

Lake News

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The official newsletter of
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HELLO!

Our newsletter returns! Your Board of Directors would like to use this to keep you informed of happenings and topics of interest in our community. If you have news you would like to include in upcoming issues, please feel free to submit it to our email address flattoplakewv@gmail.com.

If you know someone in the community who is not receiving these communications and would like to, please have them submit a current email address to the office so their file may be updated. If they do not have an email, copies of the newsletter will be available at the Office.

CAUTION

Spring is here and many will start walking our scenic lake roads, so please be mindful of your speed while driving. There are many children in our community and the roads are used by all ages for walking, running, bicycling and skateboarding. Also, remind your guests and contract workers of the maximum 25 mph speed limit.



COMMUNICATION

Many of you have stressed the importance of good communication between members and the board. The newsletter will help keep you informed, and a new text messaging system will help with alerts and reminders. Please be sure to update us with your current email address and text-capable phone number if you do not want to miss out. To update your information send an email to: flattoplakewv@gmail.com

Copies of the newsletter will also be available in the Flat Top Lake Association office at the front gate.

We recently distributed a survey so member opinions and concerns would be heard. It has been anonymous, and we will send more in the future. However, please feel free to email the office anytime with questions or concerns.

FLAT TOP LAKE SURVEY

The purpose of the February survey is to help create an environment that is welcoming to all members, family and friends. Our lake sprang from the vision of an oasis in the mountains where the beauty and privacy of nature could be enjoyed. The Board is always looking for ways to maintain this peaceful, relaxing oasis, and hearing from members is essential.

A few things stood out in the survey. We will be working to improve communication with members, greater visibility of rules and events, among other things.

The survey results will be provided at the annual meeting.

CONVENIENCE

The dam store will open in May and we are working to have the lake office open Saturday mornings during the summer months.

The marina will be open select weekends until Memorial Day, after which time it will be open every weekend through Labor Day. The marina only accepts cash or check.

Updates will be posted on the Facebook page as well as by text through our texting system.

GROUPS

As you know, we have several groups here at the lake. The Outdoorsmen Club and Ladies of the Lake are a couple of ways to get together and enjoy not only the social life here, but also help those in the surrounding community. And they are not the only opportunities, or the only way to get to know your lake neighbors.

There is also a Mahjong group, and some of you have expressed an interest in gardening again at the field located in the middle of our lake property. Some have talked about other groups, such as a hiking club, book club, golf club, pickeball club, and off-roading club, to name a few. Let us know if you form a group so we can make it known to other members. We will also put group information on the website.

Featured Groups:

- Ladies of the Lake -

Open to all. Annual dues.

Organize family events. Assist with other events such as the Sportsmen/Outdoorsmen Club Fishing Derby. Organize gifts for families in need during the Holidays. Movie nights. Game nights. Outings such as movies & spa days.

Contact Ladies of the Lake if you are interested in joining, or for more information:
ladiesofthelakeftl@gmail.com

- Mahjong -

Open to all. No dues.

Play in person, just for fun. Get together at different locations, including Eatly nearby.

Contact Nettie if your are interested in joining, or for more information:
plumwell1@yahoo.com

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



The Board of Directors heard your requests. By popular demand, construction has begun on a new shelter at the Ball Field. You will see it going up over the coming weeks, and it will be ready for your enjoyment soon.

REFUSE

We have an extremely large volume of trash. Please flatten all boxes and other trash as possible so the trash containers will not overflow between emptying.

BOATING AND SAFETY

Members, please remember to inform all guests of the rules.

Some rules to remember :

The lake must be traveled in a counter clockwise manner, always keeping the nearest shoreline on your right.

Motorized watercraft must maintain at least 50 feet from shoreline when possible, and human powered watercraft must stay within 25 feet of shoreline. Always be watchful for swimmers and people in the water.



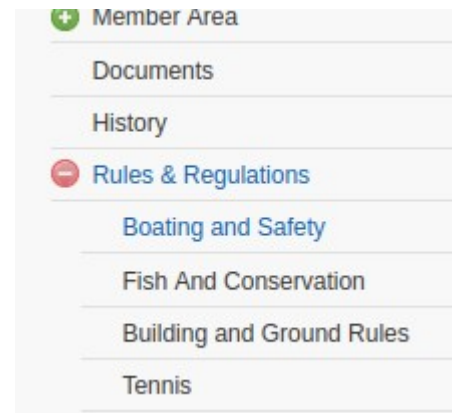
From dusk to dawn, personal watercraft are not allowed, and all motorized watercraft must maintain proper lighting and not exceed idle speed.

All boats and trailers must be registered with the Association and display a current sticker showing lot number.

No racing on the lake.

No towing of skiers or other objects after dark.

A complete set of Boating and Safety rules can be found on our website flattoplakewv.org: Choose “Boating and Safety” under “Rules & Regulations”.



Please contact the lake office to schedule a boating safety class for the first time or as a refresher.

For new members, watercraft stickers will only be issued after class completion.



MAIL CALL

Mailboxes may be available at the front gate for residents to receive their mail more conveniently. Stop by the office if you're interested in securing one for your lake home.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 9th at the Mushroom Trail.

3:00 PM Start Time

Ages 0 – 5 start at the North end

Ages 6+ start at the South end



Bring your kids to the North trailhead for youngsters and to the South trailhead if they're a little older. Stop at the bench in the middle for a photo with the Easter Bunny!

For all lake member children, and adult chaperons.

If there are any questions contact: robin@bizzigotti.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28 : Ladies of the Lake Bingo Night

April 9 : Easter Egg Hunt

May 7 : Flat Top Lake Annual Meeting

May 14 : Kid's Fishing Derby

July 2 : Fireworks

NEW NEIGHBORS

The following folks have joined our community since May 1st of 2021, so please join us in welcoming them to our "Almost Heaven" home!

- Lot 007/008 : The Clarks
- Lot 028 : The Finks
- Lot 047 : The Serdozs
- Lot 060 : The Phillips
- Lot 096 : The Shupes
- Lot 100 : The Korczyks
- Lot 103 : The Shepherds
- Lot 135 : The Blatts
- Lot 136 : The Howanitzs
- Lot 152 : The Margolis/Panuccis
- Lot 160 : The Blakes
- Lot 189/190 : The O'Neals
- Lot 216/217 : The Ladniers
- Lot 229 : The Voslers
- Lot 249 : The Blackburns
- Lot 250 : The Bartels
- Lot 257 : The Harmons
- Lot 265 : The Hodges
- Lot 266 : The Vances
- Lot 297 : The Halls
- Lot 315 : The Francas
- Lot 320 : The Lillys
- Lot 334 : The Snuffers
- Lot 357 : The Marcums

3 MONTH CALENDAR

	27	28	1 Mardi Gras	2	3	4	5
	6	7 FTLA Board Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
MARCH	13 Daylight Savings	14	15	16	17 St Patricks Day	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28 LoL Meeting & Bingo	29	30	31	1 April Fools Day	2
	3	4 FTLA Board Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 FTL Annual Membership Meeting
	8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Kid's Fishing Derby
MAY	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4

LAKE MAP



For questions and comments:

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