
sailboat  
RACE  
kayak  
FLOATILLA  
fire  
WORKS

aluminum can | **09**  
PICK-UP 9AM | JULY

**30** | poker run  
JULY | DOGS & BRATS

annual | **06**  
GOLF OUTING | AUG

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

fall meeting | **27**  
7722 ARNOLD 9AM | AUG  
LLFM corn hole  
TOURNAMENT | TBD

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

LLFM muskie | **TBD**  
SHOOTOUT

# LOON LAKE CONTACTS

All Area Codes 260 unless noted

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

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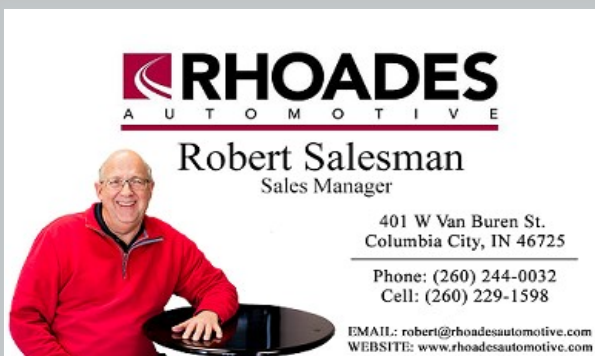
**DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Loon Lake Fish Management Program needs donations for the 10th annual fish stocking.

**2022 Goal- 400 Muskies and 1500 Walleyes**

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## FIRE PROTECTION ON LOON LAKE

BY CAROL KURTZ

Loon Lake has unique logistics especially when a fire department or emergency services are needed. After the recent fire on Brown Road (thankfully no one was injured), perhaps it is time to review the Fire Departments that respond to our lake when needed.

Loon Lake has two counties Whitley and Noble. And within Whitley County boundaries there are two Townships Etna and Thorncreek. For properties in Noble County fire protection is covered by Noble Township Volunteer Fire Department located at 3199 IN-109. For properties in Whitley County within Thorncreek Township the fire protection is served by Thorncreek Township Fire Department located at 832 E. 500N. Etna Township does not have a fire department and contracts with Richland Township Fire Department 6538 W 100 N Larwill.

When calling 911, in addition to your street address, it is important to identify what county and township you reside in assuring the most rapid response. However, all nearby Fire Departments will respond in a must need situation. At the recent fire Noble, Thorncreek, Richland, all responded!

It's important to know, as well, that there are six dry hydrants located around the lake. These hydrants will be used by pumper trucks to pump water out of the lake when water is needed to extinguish a fire.

The hydrants are maintained in operating order by our Terry Huffman who coordinates an annual inspection with the Noble Township Fire Department.

Inform your insurance carrier for any discounts on your policy that may apply by having these hydrants in close proximity to your home.

We are very fortunate that our Association and Board members Donna Jones and Bill Franke worked diligently in 1994 through 1995 to obtain all the permits, easement signatures, funds, and volunteers to install those Hydrants. A year long project!

Hydrants are located at 7084 Brown, 7596 Brown, 7896 Brown, 2757 Buckles, 5914 Redbud, and 2545 W 700. Look for the Hydrant signs posted. Stay safe Lakers!



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

## WORKING WITH FARMERS FOR IMPROVED WATER QUALITY

BY WALT HESSLER

Studies have pointed to a positive relationship between farmers' active engagement in watershed management and the improvement of water quality in the watershed. The engagement of a watershed management group with the farming community have produced a greater awareness of the impact of agricultural practices on water quality.

Nutrients runoff from agricultural fields has resulted in a greater amount of nutrients in ditches and streams and ultimately in our lakes. Due to runoff from agricultural nutrient applications, impaired water quality has become a major concern with its associated ecological and environmental challenges. In addition, excessive tillage practices have also led to soil and water degradation. Implementation of strategies for reducing the use of these harmful practices while sustaining agricultural productivity at high levels is a significant priority.

Grants, cost sharing and technical assistance have positively affected farmers' engagement in watershed management. There are several other actions that have improved farmer involvement. One activity is an increase in outreach to farmers by watershed management organizations. This outreach creates a greater awareness regarding improvement of soil and water conservation and the positive effects that are a result.



Field with Filter Strips

The good news for Loon Lake and all the lakes in the Tippecanoe watershed is the ongoing activity being conducted by The Watershed Foundation (TWF). TWF is a very progressive watershed management organization that works closely with the farm community within the Tippecanoe watershed.

One of the ways that TWF accomplishes this work with the farming community is by employing two experts in agriculture and best practices as it pertains to drainage and dealing with various nutrients that are part of all agricultural and livestock farming. These two experts work closely with individual farmers to help educate and identify projects that can improve not only the water

quality but also the farming process. These individuals also help with obtaining and managing grants to help the farmers to cover part of the investments required for these environmental projects. In addition, TWF conducts education outreach events targeting the farm community. These events are typically held as a breakfast event with speakers that cover a variety of modern farming processes.

Through these activities TWF strives to engage farmers to work together for water quality improvement efforts across Tippecanoe watershed which includes Loon Lake. Shown below are a couple of specific examples of how TWF have worked with the farming community to improve water quality in the watershed:

- The installation of Filter Strips along open ditches. A Filter Strip (shown in the picture above) is a strip of grass or other permanent vegetation used to reduce sediment and other contaminants from runoff entering directly from the field into ditches or streams.
- The installation of Blind Inlets within a farm field. A blind inlet is a structure that replaces a tile riser that drains surface water directly into a field tile. The Blind Inlet is placed in the lowest point of a field. Water that flows through a Blind Inlet is filtered through soil and rock before entering the tile system. This process is a great improvement compared to a tile riser where water goes through the tile system without being filtered. The Blind Inlet reduces the amount of sediment, nutrients, and other contaminants that would otherwise be transported through field tiles to ditches or streams.

In summary it is important to increase farmers' involvement in watershed management activities. Engaging the farm community with the best practices and an awareness of how their practices affect the water quality of the watershed is an important part of TWF's work. TWF has a critical role is helping farmers' awareness of water quality issues and the role their efforts can play. TWF will continue raising awareness and creating positive attitudes with farmers in the Tippecanoe watershed. This is great news for all of us on Loon Lake!

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BY KAREN TREAT

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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
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Spring Migration Photos by Carol Kurtz

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## facebook

Join the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Facebook group. Follow news and other exciting happenings around the lake. Over 500 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 an upcoming event? Ask on facebook!

## email

Have you been receiving emails from the LLPOA? If NOT, email us at [loonlakemail@gmail.com](mailto:loonlakemail@gmail.com) so we can add you to our email list. We do not share e-mail addresses. The summer and winter issues of the Loon's Call newsletter are sent via e-mail only unless you request a hard copy.

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# 2022 LOON LAKE events calendar

## 2022 Raffle

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## Facebook/website/email

- Join the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Facebook group. Follow news and other happenings around the lake. Over 500 folks keep track of lake business by joining this group. Great for lost and found, help needed, cottage for rent etc.
- Visit [www.loonlakeindiana.org](http://www.loonlakeindiana.org) to see the lake events calendar, history, news, contacts, newsletters & more!
- Get emails from the LLPOA about news and upcoming events! Send us an email to [loonlakemail@gmail.com](mailto:loonlakemail@gmail.com) and we'll add you to our email list. Email addresses are not shared. Check your inbox for the latest Loon's Call Newsletter!

Date	Time	Activity
4/9/22	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
5/14/22	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
5/21/22	9 AM	Spring Meeting 7722 Arnold
6/4/22	8:00-NOON	Kids Fishing Derby County Line Boat Launch
6/10/22 & 6/11/22	8 AM-4 PM	Association Garage Sales
6/11/22	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
7/1/22	Dusk	Lighted Boat Parade Meet in Sycamore Bay
	8 AM	5.5K Run/Walk Loon Lisle Reserve- register 7:00AM
	8 AM-11 AM	Pancake Breakfast Gallivan's, north end of lake
7/2/22	11 AM	Sailboat Race
	4:30 PM	Kayak Flotilla Near Old Campground
	Dusk	FIREWORKS!
7/09/22	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
7/30/21	10 AM	Poker Run Sycamore Bay
	11:30AM	Dog and Brats Sycamore Bay
8/6/21	11:30 AM	LLPOA Golf Outing Crooked Lake Golf Course
8/13/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
8/27/21	9 AM	Fall Meeting 7722 Arnold
TBD	NOON	LLFMP Corn Hole Tournament Loon Lisle Reserve
9/10/21	9 AM	Can Pick-Up
TBD	7:30 AM	LLFMP Muskie Shootout

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