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#### **LSA Announces Proposed Changes To The LSA Watercraft Entry Cleaning Requirements And Conditions**

After discussion at the March, 2023 LSA Board meeting, the following motion was made:

- 1. Any vehicle towing or transporting a motorized or non-motorized watercraft into Lake Summerset must use the manual gate at the main entrance (Guardhouse Lane #1). Entry through any automated gate (all entrances) is prohibited unless you are a Marine Service Provider registered at the Main Office. (Redbook Rule Change)
- 2. Marine Service Providers can register at the Main Office and receive a special window Decal and RFID tag allowing them to enter using the automated gates at the main entrance (only) when bringing watercraft into Lake Summerset from winter storage.
- 3. All motorized or non-motorized watercraft entering Lake Summerset (used on waterways other than Lake Summerset) shall first be cleaned at the LSA High Pressure Boat Washing Station located at the main office building, or at an offsite cleaning facility rather than being cleaned at a Lake Summerset residence. This includes oversized boats not used on Lake Summerset as well as newly purchased and used watercraft being registered with LSA for the first time as well.
- 4-A. All motorized or non-motorized watercraft owners are required to attend the LSA Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Education and Awareness Course to be held at the LSA office. This course will be offered on regular basis prior to the start of Boating Season each year or complete the online LSA Aquatic Invasive Species Education and Awareness Course which is offered on the LSA website www.lakesummerset.com and go to the Members only section. To take the online course, go to the "Lake Health" tab and click on the "Aquatic Invasive Species Education and Awareness Course". Once completed please make sure to click on the "AIS Course completion form" so that your Completion of this course is sent to the LSA office.
- 4-B. This course, whether attended live, or completed on-line will provide Members with information associated with ecological and economic infestation impacts, monitoring, mitigation, prevention, boat cleaning guidelines and rules overview.

Once you have completed either the live class or the on-line class, you will be able to acknowledge on your annual data sheet for subsequent years that you have completed this course.

The LSA Policy is to publish any changes for 60 days (2 LSA News Cycles) to give the membership a chance to comment.

If you have any comments, please submit them to LSA, 1202 Lake Summerset Road, Davis, IL 61019.

#### **Board Candidates**

There will be two openings for election to the Board of Directors this Fall.

#### Filing is June 1 - 15, 2023

(During normal LSA Office business hours) (Tuesday through Friday 8-4 and Saturday 8-12)

A petition must be signed by 50 lot owners in good standing and delivered to the Lake Summerset Office.

Petition forms are available at the LSA Office.



#### **Protect Our Waters - Stop Aquatic Invasive Species**

For many of us, fishing and playing in lakes, rivers and streams are some of life's greatest pleasures and pastimes. For others, the health and vibrancy of these aquatic resources are much more critical. They are a way of life. Outdoor recreational users need to be aware of the impacts that aquatic invasive species (AIS) have on the environment and their costly effects on fishing, boating and water quality.

Today, these waters are under attack by aquatic invaders like zebra/quagga mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, starry stonewart, rusty crayfish, spiny waterfleas and curly-leaf pondweed. These "aquatic hitchhikers" are invasive and have no native predators in our waters. AIS have invaded scores of lakes, rivers and streams, doing severe damage across the country. At an estimated annual cost of over \$100 billion in the United States, invasive species are a huge threat to our country's natural resources.

Each one of us can help to prevent the spread of AIS. To preserve and defend our valuable aquatic resources, everyone who participates in activities on or near the water needs to:

- 1. Understand and identify AIS threats.
- 2. Know what to do to prevent further spread.
- 3. Help educate others who use aquatic resources, including younger children and adults.

Anglers, boaters and other watercraft users must take action to prevent the spread of AIS. Clean, Drain and Dry your boats, gear and equipment before leaving any water access.

\*\*Article provided by the Clean, Drain, Dry Initiative - https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/invasive-

Submitted by the LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC)

#### May is Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month

Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month (which occurs in May) is a statewide effort dedicated to informing everyone in Illinois about the threat of invasive species. This includes invasive plants, insects, animals, and fish. Each and every person in Illinois can help protect the state from the damage invasive species have on its woodlands, lakes and natural areas. What determines if a species is invasive? A species is invasive if it greatly harms the local ecology and economy, productivity is reduced, diversity is limited in natural areas and wildlife habitat is hindered. For lake Summerset, we concentrate on invasive non-native aquatic plants, fish, and mussels primarily. Everyone at Lake Summerset impacts the role invasive species have on our lake. Preventative measures include following a few simple guidelines:

- 1. Clean, Drain and Dry your boat after leaving any waterway:
  - CLEAN plants, animals, and mud from all equipment.
  - Many aquatic invaders spread by attaching to boats, trailers, and other equipment.
  - DRAIN all water from your boat and gear. Pull drain plugs and remove water from all equipment, such as portable bait containers, ballast tanks, motors, bilge tanks, livewells, and baitwells.
  - DRY everything thoroughly with a towel.
    - Wiping down your boat, trailer, and other equipment not only leaves you with clean gear, but also removes any aquatic invaders. If possible, let your gear remain dry for at least five days
- 2. Follow all invasive species state laws and regulations.
  - Boat Registration and Safety Act 625 ILCS 45/5-23. Effective January 1, 2013
  - VHS Law Illinois Administration Code title 17 § 875.50. Effective May 18, 2015
  - Aquatic Life Release Law 515 ILCS 5/10-100. Effective January 1, 2015
- 3. Learn to recognize aquatic invasive invaders.
- 4. Dispose of all unwanted bait and fish parts in proper trash containers.
- 5. Share this information with other members and guests of the Association.

You can go to the following website to get a wealth of information associated with aquatic invaders prevention best practices:

https://www.transportzero.org/aquatic.html

Be a HERO...transport ZERO!!

Submitted by the LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC).

# **2023 Campground Committee Meeting Dates**

May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16 9:00 am at the Campground Pavilion

#### **Durand Area Food Pantry**

The LSA Board of Director's approved the placement of a donation box in the Lake Summerset Office Foyer for members to leave off their donations for the food pantry.

# Reminder

For those 12-16 years of age, a Lake Summerset Photo ID must be with them at all times while operating a golf cart on our roads. Photo IDs can be taken at the Lake Summerset Office.

# **Lake Summerset Directory**

Lake Summerset Association 1202 Lake Summerset Road Davis, IL 61019 Office Phone: 815-248-2194, Fax: 815-248-2058 Website: www.lake-summerset.com Email: generalstaff@lake-summerset.com Email Passes: efaxpass15@outlook.com

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-noon

NOTE: When the office is closed, waste stickers and fishing permits can be purchased at the guardhouse. Access to the office drop box for submittals is available from the parking lot.

Guardhouse Fax Line: 815-248-4236

Otter Creek Lake Utility District (OCLUD): 815-248-2843

LS News Editor (Mary Walsh): 815-248-2194 x226 ComEd (Electric): 1-800-334-7661

Frontier: 1-800-921-8101 Mediacom Cable: 1-855-633-4226

Gill's Freeport Disposal: 815-233-5644

Davis Fire (Stephenson County): 815-865-5616

Durand Fire (Winnebago County): 815-248-2100

 $\label{lem:control} \textit{Tri-District Ambulance (Stephenson County): 815-235-8252} \qquad \textit{GM} \bullet \textit{Mike Schmieder} \bullet \textit{gm@lake-summerset.com} \\$ 

Rock Energy Cooperative: 866-752-4550

Board of Directors - Drew Tennant, President

Campground Committee – Al Swanson, Chairman

Jim Ostapa, Co-Chairman

During Summer, Saturdays – 9 a.m., Campground **Dog Club** - Denise Torrey Community Relations Committee – John Kochanski, Chairman

1st Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Coffee

CRC Outreach - Dora Tippens, Chairman

Environmental Control Committee - Jon Shrum, Chairman

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 9 a.m., LS Office

Finance Committee - Mark Metzler, Treasurer

July, August, September, TBA Fish Conservation Committee - Curt Zawiski, Chairman

3rd Thursday, 7 p.m., LS Office

**Lake Planning Committee** – Steve Harting, Chairman

Last Saturday of the Month, 8 a.m., LS Office

Long Range & Facility Planning – Jim Ostapa, Chairman 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

**Social Clubs:** 

Archery Club - Ron Demus

4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Lodge Beautification Club - Jill Muschong, President

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Bocce Ball - Randall Myers, President 2nd Thursday, 1p.m., Lodge Stephenson County Sheriff: 815-235-8252

#### LSA Board of Directors

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Book Club - Sharon Boehlefeld

Third Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Lodge

2nd Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., Lodge

July 9, 10 a.m., Harting Park Shelter

October 5, 7 p.m., LS Office

Fish Club - Jeff Folkerts

1st Thursday, 7 p.m., LS Office Garden Club - Steve Bottino, President

2nd Monday, 1 p.m., Lodge

Hand & Foot Club - Joanne Leith

1st & 4th Monday, 1 p.m., Lodge

Ladies of the Lake - Debra Morge-Erickson, Presiden 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Lodge

New Life Women's Bible Study – Anne Frost

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Lodge

Red Hat Society- Shirlee Jasien

1st Wednesday, 6 p.m., Location Varies

Scrapbag Quilt Club - Marge Greenlee 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Lodge

Writing Gals - Sharon Boehlefeld

1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., Lodge

Yacht Club - Al Santini Meetings Vary

#### **Building, Remodeling, and Repairing on LSA Lots**

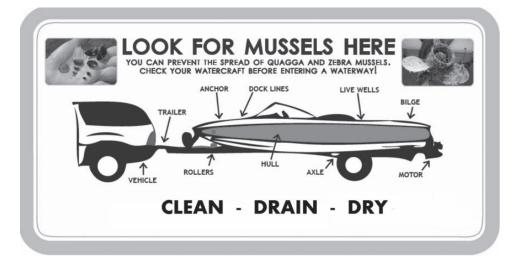
The Environmental Control Committee (ECC) requires building plans to be at the LSA Office ten (10) days before the Saturday meetings when plans are reviewed. Project plans must include elevations, framing layouts, dimensions, cross sections, and material lists as per building packets. Location of the project layout must be shown on the plot plan and lot pins must be located. Building packets are available at the LSA Office and office staff is available to help with the submittal of your project plans.

Revised 2/1/20

#### **Please Note**

You can submit articles and Letter To Editor by emailing <u>lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com</u>

You can submit business and classified ads by emailing <u>lakesummersetads@gmail.com</u>



# **Notice: When You Sell Your Lot**

Before the association can transfer ownership of property, it is the selling member's responsibility to provide the LSA Office with the necessary documents required for new members. Please contact the LSA Office for resale procedures. It is also recommended that lot pins be located so new members are aware of their property lines.

# **LSA Email Blasts**

Do you want to get the latest information from Lake Summerset? Here is how to sian up.

**Step 1:** Go to www.lake-summerset.com

Step 2: Click on LOGIN - Type Member 1! to Sign-In

**Step 3:** Click on For Members in the upper right

**Step 4:** The link to Email Blasts can be found at the bottom of the page

# Lake **Summerset** News

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Send all articles and advertisements to Lake Summerset News, LSA Office, 1202 Lake Summerset Road, Davis, IL 61019, or as otherwise indicated in submission guidelines.

**DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH FOR** THE FOLLOWING **MONTH'S PAPER** 

# Message from LSA General Manager

#### By Michael Schmieder

The following is the Manager's Report to the Board of Directors.

BOD Agenda Action Items

Approval to engage the services of Willett Hoffman to provide Bid Spec's, RFP's and oversight for the lodge roof replacement Approval of Construction Contract for the construction of the Southgate restroom Approval of purchase of 40 chaise lounge chairs and 20 deck chairs from Best Buy Patio Furniture at a cost of \$11,878

#### **Lake Elevation** The lake elevation as of 10am on A

The lake elevation as of 10am on April 7th was 825'&2".2" above Normal Pool Elevation.

#### **Roof Claim**

A+ Restoration has completed all LSA roof replacements, except for the Lodge roof. A Certified Public Appraiser has been hired by the LSA to review the claim, reevaluate the value of the claim and determine whether the insulation should have been covered. Our insurance carrier has also hired a Certified Public Appraiser and an Umpire has been selected. The Re-Appraisal was conducted on March 28 at 10am. The appraisers are scheduled to have a discussion regarding their findings within the next two weeks. We're hoping that our adjuster, and Cincinnati's adjuster can agree to expand the scope of the original claim to include some, or all, of the insulation.

#### **Lodge Roof Damage Assessment**

Our Engineer from Willett Hoffman, Tim from A+, Joe, Brian and a few Board Members were on hand Tuesday, 3/7/23 to evaluate sections of the lodge roof. After removal of the shingles and the insulation, significant damage was observed to the deck boards. It appears that the roof has been leaking for some time. The engineer has incorporated his observations into their evaluation. The structural evaluation was received March 30, 2023.

#### **Traffic Control Sign**

The speed control sign remains at 903 Lake Summerset Rd. The data shows that the speeding in this area is consistent with previous speeding reports from other areas. The reports reveal that in this area, speeding is minimal and not disproportional to any other areas. These reports will be made available for review upon request.

#### **Lot Sales/Property Transfers**

3 LSA properties were transferred during the month of March 2023 verse 6 in March 2022. A total of 15 LSA properties have been transferred YTD vs. 25 transfers during the first quarter of 2022.

#### Administrative/Dues Collection

As of April 2nd, 1,810 of the 1,975 households paid their dues. (92%). 13 members and 1 renter have made payment arrangements. Renters Dues are due in full by May31 and members by August 31st. As of March 31st, all but 150 households have received their 2023 credentials/decals. We are sending reminders to all Members that the 2022 decals are good through April 15th.

#### **Garage Sales**

The Garage Sales have been scheduled for May 19th and May 20th. As in previous years, the Friday sales will be for Members only and Saturday will be open to the public.

#### **Dam Valve Repair**

The Valve was recently rebuilt and installed. After removing the stop log, the installation appeared to be successful.

To confirm the success, we had a camera sent up the discharge pipe and observed that water was coming thru the closed valve at a very slow pace, 5 gallons per minute. The Lake Planning Committee, Brian and I are working with the manufacturer to get some insight as to why the valve isn't seating correctly.

#### Waste Disposal Contract

Our contract with Gill's Freeport Disposal comes up for renewal in May 2023. It's a seven-year contract and I met with Gills on 2/8/23 to discuss the new contract. I have also sent RFPs to Waste Management and Moring Disposal but have not yet received proposals. I'll keep you updated on the progress and the terms of each company as we go through this process.

#### Stump Grinder

Our stump grinder was ordered on March 30th and is expected to be shipped during the week of April 10, 2023.

**Swimming Pool Mechanicals** Three proposals were considered by the Board at the December meeting to replace most of the components to our swimming pool. The job was awarded to Clearview Pools Inc. of South Beloit. Their proposal was signed on December 14th. Plans for this type of pool renovation requires Illinois Department of Public Health approval and the plans must be designed by an architect. We were just informed that this approval process will most likely take 12-13 weeks and Clearview Pools is reluctant to order the necessary parts until the project is approved. This work is currently scheduled to be completed after the Labor Day weekend. The proposal also included repairs and painting of the pool. This work will be completed prior to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

#### **Playground Equipment**

The Long Range & Facility Planning Committee selected several pieces of new playground equipment for Beach #1, Beach #2, and Quarry Park. The Equipment was ordered during the summer of 2022 but wasn't delivered until late fall and the installation was pushed out to Spring, 2023. Custom Playgrounds, Inc. completed the installation of the new Playground Equipment on April 4, 2023.

#### 2022 Audit(s)

WipFli began their field work for the 2022 audit for LSA, and OCLUD during the first week of April. Bridge Inspections

The Lake Planning Committee has requested that we engage the services of Willett Hoffman to evaluate the Pier Dr. Bridge as well as the Texas Culvert. Doug Brunot was on sight on 4/6/23 and joined by Ken Malten, Mark Metzler, Joe Rush, and Brian Bandoli to perform a preliminary inspection of both bridges. The engineer is preparing a cost estimate for the engineering services which I will ask

# the Board to approve at the May meeting. **Sonic/Fiber Installation**

AJ from Sonic has confirmed that they have received approval to install fiber, at their cost to cross Durand and Best Roads so they can begin installing fiber in the LSA community. Installing this infrastructure is the first step needed to deliver their internet services. There will be much more to come on this project as Sonic proceeds with the installation.

#### **Beautification Club Update**

As usual, they're outdoing themselves and their contributions to the Community are very much appreciated.

# **ECC Safety And Appearance Review**

ECC is planning to do a safety and appearance review of all LSA properties during the week of June 4 - 10, 2023

ECC members will be wearing their vests and name tags and do not plan to encroach on member's property

# Opening on Lake Planning Committee (LPC)

One of the missions of the LPC is to maintain a committee membership of knowledgeable, experienced, and competent individuals familiar with all facets of our lake and its related amenities.

An individual with a strong background and experience in engineering or related field is preferred.

LPC activities include meetings (usually at 8 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of every month), field studies (silt measurements through the ice, shoreline surveys, etc.), and interfacing with consulting engineering firms

Interested candidates should send their resumes to the Lake Summerset Office - Attention: LPC

# Public Safety Committee Reactivated And Looking For Volunteers

For those who may not remember, Lake Summerset once had a Public Safety Committee. At the time, the Committee was tasked with evaluating the Public Safety Operation and making recommendations to the Board on ways to enhance safety here at Lake Summerset. The Committee disbanded several years ago but the need for such a Committee still exists.

Director Jim Herman has been involved in resurrecting this Committee and details have been discussed at Board Meetings and the recent Board Workshop. At the March 13 meeting the Board officially reactivated the Committee and we are currently seeking volunteers who'd be willing to share their time and expertise to help set goals and standards for the department. Some law enforcement and/or First responder experience would be helpful but not absolutely necessary.

If you have interest in participating on this Committee or would like further information please contact Mike Schmieder at 815-248-2194 or by email at generalmanager@lake-summerset.com. We intend on collecting resumes over the next 60 days, followed by an organizational meeting for those interested.

# **Openings on Long Range Facility Planning Committee (LRFPC)**

The LRFPC has openings for any LSA Member who may be interested. The LRFPC consists of 9 members and its function as defined in the Red Book is to study and recommend to the LSA Board of Directors future changes or additions to existing facilities, which include parks, roads, all grounds and buildings owned by the LSA. The LRFPC meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the LSA Office. Meetings generally last approximately two hours.

If you are interested in applying to be part of the LRFPC, please send your resume to General Manager Mike Schmieder at gm@lake-summerset.com as soon as possible.

# **Welcome to Lake Summerset**

Lot	House	Members' Names
1850		Allabaugh, Marc
263		Ballard, Michael & Lori
354	355	Breitenfield, Jeffrey
2054		Deal, Jeffrey & Rebecca
	885	Brandt, Justin & Yarber, Jordan
	2127	Cleasby, Judith
	2236	Crossley, Ronald & Anna
	2228	Kaiser, Danny & Terrie
	1005	McDivitt, Nancy & James
	525	Sanders, Todd
	612	O'Neill, Craig & Donna

# Phone Book Changes & Updates

Name	Address	Phone	Comments	
Allabaugh, Marc 1850	2003 N. Weldon Winnebago, IL 61088	815-985-7705	Add	
Ballard, Michael & Lori 263	6350 Cotswold Lane Cherry Valley, IL 61016	815-262-4771	Add	
Brandt, Justin & Yarber, Jordan	885 Breckenboro	815-742-5054	Add	
Cleasby, Judith	2127 Hawthorne	608-214-1969	Add	
Crossley, Ronald & Anna	2236 Breckenboro	815-718-0361	Add	
Deal, Jeffrey & Rebecca 2054	11630 N. Bublitz Road Edgerton, WI 53534	608-445-3946	Add	
Haas, Wesley & Pamela			Delete	
Horrell, David & Yvonne			Delete	
Kaiser, Danny & Terrie	2228 Breckenboro	785-393-2235	Add	
Mixon, Bettye			Delete	
Murphy, Gary			Delete	
O'Neill, Craig & Donna	612 Lake Summerset Rd	815-275-3461	Add	
Sanders, Todd	525 Baintree	815-520-6397	Add	
Schindler, Scott & Angela	938 Lake Summerset Rd		Last Name Change (Pearson)	

Additional 2023 phone directories are available at LSA Office - \$2

# **Boat Storage**

Several boat storage spots are available.

Cost is \$125 per year.

Contact the LSA Office for details.

Firewood is available at the campground \$5 per bundle

#### **Attention Members**

Please notify the LSA Office as soon as possible whenever you or your annual guest holder changes vehicles.



#### **Attention Snowbirds**



This is a reminder that snowbirds need to notify the Lake Summerset Office upon their return to the Lake. This helps ensure that your mail and other pertinent notifications are sent to the correct address and reach you in a timely manner. Thank you.

# **Bulletin Board News & Updates**

# Attention Members with Boat and Camper Storage

Per the rental agreement, all units in LSA storage must display the member's lot number clearly for identification purposes. Both the boat and the trailer must have the member's lot number displayed. Citations can be issued for non-compliance and Public Safety will be checking the storage areas regularly.

## **Lost and Found Items**

Lost and found items are kept at the LSA Office. Be sure to stop in and check out our lost and found if you have any items missing.

# **Special Holiday/Event Passes**

Mother's Day, Garage Sale, Memorial Day

These special passes are available for members to give to their invited guests for these specific holiday/events. The forms and passes will be available at the guardhouse or LSA Office. The member must fill out a form for the specific holiday or event, and then the member will be issued passes to give to their guests. Only one pass per vehicle is given. Most of the passes will be available for members up to three weeks before the holiday or event. This should be adequate time for the member to get the window pass to their guests. It is the member's responsibility to get the window pass to their guests. It is the responsibility for the guest to have the pass taped to their windshield for quicker access into LSA. If the guests forget their pass they will have to wait in line and be reissued a duplicate pass by the gate guard.

## **ECC Committee Reminder**

It is the obligation of the Association Property owner to ensure they and/or their contractor(s) comply with the Redbook Requirements. Any construction started before posting of a building permit will result in a fine of \$250.00, plus the cost of permit fees, and a stop on construction.

#### **CRC Outreach**

Does a bug have ahold of someone you know? Hospitalization • Recovery • Death in the Family Please call Dora Tippens at 815-248-2712 They will send a word of encouragement. Neighbors reaching neighbors

# **Waste Stickers & Fish Permits**

When the office is closed, waste stickers and fish permits can be purchased at the guardhouse. LSA and Otter Creek payments can only be placed in the drop box located in the office parking lot.

# Forms Available on LSA Website

Lake Summerset's website, www.lake-summerset.com, has the following forms available:

- Golf Cart and ATV/UTV Registration
- **Motor Boat Registration**
- Non Motor Boat Registration
- Off-Leash Dog Park Registration & Rules
- Application for Marina Boat Slip Lottery
- **Application for Seasonal Campsite Lottery**
- **Lodge Application**
- **Shelter House Reservation Form**
- Lake Summerset Change of Address Form
- LRF Project Form
- Tree Authorization Form
- **Request Guest Pass**
- Holiday Pass List
- **Red Card Pass Request**
- **Guest Pass Removal Form**
- **Request Security Check**

The above forms can be found on our website. Click on LOGIN - Type Member 1! to sign in. Click on Forms and select the form needed and fill out all the required information and hit submit. The form will be electronically sent to the LSA Office.



# **Information Available on LSA Website**

Lake Summerset's website, www.lake-summerset.com, has the following information available:

- **Lodge Use Regulations**
- Main & Southgate Marina Map
- Lake Street Map
- **Campground Sub-Regulations**
- Campground Map
- **Snowmobile Regulations**
- **Snow Removal Procedures**
- Pass Definitions
- RFID Rules & Installation Guide
- Disc Golf Score Card
- Disc Golf Rules

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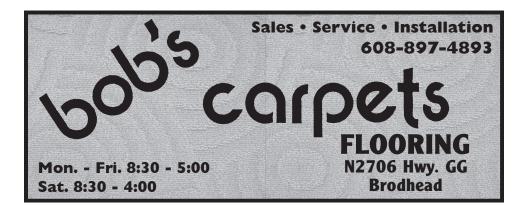


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# **Aquatic Nuisance Species Alert**

Effective January 1, 2013, the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act was amended to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals by boats, trailers and vehicles. It is illegal to enter or leave a waterbody with aquatic plants or animals attached to your boat or trailer. Traveling on Illinois highways with aquatic plants or animals attached is also prohibited. Always Remove, Drain and Dry to comply with the updated law. Many aquatic nuisance species such as Zebra Mussels and Asian Carp have invaded the lakes and rivers of Illinois. These non-native species can negatively impact fishing and other types of water recreation.



# **Letter To The Editor**



I'd like to add on to Greg Rose's letter and Mike Schmieder's response in the LSA newspaper last month regarding electronic billing and payment of dues and OCLUD charges. My husband and I are in the same position as Greg, where we travel during the winter and have to rely on sketchy US mail forwarding for LSA related bills. The bills often don't arrive in time, which means I have to keep track of anything that might be coming due, call the office to find out timing and amount due and mail in a check-unnecessary work for everyone involved. Mike's response referred only to the expense of payment via credit card.

Most of my electronic payments are set up as direct debits from my checking account, which I believe is a minimal expense to the collecting entity (most eight don't charge for this option, or at most charge \$0.25).

I believe the LSA bills are the only ones I receive at this point that I don't receive notice of via email and can't pay electronically. Even our lawn service and handyman service, which are local to Durand, can be paid via Venmo or Zelle interbank transfer. It would be really helpful to have electronic notice and payment capability at LSA. Nita Savage Lot 1924



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- All letters must be signed and include the lot number.
- No obscene or derogatory remarks will be published.
- Constructive criticism is accepted but must include alternate solution to concerns.
- Issues must be of interest to a large portion of Lake Summerset and will not express personal grievances or conflicts.
- Limit letters to 450 words. Longer letters will be edited to fit this criterion.
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# LSA Obituaries & Death Notices

Kovanda, Michael C., departed this earthly life for the stars on Thursday, March 16th, 2023 after a short yet brave battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born to Joseph and Bernadette Kovanda on March 1st, 1947 in Rockford, IL shortly before his twin brother Steven. Not long after, the boys worlds would be changed forever as their mother Bernadette (Thill) Kovanda passed away when they were just 8 months old.

From there, the two boys were separated: Steve went to be raised by their Aunt in Dubuque, IA and Mike went to live with their grandmother in Prairie Du Chien, WI. When the boys turned 5 years old, their father had remarried and they were reunited back in Rockford. Things weren't easy by all accounts, and Mike endured several years of various "schooling" before being drafted into the US Army and serving his country in Vietnam.

Mike wed Sally Holm on July 18th, 1970 and shortly thereafter joined the Rockford Fire Department where he spent 29 years providing for his family, supporting his community and developing life-long friendships- all of which were very meaningful to him. Mike was sharp, strong and had a solid work ethic. Not long after starting on the Rockford FD, his Captain Clark Byington, invited him to come work for his construction company, and Mike never looked back.

This inspired him to build his own home and business. With a passion for the outdoors and fishing, Mike convinced Sally to move to Lake Summerset, IL in 1977 to build the 1st of 2 houses there and raise their children. He began Mike Kovanda Construction not long after, and proceeded to build hundreds of quality decks, porches, additions and garages throughout Winnebago and Stephenson County. Beneath a tough outer shell, Mike had a soft spot for nature and animals. He was an avid birder, but he didn't have to move too much to see them as his

backyard was a spectacular viewing spot that he enjoyed greatly. You could also find him sitting in his garage watching a big thunderstorm roll-in over the calls of Sally to seek shelter in the basement. He helped raise two good kids and several good (if not somewhat disobedient) fourlegged boys including Hank, Jake, Buster and everyone's favorite: Teddy. He had a creative mind and wasn't afraid to share it.

He had a terrific memory which was exemplified by his gift of story-telling. Mike loved life, believed in justice, and wanted only the best for his family and for his country. He was a unique man with interesting perspectives who endured a lot in his life, but never complained about it.

He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph & Bernadette (Thill) Kovanda, twin brother Steven Kovanda, daughter Michelle (Iasparro) Kovanda and numerous uncles, aunts & cousins. He is survived in death by his son Nicholas (Rhonda) Kovanda, granddaughters Lola & Hannah Kovanda, nephews John and Jason Kovanda, and nieces Bernadette Simard, Kathy Durst, Laurie Scott & Margaret Buhl.

The family wants to thank Mercy Health Hospice and the VA of Madison who were instrumental in making Mike's final days on this earth comfortable and worth living. The family would also like to extend a special thanks to Raylene and John for their time, support and love during a very difficult time.

Mike's life will be celebrated by family and friends on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 in Rockford, IL. In lieu of gifts or flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Noahs Ark Animal Sanctuary http://www.noahsarkanimals.org/Healing Pathways Cancer Resource Center https://www.osfhealthcarefoundation.org/samc-rockford-donation-form/?\_ga=2.82335509.2072104951.1679771145-1840362616.1679771145-

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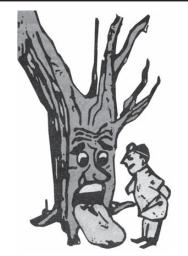
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# **Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

Lake Summerset Association Board of Directors Meeting April 10, 2023 7:00pm Location: LSA Office Board Members Present

Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Drew Tennant, Mark Metzler, Roger Allen, Curt Zawiski, Denis Vizenor, GMMikeSchmieder Members Present

Phil Brannon (45), John P. Gorman Jr. (2031), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), Kevin & April Shirley (763), Jon & Shelley Shrum (49), JT & Deb Turner (567), Bruce & Rosalynn Keirn (1959), Dave Dini (54), Susan Hukle (2315), Denise Torrey (506), Bobbie Ziesk (854), Jill

Muschong (1421), Bob Woelky (1785) **Call To Order** 

President Tennant called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Member Comments On Agenda Items**None

#### **Consent Agenda**

Director Zawiski asked for clarification after listening to last month's meeting's audio recording my interpretation was that the boat wash station rule change would go through a 30-day review instead of a 60-day review. GM Schmieder noted that a 60-day review period was standard. Director Metzler stated that although it was discussed, the standard 60-day review was kept since the rule change was going to be put in place earlier than the usual October monthly meeting.

GM Schmieder noted that the Board Packet has a blank under Old Business, Item b, we did not have the cost from Willett Hoffman until today which is \$23,200. It was not our intent to keep this from anyone, we simply did not have the information until today. Director Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes to include the changes Director Zawiski spoke about. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

# Manager's Report Open Action Item List(s)/Updates Update On Southgate Restroom Construction

We are waiting on final approval on the lot combination from the County. Work will start as soon as we have approval which should be in early May.

#### Update On Quarry Park Restroom Renovation

We spoke with Bennett construction who sent a list of choices on Friday, including colors which need to be answered before they begin. We hired an appraiser to examine the Lodge roof which was done on March 30. Both LSA and Cincinnati Insurance had a representative present.

during a phone conference to see if they agree on expanding the scope of work.

Director Zawiski asked if there was an update on the Boat Washing Station. GM Schmieder responded that although the power washer is not yet in place it is on site

and will be mounted where the water line

The representatives will compare notes

is currently located. Joe Rush added that JULIE marked the area on Friday so that the power and water lines can be trenched which should be done by the end of next week.

#### Open Action Items Requiring Board Action/Follow Thru

Dam Valve Repairs

Leak detected on 11/2/22. Stop Log reinstalled 11/21/22. Manufacturer contacted for further direction.

#### Old Business/Carry Over

Structural Evaluation of Lodge Roof received March 30, 2023. GM Schmieder stated as previously discussed this is a large job which could cost around \$500,000, we believe we should engage the services of a structural engineer. We are recommending the structural engineer that did the appraisal, Willett Hoffman, which is Item b listed under Old Business at a cost of \$23,200 if you agree we should go in this direction. Director Zawiski responded that although this is the first time seeing this proposal, we have had some email discussion on this engineer in general. Will he serve as the general contractor, what is his accountability? GM Schmieder responded he will not be here every day, he would provide oversight like an architect, although, like the Board I have not thoroughly reviewed this document. Director Zawiski agreed that considering the scope and cost having oversight is critical. Director Herman noted that the brief notes the client assumes the role of the design professional, sounds like they are not responsible for the contractor's actual work. GM Schmieder We specifically asked for construction oversight, the discrepancy may have been overlooked in the rush to provide the Board with the information for tonight's meeting. Director Zawiski asked if the engineer will select the contractors. Director Metzler stated that the engineer should recommend contractors and materials. He should give analysis and recommendations and based on the number of hours (200-400) that will be spent on the project the cost is not unreasonable. Director Zawiski added that the Board was interested in having a professional choose which type of roofing system, type of shingles, type of insulation, etc. Mr. Rush noted in the effort to keep this moving forward without another month's delay the Board could approve the request with a note not to exceed a certain cost and then refine the specifics of the contract. Further discussion included; the design and bid specs, and clarification needed on the engineer's duties. Director Metzler suggested a partial payment until clarification is received, but did not want to push the vote to next month. Director Herman agreed that we want to know what his expectations are and we will see what he proposes so that we can make good decisions, but we don't' want to put off voting on this another month. Director Zawiski agreed, with the difficulty experienced with the roads we may be more cautious than necessary in this situation. Director Allen noted that this is an experienced company in business over

50 years. Director Allen made a motion to accept the bid from Willett Hoffman. Services to provide bid specs, RFP's and oversight of the lodge roof replacement. Engineering fees not to exceed \$23,200, pending clarification of services not included. Director Herman seconded the motion. Director Metzler, we expect clarification deliverable within 30 days. Director Zawiski agreed we need to move forward tonight, but the specs and recommendations and services that are not listed need to be specified. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

# New Business Discussion Regarding Fundraiser For Dues Reduction (Curt Z.)

Director Zawiski, we have looked at some other lake communities and what they are doing for their members. One offers a raffle; we are suggesting a raffle with \$5 tickets for a chance to win a \$500 reduction on membership dues. The Association would sell tickets for a specified period and the winner would receive the reduction on the following year's dues. There would be no option for a cash prize. The monies would go into the non-dues income and any additional money raised could be used by the Association. For example; membership dues are due March 1st so the raffle would start March 2nd and run through December with the winner announced at the Annual Meeting. Director Herman, this idea comes from Candlewick, they give out one prize, one set of dues for one member, we could do any amount but only as a credit toward dues. Director Metzler asked how much do they make on this, at \$5 a ticket if you give away \$500 you need to take in \$500, to make money you need to take in \$1000 for administrative costs and to cover all costs. Is there a county licensing fee to run a raffle? Mr. Rush added there is a county license fee based on how much the prize is worth. Director Metzler asked if we can get more information on the costs associated with the raffle from Candlewick. GM Schmieder will contact Candlewick for more information. Director Zawiski added that if the Association is not interested, Fish Club (where the idea originated) or other clubs may be interested in doing this as a fundraiser.

Brief Report from Tree Inspector John Turner regarding tree maintenance on vacant lots and in parks. This year has been a tough year with the ice storm and subsequent snow storm many trees are down or in jeopardy of falling. Most complaints come from members next to or close to lots or parks where trees may be a hazard or becoming a hazard. The difficulty is that a fine of \$100 is not an incentive to remove a tree when the cost to remove the tree could be closer to \$1500-\$2000 depending on the size of the tree. There are 10-12 lots with 6-8 trees that need to come down but the system in place is not working. Even when confronted a member then points to the Association owned areas with hazardous or marked trees that have not been taken down. The membership relies on the Board to direct the upkeep of the property and tree maintenance continues to be a challenge. We have 75-80 Association owned trees marked as high priority to be removed, maintenance is overworked and simply can't keep up. We could work with tree cutting services and put a bounty on those if possible. Director Vizenor stated he sees several marked trees from his deck and several with limbs lying on the ground. Would Mulvain be interesting cutting down any trees for the wood? JT responded that most are Ash which he does not want. Director Zawiski there are several variables in this problem, I have made a request to have trees trimmed on my property and have been waiting for service almost seven months. Contractors are overwhelmed, and the cost has sky rocketed. Can we work with contractors to help solve this problem, identify 8-10 trees which are priority? JT It is 2 steps forward and 3 steps back as more trees are identified each year. GM Schmieder we have identified 10-12 trees we consider high priority. Director Zawiski we should be able to identify which ones come down first, what is the cost, what is the volume? Director Metzler This is a perennial problem, there are a lot of dead trees, we could spend and spend and still not get on top of this. The last three years have been hard on trees, the drought caused problems, this winter with only a two-week frost, most trees did not go dormant which may lead to another dieoff this winter. We did discuss this at LPC, we do have designated nature areas which need to be maintained for erosion. We need to address the dangerous trees but we also need homeowners and lot owners to buy in and take care of trees on their property. Director Zawiski doesn't ECC have the authority to hire contractors to have a deck that is falling down fixed and then charge the homeowner, can they have the trees removed and the home/lot owner charged? Director Metzler it may be easier to talk to a homeowner than a lot owner about tree removal. Director Herman, we need to look at the fine structure. Director Zawiski, we have a process in place for forced mowing, if they don't pay we put a lien against the property. Director Metzler we usually don't get the money for that until the property is sold. Director Vizenor the property next to me was up for sale at \$1600 with 6-8 marked trees, the cost of tree removal stopped me from buying. Director Metzler that information is in the file and would be handled with the sale of the property. Director Herman, could we add this to Mike's Open Action List to keep track of this issue. President Tennant thanked Mr. Turner for bringing this issue to the Board. **Approval Of Construction Contract For** 

#### pproval Of Construction Contract For Southgate Restroom

The Board approved the project in February this is the actual contract. Director Zawiski asked if anything had changed from the previous estimate. Director Herman answered nothing has changed in the scope of work or cost. The lots had to be combined. GM Schmieder added when you want to build over the easement lots must be combined through the county. Director Herman made a motion to direct GM Schmieder to sign the contract with Oakleaf Construction. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

#### Approval To Purchase Replacement Pool Furniture From Best Buy Patio Furniture.

Purchase to include 40 Chaise Lounges and 20 Chairs at a cost of \$11,878. GM Schmieder the budgeted amount is \$8000, if the Board is not comfortable with this amount, we can reduce the number of chairs. This is \$3800 over the budgeted amount. President Tennant asked if this is this year's budget. Director Metzler answered this is last year's budget. Director Zawiski asked if this is a replacement of all the chairs. GM

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Schmieder answered this is most of the chairs, the current chairs in good condition would be moved to the splash park. Mr. Rush added although the lead time is 10-12 weeks, we could get the order in 6-8 weeks if we get the order in asap which could have all in place by Memorial Day. Director Herman made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement pool furniture from Best Buy Patio Furniture. Purchase to include 40 Chaise Lounges and 20 Chairs at a cost of \$11,878. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. **Director's Queries** 

Director Metzler, we have a tree removal line item in the budget of \$6500. Have we had any response from the letter regarding the Boat Wash Station? GM Schmieder answered that the letter will go out on Wednesday. Director Zawiski added that with the letter and email blast we hope to have some feedback soon as the course is already available online. Director Herman The new playground equipment has been installed at Beach 1 and Beach 2 and the structure for the swing set has been installed at Quarry Park. There has been a lot of activity at all three locations this past weekend. appreciate the Beautification Club's work on the tiki huts and all the picnic tables which look great, and we appreciate all the work they have done. **Member Comments On General Topics** 

Jon Shrum (49) In answer to Director Zawiski the Blue Book does give authorization for the ECC to do work and charge the owner but even with a lien, no one pays. Dave Dini (54) In my experience with the ECC, we have never done work and charged it back to the owner. Jill Muschong (1421) I understand with the weather and diseases, trees need to be removed but we should consider the budget since we have forested areas. Director Metzler this is an ongoing issue. Jill is the budget too skinny? Director Metzler, we moved money from General Maintenance to make a line item for Tree Removal but it goes quickly, no matter the amount. Jill, could we offer contractors to cut down trees en masse? Director Metzler, to Curt's point they are swamped, they have so much business and now they're going to Michigan where the state is paying a premium.

The fundraiser/raffle based on Candlewick is there an online component? It sounds like it could a very successful fundraiser.

Denise Torrey (506) Regarding the trees, rule abiding members who try to get contractors are still waiting, hoping to avoid fines and still can't get contractors - it's a double-edged sword.

Kevin Shirley (763) The raffle could, depending on the outcome of the research, be better if clubs were included in different ways. It could be a benefit to the association or for clubs collectively. Would the Board's perspective change on the trees if liability was incurred due to fallen trees? Director Metzler that would be an Act of God. Kevin, even if the tree is previously marked? Director Metzler yes, we should look at the most dangerous ones and focus on that. Dead trees can stand a long time depending on type and location. Kevin, there is a concern that something could happen to

someone or someone's pet or property, but that wouldn't change the Board's perspective? Director Metzler no, not mine.

Phil Brannon (45) As a member since 2004, there were no current Board members serving with the exception of Director Metzler when the high cost of the spray park was a volatile issue, even though there was plenty of money put aside. Looking at the Southgate restrooms and the improvements to the Beaches and Quarry Park why are we voting on trite stuff we could have eliminated some of these projects, spending smart money instead of crazy money. Director Metzler, I don't agree on your preposition there is a difference, tree removal money is not a capitol expense it is a maintenance expense. The money goes into operating reserve and does not build up each year. This is how the budget is structured. Phil, so we can't put money aside for something as ominous as this tree expense? Director Metzler, Money is put aside each year but as an operating expense it does not accumulate, it is spent and then the same amount is set aside the next year. The \$6500 should take care of more than a couple of trees, but it is only a fraction of the number of trees to be removed. Even if our maintenance crew removes trees the expense is in the man hours not worked in other areas on other projects. Director Zawiski, to add to Director Metzler's statement you must look at a capitol expense differently than a maintenance expense, there is a difference when spending \$40,000 on Southgate bathrooms and money set aside for annual maintenance issues.

Susan Hukle, I am in favor of bathrooms at Southgate since we walk and for the fishermen as well. I like that we take care of the area. We also have a tree to take down but no place to take the wood. Jon Shrum (49) maybe you could put the wood on Next Door for people to take. Susan, it is a

mountain ash and no one wants the wood. Director Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Herman seconded the motion. President Tennant adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm. Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary

LSA Board of Directors

#### **Executive Session**

Director Allen made a motion to open the Executive Session at 8:49pm. Director Herman seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The Board held a discussion regarding the Roads and Porter Brothers. The Board held a discussion regarding personnel.

The Board held a discussion on topics and subjects which can be discussed in Executive Session.

Director Herman made a motion to return to open session at 9:54pm. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

**Upon Return To Open Session** 

Director Herman made a motion to adjourn the April 10th meeting at 9:55pm. Director Allen seconded Motion passed motion. unanimous voice

**Next Regular Board Meeting** 

May 8, 2023 at 7:00pm at the LSA Office.

Next date for hearing is May 6th, with 3 cases to be heard so far. **Board Liaison And General Manager** 

Report The docks for seasonal use are in place with a drawing to be held at the end of April. Campground Seasonal Sites will be drawn at the same meeting. Camping for LSA owners will begin the first Saturday in May. Guests will be allowed to start camping two weeks later. Pressure washing of boats and their trailers entering the property is mandatory to avoid the invasive Zebra Mussel. Exceptions will be made for boats entering direct from Winter Storage, for boats simply being towed to get gas across from the main gate, a pass will be issued before leaving LSA gate.

There is a search going on to hire a 'first responder' to join the Public Safety group. Construction for a new bath house will be ongoing at the South gate marina.

Quotes have been received for improving  $the bathrooms on the hill above \, Quarry \, Park.$ The contract for installation of fiberoptics is moving nicely. Current info will be made current by E-mail blast. 50/50 Drawing

The pot of \$30.00 was won by Brian Rittmueller-516 and he graciously donated his share to the CRC treasury, which after current expense of \$21.00 for a new coffee maker, brings the treasury to new total of \$264.00. Thank you, Brian!

#### **Guest Speaker** Dave Dini-LSA Owner And ECC Member.

LSA was in the formative planning stages back in the 60's by Boise- Cascade (B-C), who saw that lake homes were growing in popularity. Their first effort was with Lake Summerset. Because of IDNR experiences with other lake property development problems, and lake contamination, B-C chose to have both water and sewer included in their development; thus, OCLUD was formed. In the mid-to-late 60's about 1700 acres were needed to develop LSA and provided about 285 acres of lake. That included several farms and with B-C offering double the local rate-peracre, all but one farm said yes to the offer. Also, an LSA-II was on the drawing board a little North-West of here. After a great advertising push, a fleet of Four-wheel Jeep wagons was used by the 40-man sales team. The property was just under construction when the 'doors opened' in May,1969. Lakefront lots went for \$25,000 (\$124,000 in '23 prices) and other lots for about \$5,000 (\$25,000 in '23 prices) In '69, about 1,000 lots or 40% were sold. In our audience, one man said he bought in '69, and another man said he bought in '70. By 1973, 90% had sold and in '70 the first 6 houses were built. Of the call for bids to build Lake Summerset, only one appeared to be best. That was Rockford Blacktop! Their bid was \$2Million, which today would be \$115 Million to be built. Financial problems hit in the early 70's and B-C dropped their plans for a second lake. No telling what the LSA-II would have cost because it had condos and a golf course, plus pools and a beach. But, the cost of development far outweighed B-C's financial wealth. B-C continued lot sales until 1973, when 90% of the lots were sold and they

turned the management of LSA over to the Citizens group. Much has transpired since then. And, much more was included in this presentation. Everyone seemed pleased they had seen Dave's presentation and gave him a nice round of applause.

#### **Old Business**

The decibel reader is available at the office for any member who believes they have a noise problem in their neighborhood.

#### Welcoming Team

Several new owners and Welcoming Team had an interesting discussion at the January Coffee and Conversation Brunch. With a large round table, all members present told of their experiences that led them to choose LSA as their preference for a place to 'settle down'. To a person, LSA won out over other places because of the charm of the Beaches, pool, tennis courts, Lodge, variety of homes and over all appearance that was obvious for them to become owners 'here at the lake'. Newcomer brunch March 11 was held at

the office 10 – noon

#### **New Business**

Next CRC Meeting is May 6th -with a Presentation on electric autos by Jack Tippens. June 3-Hospice presentation on helpingthecaregiver, before and after the loss.

Boat Slip drawing coming up April 22 Incoming boats must be washed for Aquatic "Hitchhikers"

Welcome Team 'Meet and Greet' 2-4 pm. At the Lodge June 10th

Welcome Team Brunch Here- July 22 from 10a.m. To Noon

Dog Tags now Sold at the Office Concert Mitchell Park Labor Day Craft sale May 11th and 12th—Mitchell

Any other new business?

#### Adjournment

Motion 180-Bob N; 2nd 49-Jon S Time 11:20am Respectfully submitted, by P. Brannon Secretary, CRC

#### **Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes** March 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM **Members Present** 

Jonathan Shrum, Frank Gattolin, Paul Gibson, Dave Dini, & Tim Sopoci Absent

#### Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison) Minutes of the 3-4-2023 meeting were read and approved by Frank Gattolin, 2nd by Tim Sopoci.

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2023

Two

Appointments

#### Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment

1456 Edgewood Ct - Shed Countryside Barns -Approved applied with rear lot variance. 1673 Edgewood Ct - Shed, Dog Run, Pergola & Driveway - Tuff Shed & Dach (fencing) – Approved as applied; variance provided for shed position. 30 Delburne - Pier Relocation Self - Approved as applied.

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# LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

#### **Community Relations Committe Unapproved Minutes** April 1, 2023

The CRC meeting, attended by more than 50 people, was called to order by CRC Chairman, John Kochanski, at 10:00 am., with the pledge of allegiance. Approval of minutes March 4, 2023

meeting were read. Motion for approval made by Bob N-180 and a second by Diane P-1523 All in attendance approved

**Outreach Report** Dora Tippens- Sent sympathy cards to the families of Nancy Wilson, Dolores Kowalski, and Robert Meskan

**Citations Appeal** 

**LSA Committee** Meetings are open to the Membership. Check the paper for days and times.

## LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

#### **New Business**

Plumb Line Article for May Paper— Dave to craft article on standby generators. Generators / Permits - Discussion to be continued.

#### **Old Business**

Need to finalize feedback being provided to neighbors concerning their complaints. Discussed the existing LSA complaint form must have been submitted; applicable, ECC-oriented complaint will be investigated, and response given to complainant in a timely manner. Current "ECC Packet" document priority for update and website submission. Deck packet is out for review. If needed, the plan is to conduct an 04/01/2023. in-meeting review Home additions packet will be based on

Whole House packet and is in progress. Two Redbook recommendations are being carried over to 2023:

Line of Sight (Frank).

Contractor Protocols (Frank, team). In-meetingreview(s) planned for April 2023.

Formulate plans for Property Reviews in the Spring. We have a copy of the LPC spreadsheet. Need to review and see if ECC can reuse any or all of it. Protocol being drafted for future discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM by Frank Gattolin & 2nd by Dave Dini.

#### **Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes** March 30, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 3:02 PM **Members Present** 

Gibson, Shrum, Jonathan Paul Dave Dini, Tim Sopoci, (Board Dennis Vizenor Liaison)

#### Members Absent

Frank Gattolin

Minutes of the 3-18-2023 meeting were read and approved. 1st Tim Sopoci, 2nd by Dave Dini.

#### Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2023

Two

#### **Appointments**

None

#### Plans And/Or Prints With No **Appointment:**

2316 Lake Summerset Rd – John Liston -Dietrich Concrete - Concrete Patio's Approved as submitted.

1747 Lake Summerset Rd - John Country Barns pending a 15 ft rear Approved approval. setback variance **New Business** 

#### None **Old Business**

#### Formulate Plans For Property Reviews In The Spring

A copy of the LPC spreadsheet used for lakefront evaluation has been sent out to the ECC members. Discuss ECC approach for the full LSA development. A notice will be placed in the Lake Summerset News notifying the residence of the ECC plans to do a Safety & Appearance view of all properties from roadside only during the month of May (actual dates to be determined). Current "ECC Packet" document priority for update and website submission. Deck packet is out for review. If needed, the plan is to conduct an in-meeting 04/15/2023. review Home additions packet will be based on Whole House packet and is in progress. Two Redbook recommendations are being carried over to later in 2023:

#### Line of Sight. Contractor Protocols

In-meeting review(s) planned for May 2023 Next meeting scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM by Paul Gibson: 2nd by Tim Sopoci

#### **Unapproved ECC Meeting Minuites** April 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM **Members Present** 

Jonathan Shrum, Frank Gattolin, Paul Gibson, Dave Dini, Tim Sopoci Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison) Minutes of the 3-30-2023 meeting and approved Dini, 2nd by Paul Gibson. Number Of Houses Posted To Date In

2023

#### **Appointments**

#### Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment

912 Lake Summerset Rd - Self -Driveway/Porch - Approved as applied. 2060 Hillsdown Rd - DP Concrete & Miller Black top - Sidewalks & Driveway - Approved as applied. 408 Orleans - Shed - Self - Not approved, require additional information. 229 Lake Summerset Rd -Fritzel's - Approved as applied. 1368 Crestover - Concrete Patio - Hatfield & DP Concrete - Approved as applied. 739 Westmore -Deck board replacement Approved as Applied. **New Business** 

#### **Forced Mowing Bids**

Randy Smith bid approved and recommended to Board for acceptance. **Old Business** 

Formulate plans for Property Reviews scheduled for June 4 - 10, 2023 Mary has been contacted to add a notification in the LSA News. Come up with a list of evaluate during Items discussed, to be continued and concluded at next ECC meeting, 05/06/023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM by Frank Gattolin 2nd by Tim Sopoci.

#### **Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting** Minutes

#### March 16, 2023

Meeting called to order on 3/16/23 7:05pm by Chairman Zawiski

#### **Members Present**

Curt Zawiski, Jeff Wishop, Kevin Shirley, Jeff Giedd, Jeff Folkerts, Schnieders, Bob Woelky

#### **Others Present**

GM Mike Schmieder, LS Lake Operations Manager Joe Rush, Steve Vassar 518, Dominick Bruno 212, Dave Rindfleisch 1471, April Shirley 763, Ken Jones 1474 Minutes of the prior meeting were read and approved by 1st, Jeff G; 2nd, Jeff W

#### **Board Liaison Report**

BOD approved nominee Woelky to become newly appointed member of FCC to fill vacant position.

Redbook Rule change regarding NO LONGER allowing the use of AUTOMATEDentrance gates for watercraft entering Lake Summerset. Manual gate entrance ONLY. This as well as new watercraft cleaning requirements and invasive species online training were approved by the BOD. Finalization of the changes will occur after 30 day waiting period.

#### **Action Items**

2022 Fall electro shocking and fish survey results discussion. Joe Rush (LS Lake Operations Manager) went over the results of the most recent fish survey. It has been confirmed via the presence of juvenile crappies observed in the lake that we have evidence of a successful crappie spawn. Overall, the results regarding all of our resident fish species are promising, although in order to continue with a quality fishery, conditions need to be monitored and watched closely and appropriate adjustments

regarding creel limits and stocking of fish need to be maintained. More detailed information will be provided regarding the survey results on the LS website. Discussion was initiated by FCC and Operations Manager/Fishery Biologist Joe Rush regarding fish stocking strategy for the Fall season of 2023. More data needs to be gathered from real time fishing reports as well as final distillation of 2022 fish survey results. Joe has offered to be a guest at an upcoming LS Fish Club meeting to field and help answer any member questions regarding the LS stocking initiatives which are data driven. More information on time and dates will be posted regarding this meeting in order to encourage member participation.

#### Old Business/Carry Over

Fish Patrol/Public Safety has been actively monitoring fishing activity and educating members as well as enforcing regulations. Unfortunately, numerous citations and warnings have been written for various serious violations including fishing with minnows, fishing with too many lines/ hooks, guest fishing without member present, and not being able to provide a valid Illinois State Fishing License upon request. Please follow all current LS Rules & Regulations. Updated rule pamphlets are available at the security gate.

A 47 inch dead Tiger Muskie recently was discovered by a LS member that had washed up on shore. The member contacted Fish Patrol in order to gather more information about it. (Size, stomach contents, injuries, etc). LS Members are encouraged to contact any members of Fish Patrol, FCC, and Public Safety regarding any similar discoveries made pertaining to the lake. Please remember that Crappies as well as Bass are catch and release through 6/15

#### 2023 Invasive Species Campaign **New Watercraft Entry And Cleaning Requirements And Their Implementation**

Educational materials will be provided to security personnel working at the gate that can be distributed to LS Members upon entrance to the lake while bringing in their boat via the manual lanes since entrance with watercraft via the automated lanes will NO longer be allowed. Instructions will be given to members the need to wash their boats once they have entered. Cameras have been installed at the boat wash station to monitor and ensure compliance with the new requirements and that all boats get cleaned upon entrance.

#### **Zebra Mussel Monitoring Devices**

2 devices have been completed and 4 more are targeted to be finished in the next 30 days. Once they have been built, they will be put into service at various locations on the lake. Rusty crayfish traps will once again be positioned at various locations throughout the lake to monitor that invasive species activity at Lake Summerset. Illinois DNR Fish Biologist will be invited to participate in a future FCC meeting. Once finalizeditwillbeannouncedastoencourage members to attend this important meeting.

Phase 2 Walleye Spawning Bed at Juniper Park has once again been delayed due to unfavorable weather conditions. The ground is currently too saturated to get any heavy equipment down to complete the necessary work.

Fish Cribs & Bathymetric Mapping of the lake. The FCC to provide the LPC a short term and long term plan regarding obtaining/building and locations for deployment of fish cribs for approval in order to move forward. Additionally members have been assisting with mapping of areas in order to update locations and

# **ECC Requirements for Approval, Permit, Security Deposit, and Plot Plans**

Revised 6/10/21

#### No ECC Approval, No Permit, No Security **Deposit**

- Replacement for Windows, Doors, Driveways & Walkways
- Any Interior Work: Basements, Kitchen, and Bathroom Remodels

#### **ECC Approval Only,** No Permit, No Security <u>Deposit</u>

- Tree Removal Lakeside Storac
- Containers
- Satellite Dish NOT Attached to House but NOT in Easement
- **NEW** Driveways, Driveway Pads, Sidewalks, and Walkways
- **Fence Exceptions** Culverts
- Retaining walls within 10' side setback of the property needs to be reviewed by ECC.

#### **ECC Approval, Permit** Required, No Security

#### **Deposit** Dog Runs

- Siding Replacement Roof/Shingle Replacement
- Non-Portable Fire Pits Satellite Dish Not Attached to House
- Replacing More Than 50% of Deck Boards, Balusters,
  - Deck Railings, Ledger Boards and/or Posts Portable Docks

#### **Inspection and Verification of Lot Lines/ Pins**

- Landscaping Near Lot Lines
- Removable Brick or Paver Patios not near lot lines or lakefront Concrete Pad (less than 100 sq ft)

#### ECC Approval, Permit, Security Deposit, Lot Pins, and Plot Plan

- New Home Construction Plan
- **House Addition**
- Garage Attached/ Detached
- **New & Replacement**
- Decks, Porches, Patio's Concrete Pads/Patio's (greater than 100 sq ft)
- Storage Sheds Permanent Gazebo
- Shore Stabilization
- Shoreline Recovery LPC Approval
- Lakefront Construction
- Permanent Docks/
- Three/Four Season
- Rooms (screened in) Deck mounted Hot
- Tubs **Ponds**
- Lakefront Boardwalks, Patios, and Retaining Walls (Within 20 Feet of Shoreline)
- Solar-Powered **Electrical Systems**

ECC Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

Verification of Lot Lines and Pins are needed for most home improvement projects

County Permits are required for: Houses, Additions, Garages, & Solar Systems. Winnebago Co. also requires permits for: Re-roofs, New Decks & Pre-built Sheds.

Winnebago County: 815-319-4350

Stephenson County: 815-599-0344

Setbacks: Front 33', Side 10', Rear 50'

Contractors Can Start Working at 7 a.m.

outdated maps that are no longer accurate due to dredging as well as changes over time. All of these combined efforts will be used to move forward with the fish crib plan(s)

#### New Business Spillway Monitoring

Since there has been water flowing out of the spillway regularly for an extended period of time, Fish Patrol & FCC will be checking regularly for evidence of fish going over the dam into the spillway. No reports of fish presence have currently been made. Adjournment at 9:20pm by 1st Jeff G; 2nd Jeff W

#### Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting Date/Location

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 8:12 AM in the Lake Summerset Assoc., Main Board Room.

#### **Members In Attendance**

Jeff Folkerts 531, Steve Harting (via Zoom)(Co-Chair) 2238, Ken Malten (Co-Chair) 36, Mark Metzler 50, Tom Wanek 1234, Mike Schmieder LSA General Manager, Joe Rush (via Zoom) LSA Lake & Operations Manager, Brian Bandoli LSA Operations Supervisor.

**Absent Members** 

None

#### Guests

Tom Mangan 853, Jeff Ramsby 409, Jon & Shelley Shrum 49, Curt Zawiski 228.

Motion For Approval Of Meeting

# Motion For Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jeff Folkerts to approve the LPC Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2023, seconded by Mark Metzler, unanimously approved.

#### Action Items

#### 18" Diameter Discharge Valve

Joe Rush reported that he and Brian Bandoli need to check measurements on the top of the valve tower this week to confirm that the tripod hoist support they want to purchase will fit before ordering the safety equipment required to access, disassemble and inspect the valve in house this spring.

#### **Boat Cleaning Station Improvements**

A meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon to discuss pressure washing equipment that needs to be purchased for the boat washing station. Because of concerns that untrained

users could harm themselves, it was decided not to purchase high temperature (140 degrees F) equipment capable of killing invasive mussels. A non-heated packaged pressure washing unit with 100' of recoiling hose will be purchased and mounted at or near the current low pressure washing station. Nozzle selection will not include low angle sprays that can cause damage to bare skin, decals, or boat finishes. The equipment will be ordered before the end of March to allow it to be in service for the 2023 boating season. Mike Schmieder will schedule a meeting with the Gate House staff in the upcoming weeks to educate them on the new boat cleaning policy changes for the 2023 season and requested that Curt Zawiski attend.

#### Pier Drive Bridge Inspection

Mike Schmieder has scheduled an on-site meeting for April 5th with Doug Brunot the Regional Structural Manager at Willett & Hofmann. The purpose of the meeting is to allow Doug to observe the current condition of the Pier Drive bridge prior to submitting a proposal for developing repair recommendations, estimated costs, and detailed structural design of the recommend repairs. LPC members and LSA operations staff will be present to describe the repairs made to the SE wing wall last fall and address any questions Doug may have regarding LSA's proposal expectations

#### Rental Pier Replacement Costs

With the price of aluminum more than doubling and pier manufacturers changing their designs to require more onsite assembly, the pier replacement costs included in our current budget are far too low. Joe Rush has some recent information on pier cost that will be reviewed in a single subject LPC meeting to be scheduled next month. Subsequently, any necessary additional information will be obtained from the pier manufacturer(s) to allow us to develop more appropriate pier replacement costs for inclusion in next year's budget. A significant increase in the 2024 pier rental rates are expected to be necessary just to cover anticipated pier replacement costs.

#### Tamarack Creek Erosion Protection

Joe Rush reported that stumps from the recently removed volunteer trees will likely remain in the south end of Tamarack Creek until the stump grinder is delivered in late summer but erosion protection will be placed shortly on the barren areas. Tom Mangan suggested that deep rooted vegetation be planted in the creek bed, in lieu of riprap and offered to help develop plans for the work. Joe Rush will contact Tom before operations initiates erosion protection work in the barren areas of the creek bed.

#### **Dredge Basin Maintenance**

Brian Bandoli reported that LSA Maintenance hasn't been able to start grading the SE corner of the dredge basin to facilitate tree and brush control. Birch Park / Lot 206 Modification Plans

Mike Schmieder reported that the BOD approved purchase of Lot 206 on the east side Birch Park which will provide access for maintenance of the area of the park east of Birch Creek.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on April 29, 2023 in the LSA office. **Motion for Adjournment of Meeting** 

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Malten and seconded by Jeff Folkerts motion passed unanimously at 9:44 AM. Respectfully Submitted by: Ken Malten – Co-Chairman / Secretary Board Action

None

#### Unapproved Long Range And Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes April 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 at the LSA office. Committee members present were Jim Ostapa, Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Kelly Giovanine, Operations Manager Joe Rush and LSA Manager Mike Schmieder.

The minutes of the March LRFPC meeting were approved by a voice vote of the committee members. LSA Board Liaison Alan Andersen advised that the board had recently received the detailed report from the Structural Engineer on the Lodge roof.

LSA Manager Mike Schmieder advised that the playground equipment for Beach 1, 2 and Quarry Park has been staged and installation is proceeding with anticipated completion of next week for all locations.

Jim Herman and Operation Manager Joe Rush will meet with the Dog Club April 5, 2023 to discuess matters concerning fencing and creating more dry areas in the park.

A discussion on the Lodge Deck and Terrace was held and the committee is still waiting for cost estimates for the first proposal for a new deck and patio and agreed that further discussion and ideas for this proposal need to be studied and discussed. All other proposals under discussion for updates to the lodge have been placed on hold by the committee until the matters concerning the roof have been addressed.

Jim Ostapa, Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Joe Rush, and Mike Schmieder have agreed upon a date and time to begin their in-person review and examination of all LSA Parks to prepare for committee discussion on how parks may be better utilized by LSA members.

Building wall/siding replacement was briefly discussed and Operations will have more to present to the committee at our June meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Andersen and seconded by Kelly Giovanine and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Next meeting is May 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the office conference room.

#### **LSA Campground**

Opens to members on Saturday, May 6, 2023 Opens to guests on Saturday, May 20, 2023

No reservations will be allowed No organizational camping is allowed



# MEET & GREET Save the Date - Saturday June 10th At the Lodge Open to all residents from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Come meet your neighbors, get information on our clubs and activities, play some games, and win door prizes.

**Clubs**: This is your opportunity to share what you are about. To reserve table space, call Tyoni Martin at 661-316-9991. Please show up at noon to set up on Saturday. Provide whatever information you want to share with our residents.

**Committees**: We are going to ask you to speak about your committee and share what it is all about. Please provide information about contact people, phone numbers, times and dates. Come at noon to set up your table space.

Hosted by the Welcome Team, a sub-committee of the CRC-Community Relations Committee

LET'S ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

#### **Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers**

- 1. When transporting your boat between waterways, remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals that may be attached to your boat or trailer <u>off premises</u> from where you will be reintroducing your boat into a different body of water.
- 2. Eliminate water from boat holding compartments and equipment before transporting (drain live wells, pull transom plug allowing bilge to drain, allow engine to drain by keeping it in a vertical position).
- 3. Dry all boats, trailers and equipment before use in another body of water (including carpeted/padded trailer bunks).
- 4. Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- 5. Communicate these same guidelines to any guest bringing a boat into Lake Summerset.

Following these Best Practices will reduce the risk of having any additional non-native invasive aquatic species show up in our lake.

# **Crime Stoppers**

Call to report any information you have regarding a crime or vandalism. The caller does not have to give his or her name and a reward is offered for information leading to the arrest of suspects.

**815-963-7867 1-888-769-STOP** Winnebago County

815-235-7867 Stephenson County

#### **2023 Aquatics Schedule Lake Summerset Association Swimming Pool and Spray Park** Open 7 days per week from 8:30am to 8pm

(Times subject to change due to adverse weather conditions, early sunset, or water safety issues)

Pool & Spray Park Hours: Monday - Friday

Lap Swim, Senior and infant swim 8:30am - 9:45am

9:45am - 10:00am Clear pool, guard break, bathrooms cleaned

10:00am - 11:40am Open Swim (May 30 - June 9)

Session I Water Aerobics June 12 – June 23 Monday – Friday 10:00am - 10:40am

> Session II Water Aerobics July 3 – July 14 Monday – Friday Session III Water Aerobics July 24 - August 4 Monday - Friday

10:45am -11:25am Session I Swim Lessons June 12 – June 23 Monday – Friday

Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

Session II Swim Lessons July 3 - July 14 Monday - Friday

Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

Session III July 24 - August 4 Monday – Friday Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate &

11:25am - 12:00pm Clear pool, guard break, bathrooms cleaned

12:00pm - 5:00pm Open Swim

5:00pm - 5:45pm Lap Swim, Senior and infant swim

6:00pm – Sunset Open Swim (May 30 - June 9)

5:45pm - 6:30pm Night Session Swim Lessons June 12 - July 12 Monday and Wednesday's

Beginner and Advanced Beginner

6:30pm - 8:00pm Open Swim

Pool & Spray Park Hours: Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

10:00am - 11:00am Lap Swim, Senior and infant swim

11:00am - 8:00pm Open Swim

#### **2023 Aquatics Schedule Lake Summerset Association** Beach I and II

#### Open 7 days per week from Sunrise to Sunset

(Times subject to change due to adverse weather conditions, early sunset, or water safety issues)

Beach I & II Hours: Monday - Friday

Beach Open (No Lifeguard Staff) Lifeguard Staff (If available) 12 Noon - 6:00pm

Sunset **Beach Closed** 

Beach I & II Hours: Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

Beach Open (No Lifeguard Staff) Lifeguard Staff (If available) 10:00am - 6:00pm Sunset **Beach Closed** 

**Garage Sale Sign Up Form** 

Address of Sale: \_

Date(s) of sale (check) May 19 \_\_\_\_\_ May 20

Open to LSA Members and Guests Only Friday, May 19 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open to the Public Saturday, May 20 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

List up to 10 items/words only for inclusion on the flyer:

Return this form to the LSA Office or LSA drop box or fax to 815-248-2058 no later than noon May 13th.



LSA 2022 SWIM PROGRAM INFORMATION Class Size is Limited - Sign up NOW!!!! Minimum 5 - Maximum 12 participates per class



Session I

June 12 - June 23 Monday - Friday

10:45-11:25 Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

Session II

July 3 - July 14 Monday - Friday

10:45-11:25 Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

Session III July 24 - August 4 Monday - Friday

10:45-11:25 Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced Intermediate

10:45-11:25 Toddler

**Cost \$50** 

Night Session June 12 - July 12 Monday and Wednesday's

5:45-6:30 Beginner and Advanced Beginner

Toddlers - Ages 18 months and up. This is a basic introduction to water/game playing. Student has never been introduced to the water, or if they have been in the water it has been a limited amount. Purpose of this class is to teach the toddlers to be comfortable in the water so they will be ready for the next class, beginners. Parent must be in water with student.

Beginner – Ages 5 and up. Student learns the basic swimming skills (i.e., going under water ff bf crawl stroke) to move to the next class must be able to swim across the pool.

Advanced Beginner - Ages 5 and up. Student will learn front crawl, back crawl and whip kick. To go to the next class, student should be able to proficiently swim the length of the pool in each of these areas.

Intermediate - Student builds their endurance; learn breaststroke and sidestroke. To advance to the next level must be able to swim 50m (2 links) of each stroke without stopping.

Advanced Intermediate - Continue to build their endurance and learn flip turns, butterfly and how to do

If you are unsure of the student's abilities, pre-testing will be done on the first day of lessons and the student will then be placed in the appropriate class.

Please register for lessons at the Lake Summerset Association in person. If this is not possible, please mail the student's information (include address, phone number, age, past swim experience, member name and lot number, and desired class session and time) and a check (i.e. made out to: Lake Summerset Association) for the appropriate amount per student to the LSA office.

Please Note: Registration Fees Cannot Be Refunded Once Classes Have Started



#### Sign up for 2023 Water Aerobics Sessions At the Lake Summerset Office

June 12 - June 23 Weekdays

10:00 -10:40 am

Session II

10:00 -10:40 am

July 3 - July 14 Weekdays

Session III

July 24 - Aug. 4 Weekdays 10:00 -10:40 am

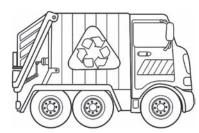
Each Session must have 5 participants or class will be cancelled and refunds will be issued.

Please Note: Once classes are full and an  $instructor\ has\ been\ assigned-the\ registration$ fees are non-refundable.

Cost for one session: \$50 per participant

Cost for two sessions \$85 per participant (\$42.50 each – Save \$15.00)

Cost for three sessions \$120 per participant (\$40.00 each – Save \$30.00)



#### Gill's Disposal Clean Up Saturday, May 27, 2023

Members with Gill's service may put out large bulk items at no additional cost. Please note that regular garbage pick up will be on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 (Due to Memorial Day Holiday).

Construction materials, tires, batteries, electronics and large appliances will not be accepted.

#### **General Beach, Pool and Spray Park Rules**

- Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children while lifeguards are responsible for rule enforcement and responding to emergencies.
- All members and guest patrons are expected to follow the requests of lifeguards at all times; failure to comply with lifeguard requests and rule enforcement will result in loss of swimming privileges
- Please refrain from talking to active lifeguards on the stand they are scanning the water and should not be distracted or engaged. Please address questions to the lifeguards during safety breaks or seek an answer to your question from a guard who is on break - off the stand.
- Lifeguards have full authority on the beaches, at the pool and at the spray park all lifeguard directives to swimmers in these areas are supported by LSA Public Safety Officers.
- A mandatory 10 minute safety break will be called every hour the safety break begins once all swimmers are completely out of the water.
- Any child not toilet trained MUST wear a swim diaper or tight fitting reusable plastic or rubber pant. (Swim diapers are available for purchase at the Lake Summerset Pool).

#### **Beach Rules:**

- No glass bottles are allowed on the sand, in the water, or on the swim raft,
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicated individuals are allowed in the designated swim areas.
- No dogs are allowed on the sand, on the swim raft or within the designated swim areas
- No sand or rock throwing.
- No dunking, rough or otherwise dangerous play activities as determined by the lifeguards allowed.
- No foul language or disrespect towards guards, staff, members or guests tolerated.
- No toys, balls, rafts, noodles, water wings, or life vests allowed on the swim dock; no one dependent on a life vest or any other flotation device, should be allowed – or attempt to "swim out" to the swim dock.
- No unsafe diving practices off the swim dock:

  o No front, back or side flips.

  - o No cartwheels or hand stands.
  - o No running or pushing others off the swim dock allowed.
  - No diver should attempt to dive off the swim dock while other swimmers are approaching.

#### **Pool Rules:**

- Swim attire only allowed in the pool and at the spray park.
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicated individuals are allowed on the pool/spray park premises.
- No glass bottles of any kind are allowed on the pool/spray park premises.
- No dunking, rough or otherwise dangerous play activities as determined by the lifeguards allowed.
- No foul language or disrespect towards guards, staff, members or guests tolerated.
- No running on the swim deck or spray park deck allowed.
- No unsafe diving practices off the pool deck:
  - o No diving into the shallow end.
  - No flips off the side of the pool.
  - No cartwheels or hand stands into the pool.
  - No running or pushing others off the pool deck allowed.
  - No unsafe diving practices off the diving board:
    - o Only 1 diver allowed on the diving board at a time with a 250 pound weight capacity.
    - Only 1 bounce allowed on the diving board.
    - No cartwheels, butt bounces, "hanging onto the diving board" or hand stands into the pool. No running or pushing others off the diving board allowed.
    - No diver should attempt to dive off the diving board until the dive area is free of swimmers.
    - All divers must swim to the ladder closest to them or under the rope to exit the diving area.
    - No swimmers are allowed in the dive area unless they are in the process of completing their dive from the diving board.
    - Only divers may swim in front of the diving board (after completing a dive) and any swimmers in the deep end of the pool must not swim underneath, or in front of the diving board for safety.
- $\underline{\text{No one}}$  dependent on a life vest or any other flotation device is allowed into the deep end of the pool.
- No life vests allowed in the deep end of the pool.
- No water wings.
- Water tubes are allowed only if they have a seat in them, and are for children 1 1/2 years of age or
- Only soft diving sticks are allowed in the shallow end of the pool.
- No climbing on the water features or spray devices at the spray park.

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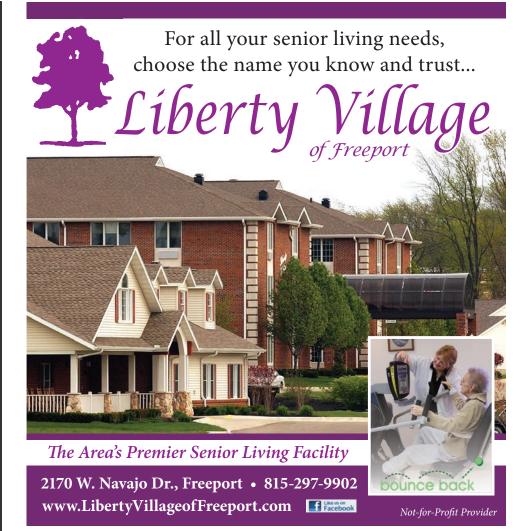
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May 2023



## **SAVE THE DATE**

"A Beautiful Concert" hosted by the Beautification Club Saturday, September 2 6:00pm-9:00pm Mitchell Park Music by IPOP - high energy dance band! BYOB food & drink. Creative picnic displays encouraged!

# Reminder

**Garage Sale Days** 

**Members & Guests** Friday, May 19

Open to the public Saturday, May 20



# Section Two

**May 2023** 

#### **Dates to Remember**

Otter Creek Quarterly Statement Due	04/29/2023
Campground Opens to Members	05/06/2023
Beautiful Blooms Spring Plant Sale	05/12-13/2023
Garage Sale Days	05/19-20/2023
Campground Opens to Guests	05/20/2023
Pool, Spray Park, Beaches Open	05/27/2023
Bingo Night	05/27/2023
Gill's Clean Up Day	05/27/2023
Meet and Greet Welcome Committee	06/10/2023
Fishing Clinic	06/16/2023
Ladies of the Lake Fashion Show	06/19/2023
Outdoor Movie Night	06/24/2023
Red, White, Boom!	07/15/2023
Welcome Team New Comers Brunch	07/22/2023
Bowling Camp at Lakeside Lanes	08/04/2023
Safety Camp with Davis Fire Dept.	08/05/2023
Mini Golf Camp	08/06/2023
A Beautiful Concert	09/02/2023
Welcome Team New Comers Brunch	09/09/2023

\*Dates subject to change - Look for more information in the LS News, on our Facebook Page, and Website

Save The Date
Saturday, July 15, 2023
Lake Summerset Red, White & Boom!
Band & Fireworks Show



Best Realty donated \$100 for the Golden Egg raffle prize. Pictured is the grand prize winner with Sharon from Best Realty. Congratulations!

#### 2023 Easter Egg Hunt



# Karen's Kolumn

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Sure, that's a song for another time of year but it sure describes summer at Lake Summerset, IMHO. Summer, unofficially kicking off the Memorial Day weekend, means we kick off summer activities, too.

For our Bingo lovers, get ready because we are having our Memorial Weekend Red, White and Bingo on Saturday, May 27th, card sales at 6:30pm, games begin at 7pm. Come dressed in red, white and/or blue to be entered into our Amazon gift card raffle.

Cross your fingers, toes and eyes that the weather is also good that weekend because our large rubber ducky 'Sir Quacks A

Lot' will make his first 2023 appearance on the lake. Snap a photo of him and you will be entered into a raffle to win. Details will be on our Facebook page and in the eblast we will send out on that weekend.

Speaking of Facebook, please be sure to follow us as all activities and events are listed there for you. Sign up for Lake Summerset emails to also stay in the loop. We also list dates in LS News. We have several new activities this summer and some requested favorites back...we plan with all members in mind and have something for everyone! See you soon!!

#### **Save The Date!**

Lake Summerset Ladies of the Lake Present Vintage Views

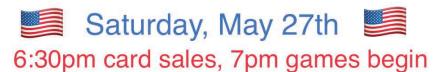


Our 22nd Annual Fashion Show Luncheon Monday, June 19, 2023 Lake Summerset Lodge Doors Open at Noon Tickets - \$25 go on sale end of April

We invite all our guests to wear something Vintage (jewelry, hat, miniskirt, saddles shoes, wide bell bottoms)

Contact - Jan Gorman

# RED, WHITE and BINGO!





LSA Easter Egg Hunt Pictures Taken By Steve Bottino









# Public Safety Citations and Warnings

Lot	Violator	Violation	Fine	Ticket #	Citation Date
627	Son	Left line (tipup) unattended	50.00	10860	2/4/2023
627	Son	Fishing with live bait (minnows)	150.00	10859	2/4/2023
627	Guest	Fishing with live bait (minnows)	250.00	10862	2/22/2023
627	Son	Fishing with live bait (minnows)	250.00	10861	2/22/2023
627	Son	Fishing with 3 lines over limit	150.00	10863	2/22/2023
894	Same	Driving recklessly in Quarry Park	50.00	11154	2/24/2023
930	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11155	2/27/2023
2183	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	10916	2/27/2023
2297R	Same	Inoperable vehicle parked in driveway	50.00	10986	2/28/2023
364	Son	Verbal abuse at Public Safety Officer	50.00	11164	3/2/2023
364	Son	Speeding on radar 46 mph in a 30 mph zone	75.00	11163	3/2/2023
460	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	10918	3/2/2023
460	Same	Speeding on radar 48 mph in a 30 mph zone	75.00	11161	3/2/2023
460	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11165	3/7/2023
646	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	10919	3/12/2023
1474	Same	Motorcycle went around outbound east gate arm	50.00	10920	3/15/2023
1702	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at another member's property	50.00	11170	3/16/2023
1702	Guest	Vehicle with expired Red pass parked along road	50.00	11171	3/16/2023
172R	Same	Vehicle pulling trailer outbound west gate	50.00	10921	3/19/2023
25	Son	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	10922	3/21/2023
17	Delivery Truck	Delivery truck used west gate exit	50.00	10923	3/22/2023
580F	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11173	3/23/2023
1098	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	10924	3/27/2023

# **Warnings:**

- 5 Inoperable vehicle parked in yard/driveway for storage purposes
- 4 Inoperable vehicle parked in driveway not registered with LSA Office
- 1 Inoperable vehicle parked in driveway with flat tire
- 1 Leash Law dog roaming
- 1 Dog littering (pet waste) in empty lot
- 1 Golf cart drove around gate arm into grass at front entrance
- 1 Vehicle parked in no parking area
- 1 License plate on vehicle doesn't match what is registered at the LSA Office

# **Public Safety Department News**

Boat Safety will be starting the 2023 season. They will be checking fishing license/permits, creel limits, bait, etc. All docks must have at least four inches numbers in height clearly visible from lakeside are to be displayed on ends of the docks and piers so they are visible at least 25 feet. Red Book Rule page 24.

#### LSA Boating Regulations

All boaters on Lake Summerset are responsible for being aware of and for following all applicable IL DNR and LSA boating regulations.

All vessels must have properly displayed current Illinois registration decals. The only exceptions are unpowered vessels, including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. However, all vessels must properly display the letters "LS" along with the vessel owner's lot number on both sides at the rear of the vessel. A current LSA decal must be displayed on both sides of the vessel. If a vessel is newly purchased, or if the re-registration is being processed, the registration paperwork must be on board the vessel for verification.

All vessels must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board. They must be readily accessible and ready for use. This includes kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards.

All vessels 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, must also carry one

USCG-approved throwable PFD (type IV). All children under the age of 13 must wear a PFD on vessels less than

26 feet in length when underway.
All vessels equipped with an internal combustion engine are required to have a USCG-approved fire extinguisher on board. It must be in good, workable condition.

All batteries must be fully secured in the vessel. The battery must also be equipped with non-conductive terminal shields to prevent accidental shorting.

All motorized vessels must have a mouth, hand, or power-operated sounding device.

Passengers may not ride on the decking over the bow or stern, gunwales, or tops of seat backs of a motorized vessel when underway, unless the passenger is within guard rails that prevent falling overboard. The only exception is for individuals actively fishing.

Boat operators must adhere to the capacity rating for the vessel. Note that if number of passengers and a weight are provided, the legal capacity rating is whichever of those numbers is reached first. Any person(s) in tow of a vessel is considered a part of the boat's capacity.

Vessels towing persons on water skis or other devices must have a competent spotter, and must display an orange skiertowing flag (at least 12x12 inches) from the highest point around the vessel's helm.

After sunset, when anchored or

#### **Water Conservation Program at LSA**

As a reminder, the restriction of odd number lot watering on odd numbered days and even lot watering on even days is in effect. However, on your respective days, you will be allowed to water at time of your choosing for a period of three hours. If weather conditions or equipment failures require, the district may need to impose further restrictions to lawn watering. As in past years, OCLUD may be forced to implement a total ban on lawn watering.

Signs will be posted at the entrances to the development to indicate the current status of the program.

#### **Daily/Weekly Rental Slips**

Daily/weekly boat slip information will be published monthly in the LSA News from May to September.

After the annual lottery and prior to July 10, a member in good standing can reserve a boat slip for up to 14 days during the entire season. This rental can consist of no more than two weekends.

After July 10, a member in good standing can reserve a boat slip for an additional 14 days of slip rental for the balance of the season. This rental can consist of no more than two weekends.

All payments must be made at the time of reservation and are non-refundable unless the LSA office can re-rent the slip.

Cost of rental: Daily rate: \$15; 3-Days: \$25; Weekly: \$50

Four (4) slips are available for rental: Dam Marina (1); Southgate Marina (1); Duck Park (2)



stationary away from a dock, all vessels are required to display an all-around white light visible from all directions.

After sunset, when underway, all vessels are required to display red and green sidelights and an all-round white light. **The speed limit is "No wake"** prior to 10 am and after 8pm during weekdays, and prior to 10 am and after 6pm on weekends and designated holidays. No wake implies flat water and no froth behind the boat. **This is a new LSA regulation as of January 1, 2023.** 

Within no wake areas (anytime) it is unlawful for boats to exceed speeds which create wake conditions behind the boat. No wake implies flat water and no froth behind the boat.

It is unlawful to pull tubers or skiers through or out of designated "no wake" areas.

Boating traffic should be in a generally counter-clockwise direction.

All persons born on or after January 1, 1998, may operate a vessel powered by a motor of more than 10 horsepower (hp) unsupervised, only if they have and are in possession of a valid Boating Safety Certificate accepted by the Department of Natural Resources.

There are other rules/restrictions regarding who may operate a boat legally. Please see the IL. DNR Boating Digest for further information.

#### Orange Flag Law

Illinois state law requires a bright orange flag to be displayed. The flag must be at least 12 inches per side, and must be at the highest point of the helm visible from all directions while the person(s) are in the water until re-entry into the boat. Flags

are available at the LSA office for \$25. **Fishing Rules & Regulations** 

Guests must fish in the presence of the LSA member that invited them. No unaccompanied guest fishing allowed. Only Guests that have qualified to purchase a Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit can fish without an LSA Member being present. Guests can share creel limit with said member or they may purchase a daily fishing permit and keep a guest limit of fish. No live bait can be used other than worms or spikes (larvae). Guest Annual pass holders do not have extended privileges and fish with the LSA member authorized their Guest Annual Pass. Anyone 16 or older must have a valid Illinois Fishing License in their possession when fishing on Lake Summerset waters.

#### **Golf Carts**

These vehicles may only be operated by drivers possessing a valid LSA ISSUED PHOTO ID CARD or in possession of a STATE ISSUED PHOTO ID or State DRIVERS LICENSE. Driver MUST be in possession of ID while driving.

#### Go-Carts

Driver's must possess a State issued driver's license. Use of Go-Carts will be grandfathered for use until December 31, 2026.

The Guard house is open 24/7 to report any suspicious activity or complaints. The emergency number is 815-248-2778. If you have any questions please contact the LSA Office at 815-248-2194 and ask for Mike.

## **Durand Area Food Pantry: May Distribution**

#### By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open for distributions on Saturday, April 29, 9-10:30am; Monday, May 1, 3:30-5pm; Saturday, May 27, 9-10:30am and Tuesday (note change of day due to Memorial Day Holiday), May 30, 3:30-5pm. You only need to give your zip code and number of family members benefiting from the food. Anyone in need is welcome. The pantry is located at 408 N Center St, Durand, Il. Please enter through the alley next to the Durand Fire Department. The pantry also has a drop off box in the entryway to the LSA office.

Please feel free to leave nonperishable donations in that box. Please check expiration dates when donating. We would like to remind all our guests that the pantry does check every item that we distribute. Some items may have a best buy date that is close to the current date. These items are still perfectly fine to consume. The dates are placed on the items so consumers know when the product is at its peak for freshness. They still are fine to eat and have been given the ok from our supplier to distribute. If you have any questions, please let us know at 815-985-1805.

#### **Durand Area Food Pantry And Ladies of the Lake**

#### By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry would like to thank the Ladies of the Lake for their wonderful donation of Easter treat bags for our Easter distribution. All the children loved them! Pictured are Evelyn and Wayne Plasmeir delivering the treats to the pantry! A special thanks to Best Realty for donating additional treat bags when we needed more due to record crowds! This is a great place to live!





# See A Goose Nest? Call The LSA Office!

The Lake Summerset Association has once again received a permit from the IDNR to try and control the goose population on the property. Since the permit program was instituted, the goose population has been controlled and the water quality of the lake has improved. LSA recently received the permit to continue the program for 2023.

If you see a goose nesting site, please call the LSA Office at 815-248-2194 immediately, so the nest can be treated legally and humanely and within the requirements of the IDNR permit.

Thank you.

# Welcome Team Needs Items For Welcome Basket

Items such as cook books, candles, kitchen items, tools, key chains, home décor, note cards, CD's, bath soaps or salts, tape measures, rulers, scissors, vases, calendars, notebooks, small baskets, books, small toys for boys/girls, small picture frames, painted rocks, or any nice little gift to help make our new residents feel special.

Please drop off items at the LSA Office and put in the Welcome Team Box. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

We are a sub-committee of the Community Relations Committee (CRC). Our function is to send out welcome cards, provide formation packets, and meet and welcome new property owners at Lake Summerset.





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# **Bocce Ball Club: Getting Ready To Play**

By Randy Myers

We are on schedule to get improvements done at the courts to start play on May 4th and complete play on September 28th. That is twenty one weeks with playoffs and banquet on September 28th. We are planning no rule changes and we will discuss rules on April 27th. Bocce players and anyone interested in playing meet at the lodge at 1 o'clock on April 27th, we will be having a light lunch followed by a brief meeting. Team lists and schedule is a work in progress but I will get it done. Please pay your dues by sending them to Louise Clay, paying at the spring meeting or call (815-248-1072) and drop them off. Checks need to be made payable to LSBocce at \$30 per person but alternates pay \$10 dues

and a dollar a week. Last year we played some fun games in October and because it went well look for us to do the same in April, Gerry calls it spring training, meet at 10 o'clock every Thursday at the courts.

The Bocce Club is open to all Adult Lake Summerset residents and lot owners. We have the courts reserved on Thursdays, May through September, and play regularly scheduled games starting at 10:00 A.M. each week. We invite you to join us as a team player or as an alternate player. A fun summer member participation league and a good place to meet some of your Lake Summerset neighbors. Don't forget our awesome website at LSBOCCE.CLUB for current information or feel free to call.

## **Red Hats: Need Ideas For Upcoming Outings**

By Kathy Moran

This is going to be a difficult article to write because I have very little information. I can't report on our April meeting because as of this writing and deadline, it hasn't happened. So no info there. And I can't even remind you of our May meeting because no one signed up to handle the month of May. Soooooo, have you got

any ideas? We can always do lunch and a show, play games at someone's house, have a picnic, etc. etc. Got any ideas? Call Shirlee and she can send out an email and let all of us know what is going on. Get your thinking caps on, gals. It is really not that hard to come up with a fun idea. Short and simple, that is my article for this month. Hope to see you all real soon.

# **Durand Charm Busy Calendar Of Activities**

By Kelly Giovanine

Durand Charm has a busy calendar of activities coming soon. Next up is the popular Spring Plant Sale, always held Mother's Day weekend. Find beautiful hanging baskets for Mom and colorful annuals for flower beds, provided by the expert growers at Ahrens Acres. Shoppers are encouraged to come early for best selection. Plants are typically sold out by 11:30 am. In conjunction with the Spring Plant Sale,

Market in the Park Craft Show will be held along the Saelens Park walking path. We expect over 25 crafters and vendors. There will be something for everyone!

**Durand Charm Spring Events**Market in the Park Craft Show and Spring

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13 (9 am - 3 pm) Free to the public

Both events will be held at Saelens Park, 200 South Center St., Durand

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# PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 6th & Saturday, May 13th 9-Noon

Faith Community Church 212 W. McKimmy St. in Davis

# Lake Summerset Fish Club

By Jeff Wishop

April Fish Club meeting was held on Thursday April 6th. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm.

Last month's minutes were read and approved. There were no changes in our fiscal report for the past month. It was reported that our hats, shirts and cooler wrap order has been received and is now for sale. The Club is now the owner of a 7x12 covered trailer that we can use in place of a storage unit and will be used to move things from event to event.

Reel raffle was won by Bob Woelky and there was no 50/0 raffle this month.

Fishing report noted crappie and bass are being caught in shallower and warmer water. Current temperature is 44 degrees.

Facebook group is currently at 120 members.

Cribs were discussed and more work to be done on cluster designs once a few locations are chosen. Our club will work with FCC and LPC on porcupine crib designs and determine areas that these can be placed. We also had short conversation on looking into the possibility of cribs under piers.

We will host Veterans on the Fly-Fishing Club on Wednesday June 7th. Time is to be determined but will be held in the evening based out of Mitchell Park. Looking for all members to be part of this event.

Club members will have a marina and park cleanup day on April 15th at 8 am. We will make the rounds in picking up trash and debris. Noted that there is a fishing gear sale in Davis Hall April 22 and 23. Remainder of 2023 Fish Club event

Remainder of 2023 Fish Club event calendar is unchanged. We are asking for help from Club in reaching out to possible Sponsors for our Bass Tournament in June. If anyone knows of any opportunities, we have sponsorship forms available.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Next meeting will be May 4th.

# New Life Women's Bible Study



By Carol Gattolin

This month we Bible Babes joined with our families, friends and community to celebrate God's gracious and loving gift of Jesus Christ our Savior. We would love for any other women who want to learn more about God's plan for redeeming this fallen world to join us for Bible study every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Lodge. There are many things we don't agree about concerning the interpretation

of the Bible, but we all agree on God's authority and love for mankind. Currently, we are studying to understand the last few chapters of the Book of Revelations. Each year we plan a retreat. This year we enjoyed each other's company at the Timber-Lee Camp in East Troy, Wisconsin, during the weekend of April 15. Our next study will be on Angels. Please give the Bible Study a try. Call Carol Gattolin at, 847-814-2677 or Wendy Schrank at 815-751-5305 for further information.

# **Hand & Foot News**









# By JoAnn Leith

Twelve LSA members enjoyed the game of Hand & Foot on Monday, March 27th and our winners were Bill Erickson, Diana Kile, Peggy Stewart and Mary Ellen Sandquist. They won \$6, \$4, \$3, and \$1 consecutively.

The following Monday we again played this card game and had a great turnout of 19 players. We had five tables for the first time in ages, we welcome back some of our snow birds. Five tables, five winners and they were Pati Dini wining \$7, Diana Kile again taking second for \$5, Judy Lane took third for \$3 and we had a tie for fourth so Phil Brannon & Mary Ellen Sandquist each received \$2. Congrats to all, next dates for playing are April 24th, May 1st & 22nd.

# Pinochle Card Club Pinochle

By JoAnn Leith

Pinochle club has had a few challenges, but we have come up with a solution hopefully to satisfy everyone. From now on we will be playing Pinochle passing three cards blind on the first Tuesday of the month and on the third Tuesday we will play simple Pinochle. Our winners on March 21st were Bill

Our winners on March 21st were Bill Erickson, John Olsen, & Judy Hoeksema winning \$5, \$4, and \$2. On Tuesday April

4th we had eleven players so one table played three handed Pinochle with a three-card kitty. There are many versions of this game but we all need to play the same way and this time the winners were myself, winning \$5, Janet Bielat \$4 & Sharon Drennan won \$2. Remember on the 18th of April we will play regular Pinochle & on May 2nd it will be passing three cards. Here's hoping everyone had a HAPPPY EASTER!

# **Lions Club Serving Others**



#### By Pat McClellan

At the business meeting of Durand Lions on April 12th, old items were discussed. We asked Ben Clay to lead the singing, The Marines' Hymn. Once a Marine, always a Marine! A large bin was filled with items for veterans, with a focus on energetic young ones and female veterans. Also collected were items needed for Pediatric Cancer. All items were new and unopened. Especially requested, it was suggested there be no items that had violent themes. Many children come from diverse and religious backgrounds. We refrained from items that were religious in nature. That way, religious freedom was respected. Rose Day deliveries were very successful.

We hope yours are still blooming and beautiful. A slate of officers was introduced for 2023-2024. Our service to the communities of Durand and Lake Summerset will continue.

The dinner meeting was fantastic food from Cimino's. The local food pantry gave an update on the generous donations from many areas. It is awesome that this area supports those in need. Hopefully, families in need can find what is necessary to help their families. No family, big or small, should be hungry! We are making plans for out big

We are making plans for out big 50th year celebration. With help from the community, we plan on being around for many more years.

# 2022 OCLUD Consumer Confidence Report

This month's OCLUD Corner article includes the IEPA mandated Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for OCLUD. This report is intended to provide customers with a "snapshot" of water quality and plant operations, as they relate to the District, including basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of contaminants that were detected in the water during 2022 and compliance with other drinking water rules.

The District is pleased to again report that no operational violations of water quality standards were reported for the 2022 calendar year. This article and printing is the sole method of report delivery. Copies will not be mailed to customers. However, should you have any questions regarding the report, or would like free additional copies, please contact OCLUD at 815-248-4214.

Consumer Confidence Report

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

OTTER CREEK LAKE UTILITIES DISTRICT

Steve Kinney

815-248-4214

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Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location	
WELL 1 (11696)	GW	Active	L.S. Road East	
WELL 2 (11687)	GW	Active	L.S. Road West	
WELL 3 (01094)	GW	Active	Southgate & Drexel	
WELL 4 (02124)	GW	Active	Southgate & Westmore	

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2022	1.3	1.3	0.169	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching fro wood preservatives; Corrosion of househol plumbing systems.
Lead	2022	0	15	2.8	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coll MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteris have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

idual disinfectant level or The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By- Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2022	0.9	0.6 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	1	0.88 - 0.88	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	05/04/2021	0.59	0.59 - 0.59	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	05/04/2021	0.0714	0.0714 - 0.0714	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	05/04/2021	5.1	5.1 - 5.1	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	05/04/2021	0.68	0.68 - 0.68	4	4.0	ppm	15	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2022	3	1.4 - 3.1	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	05/04/2021	4.49	4.49 - 4.49			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occuring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2022	1	1,499 - 1,499	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2022	1.13	1.13 - 1.13	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.



#### **OCLUD Corner**

#### By Fred Kile **Getting To Know OCLUD How It All Got Started**

Back in 1969-1970 when the community was being built, Boise Cascade, the developer, had installed a central water system and planned that property owners would install individual septic systems. At the same time another lake community had been completed with septic systems. It was soon discovered that such systems were not sufficient and had an adverse effect on the lake water quality. So, the State of Illinois ruled that similar developments would be required to install wastewater treatment systems. Boise Cascade stepped up and built the treatment plant and installed sewer lines covering all lots at Lake Summerset. It was at this point that the availability charge for all lots was implemented as the system is designed to serve 2,300 potential homes.

#### What Oclud Is And Isn't

First, what Otter Creek Utility District (OCLUD) is not. It is not legally a part of Lake Summerset Association (LSA). That may be hard to understand since when you call OCLUD, the phone is answered by someone in the LSA office. Mike Schmieder and Kristine Fotinakes have roles with both LSA and OCLUD. Also, office staff members take care of some of the OCLUD administrative responsibilities such as receiving payments, answering the OCLUD phone and preparing mailings. Second, OCLUD is an independent Public Utility District organized as a Municipal Corporation which makes it a Unit of Government. It has oversight by five volunteer Trustees serving five-year terms with staggering term expiration years. Three Trustees are from Winnebago County and two are from Stephenson County. Trustees are selected by the OCLUD Board and then appointed by the County Board.

#### **Current Trustees Are As Follows**

#### Winnebago County

Fred Kile, Chairman Ron Waldschmidt Roger Allen

#### **Stephenson County**

Marty Beierwaltes, Co-Chair Jim McClennan

Combined these Trustees have over 50 years of experience on the Board.

#### Management

Mike Schmieder is the Manager of OCLUD while also General Manager of LSA. Fotinakes handles Kristine finances for both OCLUD and LSA.

#### Staff

Earlier this year, long time Plant Clark Supervisor Brad retired.

#### **Current Staff Includes**

Steve Kinney, Plant Supervisor. Some of you may remember Steve who worked at OCLUD for a number of years and is now returning to us. Steve has drinking water and wastewater certifications.

Ernie Lilja has been with OCLUD for three years and brings his extensive knowledge of wells and pumps to the team. Jeremy Defendi, a Lake Summerset resident, has also been an OCLUD employee for one year and is working to obtain the drinking water and wastewater certifications. The process of obtaining wastewater certification takes a minimum of 6 years so we are glad to have him working toward his certifications. This will ensure that OCLUD has qualified staffing for years to come. Lucinda Lilja, is a part time employee who handles the daily water testing on weekends. She holds the drinking water certification. This team was put to the test the week that Steve returned to OCLUD and we were hit with the ice storm. They pulled together

#### the water level in the tower ensuring there were no issues to the operations. Meetings

and kept our 19 sewage lift stations

running on generators and monitored

Being a Unit of Government, OCLUD is required to follow the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). As such, all meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the LSA office. The exceptions to this schedule are November and December when meetings are moved up due to the holidays. All meetings are listed on the LSA Community Calendar in the LSA newspaper. The annual budget meeting is held concurrently with the December meeting. Agendas are posted by the door to the LSA office at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.



Otter Creek Staff pictured left to right: Steve Kinney, Ernie Lilja, and Jeremy Defendi

## **Grow A Row For The Durand Area Food Pantry**

#### By Deb McCoy

Spring has sprung and plants are waiting to grow! While you are planning this year's vegetable garden, please consider planting an extra row of produce to donate to the Durand Area Food Pantry. We will be accepting donations of produce

in the Square by the Center Street Creamery.

Dates and times will be announced at a

later time. If you have produce to donate it can also be dropped at the Produce Stand by the Food Pantry. Please only donate produce that is in good condition and that you would serve your family.

If you have any questions please contact Deb McCoy at 815-222-9186, Bobbie Ziesk at 630-404-5949, or Julie Walsh at 815-721-6345.

#### Beautifications...1,000 Volunteer Hours And Counting

#### By Jill Muschong

It's springtime also known as the season when our Beautification Volunteers Spring into action. Our club has reached a milestone with over 1,000 volunteer hours. We celebrated at our April meeting with a raffle and a prize was awarded to the winning volunteer.

Please consider supporting our Plant Sale and Concert this year....100% of the proceeds are spent on beautifying our community. We have invested \$9400.00 fundraising dollars back into our community so far, including park like garbage cans, funds for new pool furniture, design & new signage throughout our community including back of front entrance digital sign, Vegetable Garden & Dog Park new signage.

# Below Is A List Of Projects In The Works, Or Recently Completed

Harting Park overlook post marker, bench, spillway fence sanded and coated, two additional benches wood replaced and coated. (two additional benches to be installed by maintenance)

Front entrance enhancements, removal of overgrown arborvitae and new plantings on Fritzel's Landscaping spring schedule

Beach Two, sanding, leveling, metal painting of all tikis begins April 18

49 picnic tables rebuilt with new wood (campground pavilion tables, sanded) and coated

Front digital sign board repainted due to digital sign replaced with smaller sign Backentrance sign, scheduled to sand and

order outdoor sticker to place over old logo Various border signage throughout the community will be painted and white lettering repainted

# Mark Your Calendars for these important dates!

"Beautiful Blooms Spring Plant Sale" Friday, May 12, 2:00pm – 6:00pm and Saturday, May 13, 8:00am – 3:00pm Hanging Baskets, Annuals, Perennials, Vegetables & Herbs

Look for the big white tent in the lodge parking lot. All proceeds will be used to beautify our community.

#### "A Beautiful Concert at Mitchell Park" Saturday, September 2 Featuring the high energy dance band,

I-Pop

The theme will again be the "art of the picnic" so start planning your creative picnic display ideas. Last year we had over 400 residents in attendance and those of you that attended last year know that it was a non-stop dance fest and a blast! This concert is funded by generous sponsors and The Beautification Club.

If would like to be a sponsor, please contact Jill Muschong 708-912-8631. Thank you in advance!

# NEW GARBAGE CANS AT MITCHELL SHELTER



#### LSA Beautification Club: Feature Collaborations

This month we feature a collaborative effort between the LSA Long Range Committee, our GM Mike Schmieder, our LSA Board, The Beautification Club and the outside vendor for the new playground equipment at Beach One. The photo shows how the community is starting to look more consistent with branded colors. The new slides match the picnic tables, the yellow coordinates with the large beach umbrella and the tikis and the blues and lime green are just for fun. We also worked with maintenance, Mike Schmieder and the LSA Board on the garbage container upgrade project. Garbage containers are not exciting but they do make our community look more polished and

they do function more efficiently for maintenance as they prevent rain water from filling. We also want to thank Joe Rush and Brian Bandoli. We collaborate with them on a regular basis, and they are knowledgeable and helpful to our club.



# **Dog Club Barkings**



#### By Denise Torrey

Come join the fun and register your dog(s) for use of the Dog Park! The 2023 registration form, including the waiver/release information and Dog Park rules are available on LSA website. The cost is \$25.00 per household, for one dog and \$10.00 for each additional dog registered. Payment may be made in cash or check, payable to LS Dog Club, and current rabies tag numbers are required. Registration at the office is available during normal business hours. In order to expedite the registration process, please download and fill out the registration form prior to going to the office to register your dog(s).

The Dog Club held its first meeting of 2023 on April 5. The drain tile and fencing pros and cons along with the costs were presented by Jim Herman, Long Range and Facility Planning (LR & FP) Committee Member and Board Member along with Joe Rush, new Operations and Lake Manager.

Jim explained that LR & FP reviewed the Club's drain tile quotes. Elevations of the Dog Park were taken to determine if drain tiles would work. The results were not favorable to properly install drain tiles as the water table is high and most of the Dog Park sits in a flood zone. Raising the entire Dog Park level with good dirt fill is cost prohibitive and could potentially need permission from the D.N.R. Since there is no guarantee of how much water will be moved out of the park, LR & FP will not recommend doing drain tiles as proposed.

The other option presented by LR & FP was to expand our smaller dry park on the north end by adding additional land and fencing. This area is always dry because of its higher elevation and provides more of a guarantee for the money spent. LR & FP recommends that we share the cost of installing additional fencing. The estimated costs to install the additional fencing in 3-5 years would be close to \$14,000.00.

Joe Rush presented his suggestions of things he can do "in house" to alleviate water from the park. Joe agreed with the Dog Club's recommendation to dredge out the water ditches that surround the Dog Park and berm up the areas where water enters into the park. He stated this will be done in the very near future and Maintenance has already started the dredging process. Additionally, he will look at low lying areas that have standing water and will determine if those areas

should be filled with dirt to the existing grade. Joe also suggested a combination of natural grasses, absorbing plants, some kind of drain tile/French drain, or swale to alleviate some of the standing water.

The Dog Club is reviewing the details and will decide if and how they will fund their portion of the additional fencing cost.

The Dog Club would like to thank the people from the Long Range & Facility Planning Committee and Maintenance for all their help and information to get us to this point. We appreciate everyone's input and together we will make our Dog Park a better place for all LSA members to enjoy!

The Dog Club is open to all LSA members and we encourage everyone who has a dog(s) to come join the fun at the Dog Park! For all the latest information, pictures and barking's please visit our Facebook page!







#### Pontoon Boats and Sailboats

maximum length 20 feet per State Registration

Power, Fishing, and Deck Boats

maximum length 18 feet per State Registration

# **Boating Regulations**

Please refer to Redbook Section E Page 16-20

# Pontoon Boats Power Boats & Deck Boats Fishing Boats

Maximum horsepower 90 HP providing motor meets or exceeds the C.A.R.B. 2008 rating (three star).

# **Water Skiing Regulations**

Please refer to Redbook Section F Page 20-21

# Ladies Of The Lake Have Alot Going On

By Kathy Moran

If you could not attend our last meeting you missed a great deal of information. The first thing on the agenda was the presentation of a Ladies of the Lake logo design. It was designed by Janet Bielat and Sherri Schoopi. The plan is to have a banner made so that people are made aware of events that are sponsored or run by Ladies of the Lake.

The next agenda item was the annual garage sale. Mark your calendars for May 19 and 20. We will be located at the bocce courts. As you start that spring cleaning, keep us in mind. However, we do not want clothing or shoes. And we are not looking for really large items unless you are willing to take it back if not sold. Janet Bielat has a sign up sheet. If you could do a 2 hour shift on either day, give her a call at 630-935-8155. Items you wish to donate can be brought to the bocce courts that day as early as 8:00am and throughout the morning hours on Friday. June 18th, the day before the fashion show, is set-up day. Since this is also Father's day, the ladies will not start until 2:00 in the afternoon. That gives Dad time to get to the golf course, get settled in front of the TV or recuperate after the grandkids have gone home. This is all leading up to our Vintage Views Fashion Show on Monday June 19th. The ticket cost this year will be \$20 for paid

members and \$25 for non-members. The

menu includes swiss steak, ham and all the trimmings. Jan Gorman is in charge of ticket sales. If you want to be seated with a particular group make sure you give her all the pertinent information. She will need both the first and last names of the people you want to sit with.

If you have vintage items you would like to lend the decorating committee to be used as centerpieces, please let Deb Erickson or Kathy Moran know. Please be sure to advise any of your guests that the centerpieces are not gifts to be taken home. In some cases they are of both financial and sentimental value to the lender. This will be announced several times during the event. More in our June article. Until then enjoy the warmer temperatures, the graduations, and, of course, Mother's Day.







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The Scrapbag Quilt Club of Lake Summerset is trying to locate several scrapbooks containing valuable club history. This includes pictures, and member information from the past 20 plus years the club has been in existence. We have an outdated list of members who may have cared for them in the past. To share information as to the whereabouts of these scrapbooks, contact Marge Greenlee, Club President, 779-208-6376 or Dee at 779-771-1690.

# **Walking Your Dog?**

Don't forget to clean up after them. All lots are privately owned. Be considerate of your neighbors. Violators will be reported to Public Safety.





**Bass Tournament** Cash Prize For Largest Bass **Largest Stringer of 5** Cash Prizes for 1st - 3rd Place **Tagged Bass Tournament** \$500 1st Tagged Fish 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$200

\$75 Per Person: 2 Person Team or 3 Person Maximum \$10 Per Kid: Kids Division 16 & Under Family of 4 Option in App Registration **Limited Entries Each Team** must have 1LSA Member & **LSA Registered Boat Rules & Details on FishDonkey** 

**TEAMS & FISH MUST BE REGISTERED ON FISHDONKEY APP** Tournament Directors: Bob 480-825-5407 or Jeff 815-218-2116





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# The Tree Guy



We have taken a beating here this winter with the ice storm and then heavy snows that broke up a lot of our trees. It looked real promising with 70 and 80-degree weather but then, April Fools... more snow. Who said it was warmer near the lake??

Do not despair, spring will show itself in due time. In fact, we really shouldn't plant anything outside until after the last average day of frost. That means there is a better than 50% chance of getting a frost up to May 6- May 10. It's probably best to hold off buying and planting annuals until after that. For that reason the Beautification Club will hold its plant sale on May 12th and 13th. Annuals, other than Pansies, which love cold weather, are pretty tender in the spring and the later they can be planted, the better.

Perennials and bulbs on the other hand

are much tougher. They start to come up

in late March and April and a little cold or snow is shrugged off and they flower anyway. If you are planting perennials remember the sleep, creep, leap rule. They sleep the first year, they creep the second while gaining strength and then leap the third year with a huge floral display.

Planting trees and shrubs even when its cold will probably not hurt them as long as they have adequate water. Some of the flowers might burn or get black frost marks on them like we sometimes see on the Magnolia flowers right about now.

Your lawn will be fine, I promise. As long as the ground is soft it will radiate enough heat to keep it from going dormant like it did in the late fall. Welcome to the schizophrenic weather of the Midwest. Come on warm weather. JT The Tree Guy!

# **Force Mowing Procedures**

The "ECC Guidelines for Lot Mowing" applies to lot owners who do their own mowing as well as to contract mowers. The owner of each lot in the Development shall mow said lot at such times as may be reasonably required in order to prevent the unsightly growth of vegetation and noxious weeds thereon. (See Blue Book, Section 2, Page 8, Paragraph G).

The following guidelines will apply: Reasonable care should be exercised by contract mowers to leave a minimal stubble height without scalping. Turning on or throwing cut material on adjacent lots will not be tolerated. Lots should be mowed before the average growth of grass reaches 12 inches in height.

Lots with thistles and other noxious weeds must be mowed, regardless of the height of the grass.

Lots with clumps of legumes, such as alfalfa or clover, must be mowed regardless of the height of the grass.

All of the above conditions will apply to wooded, as well as unwooded lots. Forced mowing will follow inspections and will be executed whenever any of the above conditions exist. Lot mowing shall include trimming of weeds proximate to parked tractors, camper tops and boats. (Redbook section K, page 21, paragraph 1)

Inspection of lots will be held May 20, June 10, July 1, August 1, September 1, and October 1. Only those lots on the list will be forced mowed. If one of your lots should be forced mowed, a fee will be charged according to forced mowing charges established on a yearly basis. No exceptions. Revised 12/11

# The ECC "Plumb Line"

#### Generators

Electrical power outages can be a major inconvenience, but fortunately they are not very common and most are relatively short lived. However, a prolonged power outage lasting several hours, or even days, can cause a variety of problems, some of which could be very serious or costly. Here at the Lake we have underground electric utility service, and that helps to minimize problems due to downed wires from ice storms, fallen trees, etc., but the power lines coming into the Lake do travel on utility poles and towers that are above ground. For that reason many people have considered back-up generators for their home.

Generators come in a variety of types and sizes. The most versatile and complete type of generator is the whole house stand-by type. These generators are permanently installed outdoors and wired to the home's electrical system, and when the power goes out they will automatically start up and transfer the house power from the utility to the generator. Stand-by generators are most often fueled by natural gas or propane, but other fuel types are also available. When power is restored the stand-by generator will automatically turn off and transfer the power back to the utility. The downside to stand-by generators is that they can be expensive, typically \$10 - 20k or more depending on the size, and routine maintenance and lubrication will be needed.

Another much less expensive, but much more cumbersome option is a portable generator. Portable generators typically use gasoline, but dual fuel types are available. With a portable generator an electrician will still be needed to install a generator breaker in your circuit breaker panel. A mechanical interlock will also be installed that will prevent the generator breaker and the home's main breaker from being on at the same time. An outdoor generator receptacle is also wired to the panel. When a power outage occurs, you first turn off all

the breakers in your panel, and then turn on the generator breaker. Next you will need to move the generator outdoors near the generator receptacle. NEVER operate a portable generator indoors or in a garage since the exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide which can be toxic. After turning on the generator and plugging it into the receptacle with a special cable, you can then turn on the circuit breakers for critical or needed circuits like lighting, sump pumps, refrigerators and freezers, medical devices, etc. During the winter you should also be able to operate a gas furnace, or a few rooms with baseboard electric heat. However, most portable generators are not large enough for an electric furnace or an air conditioner in the summer, or even an electric stove for cooking. For long power outages you can also selectively turn off some critical circuits for a short time and then use others, like those for large appliances such as washing machines, clothes dryers, microwave ovens, etc. When power is restored, you reverse the process, first turning off the generator and generator breaker, and then turning all the other circuits and main breaker back on.

Lake Summerset does not require a building permit for a generator. However, you or your electrician should check with your county to see what their requirements may be for generators.

As can be seen, a whole house stand-by generator is the simplest and most complete option for automatic temporary power, but it is also the most expensive. Portable generator systems, which may only cost a few thousand dollars versus ten or twenty thousand, may require some knowledge of electrical circuits and will require some work on your part to manually initiate the transfer of power during an outage. In either case, the peace of mind knowing that an extended power outage will not cause you severe hardship may well be worth the cost or effort of a generator.

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#### **Mowing Contractors**

Inspection Dates: May 20, June 10, July 1, Aug. 1, Sept. 1, & Oct. 1

Panoske & Sons Mowing Service 936 Lake Summerset Road Davis, IL 61019 815-238-2805 Randy Smith 16625 Best Road Davis, IL 61019 815-248-4479 MAEE Lawncare LLC 1102 Drexel Davis, IL 61019 815-541-4616



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# The Fishing Corner

**Bv Curt Zawiski** 

Fisherman of all ages usually enjoy catching bluegill, especially when the fish are large and provide a good, spirited fight. Fundamentally, bluegill populations can be radically altered by the targeted harvest of the top-end-size breeding males. As the size of the male bluegills decrease, the remaining smaller male fish respond by maturing and spawning earlier. The result is that much of their energy goes towards reproductive success instead of growing. Eventually, small, stunted fish overtake the population, which could take decades to reverse. This phenomenon is call "sexual stunting". Newer research suggests that sexual stunting has important implications for bluegill size structure and thus retaining as many large parental males in the population is paramount.

In a healthy bluegill fishery, young males dedicate their energy toward growth until they mature at age (4-7). At maturity the large males focus their energy on reproduction instead of growth and are fit enough to claim optimal spawning locations and can successfully fend off smaller egg thieves. As a result, releasing big bluegills gives the remaining population an incentive to grow big!

Below are some key strategies and practices that will contribute to a healthy bluegill fishery:

Maintain a healthy population of largemouth bass that will keep the bluegill population in check through predation. Bass feed on small bluegill. Reducing the number of smaller bluegills will result in larger bluegills, as the competition for food lessens. A largemouth bass will consume its weight in bluegill each month the water temperature is near 75 degrees. However, if the lake has an abundant population of yellow perch or crayfish, the bass will prefer them over bluegill.

Harvest mainly female bluegills (6–7-inch range), which will help produce larger fish overall. Release and limit harvesting of larger male bluegills (8 inches and over). Mature males have a noticeably larger black earflap behind their gills, are darker in color and have a more pronounced forehead. Females will be lighter in color and have a sloping forehead with a smaller black earflap behind their gills.

Don't allow aquatic vegetation to become overly abundant or dense. Too much vegetation provides too many hiding places for smaller fish and allows for excessive bluegill recruitment (survival of only specific year classes - i.e., year class strength relating to stunting). Submerged vegetation growth should be at or below 25% of total water area. Water milfoil and curly leaf pondweed should be eliminated.

Increase anglers' engagement and knowledge associated with bluegill lifecycle characteristics.

Maintain habitat. Suitable hard-bottom substrate for spawning, plus areas to hide and feed are key to growing large bluegills.

Growth rates for a well managed bluegill fishery: Fingerlings=1-3 inches, 1yr=4.5-6 inches, 2yr=6.5-8 inches, 3yr=8-8.9 inches, 4yr=8.7-9.4 inches, 5yr=9.5-10 inches. 6yr=???!

Research is now suggesting that in some lakes, behaviors indicate that the heaviest bluegill harvesting occurs not during spring spawn, but during the ice fishing season due to the sports skyrocketing popularity. As such, individual lakes may need to evaluate and initiate winter related creel limits base on ice fishing pressures.

Lake Summerset continues to be a great fishery for all members along with their families and friends to enjoy. We achieve this through responsible lake management, conservation, respect for the environment and pro-active initiatives to help keep our lakes ecosystems in balance. Support from the Association Membership is critical regarding fishing rules and regulations adherence, ensuring these goals are indeed achievable. Members of the Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) and Fish Patrol Team dedicate their time and energy towards ensuring the membership continues to experience a best-in-class fishery here at Lake Summerset. When on the water make sure you follow all local LSA and state fishing regulations and please be aware of the Best Practices to be used towards prevention of non-native invasive aquatic species introduction into our lake. Remember....Crappie and Bass seasons are closed (catch and release only) from now through June 15th to protect the spawn. Have a great day fishing on Lake Summerset!

#### **Fishing Notice**

It is ILLEGAL to use or possess ANY "Live Bait" other than worms or spikes (larvae). "Live bait" includes minnows, live fish from LSA used as bait, crayfish and leeches. "Cut bait" from bluegills and sunfish caught in LSA is allowed. Cut-bait Bluegills count against creel and head must be kept. It is illegal to cut up, dress or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish (on any body of water in Illinois) where there is a size limit for that species of fish. Dead VHS-free packaged minnows (with the packaging available for inspection) is allowed. The fine for possessing/using restricted bait is published in the current LSA Fine Schedule which is available on the LSA website. These fines can be significant, especially for repeat offenders. LSA fishing rights of guests in violation will be rescinded permanently.

#### **Attention Members**

Durand State Bank has been acquired by the Solutions Bank Group. Solutions Bank has locations outside of the Durand area. We cannot guarantee payments received at other Solutions Bank locations will be processed on time for LSA and Otter Creek due dates.

Please limit your LSA and Otter Creek payment drop offs to the Durand locations only.

Please do not mail payments to any address other than the one for the Durand location: P.O. Box 537 - Durand, IL 61024



# **Attention Dog Owners**

Lake Summerset Association is recommending that all dog owners have a tag on the dog displaying Owner's name and telephone number. This will make it easier to identify who the dog belongs to.



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## **Tree Removal Contractors**

Bloom's Tree Service, Pecatonica Emergency Service	815-239-2603 815-985-8756
Greensmith Services, Inc. Kristopher Smith, Rockton	815-494-3383
Lender Tree Service, Freeport	815-233-1986
Tree Care Enterprises	815-965-5757
Top to Bottom Tree Service	815-449-2578
Stumpbuster, Lena (Stump Removal)	815-369-2169
Randy Smith	815-248-4479
Arborcare, Rock City Casey Jarecki	815-541-4966
Backwoods Tree Removal Gacob Lenox	815-239-2360
TS Tree Service Troy Kelsey	815-238-6093
Assassin Tree Service Alexander Bazarek, Lake Summerset	815-291-3606
A1 Tree Barber, Pecatonica Jason Larsen	815-990-2562

# **Tree Removal Procedures Requested by ECC Committee**

Tree removal forms are available in the office and on the LSA website. Fill out the request for tree removal form completely and bring it into the office.

Do not call the tree inspector at home.

Do not expect same day approval. You must give at least one-week notice. Exceptions are made for storm damage or dangerous trees; then call the office.

Do not schedule tree removals with tree cutters prior to approval (approval may not be given).

Tree inspectors go out at least once a week to do approvals.

No tree will be marked until they start leafing out. In the fall, no trees will be marked once the leaves have fallen. Exceptions are made for storm damage or dangerous trees; then call the office. This is to ensure that the tree is dead. Live trees will be marked on an exception basis.

# Lake Summerset Classified Ads Services/Business

Buying your unwanted golf carts, boats and/or motors, lawn mowers, and fourwheelers. Call Dave 815-541-4363. (4/23)

**Property** Pin Location Service. Do you need your property pins located? I can help! Joel Erickson, LSA member. 815-298-2661 (08/23)

# For Sale

Fishing Rods, Reels plus a lot of tackle and tackle boxes. Call 815-248-4659. (5/23)

20' Harris Pontoon boat super sunliner 200 Mercury 60 HP motor. Call Mike 847-220-1169.

Electric Golf Cart and charger with lift kit. Has speed chip, four black seats. Batteries two years old. New brakes and tires. Looks like a four wheeler. \$8,500. Call 815-297-4218. (5/23)

## **Campground Sub-Regulations**

Please refer to the Lake Summerset website (www.lake-summerset.com) for the Campground Sub-Regulations. Click on LOGIN - Type Member 1! to Sign-In. Click on Forms. Under the category of **Application and Registration** is the link to the Campground Sub-Regulations.

#### **Seasonal Boat Slip Rental Policy**

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# Buy, Sale, Trade **Your Ad Could** Be Here

**Classified Ads** Payments must be submitted with ad by the 20th of each month to the LSA Office during business hours. Twenty words for \$10/25 cents per word thereafter.

**Stay informed about your** community. **Read the LS News!** 

# **LSA Community Calendar**

#### May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	May 1 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge) 6:30pm Long Range & Facility Planning (LRFP) (Office)	3 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:00pm Photography Club (Office)	7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	5 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	8:00am ECC (Office) 10:00am CRC Mtg Coffee at 9:30am (Office) 1:00pm Citation Review (Office)
7	8 1:00pm Garden Club (Lodge) 6:30pm LSA Book Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	9 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Bridge (Lodge) 6:30pm Beautification Club (Office)	10 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Lodge)	11	12 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 2:00pm Beautiful Blooms Spring Plant Sale (Beautification Club) (Lodge Grounds)	13 8:00am Beautiful Blooms Spring Plant Sale (Beautification Club) (Lodge Grounds)
14	15 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	16 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	17 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	18 10:00am Quilt Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	19 Garage Sale Members and Guests 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	Garage Sale Open to Public 8:00am ECC (Office) 11:30am Writing Gals Workshop (Lodge)
21	22 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge)	23 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	24 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:00pm Archery Club (Quarry Park)	25	26 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	27 Pool, Spray Park and Beaches Open 8:00am Lake Planning (Office) 7:00pm Bingo Night (Lodge)
28	29	30 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge)	31 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)			



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#### YOUR CABIN IS READY!



1055 Lake Summerset Rd., • \$157,900 2BR, 1BTH, 1 Car.

#### DOWNTOWN ROCK CITY!



205 N Main St., Rock City, • \$175,000 3BR, 2BTH

#### **WOODED RETREAT!**



1518-1519-1520 Roxbury Ct., (two lots & house) • \$219,900 2BR, 2.5BTH, 1.5 Car.



525 Baintree Rd., • \$590,000 4BR, 3BTH, 2.5 Car.



1435 Pier Dr., • \$599,900 4BR, 3BTH, 2 Car.

.....\$14,500

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12 Delburne., • \$399,000 3BR, 2BTH, 2 Car.

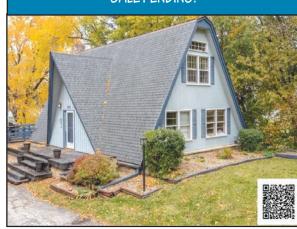


1005 Autumn Ct., • \$199,000 3BR, 3BTH, 2.5 Car. Quiet location surrounded by park.



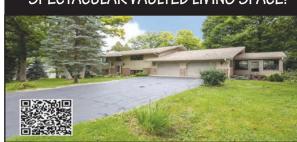
855 Breckenboro Rd., • \$495,000 3BR, 2BTH, 2.5 Car.

#### SALE PENDING!



1910 Baintree Rd., • \$375,000 4BR, 2.5BTH, 2 Car. TWO PRIVATE BEACHES!

#### SPECTACULAR VAULTED LIVING SPACE!



1983 Baintree Rd., • \$224,000 3BR, 2.5BTH, 2.5 Car. 1st Tier Gold Coast w/Lake Views.





612 Lake Summerset Rd., • \$215,000 2BR, 2BTH, 2.Car.



355 & 354 Corkhill Ct., • \$329,000 3 or 4 BR, 3BTH, 2 Car. Exceptionally fine home you should see!

#### SALE PENDING IN OTTER CREEK!



1407 Sentry Dr., Durand, • \$175,000 3BR, 2BTH, 2 Car.

#### LOTS FOR SALE

2121 HAWTHORN,E grass lot close to pool	\$9,000
962 BRECKENBORO RD, Lake Views!	\$15,500
365 CORKHILL, SOLD!	\$4,200
353 CORKHILL CT, Wooded SOLD!	\$4,995
495 CORKHILL CT, WOODED PENDING!	\$2,500
1346 PIER DR, SOLD!	\$14,997
2101 SOUTHGATE DR., close to pool, SOLD!	\$3,900
1689 EDGEWOOD, flat grass! SOLD!	\$3,750
1483 PIER DR. SOLD!	\$5.500

87 DELBURNE, Lake Views! .......

947 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., SOLD!...... 157 LAKE SUMMERSET SOLD! \$4,995 1305 & 1306 (combined) Chadbourne Wooded .......\$30,000 1360 PIER DR, nice lakeviews! SOLD! ...... \$14,900 1380 PIER DR Lakeviews SOLD! ......\$2,995 1772 GAINSBORO Grass lot! SOLD! ......\$2,500 949 LAKE SUMMERSET SOLD!.....\$5,250 262 WICKSHIRE Adjoins Spring Park SOLD! .....\$4,000 1502 PIER DR SOLD! \$9,975 1453 EDGEWOOD CT Wooded! SOLD! \$4,995

......\$4,000 1770 GAINSBOROR RD. Grass lot SOLD!.....\$3,990 571 BAINTREE RD, LAKE VIEWS! ......14,900 99 NEWPORT, great lake views! SOLD! .....\$2,900 979 WINBORNE SOLD! \$2,500 1025 LAKE SUMMERSET RD. Lake views, SOLD!.......\$3,900 237 LAKE SUMMERSET RD. Lake View!......\$6750 986 WINBORNE, Seasonal lakeviews!..... 955 BRECKENBORO RD. SOLD!.....\$17,000 1823 DARBY LANE, SOLD! ......\$3,100 1866 SEXTANT, SOLD! ......\$3,950 1032 DREXAL, Flat grass! SOLD!.....\$3,750

1790 GAINSBORO RD. Grass hillside SOLD! ...... ...\$3,200 2274 DREXEL RD. REDUCED!..... .....\$3.500 238 LAKE SUMMERSET Rd., SOLD! ......\$4,999 130 NEWPORT Rd., Nice Views!.....\$5,750 398 EYRE LANE, All wooded ......\$6,500 ...\$4.000 744 & 745 WESTMORE RD., Twin lots!...... .....\$16,500 1891 Sextant, Big corner lot.....\$3,000 1093 Drexel Rd., Corner lot!.... ...\$6,000 2109 Lake Summerset Rd., Pool view! ......\$12,900