



DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Dallas Lake Residents:

With the early arrival of 90° temps, in May no less, it would seem that another summer has arrived at Dallas Lake. Piers and boats are going in fast and traffic on the lake is increasing already. We wish everyone a safe and pleasant season.

Five Lakes v. Wolcottville: A Win for our Lakes

As you have doubtlessly heard by this time, on 11 February 2010, Judge Allen Wheat of the Lagrange Circuit Court ruled against the Town of Wolcottville with regard to their announced December 2009 sewer rate increase. The increase was to be borne entirely by out-of-town (read lake resident) customers, with each lake property's sewer rate rising by \$25.94 per month. Judge Wheat struck that down and the 2003 sewer rates remain in effect – at least for now.

The full transcript of Judge Wheat's ruling is available online at www.dallaslakeassociation.com along with a brief case summary.

Many of you have given generously of your time and money and we thank you. We could not have prevailed to this point without your help. To the benefit of all affected lake residents, the rates were rolled back. But, already the Town of Wolcottville has proposed another rate structure. Your board will remain watchful and engaged through the hearing, set for June 8. More to follow.

HOW TO LOOK COOL THIS SUMMER

Did you know that you can order Dallas Lake merchandise online? Check out the Dallas Lake Apparel store at www.dallaslake.imprintsite.com for a variety of shirts and sweatshirts. You will also find flags, coffee mugs, license plates, mouse pads and beach bags – all featuring the Dallas Lake logo. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase goes to support your lake association. You can look good and do good at the same time.

WEBSITE

Be sure to visit the Dallas Lake website – www.DallasLakeAssociation.com for news and information about the lake and the association. If you have an interesting story or historical information about Dallas Lake, please send it to us and we will consider adding it to the website. We would also be grateful if you would forward copies of old, or not so old, Dallas Lake photos you are willing to share.

We want to extend a special thank you to the Mahlstedt's for their outstanding and diligent work in keeping our website useful, meaningful, and up-to-date!

WESTLER LAKE POKER RUN

Westler Lake is having their 3rd Annual Boat Poker Run on Saturday, July 17. The event starts at 11 AM and concludes at 3 PM; prizes are to be awarded at 4 PM at Coody Brown's.

Tickets for the Poker Run go on sale starting on June 5th at the Westler Lake Association Meeting. They are \$20.00 (pre-sale) and \$25.00 (the day of the Poker Run). Tickets will also be available at Coody Brown's or through contacting Amy Peters at 260 433 6749.

Each participant brings a ticket to Coody Brown's and exchanges it for a Poker scorecard. They have until 3 PM to boat to the five locations pre-selected on the lakes to draw a card which becomes part of their poker hand. There are 2 locations on Dallas Lake, 2 on Westler Lake and one location on Witmer Lake. Each boat is provided with a map that has the locations marked and each location is visibly marked with an orange flag near the shore. Contestants can boat to the locations in any order.

Each participant must return Coody Brown's by 3 PM. Contestants wishing to improve their poker hand, may pay an additional \$10.00 to draw (2) extra cards. Westler Lake will award prizes for the best (5) Poker Hands - three of the five prizes are cash. Door prizes will also be given away and there will be a 50/50 draw.

It sounds like an enjoyable day and a good way to help our neighboring lake.

LOCATION FOR DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget our annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 am at Coody Brown's.

NEW OWNERS ON DALLAS LAKE

We have had many changes on the lake in the last year. For those of you who are new, we welcome you to Dallas Lake. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the board members as listed below via phone or e-mail. We will be happy to give you information on our association and its activities and, of course, we would like to have your name and mailing address for future communications as well.

ADDRESS CHANGE COMMITTEE

We need your help! As noted above, we make an effort to keep our data base current. We have a committee which assumes the assignment of canvassing the neighborhoods to make sure we have current addresses. 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 (241-0336) and Carolyn Painter-South Shore (489-3385) are co-chairwomen. The rest of the committee consists of: Wandy Maroney-Dallas Heights (854-2369); Sandy Baughn-East Shore Channel & East Shore (854-9626); Angie Miller-Dallas Bay (854-2401); and Betty Smith-North Shore (854-2723). Or, ask your new neighbor to contact Cheryl directly. It is very hard to keep this information current without everyone's participation.

JULY 4th PARADE OF BOATS

Our annual Independence Day boat parade should be on your calendar. The parade will begin at 2P in the water just north of the Dallas Lake Park public beach, but please arrive a few minutes early to give us time to get a proper parade line formed. This is really a special event and a great way to celebrate the holiday. Please decorate your boat – you can use your imagination, but we do recommend red, white, and blue – and join your neighbors for a celebratory cruise around the lake. Prizes are awarded for best decoration, and this year for the first time we will have an independent judge choosing the winner. All boats entered are eligible to win!

BOARD MEMBERS

Following are the list of board members for the 2010 season.

John Buck-President

Scott Mahlstedt-Vice-President

Cheryl Heller-Secretary-Treasurer

Sandy Baughn-Recording Secretary

Pat Roller

Carolyn Painter

John Chodacki

Kent Martz

Chris Bouwkamp

LAKE DIRECTORIES

New Five Lakes Directories have been printed and are in distribution. If you have not received your copy, please contact one of the Dallas Lake Association officers. We will also be pleased to hear your comments and suggestions for future improvement. And, please report any errors in content you see.

DUES FORM

For those of you who have not yet decided to join the Dallas Lake Association, we have attached for your use a form to facilitate payment of dues, voluntary water quality contributions and voluntary Legal Defense Fund. Your contributions go toward many vital projects. Last year, fully three-quarters of you joined and of that group, the vast majority contributed to our Water Quality Fund. So join your friends and neighbors and be a part of this association. Together, we can make a difference and \$10.00 is such a small sum to contribute to a worthy cause. We wish to thank all of you who have continued your membership and so generously contributed to our Water Quality Fund and the Legal Defense Fund.

Again, enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you at the August meeting.

Sincerely,

John Buck/tn
President
Dallas Lake Association

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DUES FORMS

Please make your Dallas Lake dues, Water Quality Fund and Legal Defense Fund contribution payable to Dallas Lake Association and return to the following address by Friday, June 25, 2010:

Dallas Lake Association
c/o Cheryl Heller
3415 St. Alban Court
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Name & Mailing Address

Lake Address – If different

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address (optional): _____

- Enclosed are my \$10.00 dues for the 2010 Season \$10.00
- Enclosed is my contribution to the Water Quality Fund
\$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 Other _____
- Enclosed is my contribution to the Legal Defense Fund
\$5.00 \$10.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 Other _____

(Circle one & enter amount)

Total enclosed ----- \$_____

My lake address is in the following section:

- Dallas Bay Estates
 Dallas Heights
 North Shore
 South Shore
 East Shore
 East Shore Channel
 Sunset Point & Channel
 Other _____