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Webster Lake Summer 2021 Newsletter

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WLCA Mission Statement:

WLCA's mission is to represent and cultivate the best interests of its membership and property owners by assisting in controlling the inlet and outlet of Webster Lake; endeavoring to keep the lake clean and safe for fishing, swimming, and boating; and encouraging the property owners and members to work together for the improvement of the lake. WLCA's purpose is to make the region healthful, restful, and attractive in the belief that doing so will help to enhance enjoyment of the lake and maintain and/or increase lake property values as well as benefit local businesses and the community as a whole. *

Thankfully, activities in the lake communities are beginning to return to normal as COVID-19 vaccinations increase and the COVID pandemic subsides. You will read about several of these activities in this newsletter.

Returning events not mentioned below are "Music in the Park" at the North Webster Town Park every Friday evening at 7 p.m. through September 3 (bring your own lawn chairs). The "Mermaid Festival" sponsored for the 75th time by the North Webster Lions Club will run from June 23 through June 26. The 12th annual "Dixie Day Festival" is scheduled for July 31. The "Dixie Sternwheel Tour Boat" is now scheduled to begin operations on June 12 – just a little later in the season than usual.

In addition to these attractions and the ones listed below, other activities can be found at the new North Webster Community Public Library and at the North Webster Community Center, both located on State Road 13 in the heart of North Webster. For a comprehensive listing of events and activities, including dates and locations, pick up a copy of the free annual resource guide published by the North Webster-Tippecanoe Township Chamber of Commerce at many local merchants or banks.

I sincerely hope that these local events, and those sponsored by WLCA, help make your summer at North Webster enjoyable, entertaining, and memorable.

Best wishes, Mike Wyrick, President *



Check out the Webster Lake Conservation Association Facebook page for news, events, pictures and happenings on and around Webster Lake. This page was set up in August of 2020 and has already grown to 225+ members. Lots of good pictures and thoughts about Webster Lake have been posted. Become a member and share your family's favorite photos and love of Webster Lake. *

WLCA 2021 Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 19

Annual Dixie Ride ~ 9:30 AM

Saturday, July 3

*Webster Lake Fireworks ~ Approx. 10:00 PM
(Rain Date - Saturday, July 10)*

Saturday, August 14

Annual Meeting/Election

9:30 AM ~ Community Center Party Room *

Visit the WLCA website @
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for information and updates



IN THE WEEDS

Aquatic weeds are a natural occurrence and an essential part of a good lake ecosystem. There is also a need to keep weeds in check to maintain navigation, access to docks and piers, and to minimize weed chop from propeller blades. Weed chop is best minimized by not navigating through large weed beds with propeller driven boats. Some larger weed beds or lily pad beds have boat lanes through or around them to allow navigation in that area. Remaining within the boat lanes helps minimize chop. When avoidance of the weed bed is not an option or invasive weeds are abundant, herbicide treatments are often necessary to eliminate or minimize those weeds. That is where WLCA enters the picture.

Annually, WLCA obtains permission and a permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to apply approved channel, shoreline, and main-lake weed herbicide treatments. Lakefront property owners, however, are entitled to self-treat up to 625 Sq. Ft. of their frontage under an annual "Permit Exemption" should they need relief prior to any authorized treatments under the WLCA permit or if WLCA was not permitted by the DNR to treat the property owner's frontage.

(See <http://www.lakewebster.net/weedtreatment.php> - Permit Exempt Aquatic Weed Control 625 Rule for DNR's infographic brochure).



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If you wish to receive informative Mailchimp e-mails from WLCA about weed treatments and other events and news about Webster Lake, please provide WLCA with the e-mail addresses of interested members in your household by sending those e-mail addresses to WebsterLakeAssociation@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" tab on the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net. WLCA must receive the name, e-mail address and lake address for each person to be added to the mailing list. WLCA and MailChimp will NOT sell or share your e-mail address with others. ✨



Electronic Funds Transfer

HOW TO PAY WLCA DUES AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE WEED & FIREWORKS FUNDS USING PAY-PAL

WLCA offers PayPal as a convenient way to pay your dues and make contributions to its Weed & Fireworks Funds—but, unfortunately, it is not a one-step process. PayPal's payment format for a not-for-profit corporation allows only one transaction at a time to be processed. Multiple entries on a single transaction are not allowed, and there is no provision for a member to provide instructions for the distribution of donated funds.

The first transaction on the "Pay Dues and Donate Online" page of the WLCA website at http://www.lakewebster.net/eft_payments.php is specifically for dues payments. The second transaction on the "Pay Dues and Donate Online" page is for donations to the Weed & Fireworks Funds. That transaction can be a contribution equally split (50/50) between the Weed & Fireworks Funds. To make unequal and/or specific donations to these Funds, the member needs to make a separate donation transaction to each Fund. Payment

While visiting the weed treatment section of the WLCA website, please take time to review the most recent 2021 Vegetation Plan Treatment Updates for May 5 through May 26 and the January 2021 post of the Updated 2020 Annual Vegetation Management Plan. The updates contain maps indicating when and where 2021 treatments have been made and where future treatments will be made. The updates were previously sent to WLCA MailChimp subscribers in advance of the treatments, and the May 26 update is posted to the WLCA private Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343088493575948>

Please join our Facebook page and sign up for our MailChimp bulletins. Instructions on how to join our MailChimp communication are contained in this newsletter.

Webster Lake currently has 200 acres of invasive weed species, equally divided between Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed. Only the cost for treating Eurasian Water Milfoil is being considered for partial reimbursement by the DNR through its LARE Grant Program. 100% of the cost of permitted treatments for Curlyleaf Pondweed, shoreline, and channel must be paid for by WLCA members' dues and extra contributions to the Weed Fund.

Thank you so much for your support and your investment in Webster Lake. ✨



WEBSTER LAKE ZONE PROJECT. Webster Lake has launched its new Lake Zone Project with Zone Representatives now serving in more than half of the Zones. WLCA is looking for additional volunteers who are willing to serve as this communications link between their neighbors and WLCA. The duties of a Zone Representative do not require a lot of time to fulfill and may easily be done by summer or weekend residents. You may obtain information about this program by requesting information from WLCA through its website contact page at www.lakewebster.net or sending an e-mail to WebsterLakeAssociation@gmail.com. ✨

of dues and contributions to both the Weed & Fireworks Funds in differing amounts will require a total of three transactions. Your support is needed and appreciated in all three areas. *Thank you.* ✨

TEN DIGIT DIALING REQUIRED IN AREA CODES 219 & 574



All ten-digits in a telephone number in the Area Codes of 219 and 574 (area code +seven digit number) should be used when placing a call in either of those area codes at this time to insure that your call will go through. Using all ten digits will be mandatory beginning October 24 for your call to go through. You will also need to continue dialing 1+area code+seven digit number for long-distance calls. You may still dial only 911 as an emergency number. You also need to make sure that all pre-programmed numbers for local calls are changed in your phone to include the area code. This requirement to use all ten digits is being mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. You may wish to see if this procedure is also being required in other area codes which you may be dialing. ✨

"HOW DID YOU GET TO WEBSTER LAKE?"

We thought it would be interesting to begin a new series called "*How Did You Get to Webster Lake?*" If you or your family would like to share your story of how you got to Webster Lake, like this one provided by Philip & Chara Lavelle, please submit your article by e-mail to WebsterLakeAssociation@gmail.com or use the "Contact Us" tab on the WLCA website at www.lakewebster.net. Photos may be included as well. This series will be continued over the next few years, and submitted articles will be kept on file for future use.

Family History on Webster

It was October '87. I was riding shotgun in a borrowed Harvest Market delivery truck with my father at the wheel. I was thirteen and skipping school. We were heading to North Webster to unload and move into my family's lake cottage on El-Ray Island.



My father loved to fish, and it was a dream for him to have a cottage on Webster. The rest of us fell in love with Lake Webster immediately, and for the next 28 years, our growing family traveled north to

the lake cottage nearly every weekend during the season. From muskie fishing at night to water skiing at the break of dawn, we couldn't get enough of what Webster had to offer.

My wife, Chara, has even deeper roots in Webster. The Millers, of "Millers Landing" are her ancestors. Her grandfather and his family

spent many summer days on Webster—even a few winter days as her grandfather once drove his car out onto the ice to prove his daring.

My wife and I met in 1999 and spent many special days on Webster early in our marriage. Sadly, my father passed away in 2015 and my mother decided to pursue another dream the two of them had shared so the lake house went up for sale. The timing wasn't right for us to buy the family cottage, and so, I had to say goodbye to Lake Webster for a time.

In the midst of the COVID quarantine, Spring 2020, my wife and I found ourselves suffering from a bit of cabin fever. One morning



she called to tell me about a tiny fixer upper, not far from my parent's old place on Webster. We drove up to take a look. It was much more of a project than we wanted to take on so we were heading out of town when a new listing popped up on my wife's phone. She

was so excited – I think she stopped breathing for a minute – the perfect place, the perfect location. We stopped by for a quick walk through and made an offer that day.

Now we are enjoying the start of our second season on Lake Webster and we are so excited to experience all of what we missed during the summer of 2020. It seems like Webster gets better every year and we are thrilled to be a part of it! – Philip and Chara Lavelle ❄️

Photos: Left, Loren Airgood and Della Miller Airgood Right, the Lavelle family.

LAKE WEBSTER PROPERTY OWNERS ENTITLED TO LIBRARY CARD

Summer residents owning a property at Webster Lake may qualify for a free library card at the North Webster Community Public Library. Residents age 18 or over must show a valid Driver's License or Government issued photo ID. A bill or lease must also be used to show a current address in Tippecanoe Township (Webster Lake)—a real estate tax bill is a good evidence of ownership. Summer residents who have an Indiana Evergreen



library card from their home library can also use it at the North Webster Community Public Library, which is part of the state-wide Evergreen system. A card is NOT needed to attend classes, programs or events at the Library nor is a card needed to use the Library's public computers, printer, fax or Wi Fi or to utilize the Library facility. More information is available on the Library's website at [www.http://www.nweb.lib.in.us](http://www.nweb.lib.in.us) or from the friendly and helpful staff members at the Library's circulation desk. ❄️

2021 WLCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please return this voucher with your mailed payment)

Name(s) _____

E-mail Addresses for Contact Purposes:

Lake Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Phone(s) _____

E-mail Statements Yes No

Membership Dues \$ 100.00

Fireworks Fund \$ _____

Weed Fund \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Check Payable to WLCA

Mail to: WLCA
P.O. Box 79
North Webster, IN 46555

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Information at www.lakewebster.net,
Pay Dues Tab

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2021 WEBSTER LAKE FIREWORKS SHOW

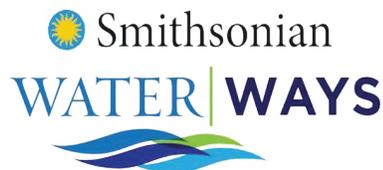


THE WEBSTER LAKE 2021 FIREWORKS SHOW IS SATURDAY, JULY 3. 100% of the funding for the Webster Lake Fireworks display comes from the support of the Webster Lake residents and business community. Putting on a fantastic fireworks display is a long-standing tradition here at Webster Lake. WLCA plans to continue to provide the very best show possible with your support. In addition to purchasing the fireworks display, site preparation, staging and permit expenses are required. WLCA needs your financial support to continue this tradition at its current level or add to it in the future. ❄️

CAUTION!!



The highlighted areas shown in yellow on the map of Webster Lake are areas where caution should be used to avoid potential damage to watercraft caused by tree stumps and/or decent-sized aggregate...some aggregate is actually sections of foundation left from the old ice house that was once utilized on the lake. ❄️



Smithsonian Water/Ways Exhibit Coming to North Webster - Summer 2021

The North Webster Community Public Library, SR 13 in North Webster, in partnership with The Watershed Foundation, is hosting a traveling Smithsonian exhibition. Water/Ways examines water's impact on landscapes, communities and culture. The exhibition includes a local companion exhibit sharing our region's unique water story and resources as well as six weeks of fun, educational events and activities for all ages. Free of Charge & Membership in the Library is not required.

Monday to Thursday, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM
 Friday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
 Saturday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Sunday on July 11 and August 1, 1:00PM-3:00 PM ❄️



The Webster Ski Bees are looking for new Ski Bee Members for the 2021 Ski Bee Season. Go to www.websterskibeas.com for more information on becoming a Ski Bee and the 2021 Ski Bee Show Schedule. ❄️

WLCA FAMILY DIXIE RIDE - Saturday, June 19, 2021

The Dixie will leave the North Webster Town Dock at 9:30 AM. Provided by Dixie Sternwheeler, Inc. at no charge for WLCA members. The new name for this event is the WLCA Family Dixie Ride. The Ride is planned to be a fun event for WLCA members and their families of all ages. Snacks and beverages will be provided by WLCA. Activities and prizes are planned—especially for our young Cruisers. Please mark your calendar to bring members of your family of all ages with you on this Family Dixie Ride for an enjoyable hour of cruising on the Dixie around Webster Lake, one of the most historic lakes in Indiana. This is a great time to meet and visit with other Webster Lake residents. Dixie Sternwheeler contributes

this “Tom Plew Memorial Family Dixie Ride” in memory of Tom Plew who volunteered many hours of service to both the Dixie and WLCA. Both organizations are better because of his efforts. This event kicks off the summer season at Webster Lake. **Operation of the Dixie is subject to then current COVID restrictions, required maximum load restrictions & weather permitting.**

In the event the Dixie is unable to operate on June 19, this Family Event will be held in the North Webster Town Park. A covered pavilion, playground and swimming/beach areas are available at the Park. ❄️