



DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Spring 2021 NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 12th – Annual Meeting at Dallas Lake Park Pavilion
9:00 A.M. Pancake & Sausage Breakfast followed by the Annual Meeting

We will be meeting outside – please bring lawn chairs!

Saturday, July 3rd – **Fireworks** – begin at dusk on Witmer Lake

DALLAS LAKE ANNUAL MEETING

The Dallas Lake annual meeting will be on Saturday, June 12th at the Dallas Lake Park Pavilion. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 a.m. followed by the annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. There will be an election of officers after the annual meeting. We hope to see you there! Please bring your lawn chairs as we will be meeting outside.

FIREWORKS

The fireworks will be held on Witmer Lake – Saturday July 3rd – beginning at dusk. The total cost of an excellent show is over \$7,000. Dallas Lake Association's contribution is \$2,500 each year. Any amount raised above the total cost makes for a grander, more spectacular display. Please consider contributing towards the cost of the fireworks using your dues form (*at the end of this newsletter*). All contributions are greatly appreciated!

GOOSE ROUND-UP

The need for a goose round-up will be assessed over the next couple of weeks. More information will be provided at the June Annual Meeting as well as hearing your input.

LOGJAM AND WEED REMOVAL ON NORTH BRANCH OF LITTLE ELKHART RIVER

The Five Lakes Preservation Association approved spending \$1,140 from the Logjam Fund due to several trees falling in the creek after last summer's wind storm. Work was done last fall cutting and removing enough of the trees to create openings to help maintain adequate flow in the North Branch of the Elkhart River between Mesick Dam and County Line Road. Given the low level of the lakes and river, we may not need to do any additional work this season. Lakes who are part of the Five Lakes Preservation Association each contribute funding for removal of logjams.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Dallas Lake Association maintains four funds – the Fireworks Fund was established to help fund the annual fireworks display. The Legal Defense Fund is used to pay attorney(s) if needed to pursue lake issues or complete legal documents. The legal fund is not used frequently, but when needed, it makes a difference. For example, this fund was used several years ago to stop an unapproved channel dug by area residents. The Water Quality Fund is used for anything that pertains to keeping our lake water clean and safe for wildlife and humans such as goose round-up, water testing, drainage, erosion and other related issues. The General Fund is used for all other Dallas Lake Association expenses. This includes the annual meeting, newsletters, signage, and other items determined by the board of directors.

We appreciate everyone who pays their \$20 dues at the beginning of the lake season – you make a difference. We also thank those residents who contribute above the \$20 to ensure that water quality, legal issues and the fireworks display maintain a healthy balance. The Association Board is proactive and wants to ensure that adequate funding is maintained for all four funds so Dallas Lake continues to be a safe and fun place to be in the summer and throughout the year.

On page 5, there is a Dallas Lake Association form for you to use to provide any updated information and also pay dues (general fund) and make contributions to the other three funds (fireworks, water quality and legal defense).

TID BITS ...

WHAT'S NEW?

- ❖ **NEW LAKE SIGNS** are in the process of being approved and will be ordered this summer. See the pictures on page 4!
- ❖ **BOUYS FOR THE "DISAPPEARING" ISLAND** will be purchased and strategically placed to help warn boaters.

KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY

- ❖ **PHOSPHORUS-FREE FERTILIZER ONLY**, should be used on our lake yards to help keep our lake healthy – more simple tips at: [Factsheets and Brochures: Resources: Indiana Clean Lakes Program: Indiana University](#)

STAY SAFE

- ❖ **BOATING SAFETY SAVES LIVES** - Check out the Handbook of Indiana Boating Laws and Responsibilities – <https://www.boat-ed.com/indiana/handbook/>
- ❖ **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY ON OUR LAKE ROADS** – be aware of children, bicyclers, walkers, and joggers – they could be just around the corner

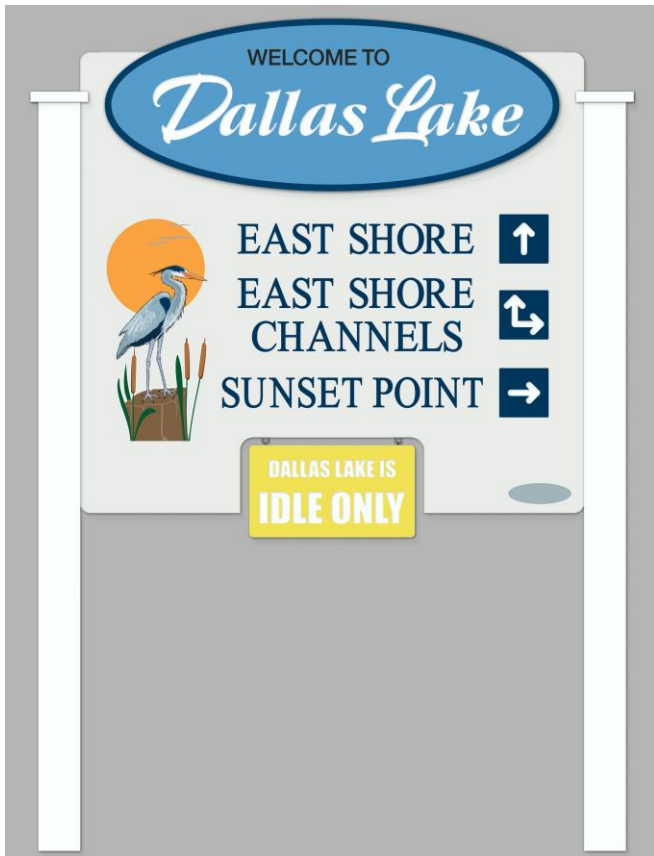
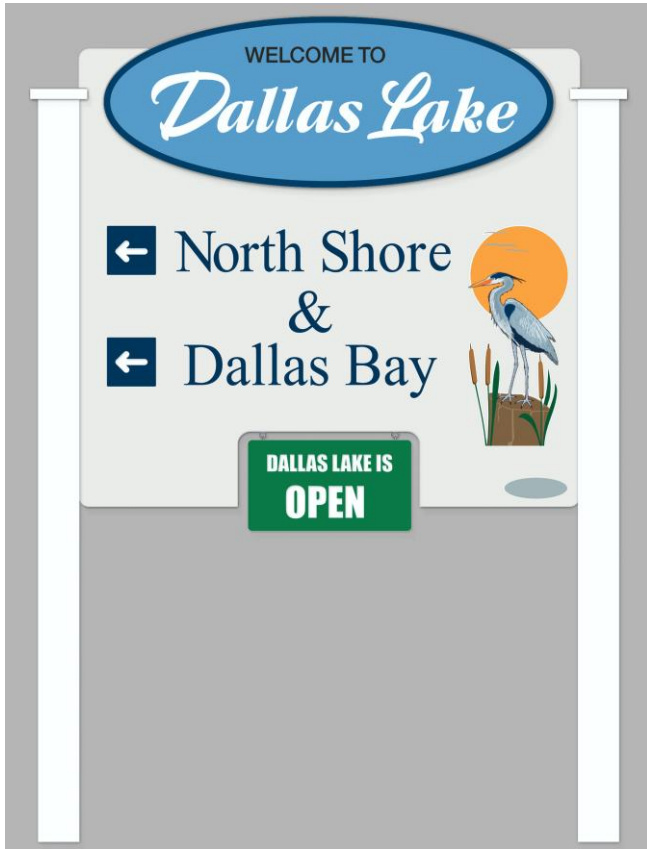
CHECK OUT DALLAS LAKE

- ❖ **WEBSITE** - We've added some links related to water quality tips and reports related to our watershed. www.dallaslakeassociation.org.
- ❖ **DIRECTORY** – download a PDF of the Directory from the Dallas Lake website
- ❖ **FACEBOOK** - and "like" Dallas Lake

DALLAS LAKE BOARD MEMBERS

- Officers:** Pete Kelly, **President** (260) 438-9232
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New Lake Signs



Signs created by:

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The logo for Custom Signs Unlimited Co. features the company name in a stylized font with a blue and yellow color scheme. Below the logo, the text 'Since 1969' is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, a blue bar contains the contact information 'Dan Cameron (260) 483-4444'.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION!

Dallas Lake Association Form - Below are three items that need your action:

#1 - 2021 Dallas Lake Association Dues and Contributions

- Enclosed are my \$20 dues for the 2021 Season \$20.00
- Enclosed is my contribution to the Water Quality Fund
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$_____
- Enclosed is my contribution to the Legal Defense Fund
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$_____
- Enclosed is my contribution to the Fireworks Fund
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$_____
- Total enclosed** \$_____

Please make your check payable to Dallas Lake Association

#2 - RSVP for the Dallas Lake Breakfast and Annual Meeting – Saturday, June 12, 2021

- We will be attending the Breakfast and Annual Meeting on June 12th
_____ Number of people attending

#3 – Please provide your name and update your contact information for our records.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____
Number/Street City State Zip

Phone Number (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Lake Address *if different from mailing address:*

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT by JUNE 10, 2021 to:
Dallas Lake Association / c/o Marilyn Wingstrom / 75 W 600 S / Wolcottville, IN 46795