

Long Branch Lakes Quarterly

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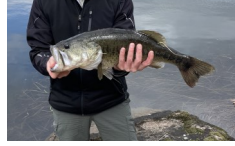
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A message from the President

LBL POA Members

Volunteers, I have often said the LBL POA volunteers are the heart beat of our community. We are very fortunate to have neighbors who are willing to offer help. When was the last time you told a volunteer "thank you" for offering their time and service in making our community better? Here are just a few recent examples:

Coordinate installation of news posts and fence at Jack Branch gate, "Thank you Gene"
Rebuilding the pool pumps and plumbing systems, "Thank you Bill"
Fixing the pizza oven, "Thank you Johnny"
Pasture and grass cutting, "Thank you Jeff"



Think about all the other volunteers and let's show our appreciation; folks who run the General Store, cut the grass, open and close the pool, coordinate get togethers, clean flowers beds at the General Store and gates, directors, committee chairs, multiple committee members, those who work with new POA home builds, improve our lakes, maintain the Equestrian Center, and many more.

Thank you for all that you do.
Robert Cook, President

Welcome Summer! Pool Update



Pool season is in full swing. Over thirty days of pool fun so far. Two brave ladies were the first to take the Polar Plunge at 10:00 on May 24th (Pictured at left and lower right).

The pool committee and volunteers were hard at work long before that! Bill Schoenig started working on the nasty, leaky pipes and motors in the Pump house way back in January. All parts are sparkly clean and leak-free. He checks all the mechanics daily. Bill Brown is constantly researching water quality and consumption. The volunteers who are responsible for cleaning, vacuuming and daily upkeep are very serious about their jobs. A big shout out to them: Denise, Kathy S., Linda, Marie, Mike and the Salems. I take water samples to the pool store every Tuesday. So far all is well. Our first State inspection yielded a 94 out of a total of 100, a solid rating!

Water aerobics kicked off on Tuesday, June 25th and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays (weather permitting) from 3 to 4:00PM. All are welcome. Everyone can find a way to move in the pool – work at your pace. You can sweat wet, move at your personal best or sit on the deck and encourage your aerobic friends.



Come jump in the pool!

Beth Saunders, Pool Committee Chairperson

Go Fish! Lakes Update



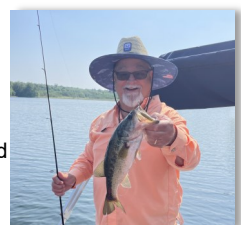
The efforts made by the Lakes and Wildlife Committee are showing positive results, which are tracked and reported by our LBL fishermen (and women). The findings are that we have healthier bass and bluegill. Some have reported that it has been years since they've seen fish that are this healthy. Efforts will continue on both lakes to reach our quotas.

The Lakes and Wildlife Committee kicked off the 2024 year devising a plan to control the growth of lily pads and excess grasses in the lakes. The Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) recommended treatment, which was applied to Long Lake and Camp Lake late Spring. A small amount of fertilizer was also added to Long Lake per TWRA guidance.

The process of liming Camp Lake will begin this Summer and forty (40) tons of lime have been delivered to Camp Lake for application once the water temps are ideal.

Pictures of POA members with some beautiful catches have been placed on the wall in the General Store. Take a moment and try to find a picture of your neighbor.

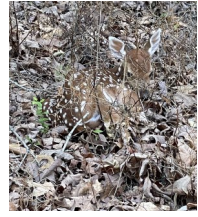
See you on the Lakes!



Long Branch Wildlife

Since we began efforts to mitigate wild hog destruction, we have humanely disposed of twenty-one hogs. The Lakes and Wildlife Committee, along with Buck Lake Properties, will continue working together in accordance with TWRA regulations and guidelines.

Several folks have noticed a late delivery of spotted fawns. Please watch for these tiny fawns as they routinely lay in cover and don't move until almost stepped upon or run over.



*Can you find it?
Look closely...*

Wade Gatlin, Lakes and Wildlife Committee Chairperson

Gatherings at the General Store

Since the February 21st Reopening of your General Store, our neighbors and visitors have enjoyed a variety of lunch options, including fresh baked pizzas, chicken tender wraps, and house-made comfort foods. We have continued to offer all of your favorites, like Philly Cheesesteak Subs and Chicken Quesadillas! The sales to date have reflected your patronage and support as we have enjoyed a 54% revenue increase compared to the past year.

It is our goal to bring you delicious varieties and a comfortable establishment to meet, greet, and eat. Our five cooking teams brainstorm each week to offer new specials, seasonal favorites and a reason for you to come back. Shout out to our cooks and substitute cooks: Linda Brown, Donna Cook, Linda and Wade Gatlin, Tim and Tammy Getz, Cindy McGinnis, Scott and Bonnie Salem, and substitute cooks, Marie Dorn and Robert Cook.

See you at the Store!

General Store Committee: Kathy Popham, Suzanne Storms, Lilly Levine (Market)

Community Calendar

July

- 4th:** Fourth of July Fireworks Event — Camp Lake Pavilion — 6:30 pm
- 5th:** Smokey the Bear's 80th BD — General Store — 10 am to 4 pm
- 13th:** Nominations Committee distributes candidate forms
- 27th:** Director Candidate nominations submission deadline

August

- 1st:** POA assessments due
- 19th:** Election Info sent to Property Owners in good standing
- 23rd:** Ballot Packets sent to Property Owners in good standing

September

- 14th:** Board Election Day and deadline for returned ballots
- 19th:** End of Summer LBL Fish Fry — Long Lake Pavilion — 12 to 9:00 pm



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