



DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dallas Lake Residents:

Yeaaaaaaaaaaaa, it is finally LAKE SEASON!!!! We hope you are pumped about the upcoming season. Your board has met to try to address topics and concerns to make Dallas Lake life even better. The following items were brought to our attention:

LOCATION FOR MEETING

Our annual meeting this year will be held on Saturday, August 29th at 9:00 am at the Dallas Lake Park Pavilion. This site is located mid-way between 075W and 00EW (by the Green Chapel building). After you enter the park and pass the wet lands, you will come to a fork in the road. Take the left fork and continue up the hill to the pavilion. There is plenty of parking available to accommodate a crowd.

HACKENBURG CHANNEL

A hearing was held to discuss the dredging of the channel which was done without permits. On May 5, Judge Stephen Lucas (an administrative law judge) from Indianapolis heard the arguments from attorneys representing the DNR, the Five Lakes and the property owners that dredged the channel. Judge Lucas will render a decision by September 5, 2009. We feel very good about the defense presented. This situation is important to all the lakes in the chain as it could set a precedent. We have created a Legal Defense Fund for this purpose. If you are willing to help, please do so on the form attached for your dues and thank you for your help.

GRANTS

With the usual government efficiency, Five Lakes applied for a grant working with JF New to pay for a study which when their findings are complete, we will find out if the Five Lakes can apply for a grant to help with the dredging. There are six areas of dredging but the main two areas in question would

be the passes between Witmer/Westler and Westler/Dallas. We expect this process to take several years. There are volunteers taking soil samples from various areas as required by the study to save money. Thanks to all of the volunteers participating in this effort.

GOOSE ROUNDUP

Lake water quality improves with the removal of geese. We can also walk out yards without any landmines!! The last two years we have removed over 420 geese from our lakes. The removal costs have been shared with Westler and Witmer. Our third annual goose roundup will be held on Thursday, June 25. Everyone participating should be at the Dallas Lake Beach by 6:00AM. We are still looking for volunteers to participate. If you are willing to help, please call John Buck or Scott Mahlstedt. Both can also be e-mailed at the addresses below.

JULY 4th PARADE OF BOATS

We have been informed that we need to obtain a permit in order to have a boat parade. We are currently asking for an exception as we were not informed until it would be too late to obtain one for this year. However, if you feel the spirit, go ahead and decorate your boat in red, white and blue. You can then just happen to show up at 2:00 pm at Dallas Lake Beach like previous years. We are sure that other people might follow you around the lake. Please monitor our website so that we can let you know the status of obtaining a permit. This has been a very popular event and we wish to continue the support.

BOARD MEMBERS

Following are the list of board members for the 2009 season.

John Buck-President

Scott Mahlstedt-Vice-President

Cheryl Heller-Secretary-Treasurer

Sandy Baughn-Recording Secretary

Pat Roller

Carolyn Painter

John Chadacki

Kent Martz

Chris Bouwkamp

ADDRESS CHANGE COMMITTEE

In an effort to keep our data base current we have a committee who assumes the assignment of canvassing the neighborhoods to make sure we have current addresses. In an effort to help them help us, if you have a new neighbor, please let your contact person know. Following are contact people for Dallas Lake: Pat Roller-Sunset Point and Carolyn Painter-South Shore are co-chairwomen. The rest of the committee consists of: Wandy Maroney-Dallas Heights; Sandy Baughn-East Shore Channel & East Shore; Angie Miller-Dallas Bay; and Betty Smith-North Shore.

LAKE DIRECTORIES

Sometime this fall, we will begin the process of selling ads for the lake directory for the 2010-2011 season. Once again, we will need a few volunteers to help sell ads. Please, if you are willing to help, contact any of the board members above. This directory is provided to all the residents on the lake at no charge and we hope you find it a useful tool and will patronize the advertisers included in the directory. Let those advertisers know that you found their ad in the directory. Also, if you would like to have an ad in the next directory, please contact John Buck at the above number. Lastly, if you note any errors in your information, please contact Cheryl by phone or e-mail.

HIGH WATER LEVEL

Your board has discussed what options may be available and possible. This is a Five Lakes' issue that will need to be worked through with the other lakes, owners downstream and government agencies. In this same vein, we discussed trying to establish a standard when the water becomes too high for boating. At present, the lakes are closed at the discretion of the DNR with no standard in place.

BOATING ENDORSEMENT

Board member, Chris Bouwkamp, has sent a proposal to Senator Stutzman, Governor Daniels, other representatives and other lake councils about enacting a boating endorsement for our lakes. This proposal is much like a motorcycle endorsement. Boats are currently the only "vehicle" that do not require prior education or licensing in order to operate. Chris believes this is a proactive measure for safety as, on most lakes, we have already surpassed the safe level of boats to acreage on the lakes.

This would help to educate boaters on how to safely operate a boat, especially those with high horsepower. He encourages you to contact your legislator in support of this effort. If you would like more details on the proposal you can contact him.

WESTLER LAKE POKER RUN

Westler Lake is having their second annual poker run on July 18 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. The run visits Dallas, Westler and Witmer Lakes and ends at COODY Brown's for food, prizes, and fun. This event is a fund raiser for Westler Lake but it extends to all three lakes. If you wish to purchase tickets, stop by COODY Brown's. You may also contact Amy Peters and Mark Dumont. The tickets are \$20.00 if you purchase them in advance or \$25.00 the day of the event. Sounds like fun and maybe you may want to support our neighbors on Westler for this fundraiser.

WEBSITE

If you have a chance, visit the Dallas Lake website www.dallaslakeassociation.com . Thanks to Scott again for his efforts on this great site. If you wish to include anything on the website, please forward to Scott.

DUES FORM

Attached for your use is a form to facilitate payment of dues and voluntary water quality contributions. We have consciously over the years kept our dues to a minimum and used them primarily for administrative costs while meeting other needs through promotions or voluntary contributions. We hope you will consider joining if you have not done so in the past. We wish to thank all of you who have continued your membership and so generously contributed to our water quality fund and other special projects.

BOARD MEMBER VOTING BALLOT

Your board of directors is providing you with the ballot below and included an envelope for use in returning your ballot as well as your dues for 2009. The board members as shown below have agreed to serve another three year term. We want to thank those board members for their many contributions and for their willingness to continue serving on the board. If you have an interest in serving, please let us know.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at the meeting in August.

Sincerely,

John Buck-President
