

Lake LaSalle Property Owner's Assn Inc.

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President's Letter

Some Thoughts for 2015



As you already may have heard, the LLPOA board is working on a petition to be presented to the Brown County Commissioners for the repair and resurfacing of Chickadee Drive and the repair of Cardinal Drive. By the time you read this, you should have received a copy of the petition. I hope that everyone who is eligible has signed and returned it. We are planning to present the petition to the Commissioners in March. In order for this effort to have any impact, our concerns must be presented as soon as possible and have the support of everyone. Once we know the date of the Commissioner's meeting at which time our petition will be presented, you all will be notified and your attendance to show support for our concerns will greatly improve our chances for success.

Just a reminder, your annual LLPOA dues were due by January 31, 2015. The dues are a critical to maintaining our lake, and servicing the SBA disaster assistance relief loan. Last year we cleaned out 80 truckloads of silt from the two silt pits at a cost of over \$24,000. That's 80 loads of silt that did NOT flow into our lake. Also, we have made great progress in paying down the SBA loan, which requires a minimum annual payment of \$17,832. It is my hope that we can make future principle payments that will pay off the loan more quickly. We all have a vested interest in maintaining the quality of the lake itself which in turn enhances our property values. If anyone would like to set up a payment schedule, please contact Linda Schwaner, Treasurer. .

I hope you all stay safe and warm until we can again enjoy the warm sunshine of Spring.

Charlie Backofen
President, LLPOA



Lake LaSalle Property Owners Meeting – January 15, 2015

Board Members present: Charlie Backofen, President, Harry Hicks, Vice-President, Linda Schwaner, Treasurer, Mary Backofen, Secretary, Directors Joe Giblin-Maintenance, Carolyn Giblin- Complaints and Compliances, Joe Ridenour- Entertainment, Jared Sawyer-Fishing, Jon Schwaner-Communications/Newsletter and John Slater- Long Term Planning

Board Members absent: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 at the home of Charlie and Mary Backofen. The minutes of the October, 16, 2014 meeting were read and approved with a motion by Harry Hicks and a second by Carolyn Giblin. Motion passed.

In order to make official the changes in positions from the fall meeting, Harry Hicks, nominated for Vice-President and John Slater, nominated for a Director, were confirmed by a motion made by Carolyn Giblin and seconded by Jared Sawyer. Motion carried.

President Backofen had received notice from IDEM of our final inspection and present at that inspection were Joe Giblin and he with two representatives of IDEM in late October. Since then two letters from IDEM have arrived, one from the Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Water Quality that has released LLPOA from monitoring requirements; and the second from the IDEM Enforcement Branch stating that LLPOA has complied with the Agreed Order and the issues are resolved and closed. From here on, the designated section on the west bank of Thunder Creek will remain unmowed, the IDEM Restoration sign will permanently remain, the loss of any trees or bushes below the number required will be observed with restoration and preparedness for a random check by IDEM is in place. ALL the IDEM documents and correspondence will be placed in the LLPOA lock box at First Merchant's Bank, Morgantown. The required environmental notice has also been filed with the Brown County Recorder's Office.

Charlie also stated that he had completed and filed the LLPOA tax return on December 19, 2014. The LLPOA is a not-for-profit organization and a tax filing is required each year. It is also a requirement of our SBA Disaster Assistance Relief Loan 2009.

Treasurer, Linda Schwaner reported that all 2014 dues were in with two exceptions. Partial payments have been received with a sizable balance due for lots 92/93 and there has been no payment for Lot 79. The mowing contract with Affordable Services was approved at the same amount as last year.

The LLPOA accounts are as follows:

Savings: \$10,003.92 12/31/14

Checking: \$21,264.89 10/31/14

\$19,763.66 11/28/14

\$26,293.22 12/31/14

SBA Loan \$92,032.51 12/31/14

An audit will be done within the next quarter.

Mary Backofen, Secretary, reported that she had prepared the petition to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the LLPOA board to peruse and edit. After brief discussion and the addition of clarification on the type of "hard surface" of the road repair, there was general agreement to move forward. Mary will e-mail those on our LLPOA e-list with a heads-up of the petition, its contents, delivery and return options. She will hand deliver the petitions to many permanent residents and mail petitions along with a stamped return envelope to non-permanent residents. Also, ALL property owners on each road who are not part of Lake LaSalle Estates are receiving the petition. This will total approximately 85 mailings. In February, she will present all the petitions with a cover letter at the Office of the County Commissioners in Nashville with a request to be on their agenda in March. Property owners will be informed of the exact date and will need to be present to support the petition.

Carolyn Giblin, Complaints and Compliances, had only one call for information in the last quarter. This related to the upkeep and traffic on a shared driveway. As the concern is on private property, she encouraged the caller to do a personal contact with the property sharer.

Joe Ridenour, Entertainment, reported a low response to his flyer regarding a Euchre Tournament on January 16th. As a result, he and Sandy are hosting those interested at their home rather than at the church site.

There was no winter fishing report from Jared Sawyer.

Jon Schwaner, Communications, had no report but again requests articles, photos, etc. from our membership for the newsletter.

John Slater, Long Range Planning, had nothing to report but did share that the need for sewers could impact us sometime in the future.

Joe Giblin, Maintenance, said the two posts downed by a car on LaSalle Road near the boat ramp will have to be paid for by the LLPOA. The hit-and-run damage was called to the police who investigated the site and a lead of the specific information that was available about the car that was involved. But that lead was not supported by any property owner. Also, the spillway cage will be painted next summer and Joe will need volunteers to help. The flag and solar cap on our new flag pole were removed in October to avoid winter damage. The inexpensive flag was already tattered and a new one has been donated by Peter Frenzel to replace it. Initially, there was a request for the flag pole to fly the American flag and a Lake LaSalle flag. The cost and design of a LaSalle flag will be researched for presentation at the April board meeting. The original Lake LaSalle boat stickers from the early 70's had a cameo of a depiction of the explorer, LaSalle, which may become a visual on the flag. Finally, John Slater volunteered to address with the private owner the LLPOA's past mowing of the private dam adjacent to our boat launch near Lot #12.

Mary Backofen made the motion to adjourn at 8:10 and it was seconded by John Slater. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Backofen, Secretary



This wonderful photo was taken by eagle eye Lisa McCloud just 25 ft. from the back of her home on Nov.24th 2014

Christmas in Nashville – The Christmas Lights Parade

Nashville hosted a December weekend of events to usher in this past holiday season...everything from a Reindeer Romp, Gingerbread Houses and Holiday *Nogs and Nibbles* to several playhouse events and a Christmas Lights Parade, a toy donation benefit for the children of Brown County. Here on December 5th is where you found the Gindlings, Giblins, Lowdens, McClouds and Backofens along with children and grandchildren. All were bedecked with twinkling Christmas lights and also matching red scarves made by Joyce Lowden. Each family donated new toys to walk in the parade and distributed *loads* of candy out of a twinkling wagon and large Christmas stockings. Their goal to do some caroling during the walk was superseded by the great fun of sharing Christmas candy with the spectators. Maybe next year they'll add the caroling again. The night was chilly but not as bitter cold as the year before. A generous crowd of adults and children lined the parade route that wove through the downtown. Lights, cameras, horns, lighted vehicles and well-wishers made this a jolly event to kick off December for everyone. *Thank you to all for showcasing the generous holiday spirit of Lake LaSalle!*



Article written by Mary Backofen -The Photos were contributed by Joyce Lowden and Mary

Editor's Note: Photo # 4 has nothing to do with the parade but I just got all wrapped up with the story !



LAKE LASALLE ASSOCIATION

2014/2015 Board of Directors

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Officers:				
Charlie Backofen	President	2014	2015	<i>Email chasbac@aol.com Ph. (812) 597-4871 Cell (260) 615-9705</i>
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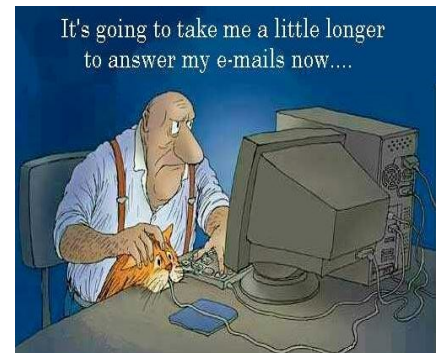
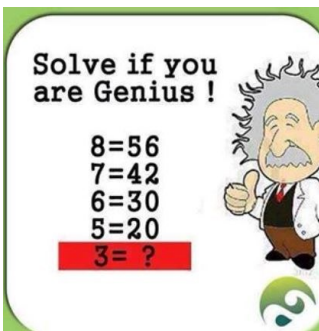
MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Gave a big Lake LaSalle welcome to the Jacksons– Susan and Dan ,They bought the property at 8459 LaSalle Road.

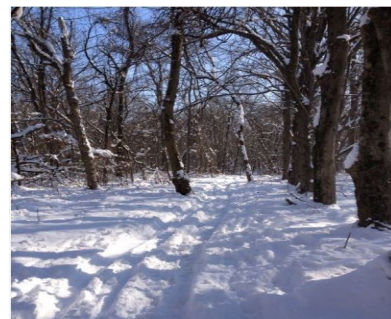
Once again I am looking for people to step up and tell us what you do. I tried getting people to tell us about their hobbies and do you know only 5 people on this lake have hobbies, and one of those five people has left the lake already.

I am now going to ask you to tell us about your job, your vocation. (We featured Debbie Thompson in the Summer news letter) Share with us about that place you spend more time with than your wife or family. I know we have Teachers, Preachers, Fortune Seekers. We have Lawyers, Architects, Package Designers, we have Printers, Electricians, Fire Chiefs, Business Owners, Engineers, Salesmen. We have CPA's and Nurses, Florists.

You see we should be able to read an interesting article about your neighbors and never run out of stories. With all that said, I will be asking for people to give me your stories and get your 15 minutes of very limited fame. (No response –so) I will fill this page with things the amuse my sick mind !!

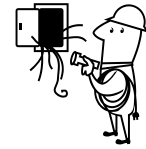


Backofen's picnic table a year ago at Christmas time !



Cross county ski trail at Eagle Creek -Indy same time last year

When are we going to get dumped on this year. It's going to happen– Its Indiana



WHO TO CALL “When you need a helping hand”

Eagle Lawn Care 597-2319 or 317-374-9921 Perry Pierson of Lake LaSalle Road, is available for small projects of 1 or 2 days that include tree work, dock and seawall repair, landscaping, mowing and pressure washings.

Cecil Swafford, Jr. 597-0486 or 812-720-0695 Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling

The Chimney Man 812-829-4558-Chimney cleaning by Steve Beaumont

Parker Construction 812-597-4355-Carpentry, decks, roofs, remodeling

Fire in the Hole 765-342-6878- Tree service and chimney service. Contact Wayne Almond.

Critser’s Flowers & Gifts- Shane White in Morgantown -812-597-4551 lives on the lake.

McCloud’s Home Maintenance 317-965-6333-General construction, landscaping, docks and painting, contact Andrew McCloud

Honey Creek Tackle (located south of Bargersville on State Road 135) huge selection of fishing tackle, rods and reels, live bait and quality outdoor gear.

Knight’s Electric licensed and Insured -812-327-3014 (lives on the lake)

Clearshine window and or gutter cleaning service Pleasant St., Edinburgh, IN 46124, Ph. # 812- 350-3481
E-mail clearshine@sbcglobal.net Owner operator is Allan Woolbright