LCLC Annual Meeting October 24 @ Annex

LaGrange County Lakes Council meets the forth Thursdays, March through October, at the LaGrange County Annex, on the north side of the square. Each meeting includes a guest presentation to help us learn more about local government or an allied organization. Our Annual Meeting will be held October 24 at 6pm, and will include election of board and officers for 2014. Ezra Miller of the LaGrange Historical Society will present on the history of some of the lakes in the county. Then - See you again in 2014!

2014 Fall Lakes Forum

Saturday, October 26, 2013
Lakes Missionary Church—SR20 at SR 327
Coffee & Registration 8:30; Program begins at 9:00

Presentations:
Geology of the NE Indiana Lakes
Best Practices for Lakesiders
Monarchs, Milkweeds and Native Ecologies
Lunchtime Discussion:
What happens with all that Water Quality Data?

Free to all - Please call to pre-register
Sponsored by LaGrange County Lakes Council
Steuben County Lakes Council and
Indiana Lakes Management Society

Speaker Details - See page 3
Fall Fishing: Good Catch, Gorgeous Views!

While most fish are feeding enthusiastically to fatten up for winter, fall can be a great time for fishing! Fish species tend to be more scattered at all depths in fall; bass fisherfolk in particular find fall to be a productive time for filling the freezer! Lake traffic is quieter - too cool for skiing, but a great time for calm meditations in your boat and some colorful, scenic fishing.

LaGrange County Lakes Guide is available to residents at local restaurants, shops and offices, or will be sent to members on request. The guide shows boat access sites on all the larger lakes throughout the County, with bathymetry maps showing depths in various locations around each lake. In addition, there are historic notations regarding which fish are found in each lake. LaGrange lakes are known for bass, perch, bullhead, and of course those tasty bluegill.

*Our guide doesn’t come with a guarantee, but may still be helpful!

LCLC Sponsors!

These generous business sponsors help ‘float the boat’ at LaGrange Lakes Council. They know the importance of the lakes communities we serve, and in turn, wish to serve our lake families. Please choose these businesses when you have a need for services, and make sure to tell them you appreciate their ongoing support of LCLC.

New Water Quality Map Debuts on LCLC Website

The Water Quality Map on our website includes data from samples collected by our lab in 2011 and 2012, and in 2013 by volunteer Lake Stewards. Check it out: www.lagrangecountylakescouncil.org

Just go to the Water Quality tab and click your lake.

Our volunteer Lake Stewards have been meticulous in their duties this summer, and we have new information about the nutrients and algae in our lakes. You’ll also find an informational handout from the LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District and other helpful resources.
Greetings Lake Folks,

Where did the summer go? I just saw the first migrating loon, and the trees are changing color. Throughout the lake season we witness the earth awaken and bloom to radiance, then settle back down again for the winter’s sleep. Here in LaGrange County we are blessed with an abundance of beautiful lakes and streams. We help our grandchildren learn about frogs, toads, snakes and insects in our wetlands, fish in our lakes, and song birds, osprey and eagles filling our clear skies. So many people live so far away from this natural beauty or can only enjoy it for a week or two each year. It’s so important not to take our natural wonders for granted, and all do what we can to promote, protect and preserve our lakes.

The Lagrange County Lakes Council will continue to keep lake residents aware of legislation that will harm our lakes and waterways and lessen our quality of life. Many times there are bills drawn up by politicians in Indianapolis sound quite different than their ultimate intention. Keep up with the legislature through our webpage and emails, and we’ll see you in the spring!

Steve Scott-Welty

FALL LAKES FORUM OCTOBER 26 - PLEASE JOIN US!

Speakers for the 2013 Fall Lakes Forum include:

- Pete Hippensteel, Professor Emeritus from Trine University and Technical VP of Steuben County Lakes Council will present on the Natural History of the Northeast Indiana Great Lakes Basin. Pete’s research indicates the geology and soils of our lakes areas is unique - and because of that, not the best place for some activities.

- Jill Hoffman of Empower Results & Director of the Upper White River Initiative will present information related to Naturalizing Your Lake Shores, and lakeside homeowner best practices.

- Ronnie Greenberg, Master Naturalist and long-time community organizer will present Monarchs and Milkweeds and the importance of native plants to our local ecology. We’ll hear from a panel representing LaGrange, Steuben and Indiana about what happens to all that great water quality data everyone is collecting and close with a networking luncheon.

This program is sponsored by the LaGrange and Steuben County Lake Councils, and free to residents. Please let us know you’re coming and reserve lunch: LaGrange Lakes 260-499-5253; Steuben Lakes 260-665-1730.

NO PLACE LIKE LAKESIDE…

Neighbors having a morning chat on beautiful Oliver Lake in LaGrange County, Indiana witnessed by Ron Gerber
Lakes Council: Working for You!

With 425 individual and business members, 18 member Lake Associations and a mailing list of 4500 waterside residents, LaGrange County Lakes Council is a busy group! Staffed on a part-time basis, LCLC is working to educate and improve conservation efforts on our lakes and throughout the watershed.

Not yet a member? You should be! LCLC invests in water quality testing on all member lakes, and works to protect your lake property values. Join us!

2013 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

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Lake __________________________________
Mailing Address _________________________
City___________State_______Zip___________
Phone _________________________________
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- Household membership           $25
- Additional donation  ____
- Total enclosed   ____

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