

# FISH & ROYER LAKES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

*Good fishing. Good times. Good friends.*

## **Coming Events**

May 14—Board Meeting, Maplewood, 9 am

June 11—General Meeting, Maplewood, 10 am

June 17-18 Annual Garage Sale

July 4 flotilla—4:00 at Boat Landing

July 16—Board Meeting, Maplewood, 9 am

August 6—General Meeting, Hog Roast and Picnic, Meeting at 2:00, Picnic 3:00

## **Come One, Come All!**

Our first general meeting of the year will take place on June 11, 10 am, at Maplewood Nature Center. All lake residents are asked to attend. Our speaker will be **Dave Arrington**.

## **Website:**

Check our website for board meeting minutes and newsletters. Only 6 of 70 Lagrange County lakes have websites. Thanks to **Gary Kurtz**, we are among this select group. The web address is

<http://www.FishandRoyerLakes.com>.

## **Cookbook**

Always wanted to be an author? Send us your recipe, and your name will be in print! We need a recipe from every single lake home. Please send recipes to **Pam Deetz** at [pdeetz@hotmail.com](mailto:pdeetz@hotmail.com). Recipes are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pam has about 80 recipes and needs about 80 more, especially breads and cookies.

## **Lake Home Tours**

We hope to have a tour of lake homes in September 2011. Two families have volunteered to open their homes. We are looking for at least two more homes on Fish Lake and four more homes on Royer Lake. People who have a house on the market may be interested in participating. Many homes on the lakes have interesting histories. Many have undergone additions and renovations. We plan to sell tickets as a fund raiser for the association.

## **Let's Clean it Up!**

Lake residents have asked that we remind dog walkers and pet owners to clean up after their animals. Some animals are leaving regular deposits on neighbors' lawns, driveways, or in the mailbox area. In a similar vein, we are seeing a lot of trash on the side of the road. Walkers can carry plastic bags to pick up litter that people have tossed out of cars and to dispose of it at home. The lake association is going to be arranging for an account with a metals recycler for residents to drop off aluminum cans. Let's all work together to maintain our clean and friendly lake environment. So let's all be bag ladies and bag men, in the very best sense!

## **Spring Visitors**

We have started hearing the spring peepers in the woods. The birds are noisy and busy, building nests, and starting their families. Many birds stop by on their migration paths. We have seen a number of trumpeter swans on their way north, loons migrating north, and mergansers.

## **A Welcome Change of Course**

Land that had been being marketed for development is currently being marketed as a 4.5 acre site with 1200 ft. of lakefront for a single home. This news relieves the concerns of lake residents who were concerned about possible development of wetland, disturbance of natural habitats, reduction in property values, and damage to lake water quality. The link to the property is

[http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/S-500-E-Royer-Lk\\_Lagrange\\_IN\\_46761\\_M32404-64261](http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/S-500-E-Royer-Lk_Lagrange_IN_46761_M32404-64261)

The Board appreciates the change in course on the part of the sellers and realtors.

**2011 DUES.** Dues run from January of one year to January of the following year. Dues for 2011 are now due.

Please make checks payable to: Fish & Royer Lakes Association

Dues can be mailed to: **Norine M. Doig, Treas. (Tele.#: 260-463-4123),**

**5070 E 100 S, Lagrange, IN 46761**

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20.00. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR FISH STOCKING PROGRAM. THIS PAST YEAR, DUE TO GENEROUS DONATIONS, WE WERE ABLE TO STOCK SMALL MOUTH BASS, WALL EYE, AND CHANNEL CATFISH IN OUR LAKES.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name & address

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Lake \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues: \$20.00**

Check \_\_\_\_\_ or cash \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for stocking fish \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues can also be given to road captains. Road captains include:** Cheryl and Joe Albergo, Brett Elliot, Dave Arrington, Dave Bowlby, Pam and Randy Deetz, Norine and Marshall Doig, Les and Pat Fogle, Betty and TJ Hemlinger, Jim Kennah, Dick Krull, Carol and Helmuth Massat, Brian Mervau, and Erik Pearson.

The Fish & Royer Lakes Association is your organization. We only exist through your voluntary participation. It is up to each and every resident of Fish and Royer to do their fair share and join the cause and show you care! Your \$20 dues are dollar for dollar directly reinvested back into the lakes. We currently are concentrating on fish restocking every year because that's what the majority of the residents voted to pursue. All 219 households on Fish or Royer Lake are eligible to join and are urged to do so. Your dues are only \$20 a year (about 5 cents a day) and are used entirely for fish stocking, improving the quality of your lake and the value of your homes and property. This in and of itself is reason to pay your share and become a member! Please don't be one of those people who say "I never leave the house or fish or go out on the lake"; you still benefit through your children, your grandchildren or your family friends who do enjoy fishing, swimming, boating, or just the beauty of looking at our lakes. Please fill out the information and join your neighbors in supporting your lake. It's the best investment you can make to protect what we all worked hard for: our home in the country on a lake. If you cannot directly participate in the meetings; then show your support by at least joining the association. **Thanks to all who have already joined. Bring a neighbor into the association!**

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