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THE WATERFEST FISH DESIGN CHALLENGE **STUDENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Five hundred entered. Fewer than 50 were chosen. On Earth Day, we issued an eco-art challenge to all Avon Lake elementary students. The task: Create a fish for WaterFest using at least one recycled piece of material. The response was incredible. A volunteer team of judges from the community had the difficult job of culling the larger “school” of 515 entries down to 45. While St. Joe’s was not able to participate this year, we are proud to announce the winners from the other Avon Lake elementary schools. Parents, teachers and principals: Thank you for supporting this conservation-meets-art lesson. We welcome all to WaterFest this August 8 in Miller Road Park (or Avon Lake Public Library during the 2015-2016 school year) to see these fish up close and personal—the detailed work on many of them is stunning. 💧

EASTVIEW ELEMENTARY



Eastview winners: Hannah Cline, Hayden Cosner, Liam Dailey, Patrick Dailey, Clare Hardman, Sydney Haibach, Lila Krawiec, Landon Lidyard, Katie Tillery, Kayla Walters, Jordan West.

ERIEVIEW ELEMENTARY



Erievew winners: Riley Baughman, Owen Boolish, Anthony Ferrari, Katherine Danielson, Emily Good, Amelia Lynn Morris, Rebecca Striffler, Camryn TenBrink, Jeffrey Toth.

REDWOOD ELEMENTARY



Redwood winners: Aubrey Babiuch, Michael Crawford, Alexander Doumbas, Abbie Hill, Sean Keegan, Casey Kemer, Alexis Kenny, Sydney Krieg, Kalyn Moore, Paige Sakach, Emilia Sansotta, Trent Smith, Kaylee Tosland, Nevaeh W., Gabriella Wiggins.

WESTVIEW ELEMENTARY



Westview winners: Vanessa Baker, Landin Below, Michael Burns, Micah Cabot, Natalie Czapor, Devi Delk, Ava Gabriel, Sophia Hoffman, Ella Monchein, Carter Sergent, Reagan Walters.

A CLOSER LOOK



From drawing to final design.
This photo shows how students used their creativity to take fish from concept to implementation while teaching themselves how to make the most of recycled materials.

(artist: Westview’s Ava Gabriel)



Enter the
LOVE your LAKE PHOTO CONTEST
Rules at avonlakewater.org



FREE FAMILY FUN

Saturday, August 8, 2015
Noon-5:00 p.m., Miller Road Park



8 a.m.
TRIATHLON/AQUATHON



11 a.m.
KIDS SPLASH & DASH



Noon to 5 p.m.
FAMILY FUN



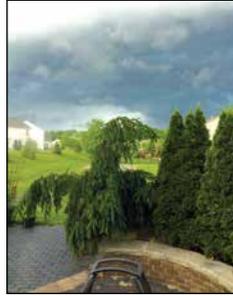
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RAINGUTTER REGATTA

More information and race registration available at avonlakewater.org/waterfest or ncnracing.org/registration.



WET-WEATHER IRRIGATION

Take precipitation into consideration. Grass only needs an inch of water each week, which may come via storms. Tweaking your irrigation system (or using rain sensors) during rainy weeks reduces your water bill. Plus, using more than nature provides can sometimes mean “spoiling” your grass by thwarting root growth or increasing the likelihood of wet-weather grass diseases. And keep that side-guard on your rotary fertilizer spreader—rain washes fertilizer left on hard surfaces into Lake Erie via storm drains, aiding algae growth. 💧



IS YOUR HOME ON A FORMERLY OR CURRENTLY COMBINED SEWER?

If so, your home's outgoing water (storm and wastewater) must be separated by 2/1/18. Call us at (440) 933-6226 to schedule your free inspection to confirm your home's compliance.

WANTED: ALHS GRADS FOR 2016 SUMMER JOBS

For years, Avon Lake Regional Water has made a commitment to hire high school graduates and college students each summer, guaranteeing full-time hours (M-F, ~8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) The practice has the double benefit of supporting local students and keeping our (your) costs low via cost efficiencies realized when these workers complete tasks saved for them rather than outside vendors. Many students work outdoors, a few work inside, all learn more about what it takes to supply water to our region. ALHS graduates are strongly encouraged to apply. Go to avonlakewater.org/summer to download the application. Here are some of this year's crop of summer students. 💧

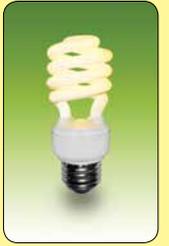


Board summer break

The Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities meets at 201 Miller Road, at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. This summer, the board's summer break means no meetings July 21 and August 4, 2015. The regular meeting schedule resumes August 18. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE RECYCLE FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS

CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps), the popular, energy-efficient bulbs you may have in your home, contain mercury vapor. To keep mercury out of Lake Erie, do not dispose of these bulbs in your home garbage or recycling bins. Instead, drop them off at CFL recycling locations at the front of home improvement stores such as Lowe's or at Lorain County Solid Waste District, 540 Abbe Road open Monday and Wednesday from noon until 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.



BEACH ADVISORIES REMIND US WHY WE SEPARATE SEWERS

Living on the smallest Great Lake has its advantages. The warmest swimming water. The best fishing. Great shipwrecks. Conversely, the smaller lake volume also means warmer temperatures that aid algae growth in summer, especially since Lake Erie is surrounded by the largest number of industrial cities (Cleveland, Detroit, Erie, Toledo, Buffalo) AND farmland (fertilizer runoff=lake algae) of any of the other great lakes. Less volume means less dilution, resulting in swimming advisories after rain events, so be sure to check our Facebook page or other Lake Erie beach resources (BeachGuard, NowCast) before heading out to the beach.



That said, great strides have been made since the Cuyahoga last caught fire in the '60s. Current wastewater infrastructure changes happening in Avon Lake and Cleveland (and in cities all around the Great Lakes) mean Lake Erie beaches should continue to improve as cities around Lake Erie complete required improvements, sending less raw sewage into the lake. In the meantime, know Lake Erie is exponentially better than it was, because of you. Your federal and state tax dollars the past few decades have helped make important regulatory changes protecting Lake Erie. Your wastewater bill payments separate our sewers. Keeping the source of our drinking water safe is an investment that you can feel good about. 💧

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