

Lake Lemon Conservancy District

October 2013

Special points of interest:

- If you have recently purchased or sold property at Lake Lemon, please contact the LLCD Office at 812-334-0233, so we can update our database.
- The LLCD strongly encourages all freeholders to subscribe to the LLCD 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.

Board of Directors Term Sub-Area

Lance Eberle <i>Treasurer</i>	2017	I
Tim Specht	2014	II
Kim Mayer	2014	III
John Schell <i>Chairman</i>	2017	IV
Dennis Friesel	2016	V
Pam Dugan <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2014	VI
Tina Thrasher	2015	VII

Bob Madden
Manager

James Van Tassel
Biologist

The LLCD Board Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Benton Township Senior Citizens Building on Highway 45 in Unionville. Check lakelemon.org for further details.

2013 Summer Highlights

The Independence Day Celebration was a success, donations were up from years past and covered 96% of the total LLCD expenditures. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

The LLCD hosted twenty eight fishing tournaments and had eleven Riddle Point Park Shelter House reservations.

Daily and seasonal passes are on par with years past with a slight increase in annual boat permits.

New LLCD Public Docking System



In July 2013 the LLCD had a new docking system installed at the public boat ramp at Riddle Point Park. Many compliments have been received from Freeholders and public boaters alike.

Election

Three directorships are up for election in 2014. Kim Mayer, Director, was appointed by the Board in July 2013 to fill a vacancy in Sub-Area III. Sub-Area III's directorship term will be for the remainder of the original term two (2) years. Tim Specht, Sub-Area II, and Pam Dugan, Sub-Area VI, are also up for election. Sub-Areas II and VI's term will be for four (4) years. Any nominations for district director in Sub-Area II, III, or VI must be submitted by November 30th, 2013. The nomination letter must be signed by five (5) Freeholders from the appropriate sub-area. The election will be held at the annual meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.



Are You Ready for the Challenge?

The first annual **Romp at Riddle Point** is an obstacle course race supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington, co-hosted by the Indiana University Office of Outdoor Adventures and Hoosier CrossFit.

The Romp is about three miles in length, stretching throughout BGC Bloomington's scenic property on the south shore of Lake Lemon. The race features 12 obstacles, including hay bale jumping, a tire run, and a race up a 25-foot ravine. Registration for race participation is \$70 for individuals, but participants who form teams of four members or larger will be charged \$65 each. For registration information please go to www.therompatribblepoint.com or contact Sarah Heimer at 812-332-5311 ext.10 or at sheimer@bgcbloomington.org.

For your family.

The last heat of the day is open for families to participate. Any family of 4-people, youth must be ages 12+ with an adult are welcome to participate for \$150 per family unit!

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Winter Drawdown

The LLCD Board of Directors will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of drawing down the lake at the October 16, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. A successful drawdown and deep freeze of the exposed lake bed can help eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation. If the Board decides to draw down the lake ~5-6 feet, the sluice gate will be opened shortly after Thanksgiving.

Final Aquatic Vegetation Report

Aquatic vegetation is a fundamental component in the health and structure of lakes and reservoirs. Lake Lemon is classified as mesotrophic-eutrophic meaning aquatic vegetation is prolific due to the lake being rich in nutrients. The LLCD budgeted \$50,000.00 to control and maintain the vegetation that impedes Freeholder lake access and boating in the lake proper. The LLCD received a \$5,000.00 DNR-LARE Grant for the treatment of Eurasian water milfoil in the lake proper. Milfoil is an invasive

species that is particularly detrimental to lakes due to competition with native species. Milfoil grows earlier in the season in a variety of depths and water quality directly affecting the population of native species. The large milfoil bed in the bay East of Reed Point was very successfully eradicated with the help of the DNR Grant. In total the reservoir was treated five times (Submersed-102.5 acres; Spatterdock-9.4 acres; Lotus-16.8 acres) with a total expenditure of \$54,118.96. Overall it has been an exceedingly successful year for vegetation control

Lake Enhancement Project

The barge operation started out the season with debris removal. Spring rains bring lots of debris into the lake proper primarily from Bean Blossom Creek. The barge operation has been vital in the removal and cleaning up of debris each year. Once debris removal was completed two areas of City of Bloomington property were rip/rapped for shoreline erosion control totaling 425 lineal feet.

The LLCD resumed dredging in Salmon Harbor. Salmon Harbor was a difficult dig between the narrowness of the channels, low lying power lines, and difficulty anchoring the barge. Through superb excavating and boat operating skills the LLCD successfully completed the channel totaling 4,800 Y3 removed for the year. 10,995 Y3 have been removed in total from Salmon Harbor in 2012 and 2013. Three private jobs were completed this year for Freeholders in the Salmon Harbor area. The barge then proceeded to dredge the channel from Little Africa to the entrance of Chitwood. The channel is 95% completed with 8,400 Y3 removed for the 2013 season.



- Indiana Conservation Officers will be patrolling Lake Lemon on a regular basis throughout the year. A copy of the Indiana Boating Laws may be obtained at the LLCD office/gatehouse or at <http://www.boat-ed.com/in/handbook/>
- Please contact the LLCD office if you find a buoy marker that has been displaced.



The LLCD will wrap up the season with a private rip rap job and shoreline clean up. Barge priorities for the 2014 season will be discussed at the March 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.

Wrapping up the Boating Season

The LLCD docks at Riddle Point Park will be removed the last week in November. The ramp will remain open throughout the winter as long as lake conditions permit launching.

The LLCD recommends that all docks and lifts be removed from the lake after the boating season.