

MAY 2007

LaPorte Area Lake Association Newsletter



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PINE LAKE

STONE LAKE

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

See us at:

www.laportelakes.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ahh.....spring has finally sprung on beautiful Pine Lake. Flowers and trees are starting to bloom. Birds have returned from the south, along with some of our snowbird neighbors. We're so fortunate to live in a city with so many beautiful lakes and ponds to overlook. Be sure to take the time to sit back and enjoy the view. I, personally find the spring sunrise over Pine Lake breathtaking.

We invite you to dive into summer fun with the Lake Association this year. We've had several new members join us, so come on out to the next meeting and let's get acquainted! A general meeting is planned for Saturday May 12, 2007 at 10 AM, so that we may include members who normally cannot attend during the week. Mark your calendars and come join us at the Yacht Club for Danish and coffee.

We are in hopes of re-introducing Venetian Night to the La Porte Community this summer if our permit is approved. All LALA members are invited to participate in the lighted boat parade on Saturday, July 21st, starting at 7 PM. The community is invited to watch from the public or park

shorelines. Everyone is welcome to stop by (boaters can moor up at) Kiwanis/Teledyne Park for raffle prizes and great music from our past President; Paul Thode's band; Elwood Splinters Blues Band.

New this year are business sponsorships available through our LALA website at www.LaPorteLakes.com. We've been averaging close to 300 hits a month on our site and we believe businesses can benefit from having their logo and hyperlink added to our website as members and community residents visit our site for information on our Lakes.

If you are interested in more information and benefits please email info@LaPorteLakes.com and someone will contact you directly.

So come on.... make a serious splash this season by reaching out; meet new people and reconnect with old friends and neighbors! Keep the LALA Calendar of Events close at hand and we hope to see everyone participating and getting involved in 2007!

Your Prez~
Theresa McKinney



**LAPORTE AREA
LAKE ASSOCIATION
2007 OFFICERS**

- President:** Theresa McKinney
219-898-0410
- Vice Pres:** Julie Berry
312-375-0756
- Secretary:** Cheri Thomas
219-789-2786
- Treasurer:** Sue Heikes
219-324-2058

Committee Coordinators

- Engineering Committee __ Jay Pouzar
- Holiday Party _____ Sue Heikes
_____ Donna Pouzar
- Lahr Grant _____ Sue Heikes
_____ Jay Pouzar
- Lake Clean Up _____ Paul Thode
- Membership _____ Stephanie Skwait
- Newsletter _____ Donna Pouzar
- Venetian Night _____ Julie Berry
- Weed Control _____ Sue Heikes
- Website _____ Julie Berry

**Support Your
Association**

The Association is made up of mostly of lake residents and local businesses.

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for people to volunteer to work on our committees.

We also depend on our membership to alert the board of things going on around the lake.

If you see something going on in your neighborhood that you feel warrants investigation, contact a board member.

If you have an interesting story to share with the membership, please contact a board member, a committee chairperson if it pertains to a particular event, or our Newsletter Editor.

If you would like to help on a committee, please contact either a board member or the Committee Chairperson for that particular event.

Next General Meeting

**Saturday,
May 12
10:00 a.m..**

**Guest speaker
Greg Carlson
EPA**

**LaPorte
Yacht Club**



Minutes from the February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Theresa McKinney at 6:45 p.m.

A new renewal Membership Form was introduced to the membership. The new form includes some basic information on members, which will be included in a new Membership Directory for the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Heikes

Check for \$3,060 was mailed to _____ for Weed Control grant. The grant pays for 90% of the _____, and the Association pays the remaining 10% of the fee.

Thirteen new members joined – mostly from Outlook Cove.

Engineering – Jay Pouzar

Jeff Johnson hired Jim Kaminski to study the Kabelin Drain, identify the problems with the drain and report back to the DNR.

Jay said he will have a meeting when Jeff returns from vacation in mid-March.

Owners of the new golf course, Legacy Hills, put in a pond on the course to filter run-off.

Flood Insurance

Residents are told the need flood insurance because the area around Pine Lake is in a flood plain.

Surveyor needs to work with the DNR to change the flood plain. The original survey is very old.

Weed Control – Sue Heikes

Aquatic Control will do the shoreline spraying again in 2007. Two treatments. Any complaints are to go through Sue who will contact Aquatic Control.

Membership Drive – Stephanie Skwait
Membership committee to meet on March 8 at Teresa McKinny's home.

New Business

Venetian Night – Julie Berry

New event for 2007.

Lighted boat parade and festival in July or August. Date to be determined.

Elwood Splinter Blues Band to provide entertainment

Sign-up sheet available for volunteers

Need to check with Casey Sullivan regarding permits, help and support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: _____

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Laura and Douglas Bolda
Laura and Jim Conroy
Jerry and Marilyn Fedorchak, Sr.
Jrome and Diane Kozicki
James and Stephanie Kypuros
Bill and Geraldine O'Connor
Donna and Lou Panazzo
John and Sandra Provan
Thomas and Jane Rondinelli
Rex and Mary Schmaltz
Mariette and Rich Shelhamer
James Simmons
Larry and Stacy Wheeler
Bert and Judy Wilmington
Genny Wilkins

Website

We're looking for volunteers to help gather information about the lakes and work with Donna Pouzar and Julie Berry with updating information on our website.

The site contains information on our mission statement, history about the association, calendar of events, newsletters and other lake-related information. Visit the site at:

www.laportelakes.com

We have been getting 2 to 3 requests a month for information from the site according to Theresa McKinney.

If you would like to help, please contact Julie Berry at 312-375-0756 or via e-mail at: julie@rivendellcommunications.com, or Donna Pouzar at 219-689-8205 or via e-mail at: donnapouzar@comcast.net.

New Membership Directory

A new Lake Association Membership Directory is being prepared for all members starting this year.

In order to be included in this directory, please fill out the new Membership Renewal form on Page 5 and return it with your annual dues of **\$25.00** by **March 15**.

We hope this new directory will provide better means of communication among our membership and Officers. Directories will be handed out at the April meeting.

MAILING AND E-MAILING ADDRESSES WILL NEVER BE SHARED OR SOLD BEYOND OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. WE WILL PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OUR MEMBERS.

Membership

Stephanie Skwiat, Membership Committee Chair is looking for members to work with her on our Membership Drive.

If you know someone who is interested in the lakes, if you have a new neighbor, please bring them to our next meeting, which will be Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. at the LaPorte Yacht Club.

Lake Clean Up

Paul Thode once again is heading up the Lake Cleanup Committee. Paul will have more information at the May meeting.

We'll have sign-up sheets at the meeting.

Newsletter

If you have a story you would like to share; if there is a problem in your area that needs to be addressed; if you have fun tidbits of information, please send it along. You can e-mail Donna Pouzar at donnapouzar@comcast.net or mail it to:

The LaPorte Area Lake Association
P.O. Box 352
LaPorte, IN 46352

If you wish to help with the newsletter, please contact Donna via e-mail at the address above.

Happy Birthday

May

- 2 Jerry Kozicki
- 5 George Balling
- 20 Eleanor Juday
- 21 Jay Pouzar
- 25 Kathy Schneider

June

- 4 Mary Schmaltz
- 16 Nellie Zinkel
- 17 Marie Buza
- 21 Marilyn Fedorchak
- 27 Al Schoof
- 28 Jaunda Kneller
Leila Morrison



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, May 12th

General Meeting

10 AM - Meet at the Yacht Club

Accommodating Weekend Residents

Special Guest: Greg Carlson from the EPA

Monday, May 21

First treatment for shoreline Weed Control

Thursday, July 19th

General Meeting

6:00 PM - Meet at the Yacht Club

Last Minute Details on Venetian Night

Saturday, July 21st

1st Annual Venetian Night Lighted Boat Parade

7 PM - 11 PM - Meet at the Yacht Club Docks

Music Provided by Elwood Splinters Blues Band

Saturday, July 28th

Volunteer Lake Clean Up

9:00 AM - Meet at Yacht Club

Lunch to Follow

Thursday, September 20th

General Meeting

6:00 PM - Meet at the Yacht Club

November 10th - Holiday Party at the Yacht Club

6:00 PM - General Meeting

6:30 - 8 PM Holiday Party Benefiting

La Porte's Food Pantry

**Admission - Bring a non-perishable food items*

***Cash Bar - 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM*

****RSVP - Sue Heikes - 324-2058*

LaPorte Area Lake Association
2007 Dues Renewal Membership Form

YEARLY DUES: \$25.00



Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Cell phone: _____

Work: _____

Birthday (no year, please, just month and day ☺)

Name: _____ Month _____ Day _____

Name: _____ Month _____ Day _____

Out of state address (if applicable)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

I would like to volunteer to work on:

Membership

Lake Clean Up

Weed Control

Holiday Party

Newsletter

Website

Return this form with your check payable to:

LaPorte Area Lake Assn., Inc.
P.O. Box 324
LaPorte, Indiana 46352

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About Our Organization...

The LaPorte Area Lake Association was formed in 1965 and is a volunteer organization, comprised of businesses and residents, both on the lakes and surrounding neighborhoods, who are concerned about the quality and health of our lakes.

To ensure continued enjoyment of these lakes, the LaPorte Area Lake Association monitors issues and problems that could affect everything and everyone that uses these lakes from recreational activity to native wildlife. The Association supports; Clear Lake, Fishtrap Lake, Lily Lake, Lower Lake, Pine Lake and Stone Lake. For more information or membership visit; www.LaPorteLakes.com