



# Lake Summerset News

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## Volunteer of the Year Award Winner Announced

At the Annual Board of Director meeting on December 10, 2023, the Lake Summerset Volunteer of the Year Award winner was announced. The 2023 recipient is Frank Gattolin. Frank is currently serving on both the Environmental Control Committee and Long Range and Facilities Planning Committee since 2016. On behalf of the Lake Summerset Staff and Board of Directors we would like to congratulate Frank on being awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023.



Frank Gattolin receives the Volunteer of the Year award from Drew Tennant and GM Mike Schmieder.

## Holiday Office Hours

**LSA Office remains closed through Monday, January 1, 2024**

**LSA Office will open at 8:00 am Tuesday, January 2, 2024**

## LSA Yacht Club Decides To Disband

After nearly 4 decades, the LSA Yacht Club is disbanding. Thus, ending the hundreds of weekend sailing races including the large MC sailboat class and much smaller remote Victoria sailboat class, the monthly dinner meetings and the camaraderie of its members who participated over those decades. Past commodores Al Santini, Michael Sons, and Marty Beierwaltes are pleased to present to Jill Muschong, representing the Beautification Club, a donation check of \$355.84 supporting their purpose of brightening our entire community.

We can now reflect on those special years and retain great memories.



## Reminder

**Return your Data Sheets and Pass Lists to the LSA Office by January 5th.**

**Please include copies of current auto registrations showing your name and address, watercraft cards (boats), and insurance for any unlicensed vehicles (golf carts, ATVs, etc.)**

## Board of Director Election Results

Jim Herman - 361  
Dennis Vizenor - 350

**Membership Dues Statements will be mailed the third week of January 2024**

**2024 Membership Dues are \$1,015 Payable by March 1st**

## 2024 Dues Payments

Members wishing to make cash payments for their 2024 Dues will need to take their payment to the Solutions Bank location on Best Road. Cash payments for your 2024 Dues **will not** be accepted at the Lake Summerset Association Office.

## Solutions Bank Hours

### Lobby Hours

Monday-Friday: 8am-4pm  
Saturday: Closed

### Drive Thru Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm  
Friday: 8am-5pm  
Saturday: 8am-12pm

## 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

## 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.

### Please Note

You can submit articles and Letter To Editor by emailing [lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com)

You can submit business and classified ads by emailing [lakesummersetads@gmail.com](mailto:lakesummersetads@gmail.com)

### 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

### Lake Summerset Directory

Lake Summerset Association  
1202 Lake Summerset Road Davis, IL 61019  
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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.**

24-Hour Guardhouse: 815-248-2778

Call-in Passes: 815-248-9186

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

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

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

Tri-District Ambulance (Stephenson County): 815-235-8252

Rock Energy Cooperative: 866-752-4550

Winnebago County Sheriff: 815-282-2600

Stephenson County Sheriff: 815-235-8252

#### LSA Board of Directors

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**Board of Directors** – Jim Herman, President

2nd Monday, 7 p.m., LS Office

**Campground Committee** – Al Swanson, Chairman

Jim Ostapa, Co-Chairman

During Summer, Saturdays – 9 a.m., Campground

**Community Relations Committee** – John Kochanski, Chairman

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

10 a.m. Business Meeting, LS Office

**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

**Safety Committee** – Jeff Walsh, Chairman

3rd Wednesday, 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

Every Thursday, 10 a.m., Bocce Courts

**Book Club** – Sharon Boehlefeld

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

**Bridge Club** - Joanne Leith

2nd Tuesday 1 p.m., Lodge

**Dog Club** - Denise Torrey

April 3 and October 2, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

July 13, 9:30 a.m., Harting Park Shelter

**Fish Club** - David Rindfleisch

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, President

2nd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., Lodge

**Mah Jongg** - Dianna Kile

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., LS Office

Friday, 1:00 p.m., LS Office

**New Life Women's Bible Study** – Anne Frost

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Lodge

**Photography Club** - Jeff Folkerts, Kathy Webster, Kim Becker

[lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com](mailto:lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com)

Saturday, January 13, 9 a.m., LS Office

Wednesday, February 7, 6 p.m., LS Office

**Pickleball** - Mike Langley, President

Sunday, 3 p.m., Pickleball Courts

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Pickleball Courts

**Pinochle Club** - Joanne Leith

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Lodge

**Red Hat Society** – Shirlee Jasien

1st Wednesday, Location Varies

**Scrapbag Quilt Club** – Brenda Kinney

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Lodge

**Writing Gals** – Sharon Boehlefeld

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

**Yacht Club** – Al Santini

Meetings Vary

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### Please Note LSA Safety Committee Email Address

[Isapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:Isapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com)

### 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 sign up.

**Step 1:** Go to [www.lake-summerset.com](http://www.lake-summerset.com)

**Step 2:** Click on LOGIN - Type Member1! 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

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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

- Election of Officers – Acknowledgement of Code of Conduct
- Approval of revised sequencing and formatting of Redbook
- Approval of Resolution for Redbook rule change regarding use of ID Cards to access swimming pool
- Approval of Resolution for Redbook rule change regarding liability insurance
- Approval of the proposed 2024 Fine schedule
- Approval of rule prohibiting underage drinking on LSA Common areas as recommended by the Safety Committee
- Approval of definition of Reckless driving to be added to the Redbook as recommended by the Safety Committee
- Appointment of Committee Liaisons
- Appointment of Guyer & Enichen to serve as Corporate Counsel
- Appointment of Shelley Shrum to serve as Recording Secretary
- Direct General Manager to pursue the Capital items budgeted for 2024
- Approval of amendments to the Standing Rules as proposed
- Approval of proposed survey from the Safety Committee to be mailed with annual dues mailing
- Approval of Redbook rule change regarding the size of Skier-Towing flags. Flags must be 12" x 12". Rule change will bring us in compliance with State Law
- Approval of purchase of TIG Welder and related components for \$2,847 from Everlast Generators. Funds to come from the 2023 Capital Budget
- Approval of 2024 Fishing Rules & Regulations as presented by the Fish Conservation Committee
- Consideration of Member request to register Electric Powered Scooters for use on LSA Roadways
- Consideration of Member request for Board to revisit Redbook rule prohibiting private swimming pools
- Discussion regarding Board Members serving as Committee Chairs

### Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 11am on December 8th was 824'.1' below 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 have been communicating and they report that they are close to reaching an agreement on a settlement for the insulation. The reappraisal failed to provide any further compensation for the for the roof claim.

### Lodge Roof Repairs

It was decided at the April Board meeting to engage the services of an Engineer from Willett Hoffman to create the scope of work and bid specifications for the lodge roof repair. Doug Brunot and Erik Larson have been working on the plans and they completed the engineering work on August 9th. The Engineer's report was sent to the board for their review and Willett Hoffman has completed the bid process. There are two components to the Lodge Roof rebuild, the structural work will be done from the inside, and then the replacement of the shingles, insulation, and any damaged deck boards. Depending on the bids, and the contractor's availability, we will need to close the lodge for a period of approximately 60-90 days to complete the structural work. The job was awarded to Winter Construction and the contract was signed by both parties on 11/1/2023. The construction start date is 1/2/2024.

### Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign has been located at 251 Lake Summerset Rd. Reports show that 6.2% of vehicles that passed the sign were speeding at an average rate of 6.2 miles per hour over the posted speed of 30 mph. 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

11 LSA properties were transferred during the month of November vs. 8 in November 2022. A total of 108 LSA properties have been transferred YTD vs. 133 during the same period last year.

### Quarry Park Restroom

Renovation began in mid-May and the project was substantially completed prior to the Labor Day weekend. A final punch-list has been sent to Bennett Construction regarding some of the painting and some blemishes to the hand railing which were damaged during shipping. All repairs have since been made and the final payment will be released.

### New Restroom At Southgate Marina

The start date for construction was delayed due to County setback requirements. That issue has been handled and Oak Leaf Construction has the permits needed to begin the project. Oak Leaf Construction broke ground on the project July 25th and as of December 4th the project is substantially complete. A punch-list has been created and submitted to Oak Leaf. None of the items on the punch-list are serious.

### Swimming Pool Repairs

We've received the State approval we needed to proceed with the swimming pool renovations this winter. The pool interior was repaired and painted in mid-September. The old pool mechanicals have been removed and the new equipment is currently being installed.

### Duck Park Improvements

The Lake Planning Committee has been working to develop a plan for improvements to Duck Park. The plans include shoreline stabilization with 4' blocks similar to the ones used at Juniper Park. The small parking lot in the northwest corner of Duck Park will be expanded to accommodate additional vehicles. Two vendors have been asked to provide bids on the project and the bids have been received. The job has been awarded but due to the

timing, the shoreline work and parking lot are not expected to be complete before the end of 2023. The contractor has informed us that he will begin the work as soon as possible in the spring of 2024. The used dock sections which were purchased from the Galena Territories in November will be installed at Duck Park in the spring of 2024. The new docks configuration will provide boat parking for up to 4 watercraft as well as a fishing platform.

### Sonic Fiber

Sonic has started installing Fiber inside Lake Summerset. They are outfitting the Lake Summerset office first, then they will move to the Guardhouse, the Maintenance facility, and the Otter Creek Utility plant. After those installations, Sonic will be offering Homeowner's with the option of having fiber installed to individual homes, primarily on the east side of Lake Summerset. As of this writing, Sonic is providing the office and the guardhouse with internet service at no cost to the Association.

### PERC Training

PERC training was conducted on December 4th and 5th. PERC (Permanent Employee Registration Cards) are issued by the State and require 20 hours of training. This training is for unarmed security/safety workers, and it's required for those who hold Security related positions in the state of Illinois.

### Stairways On Dam

The wooden stairways on the dam have deteriorated over time and need to be replaced. Construction of aluminum stairways with materials we already have in inventory will be completed in-house by our Operations team.

### LSA Gardens

Recent inspections of our Water Wells by the EPA has revealed that the gardens are too close to Otter Creek's well #3 and need to be removed. The EPA is concerned that the groundwater near and around the well can be easily contaminated by fertilizers and pesticides. Those involved with the gardens have been informed and we're looking into alternative locations.

Please note that there will only be one

ECC Meeting in January

Saturday, January 20, 2024

## 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.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Members may dispose of Christmas trees with Gill's Freeport Disposal Service. Three (3) yard waste stickers are required for each tree and should be placed on the trunk of the tree. Stickers are available at the office or at the front gate when the office is closed. Stickers are \$1.50 each. Collection dates are Tuesday, January 2 (Please note no garbage collection on Monday, January 1) through Monday, January 29, 2024.



## 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](mailto:generalmanager@lake-summerset.com). We intend on collecting resumes over the next 60 days, followed by an organizational meeting for those interested.

# Welcome to Lake Summerset

Lot	House	Members' Names
1518		Luken, Kent & Heather
188		Sims, Dennis & Shonette
	828	Andren, Richard
	2026	McMillian, Melissa
	2085	Miller, Alex

## Phone Book Changes & Updates

Name	Address	Phone	Comments
Andren, Richard			Correct Spelling of Last Name
Balla, Joseph		815-248-3454	Change
Beatty, Carol	2172 Gainsboro		Address Change
Conti, Peter & Theresa		815-656-9599	Change
Doose, Richard & Carol			Delete
Friedmanky, Derrick			Delete
Gannon, Arlene		815-262-6549	Change
Luken, Kent & Heather 1518	350 S. Lower Gardens Rd. Fontana, WI 53125	262-374-8169	Add
McMillian, Melissa	2026 Hillside	815-297-5638	Add
Quinnett, Robert & Khemarin		224-409-2309	Change
Sims, Dennis & Shonette 188	401 Aldrin Ave. Batavia, IL 60510	815-878-4206 His 630-659-7089 Hers	Add
White, David & Senicka, Joe		815-291-7476	Change
Wilson, David			Delete

**Changes to the LSA Phone Directory are due at the office by February 1, 2024**

**Water Shut-Off Service Offered**

A reminder for those closing their homes for the winter season: OCLUD offers the service of shutting off the water service at the curb-stop valve (located at the roadside property line). If you leave your house for an extended period of time, this can provide extra protection if the piping and/or main valve in your home would freeze and break.

There is no cost for this service if it is done during normal working hours (Monday–Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

**Attention Members**

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

**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.

**Remember**

Tampering with mail and mailboxes is a federal crime.

## 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**  
Easter

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.

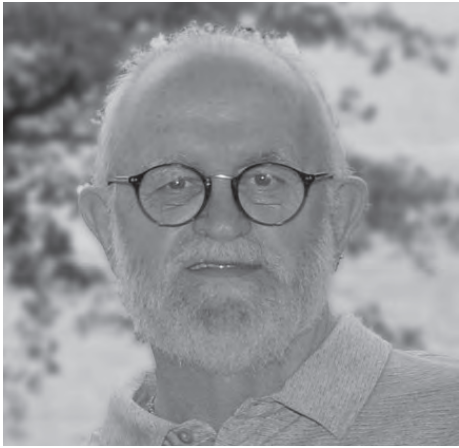
**CRC Outreach**

Does a bug have a hold 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**

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

# LSA Obituaries & Death Notices



Robert (Lynn) Kuntz, nieces, nephews, and an abundance of family and friends.

Michael was born in Chicago on August 25, 1946. He was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Mary, and his brother, Charles. Michael was a car enthusiast- racing cars, member of car clubs and attending car shows. He owned his own construction company specializing in residential remodels and building several homes at Apple Canyon Lake.

Michael moved from the Chicago suburbs to Lake Summerset where life was enjoyed at a slower pace- fishing, boating and golf cart rides around the lake. Michael was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in January 2021. He underwent chemo and radiation, followed by an esophagectomy in October 2022 with cancer recurrence in 2023 leading to more chemo. Michael passed peacefully at home. Services will be private.

**Weston, Michael J., 77,** of Lake Summerset, Illinois, passed away on November 27th from esophageal cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna nee Kuntz; daughter, Christy (Christopher) Holtz, son, Jeffrey, grandsons, Weston and William Holtz, sister, Mary Ciszek, brother-in-law,



## Hastings Family Chiropractic, Ltd

**507 N. Stanton  
Davis, IL**

Located in the Davis Professional Building

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Lake Summerset Association Income Statement NOV 30, 2023			
DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEARTO DATE	BUDGET
Revenues Collected			
Membership Dues & Fines	4,092.61	2,046,216.92	2,075,264.00
Operations Reserves	.00	.00	125,880.00
New Membership Fee	2,400.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Campground Sites	130.00	26,449.00	25,566.00
All Rentals	550.00	89,160.00	81,729.00
All Advertising	3,474.45	46,960.47	59,500.00
Interest Inc. - Operating	22,174.87	36,394.36	1,300.00
Interest Income - Reserve	19,216.86	41,422.64	6,250.00
Miscellaneous Income	92.00	10,152.00	11,000.00
LSA Building Fees	525.00	11,070.00	7,000.00
Weed Control Income	.00	30,100.00	32,000.00
OCLUD Reimbursement	2,142.50	23,412.50	33,240.00
Activities Income	.00	765.00	5,000.00
Gate Income - Member Tag	695.00	13,115.00	12,000.00
Gate Income - Guest Tag	360.00	82,900.00	53,000.00
<b>Total Revenues Collected</b>	<b>55,853.29</b>	<b>2,463,117.89</b>	<b>2,548,729.00</b>
Operating Expenses			
Wages Safety	19,383.90	284,992.82	373,196.00
Wages Building & Grounds	23,312.74	305,952.64	345,010.00
Fuel & Oil	2,315.34	35,665.02	39,000.00
Operations-Material & O/S Labor	19,230.95	253,075.26	278,638.00
Activities Expense	852.02	31,075.99	32,003.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>65,094.95</b>	<b>910,761.73</b>	<b>1,067,847.00</b>
Administrative Expenses			
Administrative Wages	16,693.00	226,066.99	230,311.00
Utilities	3,823.05	73,159.73	75,200.00
Pension Fund Expense	987.31	14,394.12	18,000.00
Office Supplies	7,279.71	68,269.31	85,987.00
Insurance	7,489.26	196,453.88	242,700.00
Purchased Services	2,457.17	59,275.02	54,000.00
Taxes	4,553.57	88,747.70	85,909.00
Miscellaneous Expense	(336.53)	22,414.37	26,000.00
LSA Building Inspections	.00	.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>42,946.54</b>	<b>728,783.12</b>	<b>820,107.00</b>
<b>Total Admin &amp; Operating</b>	<b>108,041.49</b>	<b>1,639,544.85</b>	<b>1,887,954.00</b>
Disposal of Capital Asset	.00	(780.00)	.00
For Capital Replacement	(52,188.20)	824,333.04	860,775.00

## SSM Health Sees Success With Eyeglass Donation Effort

SSM Health Monroe Eye Care team members know that quality sight truly improves community members' lives.

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to receive eye care items they need – including eyeglasses – due to cost or other factors.

To help make a difference, Eye Care team members presented the Monroe Lions Club with 175 pairs of used eyeglasses on November 21. The frames were collected during a special three-week drive, and an additional 200 pairs of eyeglasses collected during COVID-19 were also given to organization.

“Our Optical Shop teams were very excited to host this special eyeglass collection drive during this season of giving,” said Stephanie Kruse, SSM Health Monroe Eye Care Manager. “It meant a lot for them to see community members coming in to give their old eyeglasses a new purpose.”

Eyeglasses collected by local Lions Clubs are given to Albany Lions Club. From there, all eyeglasses are taken to the Lions Camp in Northern Wisconsin where the eyeglasses are tested for strength and evaluated based on their current condition. Repairs are made, and the eyeglasses are then distributed to people in need across communities in

Wisconsin, the United States, and globe.

“We are so appreciative of local businesses who partner with us to collect glasses”, said Penny Grinnell, Monroe Lions Club President. “In one day, we were fortunate to pick up collections from both SSM Health and Dearth Motors. Thank you to all who support our important work!”

Used eyeglasses can be donated year-round at both SSM Health Monroe Eye Care locations and any Lions Club community partners to help give the gift of sight to those in need.



Members of SSM Health Monroe Eye Care's Optical Shop Team and Monroe Lions Club with the box of collected eyeglasses. (Left to right): Penny Grinnell, Lori Scherer, Tiffany Melland, Stacy Meinert and Cody Rufer.

## Colt, Emma Among Top Baby Names At SSM Health Monroe Hospital In 2023

Monroe area families welcomed 462 bundles of joy into the world at SSM Health Monroe Hospital in 2023. When looking at the most common names given to these sweet new family members, parents most commonly chose:

- Colt
- Emma
- Ava
- Cooper
- Harvey
- Charlotte

Eleanor and Colton topped the hospital's list of popular baby names in 2022.



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**Gill's Disposal Guidelines**

**Pick-Up** - Gill's Disposal starts its route at Lake Summerset every Monday at 6:00 a.m. Please note that this doesn't mean your garbage will be picked up that early, only that the trucks come into the Lake at that time. Garbage cans/bags may be set out on driveways on Sunday evening after 6:00 p.m.

**Refuse** - Each resident is allowed one 95-gallon container provided by Gills for household refuse per week with any additional bags requiring a pre-paid attached sticker. Residents can purchase the stickers at the Lake Summerset Association Office for \$1.50 each. When the office is closed, stickers can also be purchased at the guardhouse.

**Recyclable Containers** - One 65-gallon recyclable container will be provided by Gills. Pick up for recyclables is every Monday.

**Yard Waste** - Gill's yard waste pick-up begins in April and ends in November. Yard waste stickers are required and can be purchased at the Lake Summerset Association Office for \$1.50 each. When the office is closed, stickers can also be purchased at the guardhouse. The stickers are to be attached to the yard waste bags or to garbage cans marked with an "X". There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags a resident can leave. Each resident is also allowed to set out one bulk item per week. Examples of a bulk item include a chair, couch, table, etc. Gill's will not be required to collect rocks, concrete, hot ashes, hazardous materials, liquid wastes, biomedical wastes, or materials resulting from construction and remodeling. If you have any questions, contact Gill's Disposal at 815-233-5644.

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**Letter To The Editor**



**Light Pollution**

I saw a mention in our last newspaper regarding a light shield requested at one of the marines. I would like to get on the band wagon. Our night skies are disappearing because of light pollution. I am not talking about holiday lights. I am referring to deck and yard lights.

We are talking when someone's lights travel more than three blocks. Not only lighting their property but everyone else in that path. When our grandkids come up my wife enjoys showing them the constellations. I pray we don't lose that. Gerry Bernar Lot 2184

**SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services Scholarship Applications Now Available**

SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services is once again offering scholarships for students seeking a career in the healthcare field. The deadline for application submission is February 29, 2024.

The first scholarship is for high school seniors. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Monroe High School seniors and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors from communities with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group sites - Albany, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and Lena - or who live within an area serviced by a clinic or who have a parent that is employed by SSM Health.

The second scholarship is for continued education students. Five \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to area college students. Applicants must have completed at least one year of advanced study (beyond high school) in a health-related field and be a resident of a community with a SSM Health

Monroe Clinic Medical Group location or who live within an area serviced by a clinic or child of a SSM Health employee.

Requirements for both types of scholarships are the individual must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a healthcare related field, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math, and all applications must be typed. In no specific order, recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school & outside activities.

Students who have received a \$500 scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advance study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available at [www.ssmhealth.com/donate/volunteer/scholarships](http://www.ssmhealth.com/donate/volunteer/scholarships). For more information, please contact SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services at 608-324-1569.



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## Snow Removal Procedures



When those big, white flakes begin falling from the sky to fill out driveways and streets, please be prepared. Following are the LSA snow removal procedures.

Please yield right-of-way to snow removal and sanding equipment for your safety as well as the equipment operator's safety.

Snowplows and sanding equipment are used as conditions warrant. The public safety staff is to inform the on-call maintenance person of bad road conditions during off hours; 4 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. weekdays, on weekends and holidays.

If needed during snowstorms, plowing will usually continue until around 11 p.m. and will start again between 3-4 a.m.

When blinding conditions exist, equipment is pulled off the roads until it is safe to operate on hills and curves.

### PRIORITIES

The Main Gate, Lake Summerset Road, Pier Drive below dam, E. Chadbourne to Edgewood and Edgewood to Lake Summerset Road.

Lakefront roads: Pier, Breckenboro, Delburne, Baintree and west and east gates.

All remaining roads.

Court clean-up\*, emergency gates and parking lots. The plows move on to a lower priority road after the higher priority roads are in passable condition.

\*If conditions allow it, the big plows will plow into courts on their way by to a higher priority.

Lodge walks and stairs will be cleaned when time permits. Snow removal from roads takes precedence.

Specific problem areas which occur will be handled as soon as possible after maintenance has taken

care of the overall situation.

To keep costs of materials, equipment and man hours down, full scale clean-up and salting procedures are initiated after storms heaviest ice, snow or wind conditions have abated.

Notify the guardhouse of any problem areas. If possible, this should be done during normal working hours to avoid the cost of a call back. Explain the problem calmly and clearly. Leave a name and lot number. Using verbal abuse or accusations will not enhance a response to the problem. Your assistance in locating problems is appreciated and will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Residents are asked to check areas along roadways and remove or mark any obstructions such as posts, or large rocks. Property owners are liable for any equipment damage or injuries caused by any obstruction of the right-of-way. LSA is not responsible for damages incurred to mailboxes which are in poor repair. It is the responsibility of the owner to keep the area around the mailbox clear so that the mail carrier can deliver mail without leaving the vehicle. Mail will not be delivered to boxes obstructed by snow.

Vehicles must not be parked along roadways. Snow removal from private driveways and removal of stranded vehicles are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Homeowners, especially those in cul-de-sacs, may want to mark their driveways with 3' or 4' posts. This will assist the plow operators in locating driveways when pushing back or piling up snow during post-storm clean up.

We ask that you please do not push or blow the snow from your driveway into the streets. Pile the snow at the end of your driveway on the left side as you face it.

## LSA Snowmobile Regulations



On LSA roadways, every snowmobile must be registered with the LSA office and must be inspected. On LSA roadways, the minimum age requirement for snowmobile drivers is 16 years of age and possessing a state driver's license, or successful completion of State of Illinois safety course requirements.

Every snowmobile operator is required to wear eye protection in conformance with State regulations. Helmets are recommended during vehicle operation.

Re-registration of unlicensed vehicles will be required annually and yearly decals to be affixed to the LSA identification plate issued by the LSA office.

All snowmobiles not licensed for the road must display a plate on the rear of the machine bearing the owner's lot number in six (6") high numbers. Snowmobiles must display these numbers on both sides of the machine or on plate attached to rear of machine and have a current LSA decal displayed in windshield. Snowmobiles are exempt from displaying a red or orange visibility flag.

No snowmobile may be operated in Lake Summerset while the driver is using a cell phone or similar device.

The parent or guardian of any minor is fully responsible and liable for any claims against the minor arising from operation of any snowmobile within LSA and LSA campground. A current certificate of liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$500,000, dollars, naming LSA as an additional insured or additional interest will be required for each snowmobile before LSA registration will be granted. Such parent or guardian shall be required to sign a waiver of any future claim against LSA for any injury or damage arising from any cause and to sign an indemnification of LSA from any claim of any person arising as an incident to operation of a motorized vehicle within

LSA. Such waiver and indemnification are conditions precedent to granting of LSA registration for any snowmobile.

No snowmobile shall be operated in a reckless or unduly noisy manner as determined by LSA Public Safety. Snowmobiles may be operated until 10 pm on snow only. Snowmobiles may be driven after 10:00 p.m. only when used for transportation between member residence and the gate through designated areas only.

All provisions of Illinois laws and regulations pertaining to operation of snowmobiles apply fully within LSA. Any young person who has been certified by the State of Illinois to operate a snowmobile and can produce a copy of certificate upon demand of Public Safety is not subject to age restrictions.

No snowmobiling will be allowed if there is less than 3 inches of snow on frozen ground.

Guests may come through the guarded gate on non-member owned snowmobiles only when accompanied by a member and may only ride between the gate and the member residence by the most direct authorized route. A guest tag must be on the snowmobile's handlebar with the member's lot number on it. The member must also escort his guest back to the gate.

Snowmobiles shall be operated only on the roads and road shoulders in LSA or on any designated trails which are authorized, clearly marked, and shown on maps to be posted at the LSA office. Snowmobiling on private lots or within non-designated LSA parks is prohibited. Snowmobiles may have access to the frozen lake by the Southgate boat launch, Harting Park, Birch Park, Juniper Park, Sunrise Beach and the marina area. Operation of snowmobiles on the frozen lake shall be totally at the operator's own risk of injury or drowning. EXTREME Caution is Urged. (2/21)

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	LARGE M BASS	13-20"	Catch/ Release	
	LARGE M BASS	Under 13"	2	Catch/ Release
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## Board of Director Meeting Minutes

**51st Annual Meeting Of The LSA  
Membership  
2:00 pm**

**December 10, 2023**

**Lake Summerset Office**

**Meeting to be Conducted Via Zoom**

**Board Members Present**

Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Drew Tennant, Mark Metzler, Dennis Vizenor, Roger Allen, Curt Zawiski, General Manager Mike Schmieders

**Members Present**

Joann Shea (1638), Jack Walsh (2086), Mary Walsh (1892), Alan & Susan Hukle (2315), David Bowman (51) Amy LaFata (51), Jon & Shelley Shrum (49), Denise Torrey (506), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), Dave Dini (54), Carol & Frank Gattolin (2117), Brian & Jaysen Letton (566), Clifford Balcer (198), Jeff Wishop (2125), Frank Miller (1971), Shirley Keyes (2170), David Keyes (2170), Tom Anton (2326), Joe Vee (1683), Kelli Metzler (50), Phil Brannon (45)  
President Drew Tennant called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, welcoming all members.

**Declaration Of Quorum**

By laws of the Bluebook require 10% of principal members in attendance; in person or by proxy to declare a quorum, which is 200 members. There are 300 members present in person or by proxy. A Quorum is declared. Introductions were made by President Tennant, Jim Herman serving 5 years, Alan Andersen serving 5 years, Drew Tennant serving 8 years, Mark Metzler serving 27 years, Dennis Vizenor serving 9 years, Roger Allen serving 1 year, Curt Zawiski serving 1 year.

**Election Committee Report**

Chairman Jack Walsh reported the election results. Ballots were counted on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Ballots received; 398. Spoiled ballots; 21. Results; Jim Herman received 361 votes, Dennis Vizenor received 350 votes.

**President's Report**

Drew Tennant expressed his thanks to members for attending the meeting in person and via zoom. He highlighted volunteerism and thanked the volunteers

that serve on committees and clubs and noted the work done by these individuals allow all LSA members to freely enjoy the amenities and facilities. LSA staff was also highlighted with their ongoing efforts to make LSA an amazing place to live.

**General Manager's Report**

Mike Schmieders expressed his thanks to the committees, subcommittees, clubs, and the army of volunteers that drive things for the betterment of the community. He highlighted several projects; the lodge roof repairs, which will begin January 2, 2024, the completed improvements to Juniper and Birch Parks, the pool improvements, the Quarry Park restroom improvements, the new restroom at Southgate Maina, and the new dock system to be installed in Duck Park this spring. He expressed appreciation for the LSA staff and the volunteers who continue to work together to improve LSA for all members.

**Presentation And Adoption Of The 2024 Annual Budget By Mark Metzler, LSA Treasurer**

LSA Budget information was shown on the screen and packets were made available.

The status for 2023 was shown on page 2, the bar indicates November and shows the progression percentage budget line-item comparison between 2022 and 2023. The last few years are within a couple percentage, with 98.6% of revenues compared to last year at 99%.

The last couple of years show different delta staff changes due to losing staff and then adding new staff in maintenance and security.

Note that we are above 100% in Dues and Interest Allocated to Capital Expenditures. This is due to year end increases in interest income which was unexpected. Total expenditure through November is 91% compared to 87% last year.

Page 4 shows capital expenditures. In a given year, there are 3-4 major capital expenses which are the lion's share of costs. This year the improvements to Quarry Park restrooms, the addition of the Southgate Marina restrooms, the new garage doors at the Maintenance buildings, and the upcoming work to

repair the Lodge roof (which will start in January), are the major projects.

Other expenses included; road repairs and a study on pier drive, upgrades to the camera and gate systems, server upgrades to prepare for fiber optic cable installation, campground improvements, new trash cans, new playground equipment, pool improvements, new dock system, new vehicles, and office equipment workstations.

The 2024 budget on page 6 projects dues increase to \$1015. Yellow highlights indicate changes from the previous year. Income producing lots decreased, as did activities, advertising is projected to continue to decrease, and fees and rentals are projected to increase.

The operating reserves decreased to under \$100,000. Operating reserves is excess income from unspent Operation and Administration and Non-Dues Income. This excess would be considered profit, if we were a for profit organization. Since we are a not-for-profit organization and a POA, the IRS requires us to give any excess back to the membership in some form. LSA opts to buy down dues or spend it on major projects (either ongoing or starting).

Excess income does not include monies targeted for capital expenditures. It is in a segregated investment account where investment income is not taxed. The state of Illinois requires HOAs and POAs to have a budget and a Capital Expenditure plan. Our largest Operating and Administration expense is staff. In addition to minimum wage increases, salaries, social security, insurance, pensions, make up those costs and continue to rise.

Page 8 shows the overall break down of budget expense areas. Pages 9-10 shows expenses summary in detail. Pages 11-12 shows Capital Expense break down and summary in detail. **Director Metzler recommended we approve the budget. Jack Walsh (2086) made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Budget including the dues payment of \$1,015 as presented. Frank Gattolin (2117) seconded the motion. The audience proxies were counted; 17 yes, 1 no. The mail-in proxies were counted; 307 yes, 0 no. The motion passed 324 yes 1 no.**

**Presentation Of Jack Walsh "Volunteer Of The Year Award"**

President Tennant presented the 5th Annual Jack Walsh Volunteer of the Year Award to Frank Gattolin. Mr. Gattolin brings 20 years of past experience with HOAs and 50 years of knowledge from his work as a college professor, teaching aviation pilot trainees, and serving as a flying air safety investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. He currently serves on the Long Range and Facility Planning Committee and the Environmental Controls Committee. He is a true fit for this award as he has been instrumental in many improvements to Lake Summerset facilities and amenities. Congratulations to Frank Gattolin.

**Director Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

President Tennant adjourned the meeting at 3:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary

LSA Board of Directors

**Lake Summerset Association Board Of Directors Meeting  
December 11, 2023 7:00pm  
Location: LSA Office  
Board Members Present**

Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Drew Tennant, Mark Metzler, Dennis Vizenor, Roger Allen, Curt Zawiski, GM Mike Schmieders, OM Joe Rush

**Members Present**

John Kochanski (150), Jon & Shelley

Shrum (49), John P. Gorman (2031), Bruce & Rosalynd Keirn (1959), Shawn Gotshall (2110), Dave Dini (54), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), Denise Torrey (506) Susan Hukle (2315, ZOOM), Dave (ZOOM)

**Call To Order**

President Pro Tem Fred Kile called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Approval Of November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Director Andersen made a motion to approve the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Election Of Officers**

Election of Board Officers - In previous years a slate of officers was presented, with officers continuing in their roles. This year President Tennant is stepping down from his role as president. President Pro Tem Kile accepted nominations for each office. **Director Tennant nominated Jim Herman for President. Director Andersen seconded the nomination. Director Metzler nominated Alan Andersen for Corporate Secretary. Director Allen seconded the nomination. Director Vizenor nominated Drew Tennant as First Vice President. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Director Herman nominated Dennis Vizenor as Second Vice President. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Director Herman nominated Mark Metzler for Treasurer. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Director Allen made a motion to approve the slate of officers as nominated. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Acknowledgement Of Code Of Conduct For All Board Members**

After a change of seating, President Herman asked to move up the appointment of Shelley Shrum as Recording Secretary. **Director Metzler made a motion to appoint Shelley Shrum as Recording Secretary. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Director Andersen made a motion to add another item to be listed as letter g; to state "I will respect all other Board members and their rights to opinions and shall not in verbal or email use inflammatory rhetoric toward other Board members." Director Zawiski asked if this would restrict opinions. Director Andersen said, no this would allow debate not mired in inflammatory language or personal attacks. Director Andersen made a motion to acknowledge the Code of Conduct for all Board Members with the addition of item g. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. All Board Members signed the Code of conduct.**

**Consent Agenda**

**Director Tennant made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Manager's Report**

Open Action Item List(s)/Updates - the updates are listed in the packet.

Update on Lodge Roof Structural Work - The start date is January 2, 2024.

Update on Southgate Restroom Construction - The work is completed. OM Joe Rush is working with Oak Leaf Construction on the punch list with most of those items minor in nature.

PERC Training for Public Safety Staff Conducted 12/4 and 12/5/2023 - Six employees participated in the training and all received their PERC card. This training is required by the state of Illinois for all unarmed security officers. Further dates will be added to allow all security staff to receive the training.

Addressing Wash-Out Area at Bottom of Main Marina Boat Launch - The wash-out

### LSA Committee

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

**Attend LSA Board of Director Meetings  
Second Monday of every month  
7:00 p.m. at the LSA Office**

**Deadline for LSA Board meeting  
submissions and agenda items is noon  
on the Friday before the meeting, with  
a written synopsis of topic. Board  
meetings are held the second Monday of  
each month at the LSA Office - 7 p.m.**

area at the bottom of the launch is due to the low water situation. Boats are powering off the launch which causes the rocks to shift and a hole is created. OM Joe Rush has talked with Gary Folk to extend the launch with a concrete pad. He has also talked with a rental company to secure a long reach to move the rocks at the end of the launch. Further discussion included; costs of pad vs. cost of renting the long reach - including staff-hours needed to perform task, permanent fix vs. temporary fix, placing and anchoring the slab, moving the rocks, danger to boats and trailers, possible signage to warn boaters of danger. OM Joe Rush will advise Board once cost estimates from both options have been received.

Director Zawiski asked if something could be done about the muddy entrance way at the Southgate Marina Restroom. The scope of work for landscaping has changed due to lines being dug up to be cleaned. The entire area needs to be re-landscaped. Further discussion included; weather contributing to the issue, contractor availability, putting down mats or hay to help contain the mud. This discussion led into a discussion of the Duck Park improvements. The Board had additional questions for the contractors which resulted in a delay in reworking the bids. The work will start in the spring as soon as the roads are unposted.

#### Old Business/Carry Over

##### Approval Of LSA Watercraft Entry Requirements Cleaning And AIS Education Guidelines

The survey prepared by the FCC and approved by the Board is ready for distribution. It has been given to GM Schmieders and will be included in the annual dues mailing to the membership.

##### Approval Of Revised Formatting And Sequencing Of Redbook As Presented By Jon Shrum

Several meetings were held to go over the format including a Board Workshop. The copy is in the Board packet. **Director Andersen made a motion to accept the Revised Formatting and Sequencing of the Redbook as presented effective for 2024. Director Allen seconded the motion.** Director Zawiski stated, in going over this summary, it looks like content changes were made in addition to reformatting and sequencing. Jon Shrum responded, assuming you are referring to the deletions as noted on the summary page. Those were suggested by the office staff regarding office procedures that are no longer followed, forms or procedures have changed, are out-of-date, or not completed as stipulated in the Redbook. Director Zawiski stated that those changes or deletions should have been presented using the procedure for Redbook rule changes. Jon Shrum responded that all of those suggestions were from office staff and are mostly out-of-date items no longer relevant. Director Metzler added that most including item 30 which refers to real estate tax purchases is ancient history, something that was done 30 years ago, and should be removed. Director Zawiski added that, in future, those changes should be presented using the procedure in place. **The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

##### Approval Of Resolution #R23-09-01 For Redbook Rule Change Regarding The Use Of Lake Sunnyside Id Cards For Admittance Into The Swimming Pool

This rule was put in place during COVID, this procedure is no longer followed and should be removed from the Redbook. **Director Zawiski made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote and the resolution was signed by each Board member.**

##### Approval Of Resolution #R23-09-1 For Redbook Rule Change Regarding Liability Insurance

Director Zawiski stated, this change in boat liability insurance from \$300,000 to \$500,000 with LSA named as the additional insured or additional interest on the policy must be presented on an annual basis bringing boats in line with the insurance requirements for ATV/UTV's and golf carts. There was a question of this in conjunction with or in lieu of an umbrella policy. The requirement would allow either policy as long as the minimum liability coverage is \$500,000 and lists LSA as the additional insured or additional interest. **Director Zawiski made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote and the resolution was signed by each Board member.**

##### Approval Of The 2024 Fine Schedule

The fees were approved last month; this is the Fine Schedule which starts at the bottom of page two. It was the consensus of the Board to approve each item individually.

##### Fishing Violations

Fishing with live bait – first offence, the wording will change to include “or in possession of” and increase to \$250. Fishing with live bait – second offence, the wording will change to include “or in possession of” and increase to \$500. **Director Zawiski made a motion to accept the changes to the Fishing Violations with the added text “or in possession of” for each offence as defined in the fishing pamphlet with the fine increase to \$250 for the first offence and \$500 for the second offence. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Traffic Violations – Speeding Over Posted Limits (5-10 mph over) raise the fine to \$100, Speeding Over Posted Limits (11 mph and over) raise the fine to \$150, Reckless Driving raise the fine to \$250. Director Andersen asked if reckless driving should be defined in the text. President Herman said that it is defined in the Redbook, so there is no need to add here. Director Metzler agreed that this is extracted directly from the Redbook unlike the Fishing Violations which are also listed in the Fishing Pamphlet. **Director Tennant made a motion to approve the Traffic Violation fine increases for Speeding over the Posted Limits and Reckless Driving as presented. Director Zawiski seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

##### Speeding In No Wake Section Of Lake

Speeding in a No Wake Section of the Lake fine would be raised to \$150. **Director Allen made a motion to raise the fine for Speeding in a No Wake Section of the Lake to \$150. Director Zawiski seconded the motion.** Discussion included the difficulty in enforcement, definition of No Wake, definition being open to interpretation, safety, excessive fine amounts. President Herman noted that \$100 is a pretty stiff fine. Director Andersen agreed that \$100 is steep enough for that infraction. **Director Andersen made a motion to amend the motion for Speeding in a No Wake Section of the Lake to be raised to \$100. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Director Zawiski stated the fine was too low. The motion to amend the motion passed with a roll call vote with Director Zawiski voting no. The motion to increase the fine for Speeding in a No Wake Section to \$100 passed with a roll call vote with Director Zawiski voting present.**

**ECC Fines – Failure To Remove Marked Tree.** **Director Metzler made a motion to lay this over and request management to provide data on the number of trees not removed from parks and common areas as well as individual lots. Director Andersen seconded the motion.** Discussion included the estimated number of trees on LSA owned property, the estimated number of trees on member

owned lots, empty lots with marked trees, tree removal costs, recovery costs not being realized from delinquent lots, removal costs and fines outweighing property worth, staff removal of 67 trees from the campground and the ongoing removal of trees from LSA owned lots. **The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

#### New Business

##### Appointment Of Committee Liaisons

Director Zawiski – Fish Conservation Committee, Director Andersen – Long Range and Facility Planning Committee, Director Tennant – Campground Committee, Director Vizenor – Environmental Controls Committee, Director Metzler – Lake Planning Committee, President Herman – Safety Committee, Director Allen – Community Relations Committee.

##### Appointment Of Guyer & Enichen To Serve As Corporate Counsel

**Director Metzler made a motion to appoint Guyer & Enichen to serve as corporate counsel. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

Appointment of Shelley Shrum to serve as Recording Secretary – previously addressed. **Direct General Manager To Pursue The Capital Items Budgeted For 2024**

**Director Metzler made a motion to lay over this item until next month as some items are still being worked on and some need further clarification. Some items from previous years are still outstanding, half or partially paid and more time is needed to make sure numbers are accurate. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

##### Approval Of Amendments To The Standing Rules As Presented

**Director Zawiski made a motion to adopt the changes to the standing rules stating a maximum of two Board Members can be voting members on a standing committee. There was no second to the motion and the motion died.** **Approval Of Proposed Survey From The Safety Committee To Be Included With The Annual Dues Mailing**

President Herman introduced Jeff Walsh, Chairman of the Safety Committee to address any questions. The survey is designed to ask the membership if they feel safe in the community and to prioritize identified areas for additional funding or changes that would help members and guests to feel safe. Discussion included; the need for additional life guards, the costs for additional security improvements, neighborhood watch, various security improvements. Director Zawiski asked if the Board had any issues with the survey questions being leading as was the case with the FCC survey. Director Andersen answered no, the questions are not leading or imbedded with the answer. **Director Andersen made a motion to approve the proposed survey from the Safety committee to be included in the Annual Dues Mailing. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote; Director Zawiski voted no.**

##### Approval of Redbook Rule Change Regarding the Size of Skier-Towing Flags as Recommended by the Safety Committee. Flags must be 12”x12”.

##### Change Would Bring Our Rules in Compliance with State Law

The Safety Committee is asking to add this to the Redbook under section F - now section 6, Water Skiing Regulations, under letter a - now 6.1; Boats towing a skier must display a bright orange 12”x12” flag at the highest point of the helm. This flag would not be used for any other purpose. This is Illinois law and would be added to the Redbook Waterskiing Regulations to eliminate confusion, the size is added for clarification. **Director Metzler made**

**a motion to approve the Redbook Rule change regarding the size of skier-towing flags as recommended by the Safety Committee. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Director Zawiski asked how does this get into the Redbook. GM Schmieders answered that since it is a state law and we are not in compliance, we can change a Redbook rule when it is in regards to state law or safety. Director Metzler added that the motion included waiving the 60-day review due to state law compliance. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

##### Approval To Purchase Tig Welder And Components For \$2,847.00 From Everlast Generators. Funds To Come From The 2023 Capital Budget

President Herman asked if this is a new welder. OM Joe Rush answered that this is a replacement and will be used for building staircases. **Director Metzler made a motion to approve the purchase of a TIG Welder and Components for \$2,847.00 from Everlast Generators, funds to come from the 2023 budget. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

##### Approval Of 2024 Fishing Rules & Regulations As Presented By The Fish Conservation Committee

**Director Zawiski made a motion to approve the 2024 Fishing Rules & Regulations as presented by the Fish Conservation Committee. Director Allen seconded the motion.** Director Andersen indicated an issue with item 12 in the pamphlet stating the need for clarification of “other staff”. President Herman stated the Rules and Regulations is not the same as the Pamphlet. Director Zawiski stated items 1, 2, and 3 are all associated with creel buy up, item 4 has to do with unattended lines due to feedback from Boat Patrol, the creel and size limits are now in line with objectives and management strategies, with thanks to Joe Rush for his invaluable input. **The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.** Director Andersen asked to address item 12 in the Fish Pamphlet's reference to “other staff.” Director Zawiski stated this came directly from the Redbook. President Herman stated this could be in reference to the Lake Manager or any other employee of LSA. GM Schmieders added that it would be an employee, not a volunteer.

##### Consideration Of Member Request To Register Electric Powered Scooters For Use On LSA Roadways

The information is included in the Board packet. Discussion included; size, speed capabilities of various models, comparisons to bikes and other motorized vehicles, possible Safety Committee input. **Director Metzler made a motion to lay over this request until the March meeting. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

##### Consideration Of Member Request To Revisit Rule Prohibiting Private Swimming Pools

**Director Metzler made a motion to lay over this request. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Discussion followed as to how long to lay over the request. The consensus was to lay over until the February meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

##### Discussion Regarding Board Members Serving As Committee Chairs

Director Andersen noted that this was previously allowed as there weren't enough people capable or with the time to serve as Chairman of FCC. We need to push people to step up and take over these roles, and encourage other FCC members who are not Board members to step into this role. Director Zawiski noted that the FCC will meet next week to elect officers. Further discussion included;

time constraints on Board members as well as other volunteers, volunteers serving on several committees and clubs, volunteers serving as officers, number of volunteers, volunteer participation in committees and clubs. **Director Vizenor made a motion to lay this item over until next month after the FCC holds it officer elections. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Director's Queries**

Director Zawiski shared his concern with loading committees with Board members; it is a disservice to the community as several Board members could push through an item after presenting it to the Board for approval from that committee.

Director Vizenor noticed a piece of plywood next to a mailbox on Lake Summerset Road that is unsightly. Jon Shrum, ECC Chairman replied that has been reported to security, it is a sign and therefore, not permitted.

Director Vizenor also noted that the Community Vegetable Gardens may have to close their current location since it is within 250 feet of a well/water supply which is not allowed per state regulations. The gardeners are looking for another location or a means to convince the state fertilizer is not being used in the area.

**Member Comments**

Dave Dini (54) This applies to the budget

voted on and approved yesterday; there has been a lot of internet discussion on the Annual Pass at a cost of \$35 and whether it could be applied to Associate Members. Discussion included; Associate Members (children, or other family members living in the same household), requiring an Annual Pass to Associated Members over the age of 23, various fees and charges used by other area lake communities, other ways to raise funds to keep dues low.

Denise Torrey (506) Congratulations Jim, and thanks Drew. In regards to the discussion on Board members serving as Committee Chairs; be cognizant of getting members to participate let alone run Committees and Clubs. People have many reasons for not wanting to serve as a Chair. There are a limited number of volunteers, we need to be cognizant of that fact before pushing them to do more.

John Kochanski (150) Thanks, Jim, for you service to CRC. Thanks, Roger, for volunteering to serve CRC. The fine schedule - should that be in the Redbook? Director Metzler answered it is an extension of the Redbook, just a separate table. This allows all the fees and fines to be listed in one place.

Susan Hukle (2315 ZOOM) How long are the new bathrooms at Southgate and Quarry Park open; dawn to dusk? GM Schmieders answered, they are open all day. President Herman added with the installation of cameras at Harting Park and

those locations they will be open 24/7/365 as the cameras should deter vandalism.

Jon Shrum (49) I understand the tree fine issue, raising fines on empty lots - at what point is it a diminishing return, on the other side we also have situations per JT that people will pay the \$100 fine to avoid spending \$1200 to take down the tree. Director Metzler stated, we need to come up with a process, not just a hammer. We need to assess, before we target lot owners. Jon Shrum, also, the conversation about more than a couple of voting Board members on a standing committee is not an issue with the current Board, however, there could be a situation where a committee that reports to the Board with practically 50% of that committee as Board members push their initiative through since it was already supported it in the committee. There needs to be a balance. Further discussion included; past experiences, recruitment of volunteers for committees, Chairpersons of Committees, changing rules.

John Kochanski (150) Thank you Drew and all Board members for your service.

**Director Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

President Herman adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary  
LSA Board of Directors

**Executive Session**

**Director Andersen made a motion to open the Executive Session at 9:25pm. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

The Board held a discussion regarding the Roads, Porter Brothers and the status hearing scheduled for January 16th.

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed amendments to the LSA Employee Manual.

A discussion was had regarding the appointment of a new Member to the Safety Committee.

The Board discussed Maintenance vehicles and equipment.

**Director Allen made a motion to return to open session at 9:35pm. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Upon Return To Open Session**

**Director Tennant made a motion to appoint Tim Cox to the Safety Committee. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**Director Andersen made a motion to adjourn the December 11th meeting at 9:40pm. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**



**The LSA Redbook and Bluebook are available on the Lake's website**  
[www.lake-summerset.com](http://www.lake-summerset.com)

**LSA Committees Meeting Minutes**

**Unapproved ECC Minutes**

12-12-2023

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Frank Gattolin

Minutes of the 10-21-2023 meeting were read and approved. 1st by Dave Dini; 2nd by Tim Sopoci

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

Three

**Appointments**

None

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

4 LS Rd - Deck - Hatfield - Approved as presented.

11 Delburne - Deck - Crimson Valley Landscaping/Estate Deck & Fence - Approved pending lot lines properly identified. May need to consider a variance.

836 Breckenboro - Enclosing 3 season room addition - Self - Approved as presented.

1479 Pier - Deck - DT Construction - Approved as presented.

**New Business**

This time of year, officers of the committees of LSA need to be elected. This committee has a chairman, currently Jon

Shrum, who was nominated and approved unanimously. The committee members want to thank Jon for his thoroughness and dedication to this position.

Go over the Permits list and decide what action should be taken on those that are expired. Dave Dini will be creating a form letter to send to members with expired permits. This letter will explain the process and fine schedule and when the project needs to be completed before the fines are issued. The committee members will review and approve the final letter.

**Old Business**

Set a timeline for the letters from the June drive-around. The team will meet early January 2024 to work on the letters and review if they are still out of compliance or not. The lots still out of compliance will receive a letter stating so and the procedure required to rectify the issue(s).

Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm by Tim Sopoci; 2nd by Paul Gibson

**Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes 11/30/23**

Meeting called to order on 11/30 at 7:10pm by Chairman Zawiski

**Members Present**

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

**ECC - Requirements for Property Improvements**

<p><b>No ECC Approval, No Permit and No Security Deposit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement exterior Windows &amp; Doors (same size as existing)</li> <li>Replacement of Driveway or Walkway (same size and with same materials)</li> <li>Any Interior Work: Basement, Kitchen Bathroom Remodel</li> </ul>	<p><b>ECC Approval and Permit, No Security Deposit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dog Run</li> <li>Non-Portable Firepit</li> <li>Satellite Dish NOT attached to house but within an easement.</li> <li>Outdoor Hot Tub</li> <li>Siding Replacement</li> <li>Roof/Shingle Replacement</li> <li>Deck Maintenance when Deck is 30" or more above grade where Balusters, Railing and/or Stairs will be impacted or decking material will be changed (e.g. wood to composite)</li> <li>Portable Dock</li> </ul>	<p><b>ECC Approval, Permit, Security Deposit, Lot Pins, and Plot Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Home Construction</li> <li>Home Addition</li> <li>Garage - Attached or Detached</li> <li>New &amp; Replacement Deck or Porch</li> <li>Concrete Pad/Patio (Greater than 100 sq ft)</li> <li>Gazebo</li> <li>Storage Shed</li> <li>Shore Stabilization</li> <li>Permanent Dock or Pier</li> <li>Three- or Four-Season Room</li> <li>Permanent Screen House</li> <li>Pond</li> <li>Lakefront Boardwalk, Patio or Retaining Wall within 20' of shoreline</li> <li>Shoreline recovery LPC approval</li> <li>Lakefront Construction</li> <li>Deck mounted Hot Tub.</li> <li>Solar Panel(s) and/or Solar powered electrical system.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ECC Approval Only, No Permit and No Security Deposit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tree removal (fill out form)</li> <li>Lakeside Storage Container</li> <li>Satellite Dish NOT attached to house and NOT in easement.</li> <li>New Driveway, Sidewalk or Walkway</li> <li>Fence exceptions</li> <li>Culvert</li> <li>New retaining walls within 10' side setback of the property.</li> <li>Lake Mat</li> </ul>	<p><b>Inspection and Verification of Lot lines/Pins needed when:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping near lot line</li> <li>Installing Brick or Paver Patio near lot line or lakefront</li> <li>Concrete Pad (less than 100 sq ft)</li> </ul>	

ECC Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month.  
Verification of Lot lines & Pins are needed for most home improvement projects.  
County Permits are required for: Houses, Additions, Garages, & Solar Systems.  
Winnebago County 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 7AM

Revised: June 11, 2023

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**Others Present**

Dan VanKirk 1221, Mike Schmieder GM, Joe Vilella 1683, Steve Vassar 518

Minutes of the prior meeting from 10/19 were read and approved by 1st, Jeff Giedd; 2nd, Bob Woelky

**Board Liaison Report**

**LSA Aquatic Invasive Species**

**Questionnaire Recap From Recent BOD Meeting.**

The BOD directed significant changes to be made to the initial FCC version of the questionnaire and recommended it to be revised before moving any further with it. Revisions were made in real time at the November BOD meeting and subsequently approved for member distribution with the 2024 Dues Billing Statements that will be mailed out in January.

**Southgate Marina Parking Area Layout And Possible Improvements**

No updates provided.

**Action Items**

**Finalize 2024 Fishing Rules & Regulation Updates For Submission To BOD For Approval**

All of these updates/changes will be communicated in the upcoming 2024 Fishing Rules & Regulations pamphlet once approved.

**Old Business/Carry Over**

**Lake Conditions, Catch Observations, Fish Patrol Read Out**

Lightice observed on West end, no member catch reports, no Fish Patrol encounters.

**2023 Invasive Species Campaign**

Zebra Mussel White paper is still being drafted and revised.

Meeting with Apple Caynon Lake (Has Zebra Mussel presence) lake management team is being proposed in order to better educate ourselves on the most effective methods to avoid an infestation as well as the costs associated with dealing with an active infestation.

Zebra Mussel monitoring devices and rusty crayfish traps have all been pulled out of the water for the winter season.

**Phase 2 – Walleye Spawning Bed Project At Juniper Park**

On hold due to weather and vendor communication issues.

**Fish Cribs**

Location maps have been added to the LS website.

**Bathymetric Mapping**

To be initiated in the Spring once ice has melted and patrol boat has the necessary equipment installed.

**Spillway Monitoring**

2024 permit will be applied for in order to monitor the spillway during the upcoming season.

**New Business**

Review of the final 2023 Lake Water Quality Reports as compiled throughout the 2023 season. The reports included clarity, temperatures, chemical composition, and dissolved oxygen levels and are very important in determining the overall health of our lake and it's ecosystem. Adjournment at 9:05pm by 1st, Jim Schnieders, 2nd, Jeff Giedd.

**Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 25, 2023

**Meeting Date/Location**

Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 8:02am in the Lake Sunnyside Assoc., Main Board Room.

**Members In Attendance**

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

**Absent Members**

Tom Mangan 853, Jeff Ramsby 409.

**Guests**

Jon & Shelley Shrum 49, Curt Zawiski

228 (via Zoom).

**Motion For Approval Of Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Steve Harting to approve the LPC Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2023, seconded by Jeff Folkerts, unanimously approved.

**Action Items**

**2023 Annual Dam Inspection**

Andrew Leden and Eric Moe of IMEG completed the annual dam inspection on November 2, 2023. This is the first time we used IMEG to perform this work. Brian Bandoli and Mark Metzler believe that IMEG was more inquisitive and thorough than the inspectors from the two other firms that performed our recent annual inspections. Joe Rush will distribute the Annual Dam Inspection report to the committee when he receives it. Mark McCauley (IDNR Dam Safety Engineer) was also present to observe the inspection and was very complementary of LSA's dam maintenance efforts.

**18" Diameter Discharge Valve**

Joe Rush reported that he found two local (Rockford) divers that have worked for other lake associations and are interested in assisting us with our valve tower projects. Their rates are lower than the diving firms we've used in the past, due to lower mobilization expenses. Joe plans to use them to provide emergency personnel removal assistance when he and Brian Bandoli go to the base of the 30 foot deep valve tower to remove the bonnet on the 18" gate valve and obtain detailed measurements to verify that there is adequate space for the proposed plug valve.

**Duck Park Improvement Status**

Mike Schmieder reported that Fritzel Landscaping will not be able to work on the Duck Park improvements this year. Jim Fritzel said that the Duck Park work will be the first project they start on next spring.

**Duck & Juniper Park EZ Dock Layouts**

After the lake freezes, LPC members plan to mark the proposed arrangement of the EZ Dock systems at Duck and Juniper Parks on the ice to confirm the layouts are optimal before the docks are installed in the spring. Joe Rush noted that he would like to include our order for the new hardware with Galena Territories' bulk order to take advantage of reduced rates from EZ Dock. Joe will contact Galena Territories to determine when they plan to place their EZ Dock order. **Steve Harting made a motion, seconded by Jeff Folkerts, to recommend that the BOD purchase a kayak launch pier from EZ Dock for installation at Juniper Park, that was unanimously approved.** Additional kayak launch piers may be placed at other parks in the future as warranted.

**Lodge Promenade Geo-Grid Test Strips**

Joe Rush reported that LSA Maintenance has not had an opportunity to install the test strips yet. With other necessary seasonal projects that need to be completed this year, the test strips may not be installed until next year.

**Birch Park / Lot 206 Modification Plans**

Culvert installation and tree removal work has started and should be completed shortly. Herbicide treatment of the planned prairie area has not been completed yet and may not be done until spring. Joe Rush and Tom Mangan will coordinate their efforts to properly store the native plant seeds that have been collected until the area is ready for seeding.

**LSA Parks Native Planting Master Plan**

On Monday, November 20th, LPC members (Tom Mangan & Ken Malten), LRP members (Jim Ostapa & Roger Allen), and Joe Rush walked through Cardinal Park to observe existing conditions, discuss plans for erosion control, native plantings and a nature trail. Tom Mangan will arrange a kickoff event this winter

for volunteer LSA members to start removing invasive plants from Cardinal Park. This effort will allow native (more erosion resistant) plants to reestablish themselves, make the walking path more inviting, and improve runoff water quality. The improvements planned at Birch and Cardinal Parks will be used to develop a master plan for improving other LSA parks in the Lake Sunnyside watershed. Jim Ostapa forwarded LRP's spreadsheet to LPC so that Tom Mangan can identify parks that LPC doesn't have an interest in developing for future native planting sites and areas for erosion control.

**Pier Drive Bridge Inspection/Repair Proposals**

Joe Rush will contact IMEG to see if they would submit an engineering proposal for examination and repair design, of the Pier Drive Bridge for comparison to Willett Hofmann's proposal.

**Pontoon Boat Length Limit**

Curt Zawiski noted that manufacturers have been gradually increasing boat lengths within their model lines. In the case of 20' pontoon boats, manufacturers are designing boats that are 20' plus, just short of the 21' mark. One of the leading manufacturers has now moved their 20' long boat series to 21'. This would likely be listed as a 21' boat and not be within LSA's Red Book governance. Curt and the committee members are concerned that members may purchase an expensive new boat that doesn't conform to LSA length limitations. Joe Rush noted that the LSA rental docks can't accommodate boats significantly larger than 20'. Jeff Folkerts will research boat manufacturers literature for LPC, so that LPC can determine if any changes to LSA's boat length limitations are advisable.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on January 6, 2024 in the LSA office.

**Motion for Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Metzler and seconded by Steve Harting motion passed unanimously at 10:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten Co-Chairman / Secretary

**Board Action**

Approve purchase of a kayak launch pier from EZ Dock for installation at Juniper Park.

**Unapproved Long Range And Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes November 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the LSA office. Committee members present were Jim Ostapa, Jim Herman, Alan Andersen, Roger Allen, and General Manager Mike Schmieder. The minutes of the November LRFPC

meeting were approved by a voice vote of the committee members.

LSA Manager Mike Schmieder advised the committee on the following:

The construction on the interior side of the lodge roof will begin in the beginning of January 2024 and at that time the exterior roof proposal will be put out for bids again.

The pool playground retaining edge is scheduled for spring as soon as weather permits.

That bid quotes for Lodge deck replacement has not been received in time for this meeting but is expected within the next week. Once they arrive, he will forward them to the committee.

The proposed promenade base test is planned for this spring installation at the lodge in conjunction with the work Lake planning and the committee are jointly working on.

A discussion was held, and members updated on the physical review of Cardinal Park which was held in conjunction with Lake Planning Committee. Further discussion was held on installing soccer nets at Quarry Park. The committee agreed to work on adding to the budget next year funds to install a basketball court at Marina Park and that this would coincide with the planned restroom for the main marina.

More discussion was held concerning South Gate Marina and improving the parking and boat launch area. It was decided that when the path for the new bathroom is installed that restriping of the parking lot should occur.

A discussion on possible prefab mini golf units and possible location for this was held and the cost has not yet been established.

No information about the cost has yet been received for repairs to the building wall and siding for the Campground, Lodge, and Pool. Discussion was also held on perhaps combining the campground work with the planned 2028 Campground bath work.

Roger Allen made a motion to adjourn second by Alan Andersen meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be February 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the office. The January meeting will be cancelled.

**Unapproved Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2023

The Lake Sunnyside Association Safety Committee convened on November 15, 2023, at the LSA Office with attendees including committee members Jeff Walsh, Jason Barthel and George Scharm, Manager Michael Schmieder, Safety Officer Harrison Jones, and community members Jeffery Giedd (2140), and Bob Newberg and Desiree Padberg (180).

**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes continued on page 14**

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## LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

Jeff Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

The October 18, 2023 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Jeff, seconded by George.

The meeting began with discussions on ongoing initiatives. Updates regarding standard operating procedures (SOP) for safety departments and PERC training indicated progress, with plans for two training sessions to divide the staff scheduled on December 4th and 5th at LSA. Additionally, a Yotz program training session for Safety Committee members was set for December 6th with Kristine and SOP discussions with Marla, and Harrison from 9 am to 1 pm. Jason is currently reviewing ticket data to present at the next meeting, examining trends for potential adjustments in the LSA fine schedule, which last underwent revisions in 2019.

Community member Desiree Padberg (180) shared her thoughts regarding her email and her support for higher fines. She also suggested marking lot numbers on both the front and back of golf carts to enhance safety for children.

A draft of the Safety Committee's vision was reviewed and voted on. **A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by George. A copy of the Safety Committee's vision is attached to the minutes.**

The committee also decided to utilize Survey Monkey and include a survey in the Annual Mailer in February, based on its past success. Discussion on the survey questions will commence at the December 6th workshop.

Plans were made to rerun an article in the LSA newspaper in December, highlighting safety proposals and actions with a black box around it.

Under new business, the review of resumes was scheduled, with Jeff planning to contact Tim and assess his resume, considering interest from individuals associated with Lot 180.

Adjustments to the winter schedule were made, rescheduling the workshop on December 6th from 9 am to 1 pm and

shifting the committee meeting to 6:30pm, while canceling the January meeting.

Member comments and inquiries encompassed discussions on golf cart safety concerns raised by Desiree, enforcement issues regarding overloading, lack of safety glasses, and inappropriate behavior. Furthermore, inquiries were made regarding a yield sign at the West gate, road line markings, and proposals for future speed bumps/humps.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn by Jeff, which was firsted by George and seconded by Jason, leading to adjournment at 8:10. Subsequently, a closed session followed at 8:11 pm to deliberate on the January workshop.

**Approved Safety Committee Mission**  
In our vision for the future, the Safety Committee of Lake Summerset sees a community that thrives in an environment of safety, security, and well-being.

**We Envision Proactive Safety**  
A community where safety is not just a response to challenges but a proactive, fostering prevention and preparedness.

**Innovation and Adaptation**  
Embracing emerging technologies and evolving strategies to stay ahead of safety challenges and continuously improve our community's resilience.

**Inclusivity**  
Ensuring that every homeowner feels heard, safe, and protected within our community.

**Environmental Stewardship**  
A commitment to sustainability and the preservation of our natural surroundings, harmonizing safety with ecological responsibility.

**Empowered Residents**  
Equipping homeowners with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to take an active role in their own safety and that of their neighbors.

**Community Pride**  
A community where safety isn't just a goal but a source of pride, enhancing our overall quality of life.

### Unapproved Safety Committee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

The meeting commenced as Jeff Walsh called the gathering to order at 6:33 pm. Present were LSA Member and prospective safety committee candidate Tim Cox, LSA General Manager Michael Schmeider, Board Member and Committee Liaison Jim Herman, Committee Chair Jeff Walsh, Committee Secretary Jason Barthel and Committee Member George Scharmm joining via a phone call.

The November 15 Safety Committee meeting minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Jeff, seconded by Jason, and supported by George.

In old business, the committee discussed PERC training attended by the LSA Safety Staff. Mike provided an update affirming that all six members had successfully passed. Mike elaborated on the process involving fingerprinting, background checks, and the timeline for issuance of the PERC card. Staff feedback on the training was overwhelmingly positive, with a consensus to conduct these sessions every 4 to 6 months and make them mandatory for new hires. It was also proposed to feature the training success in the local newspaper.

The Safety Committee discussed the discussion in the Safety workshop this afternoon regarding development of an SOP. Committee Members collaborated with Harrison to review the SOP for Safety Patrol and Guardhouse, acknowledging that the onboarding procedure was still a work in progress, requiring further development and formalization. George volunteered to spearhead the effort for the SOP and possible Field Training Manual, a role that was unanimously supported by the Safety Committee.

The Committee discussed a proposed safety survey drafted by the safety committee to be sent to members. George proposed sending it to the board for approval. **The motion was moved by Jason and seconded by Jeff, with the survey subsequently sent to Mike for the Board's vote in December.**

In new business the committee discussed a proposed language addition (a1) to the redbook, section F: Water Skiing Regulations,

1. General Regulations regarding skier-towing flag size discussed to comply with Illinois law. **The motion, initiated by Jeff, was seconded by George and supported by Jason, resulting in its unanimous passage. The proposed language is documented below.**

**Redbook, Section F: Water Skiing Regulations 1. General Regulations. (a1) Proposed Language**

The skier towing flag must be bright orange and at least 12x12 inches in size and displayed from the highest point around the vessel's helm. The flag may not be used for any other purpose.

After listening to Tim Cox providing his background, experience, and passion to become a member of the LSA Safety Committee, **Jeff recommended Tim Cox as a new Committee Member. Jason moved the motion, and George Scharmm seconded it, culminating in unanimous support for Tim Cox's nomination. The recommendation will be voted on at the December board meeting.** Tim will be providing his resume to the General Manager prior to the board meeting.

**Member Comments and Inquiries**  
No community members were present, but the committee discussed concerns emailed by community member Padberg regarding youth and golf carts. A follow-up email response will be sent to Ms. Padberg.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm, following a motion by George, seconded by Jason. There were no closed session items this evening.

### Please Note LSA Safety Committee Email Address

Isapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com

#### New to the Lake?

Check out the many clubs and activities. There is something for everyone.

## Guidelines for Letters to the Editor

- 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.
- One letter, per member, per month.
- Editor's comments will be limited to a clarification, update, or concluding report on the issue. No point of view will be expressed.
- The editor reserves the right to refuse publication of letters or to edit letters in the interest of space or objectionable content. If a letter is refused publication, the editor will write an explanation to the individual submitting the letter.
- Letters will be published only if received by the published LS News deadline, which is the 15th of the month preceding the next issue, and as space permits.
- Submit letters to lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com.

## LSA Apparel

### T-Shirts, Caps, Beanies, Hoodies, Scarves!

**Adult Short-sleeve Tees in Denim, Olive, Purple, or Sunset**

S, M, L, XL = \$22 or 2XL = \$24

**Women's Long-sleeve Tees in Vintage Smoke w/ Camo**

S, M, L, XL = \$23 or 2XL = \$25

**Men's Long-sleeve Tees in Vintage Heather Navy**

M, L, XL = \$21 or 2XL = \$23

**Women's Zip Hooded Sweatshirt in Snow Heather Pink**

S, M, L = \$36 or 2XL = \$39

**Adult Zip Hooded Sweatshirts in Royal & Graphite Heather**

S, M, L, XL = \$33 or 2XL = \$36

**Classic Dad Cap in Khaki & Charcoal Gray**

One size = \$13

**8" Knitted Beanies in Heather Gray & Marled Charcoal**

One size = \$15

**Knitted Scarf in Heather Gray**

One Size = \$17

## Saturday Mornings At The Library



### Great Resources For Homeschoolers

Some homeschooling families may not realize that the Durand Library is open to everyone who lives in the school district. If you are homeschooling your children, be sure to take advantage of the library and its services and activities.

Several years ago the small Village Library was combined with the school library and moved to the Helen C. Johnson Media Center. Now all residents of the school district can access the combined library during the public hours Saturday mornings.

What is available at the library? While it is fair to say that the Village Library was a somewhat humble collection, the school library is quite different. There are plentiful books for preK and beginning readers as well as elementary reading at higher levels including biographies, fiction and nonfiction. The adult nonfiction collection covers the range of topics and there are shelves of fiction

works to choose from including several books by local authors.

Suppose you can't find the book you are looking for? Just ask the volunteer at the desk to order it for you from the Interlibrary Loan system. This system includes more than 130 libraries in a 22 county area of northern Illinois.

Visitors will find digitized Durand area newspapers dating from 1875 available on the library computer and personal computers can be brought in to connect to the internet. In addition, regular monthly programs are scheduled as well as Story Time for preK children. Story Time will be offered on December 16 at 10:00 am and continue on the first and third Saturdays through May.

Home schooling families and all district residents are encouraged to visit the library. It is open to the public Saturdays from 9:00 am to Noon. Entrance is at the east, or playground, end of the building. For more information, please email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org).

## Saturday Mornings At The Library



### Upcoming Programs In 2024

Several programs are planned for the coming year at the Durand Library. If you have not yet visited the combined Village and School Library, we hope you will plan to visit and attend these interesting programs. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

In January it is all about water – watersheds and the waterways in Winnebago County. An ecologist and dedicated advocate for clean water, Susan Lehnhardt, will explain what a watershed is and why they are important. We all live in one whether we realize it or not.

Susan led the way in establishing the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association. In fact, Lake Summerset is in that watershed. We'll also learn the waterways in Winnebago County and why protecting them is so important locally and as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. Susan will be speaking at 10:00 am January 13.

In February Phil Raines, a local commercial beekeeper give guidance on beekeeping and what must be done in order to keep your bees healthy. He will also discuss the health benefits of honey. Phil will be taking his bees to the almond orchards in California sometime in February so the date of his talk is yet to be determined. It will be interesting to learn what is involved in that long trip. His honeybees will spend several weeks in California providing the essential pollination duties for almonds to develop

while the nutritious almond pollen gives the bees a good start for the coming spring. It's a mutually beneficial relationship.

In March we will learn the importance of planting native plants in our yards. There are simply not enough public natural areas to support the birds and the insects on which they feed. Making our yards wildlife friendly is critical. Master Gardener Julie Thomas will discuss the many species which benefit wildlife and explain how the delicate web of life depends on insects which then become the protein rich food our beloved birds need to feed their young. Julie will speak March 23 at 10:00 am.

The Durand Library is open every Saturday from 9:00 to noon and checkout privileges are free to residents. The desk is manned by members of the Friends of the Durand Library.

The library offers Interlibrary loans which are available from more than 130 libraries in a 22 county area. Story Times are 1st and 3rd Saturday. Also available for checkout are STEM quality toys and on the computer are digitized Durand area papers dating from 1875 to 1970.

Please enter the school at the east, or playground, end of the building and follow the signs. For more information about the library please visit <https://www.facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary> or email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org).

## For Your Information

All vehicles, boats, golf carts and UTV/ATV must be registered with LSA for use on our private roads and lake. When purchasing or exchanging any vehicles, boats, golf carts and UTV/ATV, decals and RFID tags cannot be transferred without registering the replacement with LSA. Vehicles, boats, golf carts and UTV/ATV found with decals and RFID tags not registered with LSA are subject to citations per the Redbook.

### Rules and Regulations for the Lake Summerset Association

#### Vehicle and Traffic Regulations General Regulations

A member in good standing (dues paid up on all lots owned) shall receive an LSA vehicle decal for each copy of a valid state vehicle registration provided to the

LSA office. Registrations must be legible, clearly showing the name, member's permanent address, and vehicle make and year, and license plate number. Because of the frequency of changes in vehicles, copies of state registrations will be required annually at membership renewal time, and throughout the year whenever vehicle ownership is changed. No verbal requests for decals by telephone will be accepted. The display of a current LSA vehicle decal is prohibited unless that vehicle has been registered with the LSA office.

All vehicle decals shall be permanently affixed in the inside lower driver's side corner of the windshield for easy visibility and identification. Public Safety may request a decal be removed to the correct location. 9/2019

## Saturday Mornings At The Library



### How To Search The Library Collection From Home

I recently learned that it is possible to search the library catalog from home. It was news to me and perhaps to others! So, if you are looking for a certain book, works by a certain author or books on a particular subject, here is how to find out from your computer if what you are seeking is at the library.

First search Durand School Media Center and click. Then scroll down to the word Follett on the left side and click. On the next page, where it says click below, click right on the word Durand. Then at the top left hand side click on catalog. Then type in either the title, author, keyword, subject or series which you are searching. Now click on the type of info you entered i.e. title, author or other, and the results pop up.

You can then click on "details" to learn more about the book e.g. number of pages, publication date, related topics You can narrow the search as you see fit using the choices offered

Please note, unlike a google search, spelling must be letter perfect.

If you don't find what you are looking for, just email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org) to request the book from PrairieCat, the interlibrary loan system. If the book is available at one of the more than 130 libraries in the system, it will arrive in one to two weeks.

The library will be closed December 23 and December 30. If you have a "book emergency" email the address above and we can help you get the book you want more quickly. Happy Reading!

## Information Available on LSA Website

Lake Summerset's website, [www.lake-summerset.com](http://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

The above can be found on our website. Click on LOGIN - Type Member1! to sign in. Click on Forms and select the information needed.

## Did You Know?

### Do you know all the ways your 2024 Association Dues can be paid?

Full or partial payments can be made starting January 2, 2024.

All bank accounts have a bill pay option that will send a check via U.S. Mail, so allow 3 weeks.

Credit card accounts offer the ability to pay using checks-contact your Credit card company for details.



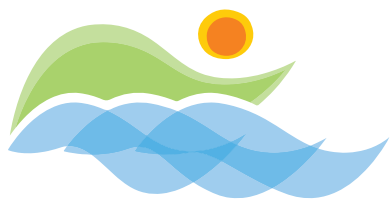


# Lake Sunnerset Association 2023 Christmas Party



Photos taken by Steve Bottino





# Section Two

January 2024

## Dates to Remember

Welcome Team New Comers Brunch	01/20/2024
Otter Creek Quarterly Payment Due	01/29/2024
2024 LSA Membership Dues Payable	03/01/2024
LSA Membership Late Fees Applied	03/02/2024
Easter Egg Hunt	03/30/2024
Boat Slip and Campground Lottery	04/27/2024
Campground Opens to Members	05/04/2024
Campground Opens to Guests	05/18/2024
Pool, Spray, and Beaches Open	05/25/2024

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

## Lake Summerset Association is seeking Lifeguard candidates for the 2024 aquatic season (Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day)

### Lifeguard candidate requirements:

- American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED Certification is required. Certification Opportunities Available at LOCAL YMCAs
- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older by May 25, 2024

Call the LSA Office at 815-248-2194 for more information or stop by Tuesday-Friday, 8-4 or Saturday 8 to noon

Please contact your Regional Family YMCA of Northern Illinois for upcoming American Red Cross Certification Classes - offered through Memorial Day Weekend. Swimming prerequisites apply: class participants can expect a blended learning approach, combining class sessions and online videos and activities covering patron rescue and surveillance skills, first aid, and CPR/AED training and testing.

Freeport: 815-235-9622 at 2998 West Pearl City Rd in Freeport, IL at Highland Community College

Loves Park: 815-885-6852 at 8451 Orth Road in Loves Park, Illinois 61111

Rockford: 815-489-1252 at 200 Y Blvd in Rockford, Illinois 61107

## Employment Applications are Available at the Lake Summerset Office and Guard House

# Karen's Kolumn

Happy 2024! As we plan our events and activities for this upcoming year, it's great to look back on all the fun we had this past year. SO MUCH FUN!

We laughed (and some won \$\$) at Bingo, we were given new fishing poles from Zebco at the Fishing Clinic plus the national bass fishing expert joined us, we hit the tees at our very own 9-hole golf course, we sang along with LFC Entertainment (they are awesome!) then watched fireworks, searched for 'Sir Quacks A Lot' on the lake, took to the bowling lanes, hugged comfort dogs and so much more. Phew, we were busy!

It is awesome how many of you join us - record crowds this year, yay! - and we welcome everyone to attend each and every event. We appreciate you and our generous sponsors. Please be sure to thank them for their support.

In 2024, we will continue to have our time-honored LSA events such as our Drive-In Movie Night and holiday parties plus like every year, will add some new, exciting activities.

Be sure to watch LS News, our FB page, gate signs and LSA eBlasts for the activity list of 2024 events (coming soon). Please join us...you will be glad you did, and so will we as we love seeing familiar faces and meeting new people! See you soon!

Karen (and Popcorn John)



Ladies of the Lake President Deb Morge-Erickson, Secretary Lennie Pellegrini and Treasurer, Sandy Stamp present LSA Activity Coordinator, Karen Durante with a donation for the LSA Christmas Party.

## More Photos From The Lake Summerset Association Christmas Party



# Public Safety Citations and Warnings

Lot	Violator	Violation	Fine	Ticket #	Citation Date
702	Guest	Vehicle piggybacked behind another vehicle exiting west gate	50.00	11611	10/25/2023
1255	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11613	10/26/2023
175	Same	Speeding on radar 42 mph in a 30 mph zone	75.00	11612	10/26/2023
1434	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at lodge parking lot exit	50.00	11614	10/28/2023
1434	Same	Go cart not registered with LSA office	50.00	11615	10/28/2023
2131	Annual Guest	Vehicle pulling trailer through east gate exit	50.00	11616	10/28/2023
414	Guest	Vehicle pulling trailer through east gate exit	50.00	11617	10/30/2023
714	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11619	11/3/2023
2256	Same	Leaves dumped onto middle of street-littering	50.00	11554	11/5/2023
1474	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11620	11/7/2023
842	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11621	11/9/2023
1569	Same	Vehicle displaying expired decal entered through the east gate	50.00	11622	11/9/2023
925	Annual Guest	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	50.00	11623	11/10/2023
1451	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11624	11/11/2023
820	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	50.00	11625	11/15/2023
152	Guest	Speeding on radar 41 mph in a 30 mph zone	75.00	11388	11/15/2023
2378	Guest	Vehicle piggybacking another vehicle broke west exit gate	50.00	11627	11/15/2023
1563	Same	Burning branches with leaves	50.00	11631	11/21/2023
1506	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Main Marina	50.00	11635	11/25/2023

- ## Warnings
- 3 - Party list turned in same day as event not 24 hours in advance
  - 2 - Vehicle entering east gate through exit side
  - 2 - Leash Law - Dog roaming
  - 2 - Exceeding speed limit
  - 1 - Vehicle pulling trailer through west gate entrance
  - 1 - Vehicle parked on side of road overnight
  - 1 - Unsightly debris; trash dumped on lawn in front of residence (30 days to remove)
  - 1 - Two signs hanging over garage (30 days to remove)
  - 1 - Red UTV driving on green area behind Harting Park restrooms
  - 1 - Burning in a not approved fire pit

## Public Safety Department News

**Happy New Year!**

**Data Sheets**  
Data sheets must be returned by January 5th 2024. Data sheets must be returned even if there are no changes. If data sheets are not returned your pass list will be deleted as of April 15th 2024.

**Decals**  
Decals must be placed in the lower left corner of the windshield. If not properly displayed the Public Safety Department will request you remove decal and place in correct location. **DO NOT PUT DECAL IN THE TINTED AREA OF WINDSHIELD.** Lot number must be visible at all times while on LSA property.

**RFID Tags**  
Must be permanently affixed to the windshield.

**Pet Law**  
It's against the law to leave pets outside in extreme temperatures in Illinois. Pets left out in hot or cold weather that will cause them injury or death. If a pet is hurt or dies as a result of being left in extreme weather, a pet owner can now be charged with a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$2,500 fine or up to one year in jail if found guilty.

**No Parking**  
No vehicle shall be parked at any time on any green area or restricted area in LSA. Overnight parking on any street, road shoulder, right of way, easement or green area requires prior written approval from the Public Safety Department.

**Parking**  
No parking is permitted along the

roadside during the winter. Snow plows must have all access to road surfaces to push the snow. If you have an emergency and have to park along the roadway, contact the Public Safety Dept. and vehicle must be removed within 24 hours.

**Stop Signs**  
All stop signs and yield signs must be obeyed. This may result in a citation if failure to comply.

**Sledding**  
Sledding areas are Harting Park and Quarry Park. The Dam is off limits to sledding.

**Snowmobiles**  
Snowmobiles are not to be driven across other member lots or empty lots. Snowmobiles shall be operated only on the roads and road shoulders. No snowmobiling is allowed unless 3 inches of snow on frozen ground. Nor shall they be operated between sunset and sunrise, except snowmobiles and ATV's may be operated until 10pm on snow. Snowmobiles may be driven after 10pm only when used for transportation between member residence and the gate through designated areas only. Operation of snowmobiles and ATV's on the frozen lake shall be totally at the operator's own risk of injury or drowning.

If you have any questions concerning any subject in this article, feel free to contact the Lake Summerset Office at 815-248-2194 and ask for Mike. The Guardhouse is open 24/7 to report any suspicious activity or complaints. The emergency number is 815-248-2778

## Guest Admittance Procedures from LSA Public Safety and Standards

Please fill out guest passes for your guests. Guest Authorization Cards are available at the LSA Office or the Guardhouse. The cards are to be at the Guardhouse BEFORE YOUR GUESTS ARRIVE. Cards can be dropped off at the guardhouse by the member, faxed to the guardhouse at 815-248-4236 or mailed to: Lake Summerset Association, Attn: Guard House, 1202 Lake Summerset Rd. Davis, IL 61019.

The maximum time permitted on one guest card is four consecutive days. Therefore, when having a guest for more than one day, please specify all the days that the guest will be with you. Cards with only one date are good for only that specific day.

Be sure to specify the name of every person in the car. Our policy is that a guest may not bring in a guest. Therefore, we can let in only the person whose name is specified by the member. When having more than one guest for the same day, you may write "over" on the guest pass and list the names on the back of the card. If more than ten guests are expected (for example, a large party or lodge reservation), guest lists must be made out. They must be in alphabetical order by last name with date, lot number and member's name. The list is to be turned in to the guardhouse 24 hours before the event.

Guards do not accept phone call passes on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The guards will accept telephone passes Monday thru Thursday good for that day only at 815-248-9186. Example: guest(s) arriving on Monday member must call pass in on Monday.

Faxed passes are accepted at any time at 815-248-4236. E-mailed passes can also be accepted at any time using efaxpass15@outlook.com. Please make sure you include all information. Member's

name, lot number, phone number, date(s) of arrival, and all guest(s) names.

A member when entering the main gate with a guest behind in another vehicle, you are required to fill out a guest pass for those guest(s). You must pull to the side parking area, fill out the guest pass and return it to the guard.

For members who wish to have their guest on a Red Card Pass or an Annual/RFID Pass, forms are available at the Association office, online at [www.lake-summerset.com](http://www.lake-summerset.com), or at the guardhouse. Annual passes must be renewed on or before March 1st or they will expire.

The Red Card Pass permits your guest(s) to enter and go to and from the house only. They are not permitted to drive around the lake or use parks, beaches or any of the facilities with this type of pass. This pass is unlimited as to the number of guest(s) a member wants to list.

The Annual/RFID pass, available at the office, must be filled out by the member. The information needed on this form includes pass holder names and their vehicle information (year, make, model, color, and license plate number) and will authorize your Annual/RFID pass holder to receive an annual decal and RFID tag at a cost of \$35 renewed annually. Only one vehicle per annual pass holder is allowed. It is up to the member to decide who will receive the annual decal and RFID tag. All decals and RFID tags must be permanently affixed to the registered vehicle's windshield. If an annual pass holder enters the LSA in a different vehicle without the annual decal and RFID tag, he or she will be issued a color of the day pass one day at a time.

Your cooperation will make the entrance of guest(s) quicker and smoother.

## Happy New Year!

### Attention Members Using a Bill Payment Service Through Their Bank

Bill payment services through a commercial bank use a system that creates a paper check which is then sent to Lake Summerset or Otter Creek Lake Utility District via the U.S. Postal Service. Due to the routing of mail, this process can take up to two weeks from the date of the member's bank issuing the payment and receipt at Lake Summerset. A bank's bill payment service does not guarantee on-time delivery, and it is the responsibility of the member to schedule such activity with enough lead time to have the payment received by the due date. Due dates for all Otter Creek Lake Utility District billings is the 29th of the month, and payments received postmarked after will be deemed late and incurred the late fee of \$15. HOA dues are late as of March 2nd, and payments received postmarked starting March 2nd will be deemed late and incurred the late fee of \$100.

## Updated LSA Fishing Rules And Regulations Effective 1/1/2024

**Submitted by the LSA FCC**

The LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) together with the LSA Board of Directors have authorized and approved the following updates to the LSA Fishing Rules and Regulations effective 1/1/2024. New pamphlets are available in the Main Office and Guardhouse.

**Remove All References To The Guest Creel Buy-Up Permit Option.**

**New Content:**

Is a Guest of a Principal or Associate Hosting Member of the Association and is accompanied by the Hosting Member when they are fishing.

**Replace Existing Callout Box Content Describing Individual Family Member Monthly Or Annual Permits**

**New Content:**

To obtain a "Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit" the Principal Member must purchase the permit for the Family Member at the LSA Office in person. To qualify, the Family Member must be a parent, grandparent, sibling, child, or grandchild (including all spouses) of the Principal Member(s). Creel limits for Family Members in possession of an Individual Family Member Permit is listed in the Fish Identification/Daily Limits Chart present in this pamphlet. For Family Members 16 and older, a State of Illinois Fishing License, State issued photo ID and the LSA Individual Family Member Permit must always be carried when fishing. Family members under the age of 16 are not required to have an Individual Family Member Permit and may fish alone without the Principal Member being present. However, under those conditions Individual Family Member Permit Holder Daily Creel limits apply for

any fish kept as identified in this pamphlet.

**Page 2, Item Number 2  
Delete Current Content**

**New Content:**

Guests which are not Family Members under the age of 16 are not allowed to fish alone and must be accompanied by the Principal, Associate or Junior Hosting Member.

**On Page 2, Item Number 4  
Remove Existing Content**

**New Content:**

The use of setlines, unattended lines, and seine nets is prohibited. An unattended line is defined as one in which a person using the line is not actively directing his or her attention to and cannot immediately respond to the line upon indication of a bite or interference with a watercraft. Limit of two (2) poles per angler with maximum of two (2) hooks or lures per pole during open water season.

**Remove the \*Creel Buy-Up definition  
On Page 3, Item Number 8: Ice Fishing**

Added following sentence at the end of the current content. A maximum of three poles or tip-ups with no more than two (2) hooks on each line are allowed.

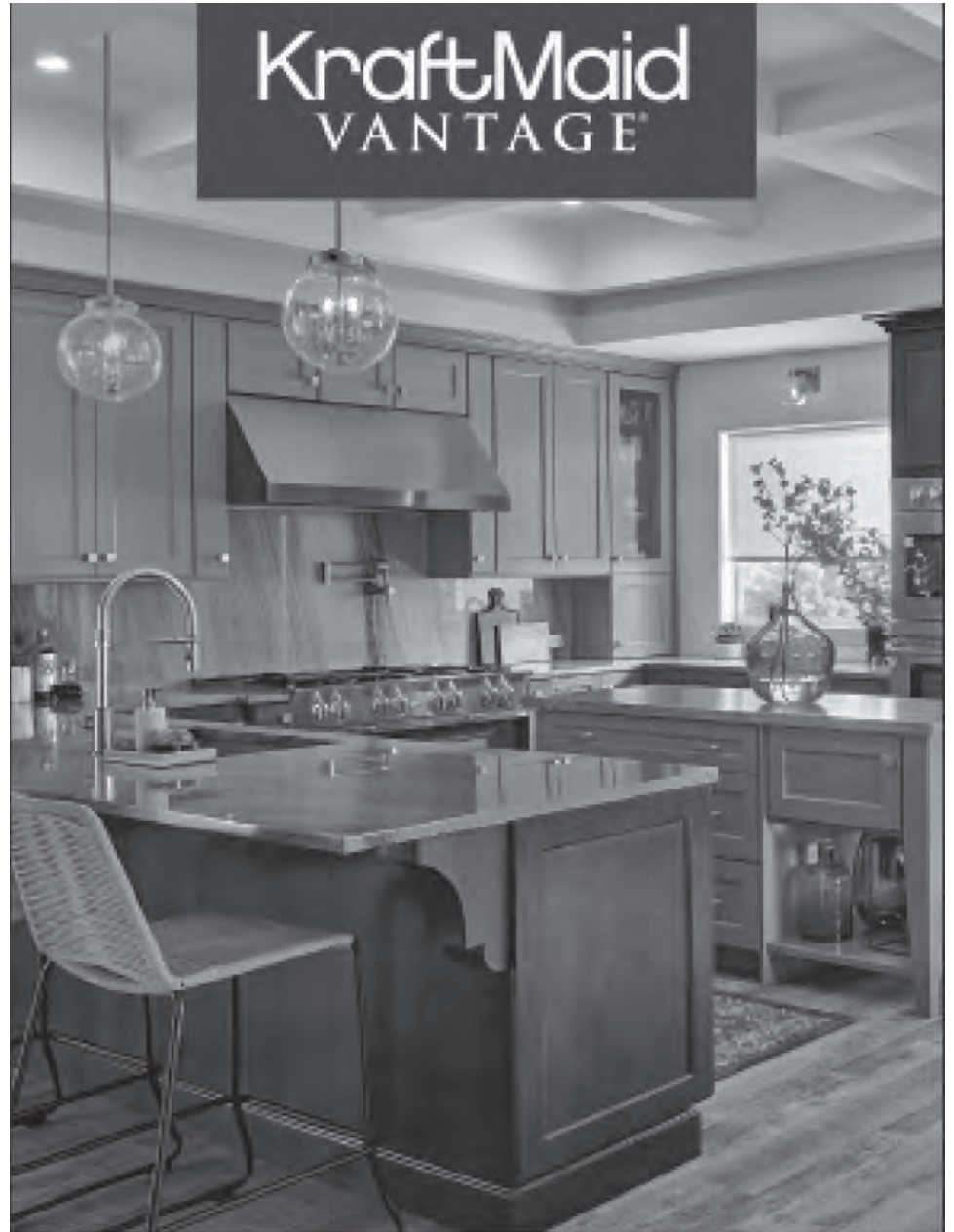
**Fish Identification/Daily Limits Chart**

Change the heading currently labeled as "GUESTS w/LSA PERMIT" to now say: "Individual Family Member Permit Holders".

Change the creel limit for Northern Pike from 1 to 2 for Members and from Catch/Release to 1 for Individual Family Member Permit Holders.

Change the slot limit sizes for LMB. Specifically: From 18" or larger to now say Over 20" and from 13" - 18" to now say 13" - 20".

Make Muskie Catch/Release only for Members and Individual Family Member Permit Holders.



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## Bocce Ball Club: Looking Forward To 2024 Season

By Randy Myers

The Bocce Leadership Team hopes that you had a wonderful holiday season and many more to come. Let's play Bocce in 2024! The courts look lonely with nothing but walls and canopy framework but we will be back better. Most of all Louise and I miss everyone. It is that kind of club and we will not turn away any adult that wants to play.

Please pay your dues by sending them to Louise Clay or call (815-248-1072) and drop them off. Checks need to be made payable to LSBocce and the membership fee is \$30 up front per person, alternates

pay \$10 and \$1 each week you play.

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 around 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. Do not forget our website that Rocky Hukle does a great job with- LSBOCCE.club

## Lions Club Serving Others



By Pat McClellan

There was no business meeting in December. There was a big Christmas party. We had a great catered dinner first. After dinner, if a member brought a gift wrapped in party paper, we could pick out a gift. Tickets were sold as part of a raffle. As each number was called, we picked out a present. It was always a

surprise and fun to see what was picked. The proceeds from the raffle went to the local Durand Ecumenical Counsel. We had fun and helped serve the communities of Durand and Lake Summerset. May you have a great Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy however you celebrate. Be safe and we will see you next year!

## Lake Summerset Fish Club



By Jeff Wishop

The December Fish Club meeting was held on Thursday December 7th. Our meeting was held at the Lodge for speaker Ron Demus.

Our meeting opened at 7 pm with provided pizza and a time of social over dinner. Ron Demus was then introduced by Bob Woelky with around 38 members in attendance.

Ron is a longtime angler of Lake Summerset and now resides here at the Lake. Ron is also a fishing guide in Green Bay and brought to our members things he has learned about both our Lake and Green Bay.

Ron discussed how using no bait at Green Bay has helped him with fishing here with our no live bait rules in place. Ron showed us lures that have been working for him along with their presentation methods and cadence.

Ron had on display rods, reels, lures and electronics and talked with us on his use and success with side imaging and forward-facing sonar. His power point slides also helped in explaining how he was using these electronics.

Ron did a great job, and we look forward to having him back in the future.

After the presentation and raffle items were completed, we moved into a short business meeting and held our elections for officers for 2024.

Two new officers were elected at our meeting. Officer positions are President David Rindfleisch, Vice President Kevin Shirley, Treasurer Jeff Giedd, Secretary Joe Villella, and Events Coordinator Bob Woelky.

Our next meeting will be January 4th at the LSA Office. The meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

## Hand & Foot News



By JoAnn Leith

In November on the 27th twelve LSA members met at the Lodge to play cards. Our winners for that day were myself winning \$6, Jan Gorman won second with \$4 and Phil Brannon won \$2. On December 4th the club had only eight

members participating in this fun game of cards and Roger Johnson took first winning \$5 and Jean Wendt won \$3. As of this newsletter our next play dates are January 8th and the 29th and we will be playing at the office conference room at 1pm



## Reminder to all Clubs

Annual reports are required to be submitted to the LSA Office after the first meeting of the year. Forms are available at the LSA Office.

Please provide the name and phone number of two liaisons for communication purposes.

Attendance sheets are required after every meeting. Please turn these sheets into the office or the office drop box. This does include daily, weekly, and monthly meetings.

Make sure your club dates are on the 2024 calendar.

## Durand Charm Smithsonian Exhibit

By Kelly Giovanine

The Durand Charm hosted Smithsonian Exhibit, Spark! Places of Innovation, will be in Durand through January 6. Don't miss the opportunity to experience a Smithsonian exhibit right in our backyard. The main exhibit is at the Masonic Lodge

at 420 Center Street in Durand. Durand's vintage 1926 Peter Pirsch Fire Engine is on display during exhibit hours at the Fire Department on W. Howard St. Hours are 5pm - 8pm weekdays and 2pm - 5pm Saturday, December 30 (closed 12/31 and 1/1). The exhibit is free.

## New Life Women's Bible Study



By Carol Gattolin  
Joy

In spite of the troubling circumstances in the world today, we choose to feel JOY, especially at this Christmas season when we celebrate Christ's coming to earth to become the only perfect human who sacrificed Himself to pay for mankind's sins and reconcile us to our Heavenly Father.

This month, the Bible Babes have been studying Philippians - "The Joy of Living in Christ" by Dr. David Jeremiah.

For fun and fellowship we had a potluck at Ellen Ryndak's house and exchanged "white elephant gifts".

One of our dear sisters, Eileen Savoia fell asleep in Christ on November 15, 2023. We will miss her but oh what a glorious celebration when we are resurrected to eternal life in the New Heaven and New Earth!

We are planning a ladies' retreat at Timberlee Camp in Wisconsin for April 19-21, 2024 with ladies from multiple churches. We would love for YOU to join us on the retreat and/or at our bible study every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30am at the LSA Office (until the Lodge's repairs are completed).

If you have questions or need a ride, call Carol Gattolin (847-814-2677) or Wendy Schrank (815-751-5305).

## Pinochle Card Club



By JoAnn Leith

November 21st was our play date and we had exactly eight players, just enough for two tables of Pinochle. The winners were Bill Erickson winning \$5 and myself winning \$3. Two weeks later on December 5th we again had eight players with some

high scores going to Roger Johnson who won \$5 and Sharon Drennan winning \$3. It was a tight battle between the two. The next play dates will be in January, 2024. We will be playing on Tuesday the 2nd and the 16th at the office conference room at 1pm due to repairs to the roof at the Lodge.

## 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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## Ladies Of The Lake: Christmas Luncheon

By Deb Morge-Erickson

Happy New Year everyone. We from Ladies of the Lake hope everyone had a healthy and happy Christmas season.

On Wednesday Dec. 6th we had our annual Christmas lunch. Thanks to Betty Rhyner at Solutions bank in Durand we were able to have our lunch in the community center at the bank. Our members contributed hams, appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. Everything was wonderful. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Our entertainment was a 14 piece band. YES! 14 instruments played by our talented students from Durand High School with instrumental music teacher Mr. Tim Schmidt.

Everyone enjoyed the music of the season. Thank you to the students and Mr. Schmidt for sharing your time and talents with all of us.

Again, we would like to thank our communities' for the continual support of our organization. Our 2023 contributions will be going to the following organizations; Durand and Dakota schools, CASA, Freeport pregnancy center, LSA children Christmas party, and the Freeport children's museum. YOU have made these contributions possible.

Members, our 2024 year will approach faster than we expect. Our meetings will remain on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm. Due to construction at the lodge I will have to notify you of our meeting place. The next meeting would be January 10th, 2024.

Please bring your \$10 annual dues. We welcome any new members throughout the year. Feel free to attend a meeting and join us. Well that's all for now. God bless all.



## Checklist of Common Errors When Preparing Your Tax Return

Before filing your return, make sure it's correct and complete. It's important that you review your entire return, even if you have someone else prepare it, because you are responsible for all of the information entered on your return and any errors may delay the processing of your return.

### The Following Checklist May Help You Avoid Common Errors

Submitting your tax return electronically ensures greater accuracy than mailing your return. The e-file system often detects common errors and rejects your tax return, sending it back to you for correction. This could save you delays in processing your tax return. For more information, see e-file options.

Did you clearly print your name, taxpayer identification number, and current address, including your ZIP code, directly on your return?

Did you choose only one correct filing status?

Did you enter the correct dependent information? Did you check the box to show that your dependent qualifies for the child tax credit or credit for other dependents?

Did you enter the names and taxpayer identification numbers for everyone listed on your return? If using social security numbers, enter the names and numbers exactly as they appear on each person's social security card. If there have been any name changes, be sure to contact the Social Security Administration at SSA.gov or call them at 800-772-1213.

Did you enter your income on the correct lines? Did you attach Schedule 1 (Form 1040), Additional Income and Adjustments to Income PDF, if necessary?

Did you calculate deductions and credits correctly, put them on the right lines, and attach the necessary forms or schedules?

Did you put brackets around negative amounts?

If you're taking the standard deduction and checked any box indicating either you or your spouse are age 65 or older or are blind, did you find the correct standard deduction?

Did you figure the tax correctly? If you used the tax tables, did you use the correct column for your filing status?

Did you sign and date the return? If it's a joint return, did your spouse also sign and date the return?

Do you have a Form W-2 from each of your employers and did you attach Copy B of each Form W-2 to your return? If you have more than one job, combine the wage and withholding amounts from all Forms W-2 you received and report those amounts on one return.

Did you attach each Form 1099-R that shows federal tax withholding?

Did you attach all other necessary schedules and forms in the order of the sequence number shown in the upper right-hand corner?

Did you use the correct mailing address from your tax form instructions?

Did you use the correct postage on the envelope?

If you owe tax, did you enclose a check or money order made payable to "United States Treasury" with your return and include your name, address, taxpayer identification number, daytime telephone number, tax form, and tax year on the payment?

If you're due a refund and requested direct deposit, did you double-check your routing and account numbers for your financial institution?

Did you make a copy of the signed return and all schedules for your own records?

Article taken from IRS.gov website.

## Making Your New Year's Resolution Stick

Lose weight? Check. Start exercising? Check. Stop smoking? Check. It can be daunting when your list of New Year's Resolutions is as long as your holiday shopping list. In addition to the post-holiday slump, not being able to keep your resolutions by February, March or even late January may increase your anxiety. When your holiday decorations are packed up and stored away, the frustration of an unused gym membership or other reminders of failed resolutions can make the later winter months feel hopeless.

However, it is important to remember that the New Year isn't meant to serve as a catalyst for sweeping character changes. It is a time for people to reflect on their past year's behavior and promise to make positive lifestyle changes. "Setting small, attainable goals throughout the year, instead of a singular, overwhelming goal on January 1 can help you reach whatever it is you strive for," says psychologist Lynn Bufka, PhD. "Remember, it is not the extent of the change that matters, but rather the act of recognizing that lifestyle change is important and working toward it, one step at a time."

By making your resolutions realistic, there is a greater chance that you will keep them throughout the year, incorporating healthy behavior into your everyday life. APA offers these tips when thinking about a New Year's resolution.

### Start Small

Make resolutions that you think you can keep. If, for example, your aim is to exercise more frequently, schedule three or four days a week at the gym instead of seven. If you would like to eat healthier, try replacing dessert with something else you enjoy, like fruit or yogurt, instead of

seeing your diet as a form of punishment.

Change one behavior at a time. Unhealthy behaviors develop over the course of time. Thus, replacing unhealthy behaviors with healthy ones requires time. Don't get overwhelmed and think that you have to reassess everything in your life. Instead, work toward changing one thing at a time.

### Talk About It

Share your experiences with family and friends. Consider joining a support group to reach your goals, such as a workout class at your gym or a group of coworkers quitting smoking. Having someone to share your struggles and successes with makes your journey to a healthier lifestyle that much easier and less intimidating.

### Don't Beat Yourself Up

Perfection is unattainable. Remember that minor missteps when reaching your goals are completely normal and OK. Don't give up completely because you ate a brownie and broke your diet, or skipped the gym for a week because you were busy. Everyone has ups and downs; resolve to recover from your mistakes and get back on track.

### Ask For Support

Accepting help from those who care about you and will listen strengthens your resilience and ability to manage stress caused by your resolution. If you feel overwhelmed or unable to meet your goals on your own, consider seeking professional help. Psychologists are uniquely trained to understand the connection between the mind and body. They can offer strategies as to how to adjust your goals so that they are attainable, as well as help you change unhealthy behaviors and address emotional issues. Taken from apa.org.

## Many New Laws Go Into Effect January 1, 2024

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signed more than 150 laws that go into effect next year, many on January 1st, 2024. Below is a list of some of these laws. Minimum wage for non-tipped workers increases to \$14; for tipped employees, it increases to \$8.40. Vaping indoors in public places is banned. Employees must receive up to two weeks of unpaid leave if a family member is killed in a crime of violence. Gun owners to register banned weapons with the Illinois State Police by January 1st, 2024. Car manufacturers must create a 24-hour hotline to allow police to track stolen cars. Law enforcement can use surveillance drones over special events and parades, but prohibits weapons or facial recognition technology on the drones. Absolves car owners of fees, fines, or penalties during the period in which the car was stolen or hijacked. Police officers cannot stop a car for having an object hanging from the rearview mirror. Music venues must have trained staff to administer opioid overdose-reversing drugs (takes effect June 1st, 2024). Pharmacists must sell fentanyl test strips over the counter.

Estate-planning documents will now be able to be prepared electronically. Newly constructed drinking fountains must also have a bottle-filling station. Landlords will be required to rent or sell property to undocumented migrants. New and used car dealers can sell cars over the Internet, with delivery to a customer's residence or chosen location. Requirements established for electric vehicle-capable parking spaces. Newly constructed homes or residential buildings must have one electric vehicle-capable electrical outlet in the parking space for each residential unit. Hospitals must screen patients for financial assistance eligibility before sending them to collections. Insurance companies cannot deny coverage for medically necessary reconstructive surgeries. Drug manufacturers will be prohibited from price-gouging generic and out-of-patent drugs. Illinois residents under 18 cannot be assessed a fee or fine except for traffic tickets, boating or fishing violations, or municipal ordinance violations.

**Lake Summerset is a home for all seasons. Check out the many activities available to you!**

### Updated Emergency Gates Coming In Spring 2024

By Jill Muschong  
LSA Beautification Club

On November 21, 2023, The Beautification Club officers met and voted on spending our funds. Some of the items we have yet to finalize pricing, sourcing and LSA Board approval and will be announced at a later date.

Based on a unanimous vote we are pleased to announce that the entire LSA Community including the LSA Campground will have all new metal gates installed. These gates serve as emergency gates at our East and West gate entrances, on Best Road near the main marina, by the Vegetable Garden. We also voted to fund the replacement of the entrance gates to the campground. Joe Rush and Brian Bandoli located the perfect gates for the campground and found a bargain on Facebook Marketplace. This good sourcing saved about \$1500.00. The other 4 gates will be sourced by Gasser's Hardware in Brodhead. Our current gates are in bad shape, with many coats of yellow, chippy looking

paint and some rust and broken rails.

The new gates will be a color that will be easy to see/access for emergency personal and will be consistent with our new branding. The color is very similar to Cherokee Red, the classic Frank Lloyd Wright color that we painted the picnic tables and Birch Park Bridge. Please see below for the color. The Beautification Club agreed that this is a good first step in achieving a better aesthetic at our gate entrances without any compromise to access or safety.

We will consult with the LSA and the safety committee to update and improve the verbiage at our gate entrances. The Beautification Club will coordinate the concept, design and production efforts so all the signs are consistent with the LSA Brand.

Maintenance plans to install all 5 gates in the spring. The \$2300.00 material cost for all of the gates was donated by The Beautification Club. Design and signage will be donated as well at a cost savings to our association of over \$700.00.

OLD GATES



NEW GATES



### Dog Club Barkings



By Denise Torrey

Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

A big thank you to Diane Piquette for all the wonderful holiday decorations she put up at the Dog Park! If you drive by the Dog Park at night, please take note of how the fence line is lite up! THANK YOU DIANE!! See the pictures below or check out our Facebook page and Nextdoor for more pictures!

The Dog Club membership is about the same as last year with 110 members and 149 dogs registered to use the Dog Park! Our current dog tags will expire on April 30, 2024. The new registration forms and tags will be available starting in April. The 2024 Dog Club fee will remain the same as 2023 at \$25.00 per household for one dog and \$10.00 for each additional dog registered. Additional registration information

will follow in the March newspaper.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our Dog Club meeting on April 3, 2024, 6:30pm, LS Office. Come early and be one of the first to register your dog for use of the Dog Park.



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### LSA Photography Club



By Kathy Webster, Jeff Folkerts & Kim Becker

The Photography Club continues to be active on Facebook as well as NextDoor. Our last meeting was 12/6/2023 at the office. Jeff Folkerts and Kathy Webster led the meeting. We started our meeting with a roundtable discussion to introduce ourselves as we often do especially when new members attend. Kathy reviewed a few different aspects of Facebook to make navigating our page easier as well.

Within our Facebook group we have several albums. Monthly, we focus on a photography technique. This month's technique was Black and White. Jeff went through the 'Black and White' slides and each member was able to describe their photo and the view they saw at their own discretion. In addition, we did the same with the Live Challenge photos from our last meeting - Lensball Photography. Many members bought lensball after the last meeting. The next slide show was the anticipated Monthly Challenge. December's Challenge was Night Photography, and the winner was Glenn Glinke! Glenn has chosen Holiday Decorations - With or Without People. If you'd like to participate in the club and challenges, join our Facebook page or email us at lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com

For our December meeting, we focused on Camera Gear, one of our group experts, Janet Shingleton provided us with a great video on photo gear. Some of the concepts from the video suggested ways to decide if/what one might focus on when looking for a new camera. Members also brought their gear and shared information regarding their camera and other gear, including Jim

Freymliller's drone. Sybil Wagner surprised us with her homemade solar eclipse lens. She described how she made it for the last solar eclipse. She will be traveling to PA in April 2024 for the next eclipse and will be bringing her lens with her!

Aperture and Depth of Field were our final topic for December. Jeff showed a great video which made it look easy. Jeff further gave details regarding the topic. The Live Challenge for the meeting related to Depth of Field. Jeff and Kathy brought props and members independently used them to create a photo using this knowledge.

Come join us at our next meeting on January 13th, 2024, at the LSA office. All levels of photography can participate from beginner to experienced using any format such as camera, phone, drone, telescopic! Members must reside/own at Lake Sunnyside to participate.

If you or someone you know would like to speak at a meeting or provide a demonstration, please reach out to us at lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com or reach out on Facebook. We are all eager to learn!



December Photo Winner - Glenn Glinke

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If you would like to learn more about these great solar incentives and more potential options available to you, contact our team of solar professionals!

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# The Tree Guy

So far, we have been pretty lucky this past December. It has snowed very little, but let's not get lulled into a false sense of winter naiveté. It's going to snow more and probably get colder as well. We ARE going to have to shovel, plow, and salt our drives and sidewalks. This causes issues with the plants we try to grow along these drives and sidewalks. Plants and soil do not like the addition of salt. Why? because salt in the soil makes it clump together in a funny way that prevents the roots from easily growing into the soil. The roots can't spread out and get water and nutrients as easily as they should. This stresses our plants out. Also, extra salt in the soil causes an imbalance in the salts inside the plant compared to outside the plant. This makes water actually leave the plant and go into the soil. Last I looked, it should be the other way around. What do we do? Slip and slide all winter just to keep our plants happy? Nope, we have to attack snow and ice using "better

Chemistry". In the "Ice melt " game there are a few common players. Sodium Chloride (NaCl), Potassium Chloride (KCl), and Calcium Chloride (CaCl). I'll try to simplify all this Chemistry. Plain salt or Sodium Chloride and Potassium Chloride are okay for ice at just below freezing temps, say 15-25°F. We all know we need something that will work at far colder temperatures than that. Potassium isn't so good for animals either. So, bring on Calcium Chloride. It works down to -25°F and is relatively safe for plants and lawns. It may not be great for asphalt drives but better for concrete. All these three ice-melting products have too much Chloride to be truly environmentally friendly. A new product called Calcium Magnesium Acetate or CMA is considered to be the best for melting ice and snow. It is the least toxic of the lot because it doesn't have Chloride in it and it's pet friendly. A win win all around. It may be worth a try. See you with your snow shovel on the drive. JT, The Tree Guy!

# The ECC "Plumb Line"

## Dog Runs

As the name suggests, a dog run is a dedicated fenced-in outdoor area that allows dogs to run and play safely. The Blue Book specifically does not permit fences so that the natural quality and aesthetic appearance of the Lake Summerset community can be preserved. However, it also allows the ECC to permit fences under certain conditions provided it is in keeping with the character of the area. Dog runs are one of the few exceptions where fences are permitted, and here is some important information from the Red Book that these dog runs must adhere to. The rules for dog runs are quite simple. As for location, they must be located in back of the house or behind a garage where they will be out of sight. They also

cannot be placed in the setback areas. As for size, the dog run must have a maximum footprint of 240 square feet. To construct a dog run you must first submit your plans to the ECC for their approval. Once the plans have been approved and a permit is issued, construction of the dog run can begin. The type and height of the dog run fence is not specified, however, a chain link fence or wooden fence that is in harmony with the surroundings will usually be allowed. Gates are also permitted for easy access to that area. Even though fenced-in yards are not permitted at Lake Summerset, a well-maintained enclosed dog run can keep your dog from escaping the yard and create a safe secure space where your dog will be comfortable.

## 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.



## 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



## Forms Available on LSA Website

Lake Summerset's website, [www.lake-summerset.com](http://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 Member1! 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.

## Walking Your Dog?

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# The Fishing Corner

By Curt Zawiski

Early ice is one of the most exciting times for serious ice fisherman as crappie, bluegill and perch will begin to migrate into the shallows in search of nutrient rich vegetation and other areas holding both forage and oxygen. Weeds hold fish all year long because they create oxygen which attracts everything in the food chain. They are also often found close in proximity to the shoreline contour, or schooling around cribs. It's not uncharacteristic that fish will return to areas where they migrated to years prior during the same time period. As the winter progresses and the ice thickens, the fish will move into deeper water.

The first consideration when fishing on early ice is safety. Use extreme care when going out on early ice if no one else is out there. One should always err on the side of caution. Always try and go out with a partner. Using the basic rule of minimally 4 inches of ice for fishing on foot and 8 inches if using an ATV or snowmobile is always a good practice. While there is no general "rule of thumb" when deciding whether the ice is safe or not, it takes at least 4 nights of serious cold, with lows in the teens or lower to form the first inch and a half of ice. After that, each night with temperatures in the low teens or below zero (where there is no snow cover) can result in adding almost an inch of good ice. Remember, snow insulates and could result in a situation where the ice is never completely safe, especially if heavy snow occurs early in the season before the ice develops a safe 4-inch base.

### Here Are Some Basic Ice Safety Guidelines To Minimize Risk

- Always wear an inflatable life jacket or float suit when on the ice along with slip-on ice cleats over your boots.
- Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel, and tape measure.
- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
- Always bring a cell phone and whistle.

Don't go out alone unless there are others present on the ice in close proximity. Let someone know of your planned trip and expected return.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and any local hazards from others that have been out on the ice.

4 inches for ice fishing and other on foot activities.

8 inches for snowmobile or ATV usage.

Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

Ice fishing is a great way to get out and enjoy the winter with family and/or friends. There's no shortage of space on a frozen lake and while fishing itself is always fun, a day on the ice is not just another fishing trip, it's a whole different fishing experience! There's nothing worse than when a time of year that should be festive turns tragic. Following basic safety protocols before venturing out on the ice will ensure you fish another day! Good luck and stay safe on top of the ice!

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), Fish Club 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. Have a great day fishing on Lake Summerset!



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**Thinking about renting your home?**

Just a reminder that the Lake Summerset Association has sub-regulations in place for the renting of homes. These regulations include LSA approving application for renters, which means all paperwork for rentals needs to be submitted 30 days before the renter's move-in date. Please contact the LSA Office before you rent to receive copies of the sub-regulations.

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

Tree removal forms are available in the office or on the LSA Website. Fill out the tree removal form completely and bring it to the office or submit it electronically.

Please give the tree inspector at least one week for approval. Exceptions are made for emergency storm damaged or dangerous trees; then please call the office.

Please make sure the trees to be removed have been marked prior to tree cutter cutting it down. There should be a number in orange spray paint on the tree if it has been approved for removal.

The tree inspector goes out at least once a week to do approvals.

The annual tree survey will start after the trees have leafed out (about June 1st) and will be completed well before the leaves have fallen; this is to ensure the tree is dead. Exceptions to this would be for storm-damaged trees and then call the office.

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# LSA Community Calendar

## January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>January 1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Office) 1:00pm Pinochle (Office)	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>6</b> 8:00am Lake Planning (Office) 10:00am CRC Mtg. - Coffee at 9:30am (Office)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Office) 6:30pm LSA Book Club 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	<b>9</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Office) 1:00pm Bridge (Office)	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>13</b> 9:00am Photography Club (Office)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day 7:00pm Writing Gals (Office)	<b>16</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Office) 1:00pm Pinochle (Office)	<b>17</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>18</b> 10:00am Quilt Club Not Using (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	<b>19</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>20</b> 9:00am ECC (Office) 10:00am Welcome Team New Comers Brunch (Office)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Office)	<b>23</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Office) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	<b>24</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:00pm Archery Club (Quarry Park)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	<b>27</b> 8:00am Lake Planning (Office)
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Office)	<b>31</b> 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)			

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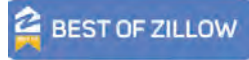
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