

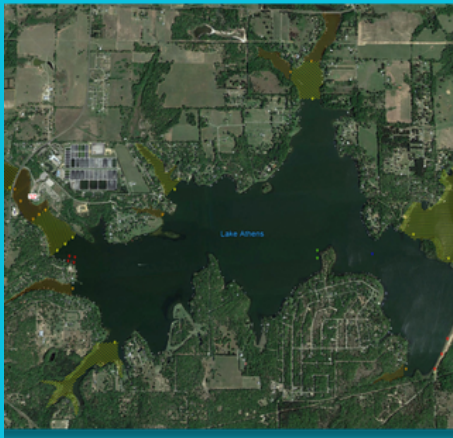


SHORELINE

LAPOA Newsletter

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OUR VISION/PLEDGE

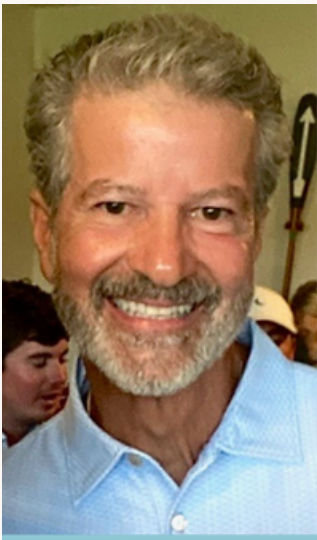


Empowering unity, stewardship, and serenity. The Lake Athens Property Owners Association pledges to foster a harmonious environment where residents thrive, nature flourishes, and collective responsibility shapes sustainable progress. Through collaboration, advocacy, and mindful management, we endeavor to enhance the quality of lake living, preserve our natural resources, and cultivate a vibrant community that cherishes its unique identity and embraces a shared vision for the future.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Com-mu-ni-ty" - a group of people with common interests living in a particular area.



- Robert Shive

We are very excited to offer the first SHORELINE - LAPOA newsletter to our members! As I shared at last year's annual meeting, I am a firm believer in building strong communities - formal groups such as LAPOA and informal groups such as your next door neighbors. During "snowmageddon" in 2021, my neighbors and I stayed in contact to share weather updates, utility issues and generally make sure everyone was supplied with food, water, heat. In times of crisis or to work together to achieve common goals, a community is paramount.

LAPOA is 100% devoted to Lake Athens and each of you as community members. We hope to achieve this by providing a platform for members to share critical information - crime, lake conditions, development plans...AND, information about activities that continue to bond us as Lake Athens neighbors. The strength of a community is measured by its size, interaction among members and effective communication - we hope you join us in recruiting friends and neighbors and we look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.



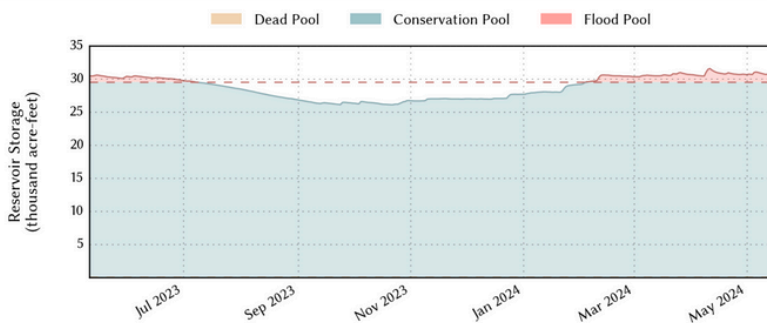
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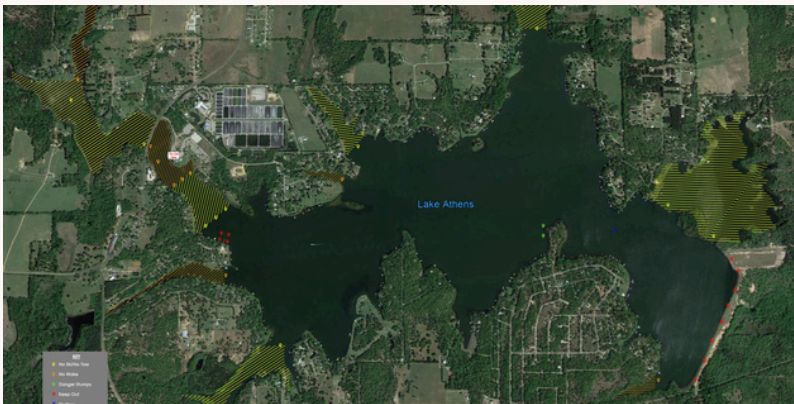
LAKE ATHENS QUICK FACTS

- Built 1961-1963, originally named Flat Creek Reservoir
- 1799 acres, full pool level at 440' above mean sea level (MSL)
- The state requires an 8 foot buffer so AMWA legally owns shoreline below 448' MSL
- Maximum depth, 50 feet
- Notable - an 82 pound, 3 ounce smallmouth buffalo fish was taken from Lake Athens in 1993 - an IGFA all-tackle world record
- Current Lake Athens Water Data:

Lake Athens: 100.0% full as of 2024-05-13



- Lake Athens No Wake/No Tow Map:



TFFC UPDATE

- The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center closed to the public in August 2023 in preparation for extensive renovations. The 106 acre fisheries center and hatchery began in 1996 and will reopen to visitors in spring 2025.
- The nearly 300,000 gallons of aquariums will be updated, new larger aquariums will be added, the dive theater and other existing indoor exhibits will be updated, and new exhibits will be developed. Enhancements to recreational fishing ponds like Lake Zebco are also included in the renovation project.
- Hatchery production, the Toyota ShareLunker Program, Angler Recognition Program, Fish Art Contest, and Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame selection and induction will all continue normal operations during the renovation. Educational courses and other small events will also still occur in TFFC's Hart-Morris Conservation Center, including the LAPOA annual meeting on June 22.
- Due to renovation work, there will be no Fireworks at the Fisheries this summer.





CHIEFS REPORT

By Gary Dugan, Police Chief, AMWA

We at AMWA, want everyone to have fun on the water but return safely to the shore. Here are some helpful tips that you might want to read to help us:

BOAT SOBER / BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- Alcohol use is the primary contributing factor in boater fatalities and can be easily avoided by choosing not to boat and drink.
- Do not bring or consume alcohol or drugs while on the water.
- Consuming alcohol negatively impacts vision, balance and reaction times and can cause dehydration.
- The effects of alcohol are heightened on the water compared to on land, with the environmental stressors such as wind, noise, and vibrations of the boat.
- Boating under the influence is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to injuries, death, and serious legal and financial ramifications.
- Visit [Operation Dry Water](#) for more information on boating under the influence and the impacts of alcohol use.

LIFE JACKETS

- They float, you don't.
- Life jackets are a non-negotiable on any boating trip.
- US Coast Guard statistics show that more than eighty percent (80%) of those who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.
- Don't let your family and friends be part of this statistic.
- Assign and fit each passenger with a life jacket prior to departure.

FOLLOW NAVIGATION AIDS

- Remember to follow all buoys and navigation aids on the water.
- These devices have been placed there to guide you and ensure your safety.
- For more information on navigation aids, visit www.uscgboating.org/regulations/navigation-rules.php.
- Everyone should enjoy boating and spending time on the water.
- Following these tips will go a long way toward a safe summer of boating.
- Click here for sample social media posts for Summer Safe Boating Tips.



NEW FIRE STATION!!!

- Voters approved a new fire district in Henderson County in November 2023.
- Emergency Services District (ESD) #8 will establish a new fire station on Loop 7 that will provide fire/rescue service for Lake Athens.
- LAPOA has invited ESD Board President Phil Elery and Fire Chief Brandon Irby to our Annual Meeting to discuss the latest developments for District 8.
- We hope to learn also about 'dry fire hydrants' that may be an option for your neighborhood.





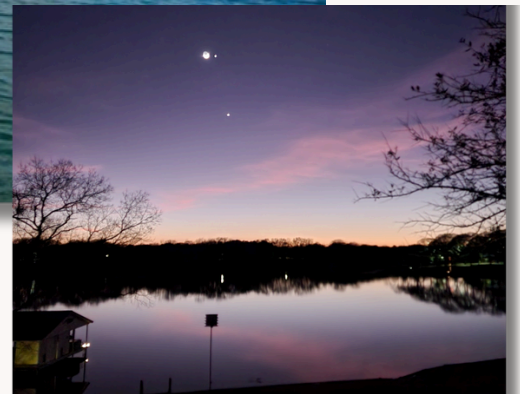
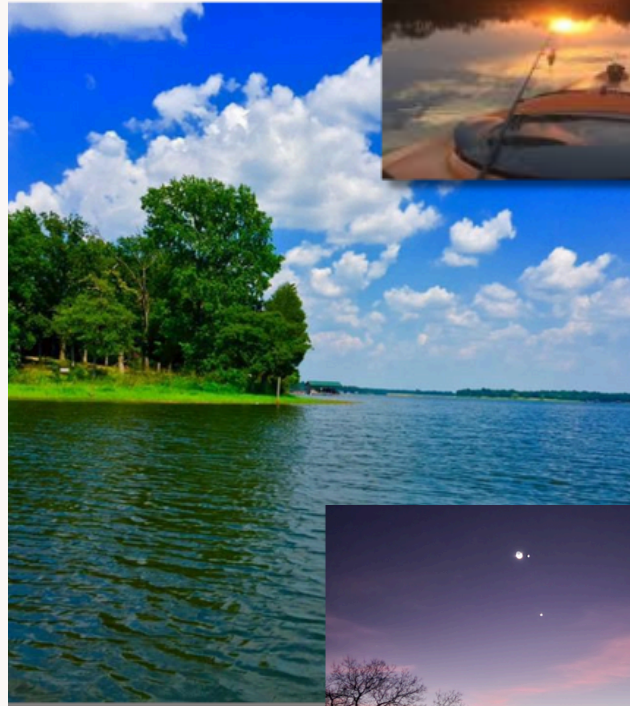
MEET THE BOARD

Robert Shive - President
Anne Ford - Vice President
Geri Moran - Treasurer
Carol Driscoll - Secretary
Jane Nettune - Director
Richard Griffin - Director

PO Box 2553, Athens, TX 75751
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*Do you have news that's fit to print?
Send it to administrator@lapoa.org!*

*P.S.: Good Neighbor Reminder--Please keep your exterior lights low to
preserve the quiet beauty of Lake Athens.*



*Reminder, if you have not already paid your dues for the 2024 Year, you may submit
your payment via PayPal here: <https://lapoa.org/go/hg1g> or mail a check for \$50.00 to
LAPOA, PO Box 2553, Athens, TX 75751*

DATES TO REMEMBER

2024 AQUATIC VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TREATMENT

JUNE 3RD - 14TH, 2024 (PERMIT APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY MAY 15TH)

AUGUST 5TH - 16TH, 2024

SEPTEMBER 23RD - OCTOBER 4TH, 2024

FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS...MAY 31ST, 2024



JUNE 11TH - 13TH, 2024



SKIIN WITH THE GALILEAN

A FUN LAKE DAY FOR FOSTER FAMILIES AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. LAKE FUN, GREAT FOOD, & GOOD NEWS.

7800 CHARLYA DR, ATHENS, TX 75752

JUNE 22ND, 2024 (IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST)

2024 BOATER SAFETY COURSE - RSVP HERE TO EXPRESS INTEREST ASAP!

CONDUCTED BY TODD GARRETT

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND, 8:30 - 4:00



HART MORRIS CONSERVATION CENTER @TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER,
5601 CR 4812 (PENINSULA POINT DRIVE.)

JUNE 22ND, 2024

THE 2024 LAPOA ANNUAL MEETING - RSVP HERE

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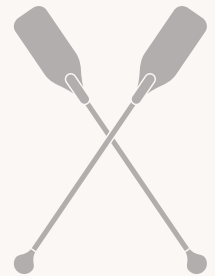
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JULY 4TH, 2024

13TH ANNUAL LAKE ATHENS BOAT PARADE

NO FIREWORKS AT THE FISHERIES THIS YEAR DUE TO TFFC RENOVATIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CLICK ON THE UNDERLINED LINKS ABOVE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LAPOA.ORG



Reminder - The TX Freshwater Fisheries Center will be closed to the public for renovations beginning August 28, 2023 until Spring 2025.