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A View from the Lake

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Schaefer Lake Newsletter

August 2016

Upcoming Events

- September 10th:** **The Annual Fall Picnic** – 5:00 pm at the shelter house on Lot #90. Meat and table service is provided. Everyone is asked to dust off their best recipes and bring a delicious dish. After the picnic we will give everyone an opportunity to vote on their favorite dish at the picnic. The person who brought it will be “pampered” with a special prize!
- September 16th:** **Full Moon Float** – Join up with other “floaters” and connect down by the dam. This will be your last chance to experience an “aquatic block party” as this is the last one scheduled for this year.
- September 17th** **Hope Bike Ride** – for all those joining in the fun and riding your bike, we wish you much success and good health. For those just watching (which is most of us) please remember to be mindful of the extra traffic around our lake when backing out of drives or turning around corners!



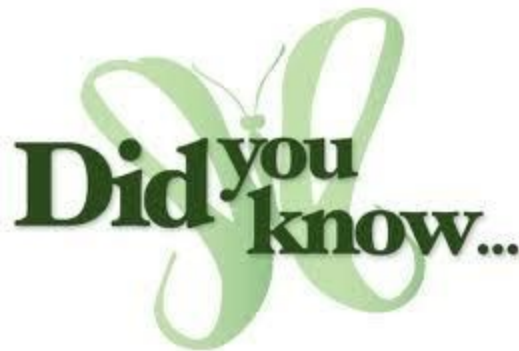
Please see the brochure listed below published by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regarding this invasive species of fish that decimates the fish population in a body of water once invaded. We can prevent this type of invasion by never bringing in fish or releasing baitfish from other bodies of water. To prevent the distribution of their eggs it is best to empty and clean your well before bringing your boat back to Schaefer Lake from another body of water. www.IN.gov/dnr. Click on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and go into "Stop The Invasion" to view the entire brochure. It is unsure whether Asian Carp would survive long term in a small lake such as ours by reviewing the DNR information but it is something to consider and pay attention to.



Another invasive species is the zebra mussel. These mussels will attach themselves on watercraft and then infect our lake if given the chance. They are a problem as they eat large amounts of phytoplankton and zoo plankton thus disrupting the food chain for other fish and wildlife. They attach to turtles and eventually kill them. They attach to rocks and hard surfaces, clogging drain lines and damaging engines by layering. Their eggs are able to remain suspended in water for 3 to 4 weeks. For this reason it is important that water from other bodies is not brought into Schaefer Lake. Please go to www.in.gov/dnr/files/zebra-mussel.pdf for more details.

Please visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/files/zebra-mussel.pdf> to see how to prevent accidentally bringing zebra mussels to Schaefer Lake. It is most important to keep water from other bodies from entering our lake. Empty wells onto the land – not water. The DNR recommends you flush the cooling system and live wells and then let the boat dry for five days. If it is necessary to put the boat in the water sooner, they recommend washing everything down with a 5% bleach solution.

Our thanks to Jamie Champlin for researching and sharing these facts with us!!!!



Did you Know ..Our lake has been tested for ecoli contamination 3 times this summer. The results have been very low. On July 25th our result was less than 1 mpn/ml. The EPA limit is 235 mpn/m;.Mpn means “most probable number” of bacteria present. We are investigating methods of bacteria and algae testing.

New Directories!!!

The membership committee is currently working on publishing a 2016 Directory. It is our goal to have it published and distributed by September. We have a lot of new additions plus a lot of old mistakes in the current directory. As a reminder, we never publish your phone number in the newsletter unless you have given us your permission. Instead, we refer to your lot # and you can look up the phone number in your directory. We do this as a privacy concern since the newsletter is published on a public website.

We are still looking for pictures of Schaefer Lake in the "early years".

If you have some we would love for you to share them with us so we can share them in the newsletter and on the website!!

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Thanks!



This month I had the opportunity to meet with **Brent and Nicole Engel**. They were a very busy couple in 2004-2005. They purchased their new home and Brent graduated from the University of Southern Illinois with a Masters. Brent started a new job at Cummins in January 2005 and in April 2005 they were married. They attended Lawrenceville High School in Lawrenceville, Illinois. Brent and Nicole dated for 7 years throughout high school and college. Brent and Nicole's parents still live in Illinois and they take turns making the 3 hour trip to visit.

Nicole worked as a Personal Banker for Salin Bank before becoming a stay-at-home mom **to Amy**, born in October 2010 and **Levi** born in January 2014. Amy will start kindergarten this year. They keep Brent and Nicole very busy.

Brent has served on the SLLOA board. He was on the safety committee. He also served in a general maintenance role for 5 years. Brent said Nicole encouraged him when he served on the board.

I asked what differences they have seen with our newer neighbors and they both felt there was more sense of pride with keeping up on their properties and helping with the community. There seems to be more activities and events and the property owners are more involved.

The Engel's are members of The Ridge in Columbus where Brent has been a Youth Leader for 6 years and Nicole was a Youth Leader until the children came along and required more of her time at home. She wants to return someday after their children are older.

They have many hobbies which include all outdoor activities. Brent likes to work on cars and boats. He likes to “tinker” which is great because Nicole likes finding projects on Pinterest for Brent to do!!

Thanks Engel's for letting us all get to know you better!

(Don't be surprised if Dawn calls you next.....we're all waiting to meet you!!!)

Eastern Bartholomew Water Update: Our EBW project is still in the works! Donnie Smith tells us that they are running behind schedule b but fully expect to begin within the month of August. The plat drawings are available for review. If you would like to look at them closer please communicate with your board representatives at Schaefer.Lake@yahoo.com and make arrangements to view. You can also email EBW with any questions by going to our website <http://slloa.com> and clicking on Eastern Bartholomew Water. The EBW contact information is listed here as well as copies of the plat drawings. Keep watching your Schaefer Lake website for more updates.



In the September Newsletter we would like to highlight the services that others around the lake have to offer. Do you have a business or provide special services that you would like to advertise in the newsletter? Here is our first ad:



CATERING by KARR is a catering service owned by Scott and Jerrilou Cole.

If you have an event that requires catering, please consider contacting them at **Catering by Karr 812-603-3267**



Tips for Lake Living

By Jamie Champlin

After you have lived here at Schaefer Lake for awhile you begin to realize some of the perks that make this place special. Beautiful sunrises, open skies and reflections on the water. A front row seat to many beautiful birds such as Eagles, Blue, Green and White Heron, Cormorants, Osprey and Geese. And we have SPIDERS! As Susan Brown says, “we sure do have healthy spider’s here on the lake”. Who knew spiders were an added perk to lake living? We have hired pest control and we have tried to spray ourselves, but it hasn’t seemed to be very effective long term.

In conversation with Rick Snyder, he says he has eliminated ants by vacuuming them up. I recalled that vacuuming was effective for eliminating the nasty little imposter lady bugs. I decided to use a shop vacuum to try removing spiders and spider eggs from my deck. Vacuuming seems to have greatly reduced our spider population. I have not walked out the door and gotten a face full of cobwebs for some time now.



How do you control the spiders?? Have you resorted to naming them and adopting them as pets? We would love to share your suggestions of how you control your spiders as well as

suggestions to other aspects of lake living in the newsletter. Please contact us with your ideas.



The SLLOA Board will meet on Wednesday, August 17th.

If you have something you feel the board needs to be made aware of, please contact one of the following board members.

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Carrie Trotter (lot # 47) - President

Jamie Champlin (lot# 14) - Vice-President

Scott Cole (lot# 49) - Treasurer

Freida Robertson (lot# 13) - Secretary

Scott Towsley (lot#40)

Cody Hege (lot # 22)

Rob Dailey (lot #46)

Amanda Dornfeld (lot # 38)

Remember .your opinions do matter so make your voice heard!