



## ATTENTION LAKE RESIDENTS:

### Dredge Project Announcement!!!

The **Five Lakes Conservation Association (FLCA)** is finishing up the planning efforts to begin dredging in restricted areas within and between our lakes. In 2008 FLCA received a grant from the IDNR Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program to begin planning dredge projects. The draft plan has been published by our consultant, with 8 areas identified for potential dredging (see figure below). A grant application was recently submitted to complete dredging on the channel between Witmer and Westler Lakes and on the channel between

Westler and Dallas Lakes. We hope to begin dredging in 2010. The areas identified for potential dredging in this plan are limited to those areas that specifically qualify for IDNR LARE funding through the sediment removal program. Areas qualifying for LARE funding include documented sediment plumes at the mouths of incoming streams and portions of the lake where accumulated organic material or sediment restricts public use in otherwise open areas of the lake. Other project areas, not documented, may be dredged in conjunction with a LARE-funded project and thus benefit from reduced equipment mobilization and spoils basin construction fees.

All areas targeted for dredging must obtain appropriate state and federal permits prior to beginning work. It takes up to 12 weeks to obtain the appropriate permits; therefore, if you or your neighbors are considering dredging your channel please let your lake association president know as soon as possible so that your project is taken into account when talking to potential contractors. Once the dredge is on the lake it will be too late to add your area to the dredging schedule. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The LARE program will pay up to 75% of the cost of the disposal basins and the mobilization charges for the dredge. If you are on a private channel that was considering dredge work, your group could save as much as \$20,000 in out of pocket costs from having the project completed on your own. Typical bids have come in at about \$1.25 a square foot recently, once the dredge is on the lake and the basin is constructed.

### Second Annual Poker Run

Westler Lake is having their Second Annual Poker Run on July 18th from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. The Run visits Dallas, Westler and Witmer Lakes and ends at **Coody Browns** for food, prizes (\$\$\$) and fun. This event is a fund raiser for Westler Lake, but it extends to all three lakes and our support will help unite the lakes and encourage fun activities and camaraderie between the lakes. Last year's event was very successful and our participation can only help it to grow and give us all something to look forward to each year. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained at Coody Browns. For more information check our web site at [witmerlake.com](http://witmerlake.com).

### Canada Geese Project

Over the the past two years the three lakes have combined to round up Geese in our three lakes. On Witmer Lake we removed 86 in 2007 and 51 in 2008. The Boards of all three lakes have decided to have a round up again this year if there appears to be enough geese on the lakes. The date is June 25, 2009.

Again, we will need volunteers to round up and guide the geese to the collection site. Check our web site, [witmerlake.com](http://witmerlake.com) for more specifics.

### Dredging Project

Hackenberg Lake residents are fighting an issue that involves the dredging of a new channel on their lake. This channel is being used to allow boaters to dock their boats while not in use. The Army Core of Engineers and the DNR have been involved. All sides have a legal representation, and a final hearing before a Judge was held in May. A decision resolving this matter will be coming sometime this summer. Your Board of Directors has elected to give the Hackenberg defense fund \$500.00 toward their legal fees as has Westler and Dallas Lakes. The Five Lakes Conservation Association has contributed \$1,000.00.

### Boat Parade

Fourth Annual Witmer Lake Boat Parade. Decorate your boat and join us Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Meet at the Island. Prizes, fun - meet your neighbors. For more information visit our web site at [witmerlake.com](http://witmerlake.com).

### Annexation

The Wolcottville Town Board has not yet made public their decision to terminate there annexation of a part of Witmer Lake. However because of the time that has lapsed since the public meeting we feel the issue is closed.

### Membership Dues

Please use the membership form on the back page to submit your dues to the Association. This may be the only notice you will get so please act now.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar for Saturday June 27, 2009 9:00 am **Coody Brown's** (on County Road 700 South). Bring your neighbors!

**Witmer Lake**  
**Property Owners Association**  
 2620 Ladue Lane  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday - June 27th**  
**9:00 am at**  
**Coody Brown's**  
 (on County Road 700 S.)  
**See You At The Meeting!**

**Lake Directory**

This fall we will be preparing for a new lake directory. They will be printed over the winter and delivered to your lake residence next spring. This fall we will be updating addresses and selling ads. Your help is always appreciated with this project. If your address has changed, or if you know of new residents on the lake please call or mail the information to any of the board members. If you would like to place an ad, or if you would like to help us sell ads please let us know as well.

**Witmer Lake Web Site**

Witmer Lake now has a web site. We hope to inform you on upcoming events and other important information pertaining to your lake. Come visit our new web page at: [witmerlake.com](http://witmerlake.com)

**Garbage Collection**

Your Board of Directors is looking into reducing the cost of our trash collection around the lake. We are hoping that **Witmer Lake Association** members could have additional benefits. We hope to have more information at the public meeting.

**Witmer Lake Property Owners Association Board Members**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Lake Address:</i>	<i>Phone:</i>
<b>Bob Christen</b> <i>President</i>	1665 E. 765 S.	260-854-4846
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<b>Tom Schon</b> <i>Secretary</i>	7560 S. 215 E.	260-693-6214
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<b>Susan Walbridge</b>	2110 E. 700 S.	260-???
<b>Jane Bowers</b>	1809 E. 765 S.	260-436-5582

**Membership Form - Witmer Lake Association 2009-2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cottage Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is a New Address.

**2009-2010 Witmer Lake Association Dues: \$ 20.00**

*My Voluntary Contribution to the*  
**Water Enhancement Projects:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Checks Payable To: Witmer Lake Association*  
*Mail your completed form and check to:*  
**John Minnick**  
**2620 Ladue Lane**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46804**