



DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

Spring 2024 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL MEETING – Saturday, June 8th

The Dallas Lake annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 8th, at the Backroads Tavern. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 9:45 A.M. The annual meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Please RSVP on the enclosed Dues Form (*at the end of this newsletter*). We hope to see you on June 8th!

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

A dissolutions clause has been added to the bylaws in the event the Board dissolved. The proposed language for Article 17 states – *Distribution of assets upon dissolution of Dallas Lake Property Owners' Association Inc. will be determined by the Board of Directors.* This amendment will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

WATER QUALITY TESTING

A new Strategic Water Quality Management Program (SWQM) for LaGrange County is being launched to be co-administered by the St. Joe River Basin Commission and the LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District (*Details will be posted on our website*). Dallas Lake will be one of many lakes participating in the voluntary testing portion of the program. Board member, Maggie Pechin will serve as our Water Quality Program Volunteer Coordinator and oversee, at a minimum, monthly collection of water samples to measure e. Coli, Nitrate, Phosphate and Total Suspended Solids. Other elements that will be tested utilizing a meter purchased by Five Lakes Conservation Association and contributions from each of the 5 lakes, include Water Temperature, Ph and Dissolved Oxygen. Dallas Lake's contribution to the meter and cost of lab analysis of samples comes from our Water Quality Fund.

5 LAKES CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION WATER QUALITY FUNDRAISER

Chicken dinner at the LaGrange American Legion - Saturday, May 18th From 5:00-7:00 PM

Please bring your family and friends to the 5 Lakes Fundraiser to support water quality testing!

The Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased by calling Pete Kelly (260) 438-9232 or Steve Aspy (574) 202-4022.

EROSION/LAKE AND RIVER ENHANCEMENT (LARE) GRANT

Work has begun on two shoreline stabilization projects on Dallas Lake. The properties involved are the Scudder property located just east of the Dallas Lake Park beach area and the Yoder property on the west end of the north shore. Made possible through the Indiana DNR's Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant, the pilot project primarily consists of placement of natural glacier fieldstone and installation of native plants within the fieldstone matrix along the shorelines to minimize erosion. The LARE grant pays for 80% of the project with the other matching 20% paid for by the two property owners. This is in partnership with Dallas Lake Association who is the business entity registered with the State of Indiana and serving as the administrative agent overseeing the project and the conduit to allow for pass through of funds from the state. Both projects should be completed by late spring to early summer of this year. A special thanks to Steve Vaughn and Nate Thomas of the DNR who have visited several times and continue to offer hands-on help and valued input.



WALLEYE FISH FUND

Dallas is a great lake for Walleye and we're excited it was stocked last fall with 6" to 8" walleyes from Fawn River Hatchery. The fish should grow to about 12" in one year. Thank you to everyone who contributed! We need everyone's participation in an honor system that ensures the Walleye are NOT kept if caught under the legal size of 16".

There is a Dallas Lake Directory available on the website - www.dallaslakeassociation.org

KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY

USE PHOSPHORUS-FREE FERTILIZER ONLY to help keep our lake healthy.

- Most turf grass does NOT need more phosphorus. Grass needs mostly nitrogen for green growth.
- The 2nd number on a fertilizer bag shows the % P...it should be "0".
- P-free fertilizer is widely available...or you can ask for it at your local garden center.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

GARAGE SALE – Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st

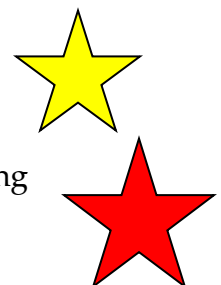
The Dallas Lake Association will sponsor a garage sale on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st which includes paying for a notice in the local newspaper and posting on Facebook. Individual signs are the responsibility of homeowners who opt to place them at corners and/or yards, etc.



FIREWORKS

Saturday, July 6th

The fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 6th, on Dallas Lake. Please consider contributing towards the cost of the fireworks using your Dues Form. All contributions are greatly appreciated and make for a spectacular show!



DALLAS LAKE BOARD MEMBERS

Officers: Pete Kelly, **President** (260) 438-9232
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YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Dallas Lake Association maintains five 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. While not used frequently, when needed it makes a difference. 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 newest fund, the Fish Fund, was added last year to stock the lake with Walleye. Finally, 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 \$25 dues at the beginning of the lake season – you make a difference. We also thank those residents who contribute above the \$25 to ensure that all funds maintain a healthy balance.

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 four funds (fireworks, water quality, legal defense, and fish). A financial update will be given at the Annual Meeting on June 8th.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION!

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

#1 - 2024 Dallas Lake Association Dues and Contributions

- ☐ Enclosed are my \$25 dues for the 2024 Season \$25.00
- ☐ Enclosed is my contribution to the Fireworks 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 Water Quality Fund
\$10 \$20 \$25 \$50 Other \$_____
- ☐ Enclosed is my contribution to the Fish 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 8, 2024

- ☐ We will be attending the Breakfast and Annual Meeting on June 8th
_____ 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 & PAYMENT by SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 to:

Dallas Lake Association / c/o Marilyn Wingstrom / 75 W 600 S / Wolcottville, IN 46795