



Lakeside Environmental Stewardship Society

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The Lakeside Environmental Stewardship Society (LESS) is an organization of friends of the environment. Their goals are to increase awareness of the environment for Lakeside Chautauqua guests and residents and to foster increased environmental activism as people return to their homes.

Membership

Membership is open to all who enjoy the wonders of God's creation. LESS operates on donations and fundraising projects. Membership is not required to attend meetings or activities.

2019 Programs

LESS coordinates educational programs and field trips for adults and children. Programs include bird walks, guided tree walks, environmental seminars and the Frank O'Dell Arbor Day Picnic. The organization promotes service projects about environmental stewardship, such as programs on household hazardous waste disposal (with the local solid waste authority).

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Guided Tree Walks

10:30 a.m. Mondays, June 17-Aug. 26

Meet at the Pavilion

Lakeside Chautauqua is recognized as a Tree City USA community. With more than 100 varieties of trees in Lakeside, participants will learn about 25 of them on this walk. The walks are led by members of LESS and the Lakeside Tree Advisory Committee (Bill Smith, Frank O'Dell, Bill Dudrow and Mary Bishop).

Guided Bird Walks

8 a.m. Wednesdays, June 19-Aug. 28

Meet at Meadowbrook Marsh (8577 East Bayshore Road, Marblehead)

Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, sighting scopes and manuals to Meadowbrook Marsh for guided walk led by Judy Sudomir, Joe Sudomir or Carol Bradsher. Contact Judy Sudomir at (330) 244-5019 with questions.

Environmental Seminars

Lake Erie & Why I Do What I Do with Tom Henry

1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27

Chautauqua Hall

From water quality to climate change, western Lake Erie and its mammoth Maumee River watershed are ground zero for Great Lakes research — by far the warmest, shallowest and most dynamic part of the world's biggest lake system.

In this program, Tom Henry, longtime environmental writer for *The Blade* will talk about the lake's unique convergence of human and wildlife impacts, such as shipping, automobile manufacturing, tourism, fishing, birding and big agriculture, as well as some of the people and personalities who have shaped his career and his vision of this global treasure.

Nature Walk with Judy Sudomir

1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11

Meet at Schoolhouse

Lakeside naturalist, Judy Sudomir, will take children of all ages on an adventure through one of Lakeside's last remaining green spaces. Some of the rare plants, bugs, trees and animals native to Lakeside will be discussed. Surefooted children and adults are encouraged to apply sunblock, bug spray and wear long pants and sleeves for this special walk.

Rain Garden Initiatives with Marilyn Berry DuFour

1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18

Fountain Inn Aigler Room

The Toledo-Lucas County Rain Garden Initiative has been encouraging property owners to add rain gardens to their landscapes as a natural way to managing

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storm water for more than 10 years. During this program, learn about rain gardens and other environmentally-friendly landscaping practices that beautify yards, create habitats and protect our Great Lake.

Marilyn Berry DuFour is the Senior Environmental Specialist for the City of Toledo, Division of Environmental Services.

Home Lighting Options for Energy Conservation with Jim Switzer

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1

Fountain Inn Aigler Room

Confused about what light bulb provides the best light energy for less money? Jim Switzer, Lakeside homeowner and advisor to his neighborhood, has studied this dilemma. See how a twist of the wrist can save energy and money in your cottage and at home. [Home Lighting Options for Energy Conservation](#)

Switzer will evaluate wattage equivalents and light temperatures such as soft white, bright white and dimmable versus non-dimmable bulbs. He will also provide a cost savings calculator in Excel format to allow homeowners to estimate cost savings and payback for bulb investment. Check out our [LED Light Bulb Calculator](#).

Home Composting with Deb Haubert

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8

Fountain Inn Aigler Room

Are you curious about how to compost in your own backyard? In this program, Deb Haubert, Naturalist with the Sandusky County Parks, will teach how to reduce trash output from homes and make better use of food scraps. She will also cover trouble-shooting tips for composting problems.

Following the program, attendees are invited to visit with Bonnie and Jim Heikes who have a compost bin in their Lakeside backyard and will demonstrate how they have put these ideas into practice.

Frank O'Dell Arbor Day Picnic

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8

Train Station

One of the major concerns of LESS is the preservation and replacement of trees, thus the name Arbor Day Picnic for this annual event. All are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share and, in keeping with the purposes of LESS, bring reusable tableware.

In addition to food, fellowship and an informal sharing of environmental concerns, the program will include a tree quiz, the naming of an Environmental Citizen of the Year and a Tree Walk. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Susan or Mac Hood at (972) 442-2774.

Hazardous Waste Recycling Day

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31

Lakeside Schoolhouse

Society (LESS) volunteers will collect hazardous household materials, including all types of paint, aerosol cans, paint-related materials, motor oil, all household batteries, hand-held propane tanks, antifreeze, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners and pesticides.

The collected materials will be transported to the Ottawa County Solid Waste Recycling Center in Oak Harbor, Ohio. To assist LESS with pick-up and transport of these materials, contact Jim Heikes at (937) 470-1800.

Hazardous household waste may be taken directly to the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management District from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds in Oak Harbor.

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