

Lake Lemon Conservancy District

March 2011

Special points of interest:

- If you have recently purchased or sold property at Lake Lemon, please contact the LLCDC Office at 812-334-0233, so we can update our database.
- The LLCDC strongly encourages all freeholders to subscribe to the LLCDC list serve. The district uses this technology to keep freeholders informed of current events and happenings on the lake. To subscribe, please send your name and email address to the office at llcdoffice@aol.com.

2012 LLCDC Annual Meeting Summary

The LLCDC Seventeenth Annual Meeting took place on February 1, 2012 at the Benton Township Senior Citizens Building. *Kristen Spickelmier*, Sub-Area III; and *Dennis Friesel*, Sub-Area V; were elected to the Board of Directors. They will serve a four (4) year term. The Board of Directors elected officers for 2012, they are: John Schell, Chairman; Bruce Cassal, Vice-Chairman; and Tina Thrasher, Treasurer.

A copy of the District's 2011 Annual Report is enclosed.

Sublease Renewal Time

2012 Sublease Agreements were mailed to participating freeholders in January. The final date for Sublease renewal is May 31, 2012. If you have any questions about the Sublease program please contact the LLCDC office.

Winter Drawdown Summary

On Monday, November 21st, 2011 the LLCDC opened the dam's sluice gate to begin the winter drawdown process. Due to large amounts of precipitation during December, the LLCDC was unable to achieve the 6 foot drawdown goal. A near 4 foot drawdown was achieved by late December, however, heavy precipitation filled the lake back up to approximately 1 foot below normal pool almost over night. With continued forecasts of precipitation and abnormally warm temperatures, which negates any potential benefits of a drawdown, the LLCDC closed the sluice gate in early February to ensure that the lake returned to normal pool by the boating season. It is anticipated that 2012 vegetation (weed) control treatments will increase significantly from last year.



Board of Directors Term Sub-Area

Bruce Cassal Vice-Chairman	2013	I
Tim Specht	2014	II
Kristen Spickelmier	2016	III
John Schell Chairman	2013	IV
Dennis Friesel	2016	V
Pam Dugan	2014	VI
Tina Thrasher Treasurer	2015	VII
Rachel Atz Ex-Officio (CBU)		
Bob Madden Manager		
Adam Casey Biologist		

The LLCDC Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Benton Township Senior Citizens Building on Highway 45 in Unionville.

2012 Boating Permits

	<u>Annual Permits:</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Res.</u>
LLCDC Boat Permits will go on sale March < 10 hp.		\$41.00	\$68.00
17th at Riddle Point Park. Daily and season > 10 hp.		\$68.00	\$95.00
permits may be purchased at the LLCDC PWC		\$123.00	\$150.00
office/gatehouse and Schell Marina Launch Ramp*		\$33.00	\$33.00
(starting March 31st) on North Shore Daily Permits:			
Drive. All boats on Lake Lemon are re- < 10 hp.		\$7.00	\$7.00
quired to have a valid LLCDC permit. Please > 10 hp.		\$10.00	\$10.00
remember to purchase your permit before PWC		\$17.00	\$17.00
you launch your boat or personal watercraft Launch Ramp*		\$5.00	\$5.00
for the 2012 season.		* Riddle Point Park only	

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Lake Lemon Restoration Project: Sediment Removal

The 2011 dredging season marked the second successful year for the LLCDD managed dredging operation. Notable achievements for the 2011 dredging operation included the completion of the Possum Trot disposal site; the purchase of a used bulldozer; and a substantial increase in total sediment yardage removed. During the 2011 dredging season, 11,070 cubic yards of sediment were removed from the lake, a 30 % increase over the 8,540 cubic yards of material removed during 2010. After the LLCDD dredging was completed for the season, the operation focused on shoreline stabilization and applied 795 linear feet of gabion rip-rap stone along city owned shoreline. Prior to beginning dredging during the 2012 season, the barge staff will focus on preparing the Possum trot disposal site.



- Indiana Conservation Officers will be patrolling Lake Lemon on a regular basis during this boating season. A copy of the Indiana Boating Laws may be obtained at the LLCDD office/gatehouse or at <http://www.boat-ed.com/in/handbook/>

- Please contact the LLCDD office if you find a buoy marker that has been displaced during the winter months.



Nuisance Wildlife Control: Canada Goose

With abnormally warm temperatures, it is anticipated that the Lake Lemon Canada Goose population will be procreating ahead of schedule this year. Goose population control is always an exciting time of year for the Lake Lemon biologist. After acquiring the permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the treatment process begins. Canada geese are very territorial and protective over their young. Upon arriving on Cemetery Island to treat eggs, the male geese return to their respective mate's nests, and both male and female become very aware and aggressive. This makes walking around much easier, but means there will be an epic battle at each and every one of the nests to get to the eggs. Whenever treating goose nests, be sure to wear pants, gloves and long sleeves as they will bite. It seems that as the seasons go on, the geese are also growing more fond of aerial attacks, and it can get pretty nerve racking having a bird with a 6 foot wing span dive bombing you when your not looking. Due to these sneak attacks, it is also recommended to have a companion with you to ward off any aggressive geese, while you have your head down treating eggs. During the spring of 2011, 220 eggs were treated in over 20 nests. Based on observations, there did seem to be less goslings than normal around Riddle Point Park during the 2011 summer. If you are interested in treating goose eggs near you own residence, remember you must first acquire a permit. To find out more information on Canada Geese, or to obtain a permit to treat eggs, please visit the following website; <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm>.— Adam Casey, Lake Biologist

Ordinance Enforcement Continued for 2012

The District will continue its enforcement of the City of Bloomington Municipal Code 11.04 Entitled "Lake Lemon" in 2012. This code may be found at www.lakelemon.org or at www.bloomington.in.gov/code. (A copy is also available for review at the LLCDD Office or Gate House.)