



LaGrange County Lakes Council

To promote, protect and preserve the quality of the lakes and watersheds of LaGrange County

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WATER QUALITY TESTING/RESULTS PROJECT

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THANK YOU!

The LaGrange County Lakes Council will continue -and grow- our water quality testing program in 2012. There are many others also doing water quality testing: the Soil and Water Conservation District and Indiana Department of Environmental Management with specific IDEM programs on the Pigeon, Little Elkhart and Fawn Rivers, IU and the sewer districts in our cities and towns.

Our goal of expanding our own program to monthly testing in 2012 could involve YOU. We are seeking volunteers on each lake who will be trained in collecting monthly samples. We are also working to build an interactive map on our website that will allow members to review the data from



all of these various sources, to allow us all to get a clearer picture of the work being done in LaGrange County to mitigate pollution sources. As part of the LaGrange County community, and as stewards of some of the County's most important resources, we will continue to work in partnership with county and state agencies to keep our waterways clean!

NEW SERVICE: COTTAGE RENTAL CENTRAL

Starting 2012, members of LaGrange County Lakes Council will have the opportunity to advertise rental cottages on the LCLC website. Fee for LCLC members is just \$100/year, and includes a description of your rental and two pictures. Additional pictures can be posted for \$25. Contact Leslie at 260-499-5253 for further information, and to get your rental posted right away!



JUST A *COMMUNITY*, CIRCLED 'ROUND A PUDDLE...

Yippee! When lovely Hoosier spring rolls around, YOU can be the first to throw your kayak or fishing line in the water! We want to be part of a community of lake residents, and part of the broader community. We offer here a few friendly suggestions for balancing recreation and fun, with conservation and lake health. Did you know only 3% of the water on the planet is fresh water? We lake residents are lucky enough to enjoy it. Let's be responsible enough to protect the important resource here in our front yards. Nowhere is 'living green' more important than lakeside!

DO be a joiner - join the county lakes council and your own lake association. Be part of any water cleanup efforts. Respect the culture of your lake, learn the quiet and rowdy hours. 'Lakescape' with native species, especially around your shoreline. Learn more about lake ecology.

DON'T put stuff in the lake. Anything. Not left-over bait, not leaves or grass or sand or concrete or any foreign junk.

Enjoy your weenie roasts, but don't burn toxic plastics. Don't keep your neighbors up all night, and don't let your dog run loose. (...and DO scoop the poop!) ☺



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PATRONIZE LCLC

These generous business sponsors help 'float the boat' at LaGrange Co. 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 the LaGrange County Lakes Council.

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INDIANA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Several bills were considered in the 2012 Indiana legislative session that could have significant impact on our lakes.

Reauthorization of the Lakes Management Work Group died in committee. This group has positively promoted legislation protecting the lakes for many years. Local State Rep. Dick Dodge will be retiring at the end of 2012, so we must make sure our new representative is very

conscious of lake issues. Since redistricting, the 51st District will represent LaGrange and Steuben Counties-most of the Pigeon and Fawn River watersheds. Bills related to sewer districts and rate structures and solid waste recycling will no doubt again be on the legislative agenda next year. Updates and information can be obtained from Indiana Lakes Management Society, www.indianalakes.org

SUMMER ON LAGRANGE COUNTY LAKES

What's going on at your lake this summer? Pretty Lake Conservation Club will be hosting a Conservation-Education Fair on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 9am-1pm. Representatives from EMS, DNR, Red Cross, Sheriff's Department, and of course the County Lakes Council will be on hand to answer questions and address concerns

about water quality testing, water safety, CPR and much more. The fair is open to everyone, and there will be a conservation project for children. Your association's activities can be posted to the LCLC website - send activity information you want posted to: admin@lagrangepubliclakescouncil.org See you at the lake!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LAKE "FRIENDLINESS"

Wow, by the first day of March North Twin Lake was completely open and ice free! Was this the shortest, most mild winter ever, or am I just getting old? For the first time in recent years we had no ice fishermen on our lake and even had lake neighbors kayaking on Christmas day. Piers and boats are in the water much earlier than years past.

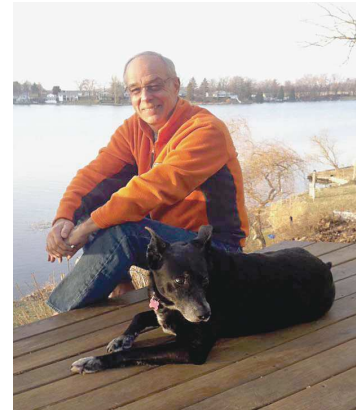
The Lagrange County Lakes Council is looking forward to the upcoming lake season. We are planning to continue our Lakes Council Water Testing Program and increase the frequency of our water quality tests. October 27 we will be co-hosting -with the Steuben County Lakes Council- our annual Fall Forum, featuring experts on lake issues. All members are welcome to attend.

Please check out our new and improved website. This site features Indiana boat and fishing laws, news and events, results of our water tests and, new for this year, cottage rentals: www.lagrangepubliclakescouncil.org

Thanks to all of our current and future members, our lake associations, and our business sponsors. Your support allows us to continue "to promote, protect and preserve the quality of the lakes and watersheds of Lagrange County".

Enjoy the lakes and stay lake friendly,

Steve Scott-Welty



Steve and Sasha on beautiful North Twin Lake



LAGRANGE COUNTY SHERIFF INITIATIVES BENEFIT LAKE RESIDENTS

Diver Down! Spread the word about the new LaGrange County Sheriff's Dive Team! The Department has three full time certified divers, and 8 reserve certified divers who can assist in a 911 emergency or rescue operation. The team keeps their skills up with monthly practice dives, so you may see the flag on your lake. Remind fellow boaters to stay clear of the Dive Flag - the LC Dive team is busy working! The team will

appreciate donations from lake associations for equipment, and is willing to make presentations at meetings. Another initiative of the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department is the emergency notification network. You can sign up for email or text emergency notifications on their secure emergency notification network by going to www.nixle.com and entering your preferred contact information. Great use of our lake property taxes!

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LAKES COUNCIL: WORKING FOR YOU!



With 350 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!

2012 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name _____

Lake _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership \$25

Additional donation _____

Total enclosed _____

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