LAKE GEORGE BREEZE

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MILLPOND WATER LILIES–I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO PUT IN AUTUMN

CALENDAR

Sept. 5 - **BEACH DIRECTOR** MEETING AT LAKE GEORGE MARINA

Sept 6 - **LUMINARIES**

Sept 7 - **HAPPY LABOR DAY !!**

2021 4th July Boat Parade Theme is:

FAVORITE VIDEO OR BOARD GAME

Letter from the President

2020 has been quite a year and, hopefully, one we will not repeat in our lifetime. If there is any silver lining to the pandemic, it is that it brought what seems like a record number of people to enjoy the beauty of Lake George. The lack of regular vacation travel and the cancellation of public events led a lot of family and friends to spend time here.

My term as President of the Lake George Cottagers Association (LGCA) is ending. **Dave Sorg,** the current LGCA Vice President, will become President and **Rex Melchi** will join the LGCA as Vice President. **Rick Weaver** is moving to the Secretary role and I will be taking his place as Treasurer. Linda Weaver will be leaving the LGCA officer team after four years of service.

One of the things I learned after getting involved actively with the LGCA two years ago is a recognition of the number of remarkable people here at Lake George who volunteer their time in service to the lake community. Linda is a great example. She has served as an officer of the LGCA and she serves on the board of the Lake George Conservancy.

From the LGCA to the Lake George Conservancy to the Lake George Conservancy District, there are many people working hard to increase property values, maintain the environment, create a sense of community and promote safety. If you know one of these people, say thanks. Better yet, consider getting involved with one of these organizations. You will enjoy the experience and Lake George will benefit from your efforts.

It was a pleasure serving the Lake George community and we will see you next Spring! Be safe and happy till then!

Thank You and Happy Labor Day!
Kevin Snyder, President

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULED

Since Covid, Book Club at Lake George has had to adapt as well. After skipping a couple of months we resumed outside. Like sailors and farmers it is all about the weather. We will continue to meet outside when weather permits but if not, the Conservancy building has been our back up plan wearing masks. Both options have worked out well. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:00, the exception will be instead of our November and December meeting we will meet December 3 for a combined meeting due to the holidays.

If you have interest in joining us, text or email B Sue Scatterday 614-354-5175, or b_sue_s@hotmail.com.

FOR SALE

ICE BOATS

2 DN's COMPLETE -$1495 **EA**

1 - ARROW 2-PERSON– COMPLETE–$1200.

CALL TERRY

260-403-2102

SEED PICKERS NEEDED

The Downtown Angola Coalition is ramping up to start planting a pollinator garden at the Pocket Park located at 211 E Maumee St Angola, IN 46703. We are in need of **12-15 volunteers** for the project!! Planting on Wednesday September 9, 2020 @ 9:00am. Please have anyone interested email or call the Steuben County SWCD office. **Tara Lee**

(260)- 665-3211 ext: 3 - Tara.lee@in.nacdnet.net

FOR SALE

HOBIE MIRAGE OUTFITTER KAYAK – BLUE

Length – 12'8", Hull Weight – 72 lbs. Carrying Handle
2 Cargo areas, Mirage Drive, Rod Holders, Cup Holder,
2 Mesh Covered Storage Pockets, ——
2 Piece paddles with on hull storage,
2 Adjustable high back padded seats with fanny pack,
Paddled Handles, Rudder Control,
2 Seats with foot pedals.
Original Cost $2,777 – selling for $1,400 OBO

317-459-4836 - Ask for John or Carol

FOR SALE

1975 FLYING SCOTT SAIL BOAT

Complete with sails, Star boat lift and Pamco boat trailer
All this for $3195

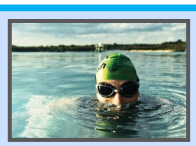
Call Terry

260-403-2102

IN MEMORY OF

Robert Alan Johnston, 52, passed away Monday, January 27, 2020. He was a graduate of Northrop High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Wabash College and a Master's degree in Archeology from Florida State University. He was a proud member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and Studebaker Museum Club. He spent a career working in the financial industry, most recently with Nicholas Financial. However his true passion in life was spending time with family and friends at Lake George. He grew up on Lake George owned a cottage near his mother on the Mill Pond.

TOM AND JANE KEARNS SON-IN-LAW SWIMS LAKE GEORGE



(Stock photo)

Dave Marrello, son-in-law of Jane and Tom Kearns, on Sat., August 8th, swam the width of Lake George four times...from the Kearns Cottage on Kopekanee Beach to Sandy Beach. Lakers on both Beaches cheered him on as he completed the feat. Dave's wife Meghan and her sister Kate were on the pontoon guiding him and as a safety measure. Dave started this tradition 4 years ago when he swam the distance once. He continues to add a lap every year and is now up to **4 laps which is 3.6 miles.** He trains all winter for this event at his health club in Carmel.

LAKE GEORGE CONSERVANCY

The Lake George Conservancy has made good progress towards the development of the Oak Savanna at The Orchard. We have three tree clusters planted and this fall we will put in three more clusters. With this addition we will be planning to complete the oak tree restoration with a couple more cluster plantings at the old orchard site during 2021. These tree clusters are made possible through memorial donations by family and friends of Lake George residents. In addition to the tree plantings, each tree cluster will have a commemorative brass plaque located in it where the eventual walking path will pass by. The first round of clusters will have their memorial plaques installed this fall. For more information, please contact any board member.

The LGC installed Gary Davis as our newest Board member at the August meeting. Gary and Kathy are long term Lake George residents, recently moving to Kopekanee Beach from the eastern side of the lake. We look forward to Gary's contributions. I would encourage anyone who would like to become involved with the LGC to contact a current board member with your interest. We strive to have a vibrant leadership group with a mixture of experienced and new members.

Lastly, the Melchi corner acquisition is complete and the LGC has one parcel of land from that purchase that we have always intended to sell. It is roughly .333 acre and sits near the north corner of Lane 140 F. Prior to marketing this land to the general public, we would like to make this property available to Lake George residents first. The property does have deeded lake access, though it prohibits placing a dock or using it as a boat mooring. All interested parties should contact Matt Minnick at: mattandjulieminnick@gmail.com, or call 563-613-3165. We have a formal market appraisal for the land and will give due consideration to LGC members.

The entire board would like to thank all our "lake friends" for your continued backing during the 2020 summer season. We experienced excellent membership numbers and tremendous support for both the Chicken BBQ and the Boutique. We continue to thrive only due to your generosity.

FOR SALE
Lake George Lot with Deeded Access

The Lake George Conservancy is marketing a .333-acre lot towards the northern end of Lane 140 F. It's a square lot that has deeded lake access, though without pier or boat mooring privileges. For more information please contact Matt Minnick:
mattandjulieminnick@gmail.com, or call 563-613-3165.

INLAND CAT SAILORS WRAP UP 2020 SEASON

Despite the challenges of competing during a pandemic, the Inland Cat Sailing Association completed its 63rd season of sailboat racing on Lake George. Over 6 Saturdays of sailing, the racers were able to complete 12 races, while dealing over the summer with lots of wind, gusty wind, not enough wind but plenty of sunshine. Trophies were awarded at the final Inland Cat party of the season. This year's Gold Cup winner was Stan Parrish, with Dan Andrews coming in second and Kirsten Meyer coming in third. The winner of the Cup Fleet, (six skippers with the best finishes over the past five years), was Jack Stiefel, whose skills have earned this honor several times in the past. Second place went to Jonathan Larimore, with Bill Kuebbeler coming in 3rd and Chris Oler 4th.
Each year the Frankhouser Sportsmanship Award is bestowed on an individual who "epitomizes sportsmanship as related to the sport of sailboat racing...by respecting the rules, showing respect for fellow fleet members...and contributing to fleet needs that are both race and non-race related." This year's winner was Chris Oler, a generous and willing sailor and club member.

SPEED SIGN INSTALLATION

The LGCA Board has, over the last few months, heard concerns from lake cottagers and non-lake cottagers about the speed of vehicles on Lane 201 (also known as Lake George Road). The LGCA Board is concerned with the safety of the cottagers and those guests who visit the lake.

At the July Annual Meeting, the board selected a committee to look into the possibility of a speed sign to alert motorists to the posted 25 mph speed limit.

The committee consists of: Rick Weaver, Matt Minnick, Gary Davis, Jim Getz, and Paul Schlatter. They were authorized by a unanimous vote of the Beach Directors present at the Annual meeting to spend no more than $4800. The committee met with the Steuben County Sheriff to discuss this issue and after a long meeting with a lot of questions, approved an expenditure of $3189 to be donated to the Sheriff's Department for the purchase a speed sign (see photos).

The speed sign will be installed at a location which is non-obtrusive to those cottager's residing on Lane 201. The location will be determined by the committee, Steuben County Sheriff's Office, and the Steuben County Engineer's Office. Two locations will be selected, one westbound and one eastbound. The speed sign can be moved between the two locations by the Steuben County Sheriff.

The speed sign is anticipated to be delivered sometime in September 2020 and installed. The speed sign will not be in operation during the winter months since traffic to and from the lake reduces dramatically. During those months, the speed sign will be stored at a facility owned by the Steuben County Sheriff's Office and reinstalled in the spring.

The speed sign does not have a video camera, only sensors to indicate to the motorist their vehicle's speed and a message (see photos). Traffic data collected by the Steuben County Sheriff's office will be shared with the LGCA Board. The data collected will include traffic characteristics such as; high and low vehicle speeds, average and median vehicle speeds. The speed sign will also collect data relative to average daily traffic (ADT) and determine peak traffic hours and days during the summer. Please note: this sign is not used to issue citations, only collect general data. Citations are the responsibility of the Steuben County Sheriff's office using radar in their police cruisers.

LAKE GEORGE SEWER DISTRICT

Board Officers:

Bob Shirey— Board President
Jon Finkbeiner — Treasurer
Sam Bender— Trustee
Richard Altekruse— Trustee
Greg Didier — Vice President
Gary Zanstra— Secretary
Will Ricci— Trustee
System Manager— Cory Armstrong

With a 20 plus year old sewer system, we are in the process of making necessary changes and upgrades. This year, Lift 10 will undergo complete electronic overhaul. Lift 1 thru 9 will have preventative maintenance performed along the impeller changed. I would also remind residents **NOT to flush** "foreign objects" down the bowl!! **Example**s: we have pulled wash cloths and hand towels from the grinders which plug up the systems!

IMPORTANT WHEN YOU "HEAR" AN ALARM CALL 260-667-4142

WHAT KIDS USED TO DO!

Back in the good old days,'60' - '70 's, before cell phones, computers, and organized sports, kids did exciting things. They certainly used their imaginations to come up with ideas to test out. Moms moved up for the whole summer, kids in tow!! A rare thing these days living at the lake all summer. Busy moms work and kids enjoy organized sports! I heard there was a ski club back then too.

This group of Lake George KIDS are grown now!! Some moved to far away places BUT at least one moved back to the Lake, Jon Finkbeiner! Pictured, bottom— Jon Finkbeiner, Tony Reineke, Doug Bruick, Top: Becki and Debbie Miller. Shared pic by Joyce Rice.

LASER FLEET NEWS

The Lake George Sailing Association Laser Fleet concluded its 2020 season on Saturday morning (Aug. 29) with two exciting regular length races in heavy winds. Every sailor capsized at least once in the ordeal! Only five sailors braved the gusty morning event even though the season involved twelve sailors, an increase over last summer's season.

After 5 racing sessions of two races each and a regatta day of 6 races, the standings showed the top three contenders to be an Ahaus father and son combo and an Ahaus in-law. Kevin Ahaus took top honors with an all-time historic average of 1.0 points. Of the seven races averaged for the season, he won all seven! His son Mitchell placed third with an average of 2.14 and Jack Stiefel (his uncle) placed second with 1.71 average points.

The lovely trophies, presented at the final party, were hand-crafted by Tom Lorch of Indianapolis. The party was hosted by Kirsten Meyer who placed fourth (2.71 points) in the standings, even though she competed valiantly for a trophy in the final morning's contest.

If there are any Laser sailors on Lake George who would like to join in the fun of competitive racing next summer, please contact:

or

Nancy Stiefel, fleet captain, at stiefel152@yahoo.com

260-577-5417. The fleet welcomes new sailors!

WINNERS: Jack Stiefel, Kevin Ahaus, Mitchell Ahaus -

CONGRATS

DON'T FORGET LUMINARIAS!

SHOP LG CONSERVANCY BOUTIQUE FOR BAGS AND CANDLES!!
OPENED TILL ONE

A RAIN DANCE NEEDED!

SEE YOU ALL IN 2021
UNTIL THEN
THINK SPRING!!

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