



Lake Columbia Property Owners Association

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OFFICE HOURS:
Mon, Wed, Fri - 9 to 5
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The Columbian



Happy
Holidays



President's Corner



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

As the 2024 year comes to an end, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the LCPOA members for their support, many voluntary committee and community contributions, Board of Directors, General Manager, and Office Staff for "Investing in Our Future". Over the last two years through committee and project volunteers, more than three hundred members have contributed to planning, oversight, restoration projects for Lake Columbia, campus infrastructure, committee activities, amenities, and financials.

Organized by the Watershed and Water Quality Improvement Committee, this past spring we had over 480 volunteer members who placed approximately 1000 TimberChar bags around their docks to remove excessive phosphorus, nutrients, solids, and other contaminants. In the fall, upon request, selected volunteer members returned 227 TimberChar bags for analysis to provide the important data to help in our decision process for this project. Work continues on Herbicide control, Sediment management including Goose Creek upstream erosion, deep basin oxygenation, and lawn care.

The Board of Directors during 2024 has focused on a Dam study to be completed for January 2025 in collaboration with the Infrastructure and Strategic Planning Committee. Obtaining adequate insurance coverage for 2025 requires a validated Dam replacement cost estimate to obtain insurance. We must reasonably balance the cost of maintaining Dam repairs with the insurance costs increasing one-hundred and sixty percent over the last two years. Past Board of Directors have done an excellent job in meeting the responsibility of maintaining the Lowest Hazard Potential and Highest Condition Assessment (Satisfactory) for our Dam.

The Board Treasurer, General Manager, and Finance Committee continued in 2024 to oversee, manage, and successfully maximize return on the LCPOA investments.

To all, be safe and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday season.

Sincerely,
Tom Crampton, President, Lake Columbia Property Owners Association.

TRASH SERVICE INFORMATION

ALL TRASH ISSUES INCLUDING:

MISSED PICK-UPS, CARTS, and BULK ITEM(s)

MUST BE DIRECTED TO LRS AT:

517-536-4900 Ext. 13159

If you're leaving for the fall and/or winter months, please take the time to suspend your trash service.

Benefits:

- Save on our monthly trash bill (billed per household)
- Reduce unnecessary services while you're away

How to Suspend Service:

- **Email** (LCPOA@comcast.net)
- **Call** (517-592-2361) or
- **Visit** the LCPOA office

Provide name, address, phone number, & **start and end dates** for each month you'll be away.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Reminder:

Twice a week pickups resume on Fridays, May 2, and ends on Friday, September 26.

See enclosed 2025 Trash Calendar for Trash schedules, Lake event dates, and other information.



2025 4th of July FIREWORKS

Date: Saturday, July 5 at dusk from the Island

Donations are gratefully accepted at the office throughout the year.

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BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Tom Crampton	President , Royal Shores
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Cory Borgeson	Bayview Lots 1-36, Cambridge, Fletcher, Imperial Shores



Memorial and Labor Day Fishing Tournaments

We would like to thank Walt Strasser for organizing our **2024 Memorial Weekend Fishing Tournament!** 15 teams registered and cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers. \$100 was donated towards our future fish stocking efforts.

Special thanks to Dan Trubak for taking on the **Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament** at the last minute! His willingness to step in and lead the event ensured its success. \$375 was donated to the fish stocking fund. A special thank you to Robby Lefere for generously donating lures and t-shirts that were raffled off during the tournament! Fish stocking is planned for Spring 2025.

15 angler teams cast their lines, and the following winners took home cash prizes.

- ◆ Large Mouth - Matt 3.5lbs \$108
- ◆ Small Mouth - TJ 3.6lbs \$108
- ◆ Walleye - Jocelyn 2.3lbs \$108
- ◆ Junk fish - Jocelyn .3lbs \$ 50 (bluegill)



WELCOMING OUR 2024 NEW MEMBERS

We're thrilled to start the new year by extending a warm welcome to over 80 new members who in 2024 joined our association through changes in ownership.

We're excited to have you as part of our beautiful lake and community. Our association is committed to providing a positive and enriching experience for all our members. Our community provides a wonderful lifestyle with amenities like parks and boating as well as opportunities to give back through volunteering or donations to our fireworks, activities, and fish stocking. We're grateful for our community spirit of generosity and volunteerism which helps make our lake and community a special place to live. Thank you for choosing our community and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Visit our website!



Everything about Lake Columbia is on our Website: Water quality information and Reports, Parks, Maps, Membership Info, Trash info, By-laws, Deeded Restrictions, Calendar of Events, Minutes and more! **LakeColumbia.net**