



P O BOX 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438

March 2022

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Our Objectives: *The objectives of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association are to preserve the tranquility and beauty of this island by remaining constantly alert and vigilant to any situation that could adversely affect the needs of our members and the island itself. We provide a forum where members can have the opportunity to present ideas, problems, and information; and we bring all available information regarding Kelleys Island to the Village Council and our members.*

### **President's Message**

*Dear KILA Members,*

*I hope everyone had a great winter and you are as excited as I am for the 2022 season on the Island! We have a full schedule of activities this year. Pot Luck in May, Homecoming/fish fry in August and of course our popular Fall /Halloween celebration. We will also have the KILA discount cards out again this year. If you want a KILA card, please make sure you're a paid active member for 2022.*

*The KILA board has changed the way we distribute funds for worthwhile Island projects. KILA asks that any projects / Requests for Funds be submitted to the KILA board for approval. As always, please check out any new news on our [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks) website. The yearly raffle will also resume this year so please buy a ticket and help KILA help the island.*

*I want to thank everyone who supports KILA and all we do! Each one of you is helping just by being a member! I also want to thank the entire KILA Board. A lot of work goes into the organization and we truly have many great people serving, and of course great members as well. Let's have a great 2022 on The Best place anywhere, Kelleys Island Ohio!*

*Chris Arnold  
KILA President*

KILA has a whole calendar of events scheduled for 2022 and we invite all KI residents and visitors to join the fun! The following are just a few of the many happenings. For a complete list of 2022 scheduled events go to: <https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/events/>



**WELCOME BACK POT LUCK** – Saturday May 21, 2022 - KILA's famous Pot Luck is back again this year! Mark your calendars and plan to attend at the KI COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION/BALL FIELD. KILA discount cards will be available at the Potluck if dues are paid before May 15<sup>th</sup>. We want to get the cards in your hands ASAP. KILA thanks you for your dues, it helps us continue to fund Island activities and projects.

**HOMECOMING** - August 12th & 13th with a Friday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FISH FRY and Saturday PARADE with a local High School marching band!

This event is a weekend of fun, food and entertainment!! All Homecoming events will take place at the KI Community Park Pavilion, located on Addison. Friday night we'll have a band, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fish Fry and beer tent. Saturday's parade will be at 11 a.m. followed by bands, kids' bounce house, crafts and food vendors. *Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event!!*



**Family Hayride or Hallow-Ride** – October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Annual family Halloween festivities. Families will pick up a map in Downtown Memorial Park. They will then travel all over the Island picking places on their maps to stop and be treated. A treat can be a game; a craft; or a bonfire with marshmallows. Some of the stops will have clues which will take families to their final destination and a chance to win the Grand Prize. There is no charge for this event, but free-will donations are gratefully accepted.

*KILA needs volunteers to offer their Hallow Island yard and host one of the stops. We have some carnival games and supplies to help you, but you decide how you would like to have fun hosting one of the stops that day. This is a completely outdoor event. To volunteer, send an email to [info@KILA.rocks](mailto:info@KILA.rocks) or call the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (616) 485-9102 or you can go to our website, [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks).*

We welcome your support, volunteering, and suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island via email to [info@kila.rocks](mailto:info@kila.rocks). Please consider joining, renewing membership, or donating to KILA on our website [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks) or by mail to KILA at PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

**FROM THE CHAMBER** - Beginning in April, the Chamber has events nearly every weekend. The biggest events coming up in June are the BIKE WEEK DICE RUN on June 1<sup>st</sup>; and the 39th Annual 5 & 10K RUN/WALK on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Bike Week Dice Run invites Ohio Bike Week to Kelleys Island to participate in a scavenger hunt including collecting dice rolls at several local businesses.



The 5 & 10K event proceeds will be donated both to the Chamber and special projects to include Island beautification efforts, as well as making the Island more walker and runner friendly all year round! Registration begins in Memorial Park at 8:00 a.m. and the race starts at 10:45 a.m. A discounted rate of \$20 will be available to those who preregister online. Online registration will close one week prior to race day. Day-of registration is \$25. Awards will be distributed to the men's and women's overall, and the first three places in each male and female age group.



KI's Got Talent, Celebrate KI, and the KI Film Fest will bring fun in July. The Chamber is looking for interest in planning a new chamber event for late Summer/Fall called TOUR OF HOMES! Again, this long list of events are wonderful activities for our visitors, businesses, and Island residents. We appreciate those who volunteer, organize, and support each of these old traditions and new adventures! To view the Chamber's full list of events online go to: <https://www.kelleysislandchamber.com>

The KELLEYS ISLAND FERRY BOAT LINE will add the M/V CARMEN LEE to its fleet on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A double-ended 168-footer that began construction in 2018, will smoothly carry a larger number of passengers, trucks and automobiles between Marblehead and Kelleys Island. It will be their newest ferry and will be much larger than its sister ship, the 140-foot Shirley Irene. The new ferry is a partnership between the Lorain Port Authority and Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line and is designed to excel on lakes, bays and sounds. "That means the Carmen Lee will provide precision maneuvering on a challenging Lake Erie, despite the harsh weather we sometimes experience," said Captain Ed Ehrbar.



The 2022 GREAT LAKES ISLANDS ALLIANCE (GLIA) summit will take place here on our Lake Erie Islands in early October (Postponed from October 2021). The schedule includes visits to 4 islands (South Bass, Middle Bass, Kelleys, and possibly Pelee pending vaccination rollouts and border situation).

GLIA explores island-specific issues such as water levels, wildlife preservation, access to healthcare and community services, tourism marketing, and setting up community foundations to fund various projects on our islands.

The Kelleys portion of the conference will hopefully showcase our beautiful natural areas and ecotourism opportunities. This unique event will certainly put our Lake Erie islands on a prominent national stage and we are excited to show the world who we are! For more information on GLIA please visit <https://glialliance.org>

*The GLIA mission is to encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands. Since 2017, the Great Lakes Islands Alliance has been connecting islanders and amplifying their voices. As core functions, GLIA hosts robust Zoom discussions every month plus the annual Great Lakes Islands Summit. Their membership is now over 150 people from 19 different islands - the crown jewels of the Great Lakes!*



AMPLEX INTERNET will begin to construct a fiber-to-the-home network, which will be **capable of providing Kelleys Island residents with reliable high-speed internet up to 1,000 Mbps.** Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative (HWE) has agreed

to terms with Amplex Internet on Kelleys Island, which will allow Amplex to begin hanging fiber on the cooperative's poles. Amplex is headquartered in Luckey, Ohio and provides internet, video, and telephone services since the 1960s. More information about Amplex can be found at <https://amplex.net>.



**WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT** -- Kelleys Island will receive a \$32,588 grant to cover the planning and engineering design for a project that will create a wastewater treatment system for the island. The village of Kelleys Island currently doesn't have a public wastewater treatment system. Private residences rely on septic systems, and the businesses in the downtown area rely on several package plants that are dated. Developing a public sewer/wastewater treatment system will ensure residents and businesses have adequate sewage and wastewater treatment. There is a concern that older systems may be impacting the water quality of Lake Erie. This project will benefit approximately 2,500 people.

The FIRE DEPARTMENT will be combining EMS and Police radio frequencies with the Fire frequency to streamline communications and reduce equipment redundancy. Six new Firefighters will be outfitted with complete structural firefighting equipment and all members will have their own SCBA respiratory fire masks to help ensure extra protection from smoke inhalation on a call. All fire equipment is regularly tested to assure it meets or exceeds all required safety criteria.



The Fire Department received a \$7200 grant to acquire new radios for the Fire and EMS departments. The KI EMS Assoc. ordered a new cardiac monitor, made possible through the very generous donations of Messrs. McCafferty, Simonson, Peck, Lovins, Arbeznic, Chandler, Kuchar, Swartz, Byer, Reeve, Ziegler and Lambros.



Kelleys Island POLICE Chief Shawn Craig submitted his notice of resignation on March 1, 2022. Shawn accepted a full-time position off the island and expressed his gratitude to the community for allowing him a great 15 years to serve the island. The Mayor is currently working with the Village Council to fill the Chief of Police position.

Qualified candidates for this position can submit their resume to the Village of Kelleys Island, 121 Addison St., Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438, Attn. Mayor. Application may also be sent to email address; Mayor@kelleysisland.us. Please submit by March 27, 2022



## ISLAND DEATHS

- **Joseph R. Scaletta**, 74, passed away on May 29, 2021
- **Anthony “Tony” Frank Nasonti**, 56, passed away on July 11, 2021
- **Florence Janet Hostal (Nee Uhas)**, 100, passed away July 16, 2021
- **Dennis M. Kaminski, Sr.**, 75, passed away September 14, 2021
- **Patricia JE “Patti” Fresch**, 61, passed away September 28, 2021
- **Phyllis M. Humphrey**, 86, passed away November 17, 2021
- **Ted Terry**, 79, passed away in December, 2021
- **Laura Jean (Seeholzer) Pohorence**, 92, passed away on Dec. 6, 2021
- **Mary Ellen Connelly-Thinnes**, 67, passed away December 18, 2021
- **Lloyd J. Burns**, 77, passed away January 14, 2022
- **Jean A. Seeholzer**, 82, passed away January 22, 2022
- **Ken Boras**, passed away in February 2022
- **Robert Stanley Howley, Jr.**, 71, passed away February 13, 2022
- **James L. McKillips**, 77, also known as “Jim” and “Doc,” passed away Feb. 19, 2022
- **Delores Mae Gatliff**, 94, passed away March 10, 2022

\* These notices were gathered from the Sandusky Register, Kelleys Life, and word-of-mouth. We sincerely apologize if we’ve missed anyone.

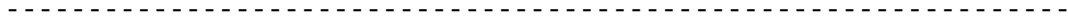
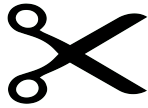
## KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

KILA relies on several sources of revenue to support our projects and initiatives to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. These include membership dues, fund raising activities, and donations. In addition to supporting these projects, your donation to KILA, a 501.c.3 charitable organization, has some tax advantages per IRS regulations.

1. Your donation may be deductible when you itemize expenses.
2. But, if you claim the standard deduction, you may still claim a deduction, **in addition** to the standard deduction.
3. You may make a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) **directly** from your IRA to KILA. This direct donation does not count as ordinary income to you as a distribution from your retirement plan usually would. This QCD will count towards your required minimum distribution (RMD) for those of you older than 70.5. However, the limit of the contribution (QCD) is \$100,000 per person.

**Please consult with your tax advisor to be sure you understand the tax issues with these donations.**

**If you have SUGGESTIONS for improvements that KILA can help make on the island, let us know!** You can E-MAIL us at: [info@KILA.rocks](mailto:info@KILA.rocks)



**Annual Dues**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>
May 1, 2022	Annual KILA Dues	\$20.00

Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to: PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.  
For your convenience, you can also PAY ANNUAL DUES via PayPal at: [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks)

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