



# DALLAS LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Fall 2022 NEWSLETTER

### LAGRANGE COUNTY TOGETHR UPDATE

LaGrange County Together (the community-driven process to prepare a comprehensive plan for the county) has a draft document which has been approved by the Plan Commission and the Commissioners. The document is lengthy, although it reads quickly and easily. To access the document online, go to [lccf.net](http://lccf.net) (*LaGrange County Community Foundation*) and click on the link on their home page. It is advisable to read the entire document.

Of particular interest to Dallas Lake residents, are the following: Lakeside Living (LL) - page 22 and Action Steps listed on pages 28 - 34. The Steps LU 1, LU 6, LU 7, LU 17 and LU 19 deal specifically with the lakes. You are encouraged to become active in the next processes that will begin to implement these steps.

For example, LU 19 encourages more short-term rentals on the lakes. LU 17 encourages more development near the lakes with direct access to the lakes. One consequence of these steps will be having more boats and other watercraft on the lakes, being driven by non-lake residents.

The Zoning Board has approved writing a new zoning ordinance. We need to be pro-active in advocating for our lake. Please check the local news to determine when and where community input is allowed in this process. Your lake association will try to update our Dallas Lake web page with information also. If you have any concerns, you can email our local officials: Cassandra Delucenay, Administrative Assistant, [cdelucenay@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:cdelucenay@lagrangecounty.org) or Robbie Miller, Zoning Administrator, [rmiller@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:rmiller@lagrangecounty.org) - their office is at the County Office Building, 114 W Michigan, LaGrange, IN 46761.

### GOOSE ROUND-UP

The goose round-up is conducted on an as-needed basis. This past June, 139 geese were captured in an effort to maintain water quality. Thank you to all who participated.

## LAKE REGULATIONS FOR DRIVING MOTOR CRAFT IN CHANNELS

All the channels on Dallas Lake are posted as Idle Speed/No Wake. The channels have marker buoys at the entrances. What does this mean for you as a driver of a motorboat or a jet ski? It means that you should be driving very slowly through the channels. To see how slow you should be driving, check behind you at the wake you are creating. When you drive down a channel you are close to boats and swimmers. A large wake can wash out beaches and sea walls. Please be considerate of your neighbors and fellow lake residents.

## FIREWORKS



Witmer, Westler, Hackenberg, and Dallas all contributed funds for the July fireworks. Due to increased donations, the Board will be exploring adding a third barge and additional assistance to enlarge the size of the show for 2023. All of the lake associations will be contacted to determine interest for next summer. This year, approximately \$11,000 was contributed by the Dallas Lake Association dues and voluntary contributions.

*Future fireworks are scheduled for July 1, 2023 on Witmer and July 6, 2024 on Dallas.*

## DUES

If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please send your \$20 payment to:

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund balances as of 8/31/2022 are:

General Fund: \$7,523.53

Water Quality: \$21,727.17

Legal Defense Fund: \$13,507.68

Fireworks Fund: \$4,842.75

Fish Fund: \$2,220.00

Total: \$49,821.13

WEBSITE - [www.dallaslakeassociation.org](http://www.dallaslakeassociation.org)

DIRECTORY – download a PDF of the Directory from the Dallas Lake website

### DALLAS LAKE BOARD MEMBERS

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### SUMMER FUN ON DALLAS LAKE - 2022





## EATING WALLEYE

Walleye is a very popular fish to eat because of its subtle, sweet flavor and low levels of fishiness. It also provides a great source of healthy fats, called omega-3 fatty acids. These fats help to keep the heart healthy and are good for brain development. Walleye is also rich in vitamin D, which works with calcium to keep bones healthy and strong.

## PLAN OF ACTION

We are working with the DNR to make sure we have the correct permits and expertise.

- DNR recommends we stock at least 5 fish per acre. This would be on an alternating year basis staggered between the catfish stockings.
- Approx. cost for stocking would be about \$2.50 per fish.
- Dallas lake is 283 acres – 2,830 fall fingerlings (walleye)
- Walleye will be about 6-8 inches (The best survival rate size for walleye)
- DNR plan to stock in September 2023 because the lake isn't as active and will help increase the survival rate of new walleye.

All donations made in 2022 and 2023 will contribute to stocking Dallas Lake with Walleye in the fall of 2023. Any size donation is appreciated!

### Please send your donation/check to:

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c/o Marilyn Wingstrom  
75 w 600 s  
Wolcottville, IN 46795

**PLEASE NOTE IN CHECK MEMO  
THAT DONATION IS FOR "WALLEYE  
FISH FUND"**

**THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO  
HAVE ALREADY DONATED!**

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**WALLEYE ARE EFFICIENT PELAGIC PREDATORS THAT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENHANCING BALANCED FISH POPULATIONS AND QUALITY FISHERIES FOR LAKES!**

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## HABITAT

Walleyes thrive in large natural and man-made lake, but they can also inhabit a variety of smaller lakes and streams. Walleye prefer water temperatures in the 65 to 75 degree range, but they remain active at nearly freezing temperatures. Walleye are mostly nocturnal and travel to shallower waters, but during the day are often found under the cover of tree roots, logs, and aquatic plants. The local DNR says walleye will thrive well and be successful in Dallas Lake.

## FEEDING BEHAVIOR

Being a carnivorous fish, they will eat merely anything. The walleyes' diet consists mainly of small fish such as smaller perch, minnows, and a range of various other fish species that is smaller than them, but they also eat aquatic insects, various worms, leeches and frogs. Since Walleye will eat mainly small fish, this helps keep the small fish in our lake from producing stunned fish. This then keeps our local fish population well balanced.