

Lake Summerset News

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Otter Creek Lake Utility District Corner

By Fred Kile

Getting to know OCLUD How it all got started

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

What OCLUD Is And Isn't

First, what Otter Creek Utility District (OCLUD) is not. It is not legally a part of Lake Summerset Association (LSA). That may be hard to understand since when you call OCLUD, the phone is answered by someone in the LSA office. Mike Schmieder and Kristine Fotinakes have roles with both LSA and OCLUD. Also, office staff members take care of some of the OCLUD administrative responsibilities such as receiving payments, answering the OCLUD phone and preparing mailings.

Second, OCLUD is an independent Public Utility District organized as a Municipal Corporation which makes it a Unit of Government. It has oversight by five volunteer Trustees serving five-year terms with staggering term expiration years. Three Trustees are from Winnebago County and two are from Stephenson County. Trustees are selected by the OCLUD Board and then appointed by the County Board.

Current Trustees Are As Follows

Winnebago County
Fred Kile, Chairman
Ron Waldschmidt
Roger Allen
Stephenson County

Marty Beierwaltes, Co-Chair
Jim McClennan

Combined these Trustees have over 55 years of experience on the OCLUD Board.

Management

Mike Schmieder is the Manager of OCLUD while also General Manager of LSA.

Kristine Fotinakes handles the finances for both OCLUD and LSA.

Current OCLUD Staff Includes

Steve Kinney, Plant Supervisor. Some of you may remember Steve who worked at OCLUD for a number of years and has returned to us in February, 2023. Steve has EPA issued drinking water and wastewater certifications.

Ernie Lilja has been with OCLUD for four years and brings his extensive knowledge of wells and pumps to the team.

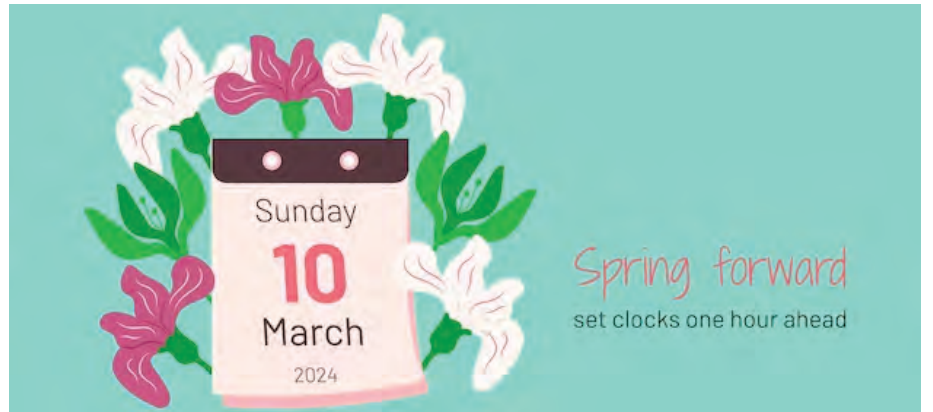
Jeremy Defendi, a Lake Summerset resident, has also been an OCLUD employee for two years and has recently received his EPA issued drinking water certification. Jeremy is in the process of obtaining wastewater certification which takes a minimum of 6 years, so we are glad to have him working toward this certification as well as the one he already has. This will ensure that OCLUD has qualified staffing for years to come.

Meetings

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

Pickup Truck For Sale

Lake Summerset is retiring a maintenance vehicle, and we will hold a sealed bid auction for its sale. The pickup is a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD with 77,878 miles in "fair" condition and it can be inspected at the Maintenance Facility. The minimum bid will be \$3,000 and your bid should be placed in a sealed envelope to the attention of Mike Schmieder at the LSA office. The bid opening will be conducted at 3pm on March 15 at the LSA office. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Rush or me at 815-248-2194.



Snow Fence Removal Reminder

All snow fences must be removed by April 1, 2024

Help Wanted

Lake Summerset Association Office is currently seeking candidates for part time office staff. Schedule will include at least three (3) days per week as well as two (2) Saturday mornings per month. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel preferred. Training is provided. No phone calls, please. Drop off or send resume to:

Lake Summerset Office
1202 Lake Summerset Road
Davis, IL 61019

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

You can submit business and classified ads by emailing 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
Office Phone: 815-248-2194, Fax: 815-248-2058
Website: www.lake-summerset.com Email: generalstaff@lake-summerset.com
Email Passes: efaxpass15@outlook.com

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

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

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

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Frontier: 1-800-921-8101

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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

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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

lsapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com

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

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

Stay informed about your community. Read the Lake Summerset News!

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.

2024 Vehicle Decals must be displayed by April 15

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.

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

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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Let it also be known that LSA does not officially endorse or promote any product or advertisement herein. LSA reserves the right to except or reject any article or advertising for publication.

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 in-house by our Operations team.

- Approval of the proposed 2024 Fine Schedule
- Approval of 2024 proposed LSA Activities
- Approval of AIS Rapid Response Management Guide
- Approval of Road Study by IMEG Engineering
- Approval of Roads Drainage Study by Gallagher Engineering
- Approval of proposed 2024 Daily/Weekly Boat Slip Rental Policy
- Approval of Purchase of proposed Conference room sound system
- Approval of purchase of 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 as a replacement vehicle for Operations
- Selection of contractor for the lodge roof replacement
- Consideration of Lodge/Beach concession operator for the 2024 beach season
- Approval of Guardhouse remodeling
- Discussion of potential relocation areas for community gardens

Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 11am on February 8th was 824' and 2.5 inches. The current elevation is 9.5" below Normal Pool Elevation.

Lodge Roof Repairs - Interior

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 on the exterior. The structural job was awarded

to Winter Construction and the contract was signed by both parties on 11/1/2023. The construction began on 1/2/2024 and Winter Construction has made great progress. The interior work should be completed prior to the end of February.

Lodge Roof Repairs - Exterior

Our Engineer, Willett-Hoffman will put this job out for bid on January 16, 2024. A walk-thru for interested contractors will be conducted on January 23, 2024, and 3 potential bidders participated in the walk-thru. The bid opening was held on February 6, 2024, and we received five bids. The Board will consider the bids, the qualifications of the bidders and select a contractor at the 2/12/24 Board meeting. The roof replacement is scheduled to begin on August 12th and is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete.

Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign has remained at 1289 Lake Summerset Rd since December 14th. 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

7 LSA properties were transferred during the month of January vs. 6 in January 2023.

Swimming Pool Repairs

The pool interior was repaired and painted in mid-September. The old pool mechanicals have been removed and the new equipment was installed in December and January. The project is

now finished and will be tested in mid-April prior to this Spring's pool opening.

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 those 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 begin as soon as the weather allows. 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. Dock installation components have been ordered for the Spring installation.

Daily/Weekly Boat Slip Rental Policy

The Board will be asked to approve a modified daily/weekly boat slip rental policy. The rates from 2023 will not be changed. The old policy made it overly restrictive for Members to reserve a slip and the new policy should make the process easier. I also hope that the new policy might result in additional slip rental income.

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. As of 2/6/24, three of four sets of stairs have been fabricated by Brian Bandoli and they look fantastic. One of the

new stairways was installed in January and the others will be installed as weather allows.

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 relocated. The EPA is concerned that the groundwater near and around the well can be contaminated by fertilizers and pesticides. Those involved with the gardens have been informed and we're looking into alternative locations. The Board will discuss potential relocation sites at the 2/12/24 Board meeting.

Campground Tree/Stump Removal

Sixty-seven trees have been removed from the campground. Trunks have been stockpiled at the maintenance building to be cut and split for the campground firewood sale. We have removed 65 stumps from the campground and will continue as time and weather allows. (Not all the stumps are from the current cutting. Many are from previous years that were not previously removed).

Annual Dues Billing

The 2024 dues billings were mailed on January 19, 2024. The due date for dues payment is March 1st.

Snowplowing Damage

It's not uncommon for our snowplows to occasionally cause turf damage and, at times, damage to mailboxes. We have had damage to mailboxes from plowing as well as other issues. Temporary repairs have been made, but permanent repairs will be performed as the weather allows.

Boundary Posts & Ropes

This spring we will install posts and ropes to mark the boundaries at Birch and Juniper Parks. Board guidance is needed to determine the final location of the posts and rope boundaries.



Attention Snowbirds



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

The LSA Redbook and Bluebook are available on the Lake's website www.lake-summerset.com

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.

Call-in Pass Changes

Lake Summerset will now accept Call-in passes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in addition to the ability to call in passes Monday through Thursday. The Call-in Pass option is available for one day or up to four consecutive days. A properly completed guest pass request identifies the guest by the full name, arrival date, number of days for entry and includes the hosting member's name, phone number, and lot number.

Holiday restrictions will still apply. Passes cannot be called in on Holidays or Holiday weekends, please use email, fax, or drop off methods.
Email: efaxpass15@outlook.com Fax: 815-248-4236

Public Safety Committee Reactivated And Looking For Volunteers

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

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

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

Welcome to Lake Somerset

Lot	House	Members' Names
1250		Kane, Laura
160		Rolek, Edward & Mandie
1226		Stone, Robert
1661		Thomas, Shane
	827	DiGiorgio, Marco & Angela
	1652	Egan, Payton & Silva, Fernando
	960	Millard, Mike & Tonya

Your New LSA Phone Directory & Business Guide is in this issue. Additional 2024 directories may be purchased at the LSA Office. Please support the advertisers in both the LSA News & Business Guide.

See A Goose Nest? Call The LSA Office!

The Lake Somerset Association has once again received a permit from the IDNR to try and control the goose population on the property. Since the permit program was instituted, the goose population has been controlled and the water quality of the lake has improved. LSA recently received the permit to continue the program for 2024.

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

Thank you.

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 Somerset 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 Somerset 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.

Save The Date
Garage Sale Days
Members & Guests
Friday, May 17
Open to the public
Saturday, May 18

Garage Sale Sign Up Form

Address of Sale: _____
 Date(s) of sale (check) May 17 _____ May 18 _____

Open to LSA Members and Guests Only
 Friday, May 17 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open to the Public
 Saturday, May 18 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Return this form to the LSA Office or LSA drop box or fax to 815-248-2058 no later than noon May 11th.

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Otter Creek Lake Utility District

“SERVING THE LAKE SUMMERSET COMMUNITY”

January 30th, 2024

Dear Otter Creek Lake Utility District Customer,

Our water and sewer utility district (OCLUD) has provided services to Lake Summerset Property Owners for 55 years. The Trustee’s goal is to continue maintaining and upgrading the facilities to ensure it provides quality services for decades to come.

However, with inflation, cost increases for materials, labor, and issues such as water main break repairs, your Trustee Board, when preparing the next years’ operational budget, must determine if an increase is necessary to adequately cover these contingencies.

At the December 12th Budget hearing, the Trustee Board approved a rate increase for 2024, increasing the rate for water and sewer users only from \$150.00 per quarter to \$170.00 per quarter. Vacant lot rates will remain unchanged at a rate of \$78.50 per quarter.

Over the coming year, major upgrading will occur to the water treatment facility. We will share updates on these upgrades as they are completed keeping you, the user, informed.

This rate change begins with the 1st quarter billing in late March 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 815-248-2194.

Michael Schmieder, CMCA

General Manager
Otter Creek Lake Utility District

Lake Summerset Association Income Statement JAN 31, 2024			
DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEARTO DATE	BUDGET
Revenues Collected			
Membership Dues & Fines	341,590.00	341,590.00	2,247,365.00
New Membership Fee	1,800.00	1,800.00	22,000.00
Campground Sites	75.00	75.00	25,566.00
All Rentals	6,908.67	6,908.67	105,243.00
All Advertising	4,723.94	4,723.94	54,500.00
Interest Inc. - Operating	48.48	48.48	1,300.00
Interest Income - Reserve	.00	.00	6,250.00
Miscellaneous Income	76.00	76.00	11,000.00
LSA Building Fees	450.00	450.00	9,000.00
Weed Control Income	.00	.00	32,000.00
OCLUD Reimbursement	3,369.98	3,369.98	40,240.00
Activities Income	.00	.00	2,500.00
Gate Income - Member Tag	1,045.00	1,045.00	12,000.00
Gate Income - Annual Tag	8,850.00	8,850.00	53,000.00
Total Revenues Collected	389,937.27	389,937.27	2,621,964.00
Operating Expenses			
Wages Safety	21,520.06	21,520.06	352,965.00
Wages Building & Grounds	23,519.48	23,519.48	438,289.00
Fuel & Oil	(458.00)	(458.00)	40,000.00
Operations-Material & O/S Labor	15,083.38	15,083.38	269,785.00
Activities Expense	566.00	566.00	36,498.00
Total Operating Expenses	60,230.92	60,230.92	1,137,550.00
Administrative Expenses			
Administrative Wages	17,308.98	17,308.98	255,980.00
Utilities	5,941.51	5,941.51	72,000.00
Pension Fund Expense	2,229.56	2,229.56	18,000.00
Office Supplies	6,505.12	6,505.12	87,400.00
Insurance	5,713.05	5,713.05	258,694.00
Purchased Services	2,238.43	2,238.43	59,400.00
Taxes	4,549.21	4,549.21	95,908.00
Miscellaneous Expense	(397.99)	(397.99)	24,000.00
LSA Building Inspections	.00	.00	2,000.00
Total Administrative	44,087.67	44,087.67	873,372.00
Total Admin & Operating	104,318.79	104,318.79	2,010,922.00
For Capital Replacement	264,618.48	264,618.48	611,042.00



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.



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 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.

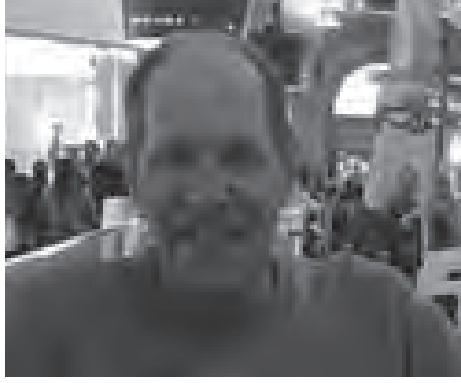
Information Available on LSA Website

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

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

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

LSA Obituaries & Death Notices



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Steven P. Kalasmiki**, born on June 8, 1953, in Sycamore, IL, USA, who left us on January 23, 2024. Steven resided in Lake Summerset, Illinois, a town he loved and where he left an indelible mark. Generous in spirit, Steven was a beacon of love and support to everyone who knew him. He was a superintendent of Midwest Fence and Guardrail in Chicago, IL, where he was respected for his dedication and work ethic. Steven was a man who understood the balance of work, family, and play. He found joy in the greens of the golf course, cheered with passion for the Chicago Cubs and the Green Bay Packers, and found tranquility in the simplicity of everyday life. His jovial nature and infectious laughter made him the life of every gathering. He

lived in Addison, IL, and Bartlett, IL, before settling down in Lake Summerset, where he built a life filled with love and laughter. Married to his beloved wife, Elizabeth Kalasmiki, since November 17, 1984, their love story is one that will continue to inspire generations. Steven is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth, his caring sister Susan (Stephen) Collie, and his supportive brothers Mike (Marsha) Kalasmiki and Jim (Vicky) Kalasmiki. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Nan Kalasmiki, whose values and teachings shaped him into the wonderful man he was. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date to honor Steven's remarkable life. Stories and memories of Steven Kalasmiki are encouraged to be shared on his memorial page, where you are also welcome to upload photos that capture the joy he brought into our lives. Let us remember Steven for the loving, supportive, and generous soul he was. His spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched. Memorials may be given to: As Good As Gold Golden Retriever Rescue of Illinois <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E356588&id=1> Chicago Cubs Charities Communities Fund Cubs Charities Community Fund - Robert R. McCormick Foundation



McDivitt, James E., 79, of Lake Summerset, IL died Tuesday January 30, 2024 in his home surrounded by his loving family. James was born September 10, 1944 in Warren, Ohio the son of Mr. and Mrs. George and Charlotte (Thrasher) McDivitt. James married Nancy Renick in Chicago, IL on October 3, 1964. James was employed as a diesel mechanic for Reynolds Trucking, retiring in 2012. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy; daughters Susan Egan; Jennifer (Ross)

Thompson; son James (Alison) McDivitt II; daughter Julie (Joseph) Kunce; son Brandon (Mandy) McDivitt; daughter Liza Koncel; son Shane (Sandy) McDivitt; son Clinton (Brittany) McDivitt; son Zachary (Elizabeth) McDivitt; daughter Jana (Neil) Fahrow; son Jacob (Sharon) McDivitt; son Nathan (Laura) McDivitt; 39 Grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; brother: Gregory (Susan) McDivitt; sister: Nancy (Robert) Cline; brother Theodore (Denise) McDivitt; numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents. Private family ceremonies will be held. Cremation Rites were Accorded. James, a beloved father and husband, embraced life's beauty in its simplest moments. Family time, marked by basketball, swimming, and shared laughter, held a special place in his heart. A masterful mechanic, welder, and engineer, James's diverse and exceptional talents were a source of pride and provision for his family. His gentleness extended to his love for animals and nature, reflecting a profound connection to the world around him. As we bid farewell, we cling to the memories of his laughter, his tireless efforts, and the enduring love that will forever echo in our hearts.

Durand Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

By Peg O'Hagan

There is still time to attend the Durand Ecumenical Council Lenten Lunches. There will be one each Wednesday March 6, 13 and 20, beginning around 12 noon and lasting about 50 minutes. Durand United Methodist Church has generously offered to host each lunch; the member

churches is taking turns providing a simple meal and a brief prayer/reflection. Lunch is free; a free will offering is taken to support the council's work in aiding local people in need. Everyone is welcome - come join your neighbors for some good food and fellowship.



Durand Ecumenical Council Lenten Lunches
Join us for a free, simple meal plus fellowship, prayer and reflection each Wednesday of Lent
February 21 – March 20 • 12:00 noon
at Durand United Methodist Church
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Weis (Ringquist), Yvonne of Davis, IL, passed away on February 5, 2024 after a short illness. Yvonne was born on November 9, 1939 in Spencer, WI to Earl and Gladys Ringquist. She grew up on a dairy farm and attended Spencer schools. On October 12, 1957, she married the love of her life, Ronald Weis. They were soon joined by a son, Chris. And a few years later, daughter Denise made their family complete. Yvonne and Ron raised their family in Beloit, and later, South Beloit, IL. After retirement, the couple made their home in the community of Lake Summerset outside of Durand, IL. Yvonne was a classic 1960s Mom - filling her children's lives with learning opportunities, excellent homemade meals, and long road trips in the family station wagon. She was a Cub Scout and Brownie leader while her kids were involved. Eventually she went to work for the Prairie Hill Grade School as a "lunch lady." In those days, the cooks made homemade meals for the students and Yvonne was long remembered for her homemade, from-scratch cinnamon rolls. She had a lifelong love of cooking and baking. She published her own compilation of recipes called "Everyone's Cookbook" in the early

1970s. She was also an accomplished seamstress, creating numerous comforters, craft items, and doll clothes. She also worked in ceramics and stained glass. Yvonne and Ron were frequent travelers over the years and enjoyed trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Norway, Sweden, Russia, etc. They had a summer home in Cambridge, WI, during the 1980s. In the early 2000s they began spending their winters in Apache Junction, AZ, where they reconnected with old friends who were also escaping the cold Wisconsin winters. Yvonne was pre-deceased by her parents, Earl and Gladys; her brothers, Ray and Alvin Ringquist; and her sister, Elaine Golden. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ron Weis; her children Chris (Deb) Weis, and Denise Luikaart; grandchildren Dustin Weis (Cecilia Scholcoff), Katie (Tim) Hoesly, Taylor Weis, Eric Luikaart, and Emilee (Brandon) Krabbe; and seven great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her sisters, Betty Potter and Garnell Powers, along with numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. The family wants to thank the staff of SSM Health Hospice Home for their kindness, compassionate care and professionalism. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to SSM Monroe Hospice Home or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Durand, IL. Visitation was held on Monday, February 19, 2024 at McCorkle Funeral Home, 101 Main St. Durand, IL, from 8 to 10 AM, followed by a 10:30 AM mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 606 Main St. A committal ceremony will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery at 11:30 AM across the street from the church. There will be a luncheon served in the church basement following the ceremony. Follow this link for the memorial on the McCorkle Funeral Home website: mccorklefuneralhome.com/obituaries/yvonne-weis

Durand Area Food Pantry Distribution

By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open the following dates in March: Saturday, March 23, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, March 25, 3-5pm. Children under the age of 13 will receive an Easter treat bag compliments of the Ladies of the Lake on

Saturday and Best Realty on Monday. Every car will receive a dozen eggs and Easter coloring kits thanks to the State Bank of Davis. Please enter the pantry heading east on Howard St in Durand, near the Durand Fire Department. If you need additional information please call 815-985-1805.

The Stateline Ministerial Association invites you to our Lenten Services.

Services begin at 6:30 PM with a time of fellowship following the service.

- March 3 Dakota United Methodist Church
- March 10 Indian Grove Country Church
- March 17 St. Paul Church of Epleyanna
- March 29 Freeport Church of the Brethren
- Good Friday

Fishing Notice

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

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	NORTHERN *	30" or larger	2	1
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	LARGE M BASS	Under 13"	2	Catch/ Release
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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Lake Summerset Association Board of Directors Meeting February 12, 2024 7:00pm
Location: LSA Office
Board Members Present

Drew Tennant, Jim Herman, Mark Metzler, Dennis Vizenor, Roger Allen, Curt Zawiski, GM Mike Schmieder, OM Joe Rush, BM Kristine Fotinakes

Members Present

Brad Chiakas (143), Ron Richards (133), Marian Miller (441), Jon & Shelley Shrum (49), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), George & Laura Pillion (794), Jill Muschong (1421), Susan Chamberlain (1719), Lin & Kerry Nielsen (433), Tom & Beth Bernardi (17), Dave Dini (54), Shawn Gotshall (2110), John P. Gorman (2031), Bruce & Rosalynn Keirn (1959), Kevin & April Shirley (763), Kathy & Chuck Webster (83), Jeff Wishop (2125), Carol Beatty (2172), Mindy Anton (2326), Jeff Folkerts (531), Bobbie Ziesk (854), John & Deb Turner (567), Terri Meyers (2046)

Call To Order

President Herman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Consent Agenda

Director Allen made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024, Agenda. Director Tennant seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. GM Schmieder asked for a correction to the January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes, concerning the discussion of power at lot 928. The minutes noted the cost to bore and place a sleeve as requested by COMED at a cost of \$3000 was to be split. To clarify, the cost was to be split 3 ways, between the owner, the buyer and LSA. Each party would pay \$1000. Director Metzler made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Manager's Report

Open Action Item List(s)/Updates

Items are listed in the packet.

Update on Lodge Roof Structural Work Started on 1/2/2024

The ongoing work should be completed in two weeks' time. Direction is needed from the Board regarding the sound panels. The panels are Styrofoam wrapped in burlap and are approximately 20 years old. Maintenance took a couple of panels down and cleaned them to determine the condition. Discussion included: acoustics in the lodge, current sound system, the new interior roof configuration, Long Range and Facility Planning Committee's previous plans for the lodge, possible acoustic study, possible new sound system, possible sound engineer study, scissor

lift availability for removal of panels, light replacement. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Maintenance to remove the panels and to task Long Range and Facility Planning Committee to address the acoustics at the lodge.

Update On Lodge Roof Exterior Work

The bid opening was 2/2/24. The work will start in August and is scheduled to be discussed later on the agenda. Director Zawiski asked if there is any feedback on the Duck Park improvements. GM Schmieder responded that Fritzel's Landscaping will start work in the spring, GM Schmieder will contact Mr. Fritzel for a start date. Director Metzler noted the weather this winter was conducive to getting the work done sooner, barring any rain. GM Schmieder noted OM Rush could work on the dock configuration as that is not contingent on the landscaping work.

Unfinished Business

Approval Of The 2024 Fine Schedule

President Herman asked this item to be set aside until the April Board meeting, allowing discussion of the tree issue at the March Board Workshop. This only holds over the tree fines; all other fines have been approved. Director Zawiski asked for the list of dead trees to be modified to include identifying any trees that are at risk to person or property. It was the consensus of the Board to set aside this item to be discussed at the March Board Workshop and addressed at the April Board Meeting. Director Zawiski also noted the fishing violations listed in the packet is not correct as the additional words are not included. GM Schmieder responded the additional words were previously approved and this is the old wording, he will double check the fishing pamphlet for accuracy.

NEW BUSINESS

Slideshow Presentation By LSA Beautification Club

Jill Muschong, Bobbie Ziesk, and Susan Chamberlain presented. Through fundraising, sponsorships, and donations, the club has refurbished picnic tables, pavilions, tiki huts, the gazebo, porta-potty surrounds, Birch Park bridge, boundary markers, signs, and purchased construction and painting supplies, new garbage cans, pool furniture, plantings at the front entrance and Dog Park, donated to LSA Halloween and Easter celebrations, and will fund future projects.

Birch Park

To further enhance the refurbished bridge, a native grass, little blue stem will be planted this spring. Fritzel's Landscaping will remove the brush and plant the grass. This item is fully funded.

Origin/Informational Sign

Eric Olson has donated the full color metal sign which was designed in collaboration with the Photography Club, Fish Club, and several members. The metal sign will be mounted on a steel rod at Harting Park. This item is fully funded.

Signage

Eric Olson has donated replacement signs for the East and West Gates. The gate entrances will include the front entrance address to redirect those without RFID tags to the Main Gate. These items are fully funded.

Emergency Gates

New red gates have been purchased and will be installed by Maintenance. The concrete barriers will be covered in red. Director Vizenor asked if the concrete islands at the East and West Gate entrances could also be addressed. OM Rush responded that a company has been asked to provide a quote on the removal of the steel surround and concrete repair.

Butterfly Bench

A steel two-seater bench in the shape of a butterfly will be painted in the monarch colors of black and orange to be placed at Quarry Park. Discussion included placement, selfie backgrounds, safety, lighting, securing to the ground, suggested coordination with Long Range and Facility Planning Committee to ensure location is in line with future development plans. The club will fund this item.

Front Entrance Fountains

To further enhance the Main Entrance, the fountains need to be refurbished. GM Schmieder received an estimate two years ago of \$3500, he was asked to contact that company for an updated quote. The club is requesting LSA fund ½ the cost.

Concrete Bags Game

A base to secure the pieces is needed at the suggested location of Harting Park. Discussion included several alternative locations, placement, delivery, unloading, cost of concrete pad, cost of gravel pad, labor by Maintenance. The club will fund this item.

Spring Projects Campground

The campground pavilion will be painted after maintenance repairs are completed. Picnic tables will be painted with help from campground volunteers. Additional paint touch-ups around the community will be done as needed. The pump house at Quarry Park is in need of repair and paint. The club suggests use of brand standard colors. The pump house is the property of OCLUD. Further discussion included project(s) costs, maintenance labor needed for various installations, timetable, requested funds from LSA. It was the consensus of the Board to direct the club to present the total amount of funds the club is requesting from LSA before any commitment could be made to fund or partially fund any project(s).

Approval of Proposed 2024 LSA

Activities Schedule

This is the slate of proposed activities from our Activities Director Karen Durante. Many are repeat events, Bingo, Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, etc. Director Zawiski noted that Beautification and Fish Club as well as other clubs solicit donations from surrounding businesses and asked for an accounting from the Activities Director since those activities are budgeted at \$15,000 and she solicits donations in competition with the clubs which are not funded by LSA. Discussion included donations from businesses, solicitation of businesses, various events and sponsorships. **Director Metzler made a motion to approve the 2024 LSA Activities Schedule as presented. Director Zawiski seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.** Director Metzler noted that the activities budget was discussed at the finance meetings in August and at the Board Finance Workshop.

Approval Of AIS Rapid Response Management Guide

Director Zawiski made a motion to approve the AIS Rapid Response Management Guide as recommended by FCC and LPC. Director Metzler seconded the motion. This represents six months of research and work by FCC in conjunction with LPC. The action plan will be put in place in the event an infestation discovery (of an invasive species such as zebra mussels) is made. President Herman suggested the addition of Lake Planning Committee on page 6 in the first paragraph as well as on page 10 in the first paragraph in reference to who would be notified in the event of an infestation. Director Zawiski agreed that the addition of LPC would be appropriate. **Director Zawiski amended the motion to include the addition of the Lake Planning Committee on page 6 paragraph 1 and page 10 paragraph 1. Director Metzler seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

Approval Of Road Study By IMEG Engineering

Director Allen made a motion to approve a roads study to be performed by IMEG Consultants Corporation as recommended by the Roads Subcommittee as presented at a cost not to exceed \$45,600 funds to come from the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Director Allen noted proposals were presented from four firms. Documentation was then requested from two firms; Willett Hoffman and IMEG. The sub-committee felt IMEG was the best choice based on the document and communication from the company. IMEG will incorporate the road drainage study by Gallagher Engineering into their report. **The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Approval Of Roads Drainage Study By Gallagher Engineering

Director Allen made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,800 for a Roads Drainage Study performed by Gallagher Engineering LLC., funds to come from the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval Of Proposed 2024 Daily/Weekly Boat Slip Rental Policy

Director Vizenor made a motion to approve the Proposed 2024 Daily/Weekly Boat Slip Rental Policy as presented. Director Metzler seconded the motion. LSA has always had 4 slips not rented on a seasonal basis. The previous policy is restrictive and may result in loss of income to LSA. There were only 20 rentals last year, partially due to the 14-day rule. The new policy for the 4 daily/weekly slips at Duck Park would allow 3 separate bookings up to 10 days each. Additional reservations may be made following the last day of the first rental period. The Lake Planning Committee reviewed the new policy and endorsed the proposed changes. **The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

Consideration Of Proposed Conference Room Sound System

The vendor who installed the original system is no longer in business but recommended this firm. Discussion included current system, acoustics, system integration with cameras, screen, phones, zoom, etc., wireless technology, microphone placement, audio/visual presentations, costs, budget concerns. It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to continue to look into this issue and prepare a presentation for the finance meetings in August. **Ratification Of Purchase of Replacement Maintenance Work Truck**

Director Metzler made a motion to ratify the purchase of a replacement

Deadline for LSA Board meeting submissions and agenda items is noon on the Wednesday 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.

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Maintenance work truck at a cost not to exceed \$37,000 for a 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 DBL WT from Jim Trenary Chevrolet in Union, MO., funds to come from the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget. Director Zawiski seconded the motion. The truck was financed which allowed a savings of \$2000 in addition to a trade in. The vehicle will be paid off after the first billing is received. Discussion included vehicle costs, interest rate, warranty, availability of used vs. new vehicles. **The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Selection Of Contractor For The Lodge Roof Replacement

GM Schmieder had an update on the spread sheet; Premier Roofing will honor bid; however, they will reduce their bid \$9,000 to \$192,800 due to a reduction in their costs. Discussion included certifications, experience, qualifications, length of contract, circular roof challenges, previous projects by the various companies. **Director Allen made a motion to award the Lodge Roof Replacement contract to Sterling Commercial Roofing at a cost not to exceed \$260,000, funds to come from the Operating Reserve. Director Zawiski seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Consideration Of Lodge Concession Operator Jumaria Perkins For The 2024 Beach Season

GM Schmieder was approached last spring just before Memorial Day and again recently by a member who would like to operate a concession stand with a limited menu serving Beach 1 on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays from 11-4. Discussion included exclusivity, operating costs, utilities costs, equipment, walk up window (which is currently boarded up), food licenses, insurance, trash, food trucks vs. concession stand, menu options. It was the consensus of the Board to direct GM Schmieder to continue to work with Ms. Perkins on a contract.

Approval of Guardhouse Remodeling

Director Zawiski made a motion to authorize the Guardhouse Remodeling at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, to include new flooring, countertops, cabinets, paint, and new lighting. Work to be performed by various contractors and Operations staff. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Discussion included condition of flooring, countertops, drywall, paint, etc., guardhouse staff input, safety, design, blinds vs. tinted windows, back-up generator, costs, plans for future exterior remodel. **The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.**

Discussion Regarding The Relocation Of The Community Gardens To An Area North Of The Office

Discussion included current membership participation (50-60 members and growing each year), water availability, garden layout,

drainage, proximity to boat washing station, parking. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Director Vizenor and OM Rush to work together on the logistics of the location and report at the next meeting.

Director's Queries

Director Zawiski asked when the Board came up with the change of format as the agenda items were previously discussed before a motion was made, and now a motion must be made before discussion is allowed. President Herman responded that when he became president, the change was made to comply with Roberts Rules of Order and to help the Board better understand the issue being discussed. Further discussion included previous format, Robert's Rules, possible isolation of Board member due motion not receiving a second, length of meetings, keeping focus during discussions, previous presidents and their formats, committee(s) meeting formats.

Member Comments/Member Matters

Kevin Shirley (763) The new vehicle purchase protocol was not followed for the new Maintenance Truck in order to secure the vehicle, does that set a precedent? Discussion included budget, vehicle search, costs, new vs. used. Director Metzler noted that the Board is kept apprised of any possible purchases, and this was not a precedent setting event.

Director Metzler made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

President Herman adjourned the meeting at 9:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary

LSA Board of Directors

Executive Session

Director Metzler made a motion to open the Executive Session at 9:49pm. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The Board held a discussion regarding the Roads, Porter Brothers and the hearing scheduled for February 27th.

The Board was made aware that a generous couple donated \$500 to help an LSA Member with their 2024 dues obligation.

A discussion was held regarding one of the bids received for the Lodge Roof project.

The Board reviewed the results of the 2/3/24 CRC Citation appeals.

Director Tennant made a motion to return to open session at 10:33pm. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Upon Return to Open Session

Director Tennant made a motion to adjourn the February 12th meeting at 10:35pm. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Next Regular Board Meeting

March 11, 2024, 7:00pm, LSA Office



LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Community Relations Committee Unapproved Minutes February 3, 2024

The CRC meeting, connected to ZOOM and attended by 24 people, was called to order by CRC Secretary Phil Brannon at 10:00 with the pledge of allegiance.

Outreach Report

None

Citation Appeal

Next date for hearing is Feb. 3, 2024

Board Liaison Report

Roger Allen indicated that after the Jan 25th meeting, a company has been selected to improve the L.S.A. roads and have hired a company to address the drainage problems. This will be presented to the board at the Feb 12th meeting. He mentioned that surveys were sent out with the invoices for your dues. Please fill these out and return them. It is important to get your feedback.

General Manager LSA

Mike Schmieder

Mike mentioned there are forms in the back of the room to register for Eblasts, and also forms to register for a hearing of your concerns by the Board, and a sheet listing information on road postings beginning Feb 5th. If you are expecting deliveries, make sure the company is aware of the weight restrictions. The interior structural work of the Lodge roof is going on and should be done in about a month. Next there are bids going out for the exterior to be completed.

Guest Speaker

Winnebago Deputy Sheriff

Patrick Hastings, referred to as Patrick, gave an excellent presentation on how to identify and avoid scams. It was a very interactive session with lots of questions being asked. He started by talking about tax season. The scammers target the older people because they have more money in retirement compared to younger people. A way to check to see if an email is legitimate, hover your mouse over the email address to see who sent it. Never click on a link or call the listed phone number. Some examples: the Geek squad, Amazon Prime and other companies verifying a purchase or delivery. Scammers are also using texting to access your information. Do not click on a text if you do not recognize who sent it. Regarding purchasing online, do not purchase on facebook, go to the company to buy items. Do not click on videos, they are a scam. If you receive a phone call and you don't recognize the number, or person, don't answer it. The person you know will leave a voicemail. Warning: the IRS doesn't call you. The police will never

call you for a donation. Another popular scam - a grandchild calling a grandparent asking them to send gift cards to get them out of jail. Scammers want an immediate decision; tell them you will call them back. Patrick also mentioned it is important to use unique passwords, changing all accounts every 30 days. He offered that another officer could come in and conduct an Awareness training session for us. The last topic discussed was Neighborhood Watch groups.. Patrick is involved in several communities' neighborhood watch meetings and has volunteered to attend all or part of ours when we get a group started. Patrick got an overwhelming applause when he finished his presentation. He had a table with pamphlets on different scams and some giveaways. Everyone got up immediately to check to see what Patrick had brought and to ask him questions.

50/50 Drawing

Pot of \$8.00 won by Rick Haskins-1679 Treasury @ \$315 plus \$4 share of 50/50 minus \$0 expenses new total of \$319.

Phil asked for an approval of the January 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Shelly Shrum-49 made a motion to approve and Deb Turner- 567 seconded it.

Old Business

Decibel reader available

Dog tags being sold at the Office

Youth (12-16Y.O.) I.D. Photos taken at the office including Saturdays

LSA Board President for 2024-Jim

Herman

Guest Pass Call-Ins now OK on most weekends-Except Holidays. LSA dues for 2024 late accessed March 2nd with \$100 penalty.

OCLUD Fee increase 2nd Qtr. 2024 to \$170

Member question on shielding bright lights at marinas-Status discussed by G.M. Mike S.-lights have been reduced from four to one with a direction onto the boats

New Business

Feb. 17 - Welcome Committee brunch-10am. Office Meeting Room

Next CRC Meeting - March 2, 2024 Guest speaker for March will be Mike Langley, LSA member and owner of Anytime Fitness to discuss preventing falls and status of 2024 PickleBall Club.

April 6 guest should be SONIC with updates on progress with Fibre Optics in the LSA complex. The cost of the rental of piers have gone from \$450 to \$650 to cover the cost of needed repairs on the floating docks

Any other new business?

Meeting adjourned: 11:15

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LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes 02-3-2024

Meeting called to order at 9:03am.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Frank Gattolin

Minutes of the January 20, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Motion Dave Dini; 2nd Paul Gibson

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2024

One

Appointments

None

Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment:

1490 Heather Ct – Garage – Location approval – Not yet approved. This request is for the location of the proposed garage only. We will need to confirm the style and size of the garage and we will need approval from the LSA Operations Manager due to the section of property line is a LSA park. We will also need feedback from the affected neighbors.

863 Breckenboro – Hot tub location approval – Approved as applied. This permit will be treated as a request to install a hot tub as well as the location. The electrician installing the electrical hookup must use Redbook Section 15.3.15 guidelines.

2031 Hillside - Deck board replacement – A+Restoration – Approved as applied. Upgrades or modifications to the stairs are not allowed with this permit.

New Business

None

Old Business

Discuss Expired Permit Status

Initial letters for the expired permits were mailed out in December of 2023 and there are still no responses. New letters are being drafted notifying the parties responsible for the fines being issued along with the schedule of future fines if the permits are not completed.

Letters for “ECC Property Review” have been mailed. We are beginning to receive replies to these reviews, and they are being answered as they are received.

ECC property survey has been added to Yotz (Office software).

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am. Motion Dave Dini; 2nd Tim Sopoci.

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes 02-17-2024

Meeting called to order at 9:01am.

Members Present

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

Minutes of the January 20, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2024

One

Appointments

9:10AM - 1544 Pier – House Addition – Possible location approval.

Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment

1544 Pier – House Addition – Possible location approval: Approval pending. The request is for an additional 8 foot out across the back which will replace the deck and add 2 feet. We will need a line-of-site evaluation and signed letters of acceptance by the immediate neighbors.

1513 Roxbury Ct – Deck – Hatfield – Approved as applied.

1490 Heather Ct – Garage – revisit project location – After a site visit the committee decided to NOT approve a setback variance due to the abundance of room in the back yard. The planned garage location will need to meet the setback rules on all sides.

New Business

None

Old Business

1490 Heather Ct garage location. This was covered in the reviews above.

Follow-Up Of Expired Permit Letters

Permit 8522 (lot 17) – Final inspection is complete.

Permit 1022 (lot 208) – Stephenson granted an Occupancy Certificate. We are extending the LSA Permit to the end of March 2024.

Permit 0722 (lot 2087) – No work appears to have started associated with the Permit. Letter has been sent informing the owner that the Permit has been cancelled and they will need to reapply when they are ready to start work.

Discussion On Property Review Responses.

ECC will write a “grandfather” letter for the shed on 1916 Baintree.

Owner of 1855 Dorchester is asking if we have any issues with either gravel or asphalt millings for a driveway. Are we OK with either? Answer is “yes”, we are OK with either. Meeting adjourned at 10:31am. Motion Frank Gattolin; 2nd Tim Sopoci.

Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting

Minutes

1/18/24

Meeting called to order on 1/18/24 at 7:00pm by Chairman Zawiski.

Members Present

Curt Zawiski, Jeff Wishop, Kevin Shirley, Jeff Giedd, Jeff Folkerts, Jim Schnieders.

Others Present

Dave Rindfleisch 1471, Steve Vassar 518, Joe Rush Lake Operations Manager via phone

Minutes of the prior meeting from 12/21/23 were read and approved by 1st, Jim Schnieders; 2nd Jeff Giedd.

Board Liaison Report

Board members holding officer positions on committees is a non-issue as an amendment addressing the prohibiting of a Board members holding a committee officer position was rescinded in 2010.

Action Items

Election of Vice Chairman of FCC

Jeff Giedd nominated Jeff Wishop as Vice Chairman, Kevin Shirley seconded the nomination. Approval by unanimous FCC vote.

LSA Zebra/Quagga Mussel Rapid Response & Control Management Guide (White Paper) was reviewed and finalized to present to Lake Planning Committee, once approved by LPC to then be presented to the BOD. Motion to approve the White paper to present to LPC by Jeff Giedd seconded by Kevin Shirley. Vote to approve presentation to LPC was unanimous.

Old Business/Carry Over Lake Conditions

Soft ice cover presently, reports of bluegill & walleye catches, no Fish Patrol reports to present.

Invasive Species Campaign

Meeting with Apple Canyon Lake Management tabled until a future meeting.

Walleye Spawning Bed

Weather dependent and ongoing.

Fish Cribs

Discussion carried over to future meeting due to season.

Bathymetric Mapping

Discussion carried over to future meeting due to season.

Spillway Monitoring

2024 permit application submission is in progress.

New Business

Discussion Associated With Possible Spring Crappie Stocking

Information/catch data has been gathered and will continue to be gathered from various sources as well as our lake biologist regarding the possible benefits/drawbacks of introducing and stocking crappie in the near future.

The current plan is to monitor the fish catch reports over the Winter Ice Fishing season to validate that multiple year classes of crappie are currently in the lake. Once that has been determined the FCC can re-evaluate and re-assess the forthcoming strategy regarding stocking crappie.

Recap of IDNR Regional Biologist Brendan Caputo’s presentation at recent Muskie Inc. Flatlander Chapter Meeting. This meeting provided valuable information regarding the fisheries of multiple lakes surrounding Lake Summerset.

Adjournment at 8:45pm by Jim Schnieders 1st; Jeff Wishop 2nd.

Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Location

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 8:01 AM in the Lake Summerset Association Main Board Room.

Members In Attendance

Jeff Folkerts 531, Steve Harting (Co-Chair) 2238 (via Zoom), Ken Malten (Co-Chair) 36, Tom Mangan 853, Mark Metzler 50, Jeff Ramsby 409, Mike Schmieler LSA General Manager, Joe Rush LSA Lake & Operations Manager.

Absent Members

None

ECC – Requirements for Property Improvements

No ECC Approval, No Permit and No Security Deposit

- Replacement exterior Windows & Doors (same size as existing)
- Replacement of Driveway or Walkway (same size and with same materials)
- Any Interior Work: Basement, Kitchen Bathroom Remodel

ECC Approval and Permit, No Security Deposit

- Dog Run
- Non-Portable Firepit
- Satellite Dish NOT attached to house but within an easement.
- Outdoor Hot Tub
- Siding Replacement
- Roof/Shingle Replacement
- 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)
- Portable Dock

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

- New Home Construction
- Home Addition
- Garage – Attached or Detached
- New & Replacement Deck or Porch
- Concrete Pad/Patio (Greater than 100 sq ft)
- Gazebo
- Storage Shed
- Shore Stabilization
- Permanent Dock or Pier
- Three- or Four-Season Room
- Permanent Screen House
- Pond
- Lakefront Boardwalk, Patio or Retaining Wall within 20’ of shoreline
- Shoreline recovery LPC approval
- Lakefront Construction
- Deck mounted Hot Tub.
- Solar Panel(s) and/or Solar powered electrical system.

ECC Approval Only No Permit and No Security Deposit

- Tree removal (fill out form)
- Lakeside Storage Container
- Satellite Dish NOT attached to house and NOT in easement.
- New Driveway, Sidewalk or Walkway
- Fence exceptions
- Culvert
- New retaining walls within 10’ side setback of the property.
- Lake Mat

Inspection and Verification of Lot lines/Pins needed when:

- Landscaping near lot line
- Installing Brick or Paver Patio near lot line or lakefront
- Concrete Pad (less than 100 sq ft)

ECC Committee meets the 1st and 3rd 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

Guidelines for Letters to the Editor

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- Submit letters to lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com.

Guests

Jon & Shelley Shrum 49, Curt Zawiski 228.

Motion For Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Steve Harting to approve the LPC Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2024, seconded by Jeff Folkerts, unanimously approved.

Action Items

On Ice Verification Of Duck & Juniper Park EZ Dock Layouts

Due to current ice conditions and near term weather forecast, the committee was unable to schedule a date to verify the proposed dock layouts at Duck and Juniper Parks. If we are unable to verify the proposed layouts this winter, the docks will be installed per the proposed layout plans and any desired refinements will be made in future years.

Cardinal Park Invasive Species Clean-up Field Day

February 21st and 22nd were selected as initial invasive species clean-up days at Cardinal Park, with February 28th and 29th as backup dates if inclement weather occurs. Prior to the field days, Tom Mangan will flag invasive plants on each side of the walking trail that need to be removed. He will also provide input to Mike Schmieder for distribution in an Email Blast requesting volunteers to assist LPC in this effort. Invasive plant cuttings will be hauled to designated sites in the park where they can be safely burned this winter.

Park Native Planting Master Plan

Tom Mangan is developing a master plan for all the parks in the Lake Summerset watershed that need invasive species removed to allow native more erosion resistant plants to reestablish themselves. He plans to distribute the initial master plan for committee review after the Cardinal Park clean-up days. Tom will also respond to Jim Ostapa's request to identify parks on LRP's spreadsheet that LPC doesn't have an interest in developing for future native planting areas.

Pier Drive Bridge Inspection/Repair Proposals

Joe Rush reported that IMEG is preparing an engineering proposal for examination and repair design of the Pier Drive Bridge which is expected to be received shortly. IMEG also plans to submit a separate proposal for the Texas Culvert. Joe will forward the proposals to the committee for review upon receipt.

Hagemann 5 Year Lease Rate Adjustment

Mike Schmieder and Mark Metzler will get together in the next couple of weeks to review the Hagemann lease rate which is due for a rate adjustment next year. They will inform the committee of what needs to be done to establish the rental rate for the next 5 year period.

CD3 Online Presentation

Joe Rush has scheduled an online presentation for 7:00 PM on January 31st by CD3 to describe their boat cleaning equipment. FCC, LPC, and BOD members are encouraged to attend to learn about the cost and capabilities of their equipment.

FCC Zebra/Quagga Rapid Response & Control Management Guide

Curt Zawiski distributed this guide prepared by the FCC for LPC review and comment. LPC had no comments on the document and unanimously supports it.

Daily/Weekly Slip Rental Policy

Mike Schmieder revised the short term boat slip rental policy for the four docks at Duck Park to make rental less restrictive

and forwarded it to the committee for review prior to the meeting. Steve Harting made a motion, seconded by Jeff Folkerts, to recommend that the BOD approve the revised policy as written which was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on February 24, 2024 in the LSA office.

Motion For Adjournment Of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Mangan and seconded by Steve Harting, motion passed unanimously at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten Co-Chairman / Secretary

Board Action

Approve Proposed Daily/Weekly Rental Slip Policy

Unapproved Long Range And Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the LSA office. Committee members present were Jim Ostapa, Jim Herman, Roger Allen, and General Manager Mike Schmieder. Due to lack of a quorum, due to illness of members, no votes were taken by the members present and only a review and discussion of agenda topics was conducted.

LSA Manager Mike Schmieder did advise the members that bids have been received for the lodge roof and will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting and in addition the interior structural work on the lodge roof is nearly complete.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the office.

Unapproved Safety Committee Special Meeting Minutes February 2, 2024

The meeting commenced as Jeff Walsh called the gathering to order at 6:28 pm. Present were Board Member and Committee Liaison Jim Hurman, Committee Chair Jeff Walsh, Committee Secretary Jason Barthel, committee member Tim Cox, and Committee Member George Scharmm joining via a phone call. Several community and Beautification Committee members were also present. Jean Wendt (306), Ron Richards (133), Jill Muschong (1421), Bobbie Ziesk (854), Desiree Padberg (180), and Frank Prevatke (1062) were physically present. Community member Pat Scharmm attended via phone call.

The special meeting was called to discuss one agenda item prior to the upcoming board meeting. The item of discussion was about wayfinding signage for the new cattle gates and the bollards at the east and west member gates to help direct non community members and community members with trailers to the main gate for entry. The proposal was brought forward by the Beautification committee. The signs would be aluminum with UV inks and coatings mounted to plastic.

After discussion it was determined that including the main gate address on all signs was the most intuitive. **Jason Barthel made a motion to approve the signage with the 1202 Lake Summerset address. Tim Cox seconded the motion and the motion passed with no committee member opposed.**

Jeff Walsh made a motion to adjourn with Tim Cox seconding the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

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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.

New to the Lake?

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

Beautification Club Updates And Announcements

By Jill Muschong
LSA Beautification Club

The Beautification Club presented a slide show at the February 12, LSA Board Meeting.

Our club was started November of 2021. Our treasurer, Susan Chamberlain presented a financial recap of the monies that our club has contributed to the community since our inception. Please note the below numbers include the items on order that will soon improve and beautify a park near you!

\$22,610.00, Garbage Cans, Pool Furniture, "Live" Christmas greens each year, Christmas lights and lighted deer set & 2 lighted string trees, Halloween & Easter Candy donations for lodge events, Dog Park Plantings, Marketing, Design & Layout Costs for signage throughout our community, Aluminum full color signage throughout our community and Plantings at The Dog Park. Expenditures for 2024 include all new metal entry gates, native grass plantings at Birch Park bridge, artistic steel painted Butterfly Bench, concrete bags games and History of Lake Summerset Park Sign.

\$37,500.00 in estimated labor cost from our volunteer crews, including painting, sanding of LSA pavilions and picnic tables. Rebuilding & painting over 100

picnic tables, construction of new wood on gable ends and fascia on Mitchell Park Pavilion, rebuild of various benches, marketing, layout and copywriting on new signage throughout our community.

\$5,850.00 in private donations from Local Businesses, LSA private residents, LSA Yacht Club and LSA Sunday night Football group.

\$65,960.00 in donations to our community since November 2021.

Each month I will be featuring one of our new initiatives with a photo.

Beautification 2024 Initiative #1:

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Sale Located at Lodge Parking Lot			
Friday May 10, 12:00-6:00 pm/Saturday May 11, 8:00 am-3:00 pm			
Cash or Check Only			
Available for Purchase Day of Sale			
	Color	Size	Price
Annuals			
Alyssum	Purple/White	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Angelonia	Pink/Purple	pot	\$6.00
Begonia (Dragon Wing)	Red	pot	\$6.00
Begonia (Wax)	Bronze/Green	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Calibrachoa	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Coleus		4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Dusty Miller	Silver Dust	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Euphorbia	Diamond Frost	pot	\$6.00
Geranium	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Gerbera Daisy	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Impatiens	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Impatiens (New Guinea)	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Lobelia	Blue	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Marigold (Petite)	Bi-color/Orange	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Moss Rose	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Petunia	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Petunia (Crazy)	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Salvia (Short)	Red	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Salvia (Tall)	Red	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Snapdragon	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Sweet Potato Vine	Purple/Green	pot	\$6.00
Verbena	Mixed	pot	\$6.00
Vinca Vine	Varigated	pot	\$6.00
Grasses			
Assorted Grasses		pot	\$6.00
Spikes	Green	pot	\$6.00
Herbs			
Basil		pot	\$6.00
Cilantro		pot	\$6.00
Lavender		pot	\$6.00
Oregano		pot	\$6.00
Parsley		pot	\$6.00
Rosemary		pot	\$6.00
Sage		pot	\$6.00
Vegetables			
Tomatoes	Big Boy/Celebrity	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Tomatoes	Roma	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Tomatoes	Sweet 100's	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Peppers	Bell	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Peppers	Jalapeno	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$20.00
Specialty			
Citronella		pot	\$9.00
Hanging Baskets (10")	Mixed		\$26.00
Patio Pots (12")	Mixed		\$32.00
Perennials (1 Gallon)	Mixed		\$10.00



LSA Photography Club



By Kathleen Webster

While a minimalist image may look simple, creating one is not. To start, the photographer should have a response to something that they find beautiful or interesting. Then they carefully put together the 'cleanest' image by viewing the subject from different vantage points and angles, exploring the use of negative space. Finally, they may still edit the photo. Minimalism was the main topic of our February Meeting. The next step is to put what we learned to work and practice this technique.

Club members attending the February Meeting were able to view the proof for the sign that several members collaborated with the Beautification Club. In addition, we reviewed numerous albums from our Facebook page that were compiled over the last two months. The photo technique motion blur/long exposure is just one of the techniques we learned during the last month. Motion blur is a long exposure photography technique that lets you convey the feeling of movement or action in a still image. Exposure Compensation technique was another technique we gained a better understanding of.

Following our meeting, we always have a 'live challenge.' This month's live challenge was photography with a 'light box/studio in a box.' We are always looking for fun techniques and topics. If you want (or know someone) to present or suggest topics, please reach out to us at lakesumersetphotography@gmail.com. With fifty-one total members, our club continues to grow, we had the pleasure of meeting four more new members in person at our meeting. All members offer much to the club!

The February Photo Challenge was Black & White. There were seventeen entries, and the winner was Bret Waddington with his photo of our snow-covered LS Gazebo near the lodge. Bret chose 'Barns, abandoned or in use' as March's Photo Challenge. Members can submit their entries up until 3/1/2024. All members can vote in our challenges whether they enter a photo or not.

Our next meeting is Saturday 3/9/2024, 9AM, at the LSA Office. Let us know what topic you would like to hear about at lakesumersetphotography@gmail.com, or the Lake Summerset Photography Club on Facebook. Or.....just come join us!



February Photo Winner - Bret Waddington

Dog Club Barkings



By Denise Torrey

Spring is almost here and so is the Dog Club Spring meeting!! Mark your calendars to attend the Dog Club Meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 6:30pm, LSA office. Please note the new time of 6:30pm. We will discuss the installment of concrete entrance ways and other improvements to the parks. You will also be able to register your dog for the 2024 season at this meeting!

The current Dog Park registration will expire on April 30. The 2024 registration form, including the waiver/release information and Dog Park rules will be available at the office starting on April 4. The forms will also be on the LSA website, our Facebook page, and will be sent out in an email to all current Dog Club members. The cost will remain the same at \$25.00 per household, for one dog and \$10.00 for each additional dog registered. Payment may be made in cash or check, payable to LS Dog Club, and current rabies tag numbers are required. Registration at the office will be available during normal business hours. In order to expedite the registration process, please download

and fill out the registration form prior to going to the office to register your dog(s).

In addition to registering your dog(s) at the office, special registration dates have been scheduled for: Wednesday, April 3, LSA office, 5:30pm-6:30 pm: Be one of the first to register your dog and stay for the Dog Club Meeting beginning at 6:30pm!

Saturday, April 6, LSA office, 8:00am-10:00am

Saturday April 13, LSA office, 10:00am - Noon

Sunday, April 28 at the Dog Park, weather permitting, from 11:00am-1:00pm.

The Dog Club ended the 2023 season with 112 members who registered 151 dogs to use the Dog Park! Our club is growing and we want you to be a part of it!! So come join us at the Dog Club meeting on April 3, LSA office, 6:30 pm and hear all the latest barking's!

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

SSM Health Monroe Provides 5,256 Books To Local Youth In 2023

To foster a lifelong love of reading, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is providing free books to pediatric patients.

The Reach Out & Read Program encourages families to celebrate literacy as part of healthy childhood development. Through this initiative, children receive a free book at each of their well-child visits, from age 6 months through 5 years.

Books vary depending on age and are selected based on stages of development.

In 2023, a total of 5,256 books were given out at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group.

This program is possible through sponsorship of the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health.

Can Lake Summerset Produce Another State Record Muskie?

Submitted by the LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC)

Lake Summerset has produced three Illinois State Record Tiger Muskie since it opened in 1969. These record fish were caught in 1988, 2000 and 2002. The current Illinois State Record Tiger Muskie was caught in 2004 from Lake Will. The current Illinois State Record Pure Muskie was caught in 2002 from the Kaskaskia River which is part of the tailwaters of Lake Shelbyville. Producing record fish like this requires a management plan that not only provides high-quality angling opportunities for muskie fishermen, but also controls and monitors the size, structure, and density of the muskie populations over the years. The forage base and impacts to other species in the lake are all part of the muskie fishery management plan. Since Lake Summerset currently doesn't do net surveys for muskie, data is provided primarily from interactions with fishermen that volunteer catch reporting information. Tournament data is also used as a benchmark for evaluating muskie size and weight.

Muskie fishing is a unique experience and the mystique of muskie fishing is based on the size of the fish, its explosive strikes, and the overall challenge of landing one. Clearly, it's one of the most difficult trophies to come by. As part of the Lake Summerset Muskie Management Plan, beginning in 2024 the LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) has changed the creel for muskie to catch and release only, preventing the harvesting of larger muskie while promoting the conservation of the muskie fishery resources through the careful release of trophy size fish. This change was made to increase the growth curve of the population based on current data collection that identifies the size of the majority mature muskie population currently in the lake. Producing a state record trophy muskie would potentially require a fish to exceed 50 inches based on the existing state records, unless the fish has an extremely large girth. In addition, further study suggests that very few taxidermists these days are even willing to deal with "skin-mount" trophies anymore. They produce replicas from pictures and data the fisherman provides them. Keeping a trophy fish to "skin-mount" is fundamentally an outdated practice. As such, there is really no reason to harvest one of these fish. Unless.....you think you have caught a state record! With the recent change made associated with the catch and release only practice for muskie, the FCC has received questions regarding what to do if a potential state record muskie was indeed caught, maintaining compliance with this new rule. The State of Illinois has specific rules and regulations associated with awarding someone a hook and line state record. These include:

Legally caught by hook and line from Illinois waters.

Fish must be weighed in front of two witnesses on a scale that has been certified legal for trade in the State of Illinois. Total length of fish is measured from the tip of the snout, with mouth closed to the tip of the tail to the nearest 1/8 inch. Girth is measured at the greatest distance around the fish (circumference). In addition to the State Record Fish award application, a clear, side-view image of the fish, preferably with the angler

holding the fish, must be submitted either electronically or in photographic form to the Department. An IDNR Image Release Form should be submitted with the image. The application and photograph become property of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

A fish entered for State Record must be kept intact until it has been certified, and genetically confirmed, when necessary, by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Fishery Biologist.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject an entry based upon its investigation of the identification, methods used in catching, or the accuracy of measurement and weighing.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reproduce, duplicate, or otherwise copy, via a body cast, any certified State Record Fish.

Duplicate mounts will be used solely by the Department for display purposes and will acknowledge the record holder.

Clearly as you read through this, it becomes obvious that harvesting the muskie would be required to comply with the IDNRs rules. Illinois unfortunately does not have a Live Release Record Fish category like Wisconsin does. The LSA FCC recognizes this and is providing the following guidance if you believe you have caught a state record muskie, which includes flexibility of waiving the catch and release only rule. Below is the process for reporting a potential state record muskie to the FCC:

Illinois State Records are based on weight, not length. Weight estimations can be done using length and girth measurements. As such, the general "rule of thumb" is that any pure muskie over 45 inches in length with a girth of 26 inches or more potentially could be a state record fish. As the length of the fish increases, the girth decreases to still qualify as a potential state record. Based on published weight estimation charts, the minimum girth required to qualify for a record pure muskie would be 24.5 inches to beat the current state record of 38.8 lbs. This would imply the muskie would have to be around 52 inches in length.

The general "rule of thumb" for a Tiger Muskie would be any fish over 45 inches with a girth of 24 inches or more potentially could be a state record fish. Once again based on published weight estimation charts, the minimum girth required to qualify for a record tiger muskie would be 22.5 inches to beat the current state record of 31.3 lbs. This would imply the tiger muskie would have to be around 50 inches in length.

A published weight estimation chart for estimating Muskie weight in pounds based on length and girth is available on the LSA website under the FCC section.

Any member of the FCC or LSA Fish Patrol should be contacted if you suspect you may have caught a state record muskie. After you have unhooked and measured the fish, you should keep the fish in the water in your net prior to someone from the FCC or the LSA Fish Patrol confirming the possibility. If you're not equipped to keep the fish stabilized in the water, it should be released regardless of its size.

Once confirmation is made, the FCC will authorize harvesting of the Muskie such that the IDNR state record application process can begin.



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Lake Summerset Boat Slip Rental Policy

There is a total of eighty-eight (88) rental boat slips at the two marinas. Eighty-seven (87) are offered for seasonal rental, with two (2) of those available for ADA access for those with verifiable disability. Four slips at Duck Park are offered for daily/weekly rental.

The March LS News will publish an application that will include the fee, number of slips available in the lottery and the time and date of the lottery drawing. The LS Website will have the application available March and April. Members shall submit the boat slip application with the proper remittance to the LSA office no later than one week prior to the date of the drawing. Weekly, weekend and daily rentals cannot be booked prior to the annual lottery.

Boat Slip Regulations Pertaining To Rental Slips

Slips will be leased on a seasonal basis for a period beginning May 1 and ending September 30.

Boat slips will be rented for a value set by the Lake Summerset Board of Directors.

All users are required to provide boat information and signed slip waivers to the office.

No member will be allowed to rent more than one slip even if that member has more than one (1) lot.

Refunds will not be made if a slip is surrendered before the end of the season and the Association is unable to rent the slip.

Lake Summerset Association shall not be responsible for retrieving boats from the lake, but if it does so, it shall be entitled to a fee for providing said service, and the owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Lake Summerset Association from any claim, demand, loss, costs, suit, or liability arising from the retrieval of said watercraft.

A separate lottery drawing will be held for the (2) ADA accessible slips, qualifying applicants must be able to produce a physician letter or state handicap vehicle registration verifying handicap. If no qualified applicants apply for the slips the spaces will be placed in the general lottery.

Each marina gate has a designated code number assigned. Code numbers are for access to boat slip and not for fishing.

Forfeiture Of Boat Slip:

A boat slip will be forfeited if after thirty (30) consecutive days it is left vacant. Reasons for a slip being vacant will be documented at the office. Compliance of this regulation will be monitored by the LS Security and Water Patrol Staff.

A boat slip will be forfeited if the member fails to pay their dues, fines, assessments, or boat slip fee by the lottery deadline. Members must be members in good standing by the lottery deadline.

The forfeited boat slip will be offered to the first member on the lottery list that is waiting for a slip.

Lottery Rules

The number of slips available at each marina will be published in the LS News with the application every March listing a deadline for receipt. Application will be available at the LS Website March and April. The lottery drawing will take place the following week after the entry deadline at the LSA Office. All members are welcome to attend the drawing. On the day of the drawing all the lot numbers of applicants will be placed in a receptacle and drawn out one at a time, with a separate receptacle and drawing for the handicap accessible slips. One lottery entry is allowed for each Lake Summerset lot (item 4 "Boat Slip Regulations Pertaining to Rental Slips;" applies). Each name selected will be placed on a list in the order of selection. A list of those members receiving a slip and a waiting list of those not receiving a slip will be published in the LS NEWS. Those not receiving a slip will have their remittance returned.

Daily / Weekly Rental Slip Rules

Daily/weekly boat slip rental information will be published monthly in the LSA Newspaper from April through September.

Four (4) daily/weekly slips are available, and all are located at Duck Park.

After the annual slip lottery, a member in good standing can reserve a daily/weekly boat slip for three (3) separate bookings/dates. Each reservation can be up to ten (10) days. Additional reservations may be made following the last day of the 1st rental period.

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



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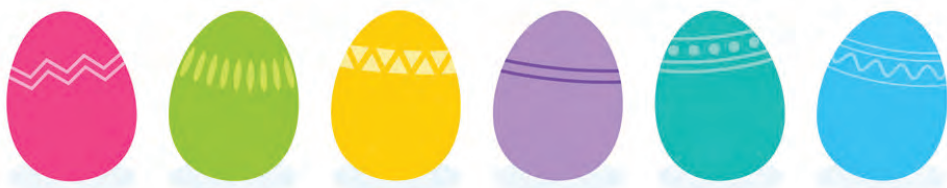
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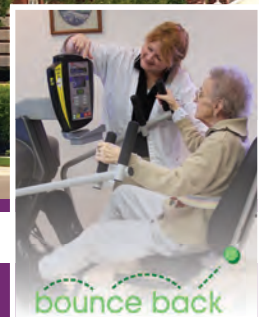
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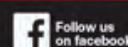
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Section Two

March 2024

Dates to Remember

2024 LSA Membership Dues Payable	03/01/2024
LSA Membership Late Fees Applied	03/02/2024
Bingo Night	03/09/2024
Easter Egg Hunt	03/30/2024
2024 Decals Must Be Displayed	04/15/2024
Boat Slip and Campground Lottery	04/27/2024
Otter Creek Quarterly Payment Due	04/29/2024
Campground Opens to Members	05/04/2024
Beautiful Blooms Plant Sale	05/10-05/11/2024
Campground Opens to Guests	05/18/2024
Garage Sale Days	05/17-05/18/2024
Pool, Spray, and Beaches Open	05/25/2024
Bingo Night	05/25/2024
Gill's Clean Up	06/08/2024

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



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SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

The Lodge

Card Sales, 6:30pm
Games Start, 7pm

Wear green and bring your lucky charms to be entered into our Amazon gift card raffle! 🍀

EASTER BUNNY BASH & EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 30
12-3pm
The Lodge

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

Easter Candy Donations

Candy donations are being accepted at the Lake Summerset Office and at the Guardhouse

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Activity List 2024
Join us for all the fun at Lake Summerset!

Our LSA 2024 activities are here and we are super excited for all the FUN coming! See below and mark your calendars.

More exact dates on some activities to come so be sure to follow us on Facebook, sign up for the LSA email blasts, check out the website and the watch for the signs at the gates. **JUST RELEASED ACTIVITY LIST!**
Bingo - Saturday, March 9th, 6:30pm card sales, 7pm game start, April TBD, Saturday, May 25th (great way to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend!), July TBD, August TBD, October TBD.

Easter Egg Hunt and Party - Saturday, March 30th, Party 12-2pm in Lodge; Egg Hunt at 2pm on Lodge Front Lawn
Memorial Day Weekend - Flag Ceremony and Veteran's Giveaway prior

- to Bingo on Saturday, May 25
- Chip and Putt Golf Tournaments** - 2 dates TBD
- Outdoor Movie Night** - Saturday, June 22
- Lake Summerset 'Day at the Lake Celebration'** - Saturday, July 20: Welcoming Committee Meet and Greet of all Clubs and Committees, Fish Club Pancake Breakfast and Car Show, Dakota Boosters Afternoon Food Tent, DJ, Bags Tournament, 'Stuff the Squad Car' with Davis Fire Department 'Safety and Sprinkler Splash Blast,' Nighttime Fireworks...more details to come
- Disco Dance Party** - Saturday, July 6, 7-9pm
- Ice Cream Social** - August 3rd, 1pm
- Trivia Game Night** - Date TBD
- Bonfire** - Date TBD
- Halloween Party and Trunk 'n' Treat** - Saturday, October 26
- Christmas Party and Tree Lighting**, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 7

Also keep an eye out for 'Sir Quacks A Lot' as he will be visiting Lake Summerset again for prizes! Our LSA Big Beach Ball will also return. Be sure find and sign it to be a part of the LSA legacy!

Public Safety Citations and Warnings

Lot	Violator	Violation	Fine	Ticket #	Citation Date
2361	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11662	12/21/2023
1533	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11663	12/21/2023
670	Guest	Speeding on radar 37 mph in a 30 mph zone	50.00	11459	12/25/2023
437	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	50.00	11559	12/28/2023
2247	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11672	1/2/2024
2247	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11671	1/2/2024
1468	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11675	1/3/2024
881R	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	11673	1/3/2024
1468	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	11674	1/3/2024
1001	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11563	1/5/2024
1001	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	11561	1/5/2024
1375	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11677	1/5/2024
2323	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11680	1/5/2024
1323	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11681	1/6/2024
112R	Same	Snowmobile entering front gate exit lane at guardhouse	50.00	11684	1/12/2024
1352	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11393	1/16/2024
763	Same	Vehile piggybacked truck into east gate entrance	50.00	11688	1/16/2024
112R	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11683	1/17/2024
545	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11686	1/18/2024
2379	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11394	1/18/2024
* 1977	Annual Guest	Vehicle entering east gate with no decal displayed	50.00	11685	1/18/2024
1843	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11687	1/18/2024
* 1825	Same	Driving snowmobile on unauthorized areas	50.00	11691	1/19/2024
910	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11692	1/20/2024
1460	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	11693	1/23/2024
* Upheld by Citation Review					

- ## Warnings
- 2 - No lot number displayed on ice shanty
 - 1 - Fishing with member not associated with guest pass
 - 1 - Garbage cans out in front of driveway 4 days after trash p/u
 - 1 - Not in possession of LSA membership card while fishing
 - 1 - Snowmobile not registered with LSA Office
 - 1 - Vehicle driving on wrong side of road in front of office
 - 1 - Vehicle entering west gate not registered with LSA Office
 - 1 - Vehicle pulling trailer through east gate exit

Public Safety Department News

Pass Lists

Please return your Pass Lists. If they are not returned by the 15th of April all expired Annual, Red Card, Service Providers, Contractors, Realtors, etc. will be deleted from the system. **Reminder that Lawn Care, LP deliveries, Snow removal, Direct TV, Dish Network, Home Care, etc. need a pass to enter LSA.**

2024 Decals

2024 decals must be displayed by April 15th. If a current decal is NOT displayed, you will be delayed by Public Safety to receive a pass for your windshield. A current decal must be displayed in order to use the automatic gates. **DO NOT DISPLAY DECAL IN TINTED AREA OF WINDSHIELD.** Location of decal is lower left corner of windshield.

Night Time Golf Cart Inspection

The Public Safety Department will be holding a night time golf cart inspection on April 13th 2024, from 9a -12N for

previously inspected golf carts only. LSA office parking lot (weather permitting). If you can't make this date for annual inspection, you will need to contact the LSA office to schedule an appointment for Public Safety to come to your home. All night time golf carts must be inspected before you will be issued your 2024 (N) sticker.

Stop Signs/Speed Limits

All "yield" and stop signs must be obeyed. The speed limit on all roads throughout LSA shall be 30 mph except where lower limits are posted.

The guardhouse is open 24/7. Call the emergency number immediately to report and suspicious activity or complaints. The emergency number is 815-248-2778. When information is delayed the Public Safety Department may not be able to solve or correct the situation. If you have any concerns/questions, please call 815-248-2194 and ask for Mike.

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

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.

Due to new technology installed, Lake Summerset will now accept Call-in passes on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in addition to the ability to call in passes Monday through Thursday. The Call-in Pass option is available for one day or up to four consecutive days. The Call-in number is 815-248-9186. A properly completed guest pass request identifies the guest by the full name, arrival date, number of days for entry and includes the hosting member's name, phone number, and lot number. Holiday restrictions will still apply. Passes cannot be called in on Holidays or Holiday weekends, please use email, fax, or drop off methods.

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, 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.



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Saturday Mornings At The Library



Upcoming Programs in 2024

Story Time is the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am. Families are cordially invited to bring their children to the library. There is no minimum age and children of all ages are welcome to sit in as stories are read to little ones. Or older siblings may find a book of their own to read from the large collection at the library. This is a great way to introduce little ones to the library and the pleasure of reading.

There will be two programs in March, the first on March 9 tells the fascinating story of Cahokia. Mark Henderson has given this program at the Center for Learning in Retirement at RVC. This large Native American settlement which lies across from St. Louis is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It thrived during pre-Columbian times and is considered the largest and most complex archaeological site north of Mexico.

We'll start getting ready for spring March 23 with an enticing talk on native plants by Master Gardener Julie Thomas. We will learn the importance of using native plants in our yards and the reward which comes when we provide flowers,

berries, grasses and shrubs for wildlife.

The January presentation on the Lower Sugar River Watershed and waterways of Winnebago County has been rescheduled for April 13. This program will give us an awareness of our local natural waters and how we must learn to protect them and avoid nutrient pollution. Susan Lehnhardt, a tireless advocate for clean waters, will be the speaker.

In the planning is a two part presentation on vegetable gardening, dates to be set in mid to late April and early May.

All talks begin at 10:00 am and are free and open to everyone. The Friends of the Durand Library maintain Saturday morning hours from 9:00 a.m. til noon to provide public access to the school library. Residents of the school district have check out privileges as well as access to interlibrary loans.

Please enter the school building at the east, or playground, end. Follow the signs along the wide walkway. For any questions or more information about the Durand Library please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602. Visit us on [Facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary).

Saturday Mornings At The Library



Cahokia, A World Heritage Site

Cahokia Mounds, a National Historic Landmark near Collinsville, Illinois has the distinction of being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the only one in the 13 state Midwest Region of the National Park Service. We are so pleased to have Mark Peterson share with us the fascinating story of this pre-Columbian metropolis. He has presented this program on Cahokia at Highland Community College (Lifelong Learning) and Rock Valley College (Center for Learning in Retirement) where he has also presented many other historical topics over the last 5 years.

Cahokia was the largest and most influential urban settlement of the Mississippian Culture dating from 700 to 1400AD. In 1150 it had a larger population than London, England. Cahokia Mounds is considered the largest and most complex archaeological site north of the great, pre-Columbian cities in Mexico.

Everyone is invited to come to the Durand Library March 9 to hear this fascinating lecture. The talk will begin at 10:00 am. All programs are free and open to everyone. Residents of the Durand School District

enjoy free checkout privileges and access to the Interlibrary Loan System. Library hours are 9:00 am til noon every Saturday.

Entry to the library is at the east or playground end of the school building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. For more information about this program or library services, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602. Please visit our Facebook page for more information at [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).

Please make a note our upcoming program March 23 which will be presented by Master Gardener Julie Thomas on native plants:the importance of using natives in our yards and the rewards that follow.



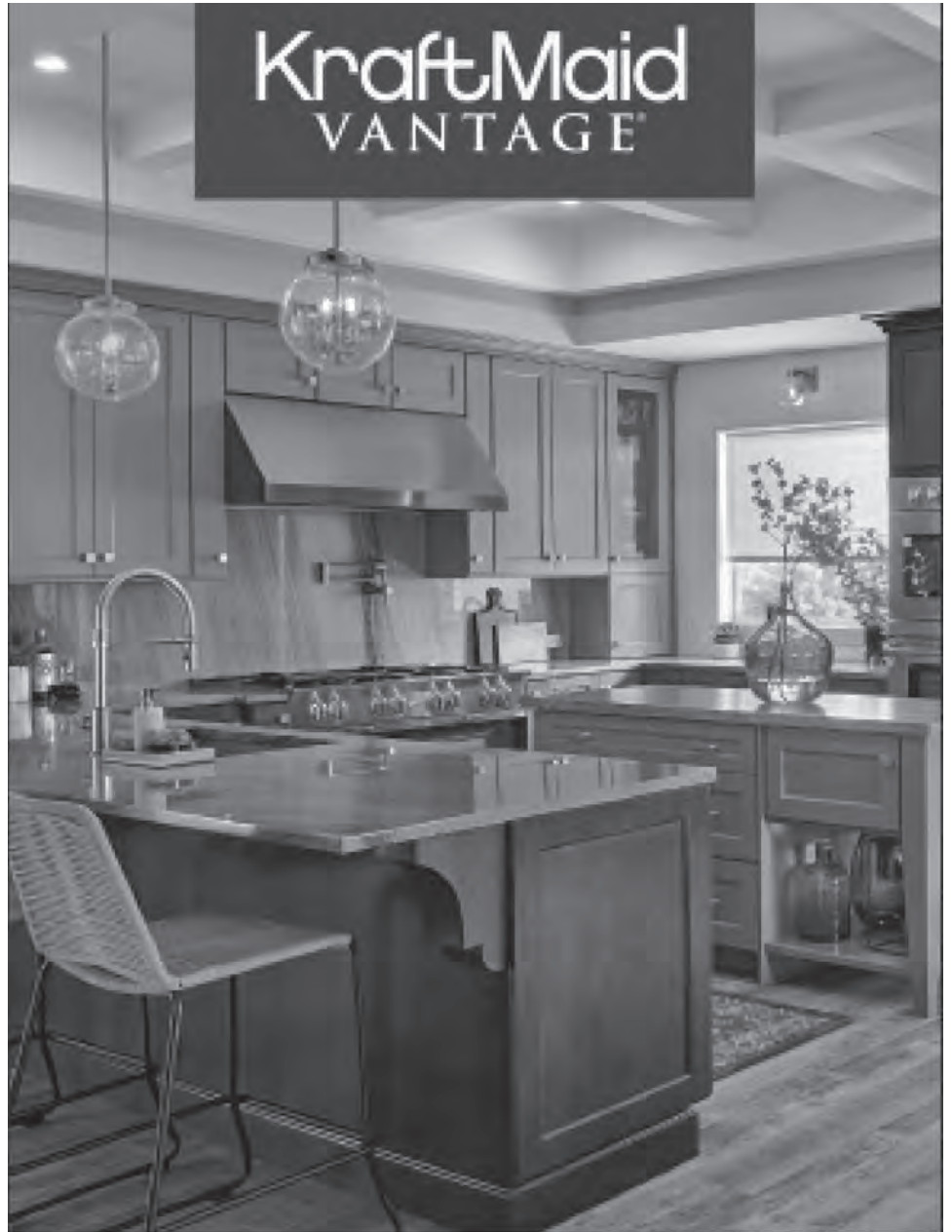
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Bocce Ball Club: Off To A Running Start

By Randy Myers

We are getting a running start this year. April 25th will be our Spring sign-up, lunch will be served at 1 PM and club meeting to follow in the lodge. Louise said, the best time to pay your dues, please. Twenty one weeks of play, September 26th playoffs and Banquet at 1 PM in the lodge. Plan on spring training starting in April when weather permits, Thursdays 10 o'clock at the courts.

The Bocce Club is open to all Lake Summerset adult residents and lot owners. We have the courts reserved on Thursdays,

April through September, and play regularly scheduled games starting at 10:00 A.M each week. Season membership fee is \$30 per person. Alternates pay \$10 up front and \$1 each week you play. These dues are used for banquets, work on the courts and team prizes. We invite you to join us as a team player or as a substitute player. A fun summer member participation league and a good place to meet some of your Lake Summerset neighbors. Go to LSBOCCE.club to stay up to date.

Lions Club Serving Others



By Pat McClellan

The business meeting of Durand Lions Club was held on February 14th, 2024. Financial statements were presented by Lion Greg Ryan. This year, was completely different. There was a Pot-Luck dinner planned for February 28th. We know that it is not called a "pitched-in" dinner. Old habits are hard for me to break! The dinner meeting also included several authors who are local in the area. If you come to a dinner meeting, you will recognize them. There are a lot of talented authors in the area. At the

last count, there were six writers in our area. Some of the books are already published or on the way to getting there. Writing and reading are extremely important to so many. You are still welcome at a dinner meeting. There is no pressure to join. We would love to have you come and check us out at the Solutions Bank community room. Our logo is a lion looking to the past and to the future. We serve the communities of Durand and Lake Summerset. Check out the fun and the food. Hopefully, March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb!

Red Hats Plan Activities For The Year

By Jacque French

The Red Hats are looking forward to having a great year! We started with a January meeting at Cimino's. We had a nice dinner and planned our activities for the year. Our February meeting was held at the home of Joann Leith. We

celebrated Valentines Day with good food, conversation and Bingo. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6th. We will be having lunch at Shogun, in Rockford. If you would like to join us, please call Shirley at (630) 740-4259.

New Life Women's Bible Study



By Carol Gattolin

Join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am at the LSA Office (until Lodge roof is fixed). We (Bible Babes) arrive at meeting place, greet each other and chat. Someone volunteers to make coffee and someone brings a morning treat. Someone starts the session with an inspirational CD song and prayer. the leader for the week begins the lesson, currently we are studying Philippians using David Jeremiah's study guide, "The Joy of Living in Christ". Those of us who would like, take turns reading and answering discussion questions. At 10:00 am we break for a snack and then

continue the lesson until about 11:00 am. We end our session with sharing personal, community and world concerns and praises. The leader prays according to the praises and prayer requests. We leave feeling committed and loved. But wait, there's something missing! Oh Yah-It's You! Come join us!

For more information about are meetings, a ride request, or information about our upcoming Women's Retreat at Timberlee Christian Camp in Wisconsin, April 19-21 contact Carol Gattolin at 847-814-2677 or Wendy Schrank at 815-751-5305.

Pinochle Card Club



By JoAnn Leith

The club had eight players show up on January 16th to play our other card game of Pinochle. With only two tables playing we had just two winners and they went to Roger Johnson for \$5 and Sharon Drennan received \$3. One of the few times the men outnumbered the women. We played again on February 6th with

ten players participating. Therefore, we had two tables playing and bidding on a three-card kitty while the other table of four, played partners. Our winners on this day were: Sharon Drennan \$5, Judy Hoeksema \$3, and Jean Wendt \$2. Our play dates are always the first & third Tuesday so we will be playing on Feb 20th plus March 5th and the 19th.

Hand & Foot News



By JoAnn Leith

A New Year with many activities, and card games are one favorite of many LSA members. On January 2nd nine players showed up at the office to play the easy and fun game of Hand & Foot. The winners were Bob Perlick taking home \$4, Jan Bielat took second winning \$3 and I won third for \$2. It was a fun afternoon and a great way to start the new year.

We played again on February 5th with two of us playing two hands so we could have three tables, therefore no one had to go home. We tried to accommodate everyone, our winners this time were again Janet Bielat, \$5, Jean Wendt, \$4 and Roger Johnson, \$2. Next play dates will be on Feb 26th, March 4th and the 25th. Hope to see many of you then.

Ladies Of The Lake: Easter Baskets, Jewelry Swap

By Jan Gorman

We were pleased to see a few new ladies at our February meeting and hope you enjoyed it. This was our first meeting of the year, and we outlined our monthly schedule for the coming year. We will fine-tune it, but we have a good plan for the year. We would like to thank Gayle Boos who brought a beautiful selection of homemade cards to select from, but also talked us through making a valentine card. Gayle lives at Lake Summerset and sells her premade cards. Gayle would make you special cards on request. Thank you, Gayle, for being our speaker this month.

The March meeting will be MONDAY MARCH 11TH @ 2pm held at the Lodge. We ask all members to bring individually wrapped candy or small toys to help fill our Easter Baskets [bags]. We hope to have enough to fill 40-50 Easter bags. These Easter bags will be donated to the Durand Food Pantry, who will distribute the Easter bags to families with children. We will

also have a "Jewelry Swap." You can bring any of your old or just bought and never worn jewelry to the meeting to sell for \$1 per item or pair. This money will go into our treasury to help defray club expenses.

We know the LS garage Sales will be May 17th & 18th, so start looking for things no longer needed but in good condition to donate to our fund raiser. We are sure we all have things hidden away in the closet or basement that someone else could use and would be happy to have. Remind your neighbors that we will accept their donations as well.

Members, please remember to pay your \$10 dues and check your phone/email with Sandy S. to make sure all information is correct. Sandy will soon be printing the 2024 membership list.

We always welcome new members, innovative ideas, and find new friendships at our meetings. Come join us, help children in our community.

Lake Summerset Fish Club



By Joe Vilella

The Fish Club meeting began at 6:15 with the introduction of the 25 people present, beginning with the club's board members and continuing with the rest of the crowd present including the guest speaker.

Kevin Shirley introduced the guest speaker Tim Gollon of Gollon Bait and Fish Farm (gollonfishfarm.com)

Tim Gollon first spoke on the history of the company and how it has grown from selling the minnows they caught in local streams to sell to fisherman as bait, into a family run business that raises bait fish (minnows), sport (like the species we buy from them), and food fish (perch). They now raise 13 different species of fish in their 140 ponds and tanks.

Tim stated he has had a long working relationship with our biologist Joe Rush, for whom he respects his work and interpretation of the fish and lake survey reports he presents. He stated that Lake Summerset is a phenomenal fishery.

Tim said over and over that he would only comment on the biology side of the subjects he would cover and not delve into the social side of the topics he would discuss or be questioned about.

Tim spoke on invasive species, and how his company has a strict one-way street policy. They deliver from their location directly to the customer with no stops in between to avoid any possible contamination. If there is any problem, they terminate the delivery and sterilize the truck to prevent any future contamination.

It's his opinion that stocking White Crappie probably would not lead to a growth in the crappie population for several reasons, he believes the existing crappie that have lived through the last "Die off" will be able to recover successfully in time.

Tim introduced his idea to improve the fishery. He suggested a creating Fish Refuge area, a place where fishing is prohibited, to allow spawning to happen undisturbed by humans.

Tim listened to several questions and stories from those present and his answers or opinions were always based on the biological facts involved in the topic.

Kevin Shirley added that the decisions made by the fish club, The FCC, and the LSA Board are very difficult because there is a delicate balance between biological side and social balance of the biodiversity of the lake. There is a reaction to every action taken in, on, and around the Lake.

Joe Rush agreed, the biology and science are the easy side, the social aspect of

decision making is hard. He said the lake is doing good, if it isn't broken don't fix it.

Tim spoke for about 90 minutes, finishing with a challenge to us.

What are your Expectations?

Where was the lake in the past?

Where is the lake now?

Where is the lake going to be?

The meeting then paused to allow those that did not care to stay for the business portion of the club's agenda to leave.

Old Business

Lake Conditions

There's still 6" of ice with standing water in areas and the fish were shallow.

The upcoming events are the Rockford fishing show on 2/3, meeting at lakeside at 8 and the Madison fishing show on 2/24 and meeting at lakeside at 7.

A Fiscal report was given by Jeff Giedd, he is working on creating a document using google sheets with security so it can be shared but protected. This will help in tracking the finances in the future.

Bob Woelky will be added as an administrator on the FC Facebook page.

The State Record Musky trophy fish restoration will be finished this summer and possibly presented along with the shadow box at a huge ceremony in the fall.

Bob Gave The Events Committee Report

The upcoming events are, a group trip to the Rockford Fishing Show on February 3, 2024, a group trip to the Madison Fishing show on February 24, 2024, The Bass tournament on June 15th, a group tour of Gollon Fish Hatchery date TBD, Garage Sale Hot dog and Root beer Float sales May 17 & 18, Pancake Breakfast July 20th, and the Musky Tournament September 28 & 29.

New Business

The budget for speakers and events was discussed and set at \$1,000 for food and \$1,000 for speakers.

Crib locations can be found on the LSA website under the Lake Health tab.

Future funds used for stocking and what species are stocked will be discussed at the FCC meeting.

The Fish clubs' trailer was inventoried and organized by Steve Vassar and his assistant Bob.

Social Media usage was discussed, Facebook and Nextdoor are being used, the fish clubs email list will need to be kept current.

Kevin tossed out the idea of a group outing to a fishing pier or barge would be fun, he gave examples or the Great Alma Fishing Float in Alma, WI and Clements Fishing Barge in Genoa, WI. Both are 3 to 4 hours away on the Mississippi river.

Joe Vilella added an outing to Four Lakes

Lake Summerset Fish Club Continued

FP during the Inland trout season in April would be an option and just 20 minutes away.

The next FC meeting will be on March 7th, 2024, 7pm at the Office.

Steve Vassar and Joe Villella will talk about the techniques they use

to catch the spring inland trout.

If anyone else would like to offer up their experience with trout, please feel free to share at the meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

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Application for Marina Boat Slip Lottery

Lake Summerset Association
1202 Lake Summerset Rd.
Davis, IL 61019

Deadline: April 20, 2024
Drawing: April 27, 2024
9 a.m. LSA Office

I wish to apply for a seasonal boat slip. Enclosed is my check for \$650. I understand that the slips will be allocated by a drawing, if needed. If my name is not drawn, my check will be returned and I will be placed on the waiting list. Note that the Main Marina has limited access slips (2) for those with verifiable disabilities.

Name _____

Address _____

Lot# _____ Phone _____

Boat Type: Pontoon _____ Fishing _____ Power _____

Access Door: Right side _____ Left side _____ Both Sides _____

Prefer: Dam Marina _____ Southgate Marina _____
Dam Marina ADA Accessible _____

Slip Number Choices: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

(See diagrams)

Liability waiver must be signed by each member occupying a slip
Seasonal rental from May 1 to September 30 * Lottery consists of 87 slips

Pontoon Boats and Sailboats

maximum length 20 feet per State Registration

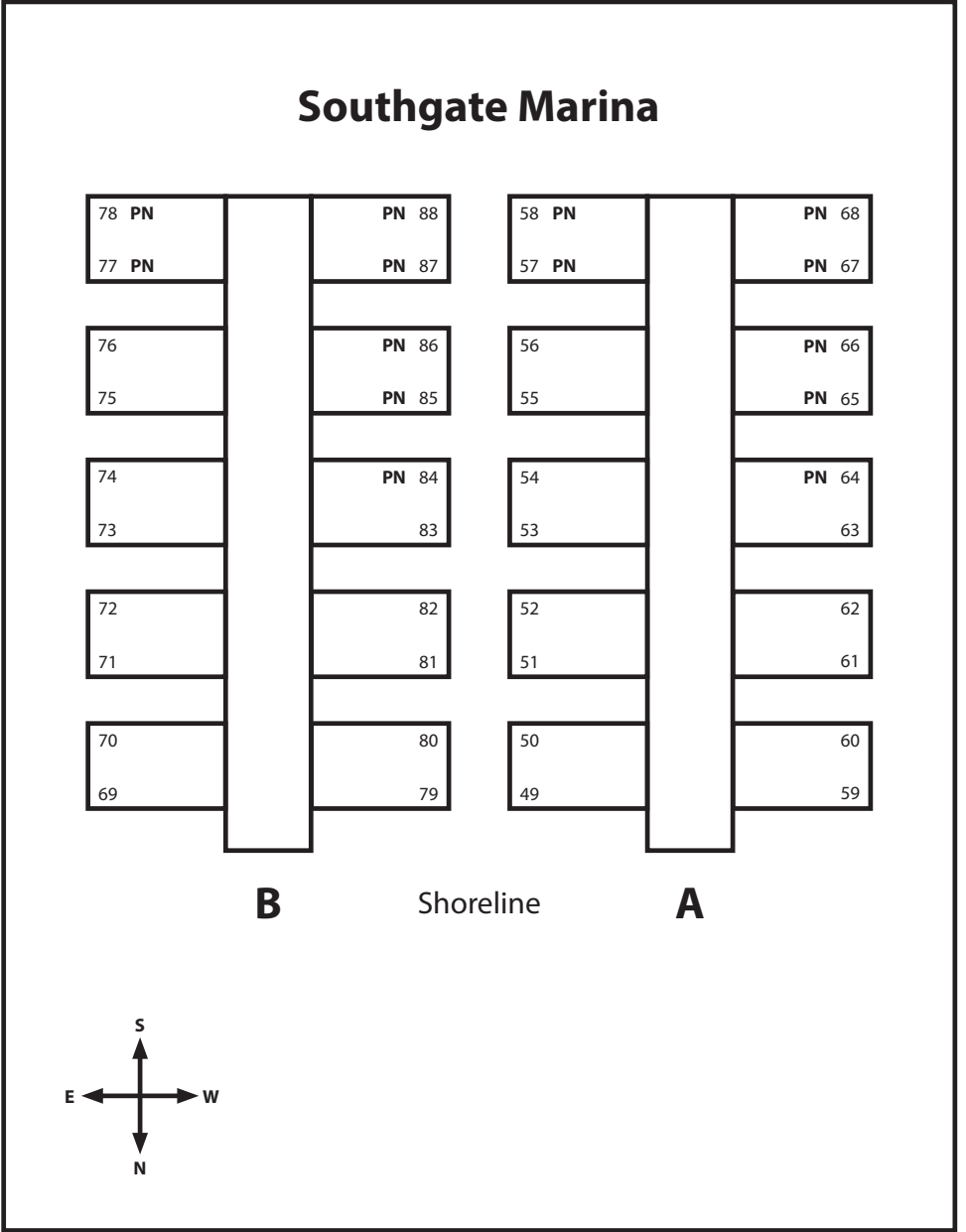
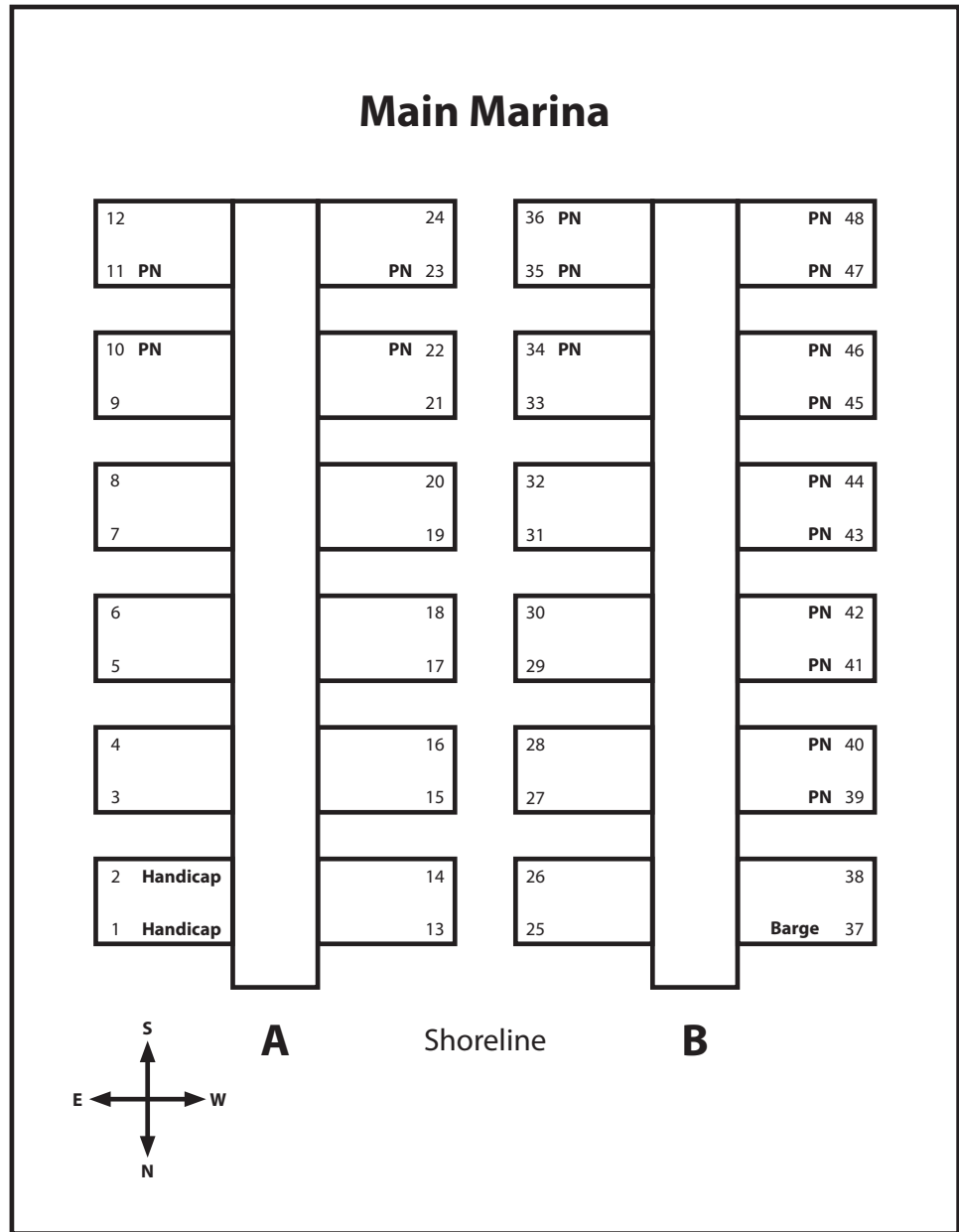
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Seasonal Campsite Agreement

This rental agreement, entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ between Lake Summerset Association and _____ shall be in force for one (1) season (May 15 to October 15), at the annual rental rate of \$625.00 for campsite _____. (Prior to May 15 and after October 15, camping fees are \$2/day).

Rules which apply to these sites include:

- A. Camping equipment must be in place no later than June 15. If campsite is not occupied by June 15, campsite will be considered abandoned, and campsite may be made available to the next person on the waiting list, if applicable, or opened to short-term campers.
- B. If campsite is not occupied by June 15, 50 percent of all fees are forfeited as a penalty- 50 percent will be refunded to the applicant.
- C. Other campers may camp with the member on the same site for an additional fee.
- D. Each site will have one (1) fire ring and one (1) picnic table.
- E. Renter may not have storage shed, refrigerator or freezer outside of their camping unit.
- F. All vehicles will be parked on campsite pad area and not along roadway.
- G. Renter is responsible for disposal of black and gray waste water, neither of which can be disposed of on the campsite.
- H. Renter has read and agrees to abide by the Campground Sub-Regulations.
- I. Upon final departure of site, all equipment and belongings brought by renter must be removed.
- J. Renter must occupy site a minimum of one (1) night each calendar month to qualify for following season lottery.
- K. If any seasonal sites are not filled by lottery, applicant may acquire available seasonal site on a prorated basis from first occupancy date through October 15.

Waiver:

The undersigned understands that Lake Summerset Association makes no representations other than as expressly set out above, and that the Association shall not be responsible for any damages, loss, costs or injury incurred in conjunction with the undersigned's use of the campsite. In consideration of the use of the premises, the undersigned further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lake Summerset Association from any claim, demand, action, loss, costs, suit, or liability arising from the undersigned's use of the campsite which is the subject of this Agreement.

Application for Seasonal Campsite Lottery

Lake Summerset Association
1202 Lake Summerset Rd.
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Deadline: April 20, 2024
Drawing: April 27, 2024
9 a.m. LSA Office

I wish to apply for a seasonal campsite. Enclosed is my check for **\$625***. I understand that the campsites will be allocated by a drawing, if needed. If my name is not drawn, my check will be returned and I will be placed on the waiting list.

Seasonal campsites are A through O. The season is from May 15 to October 15.

My preference for campsite: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____

Name _____

Address _____

Lot# _____ Phone _____

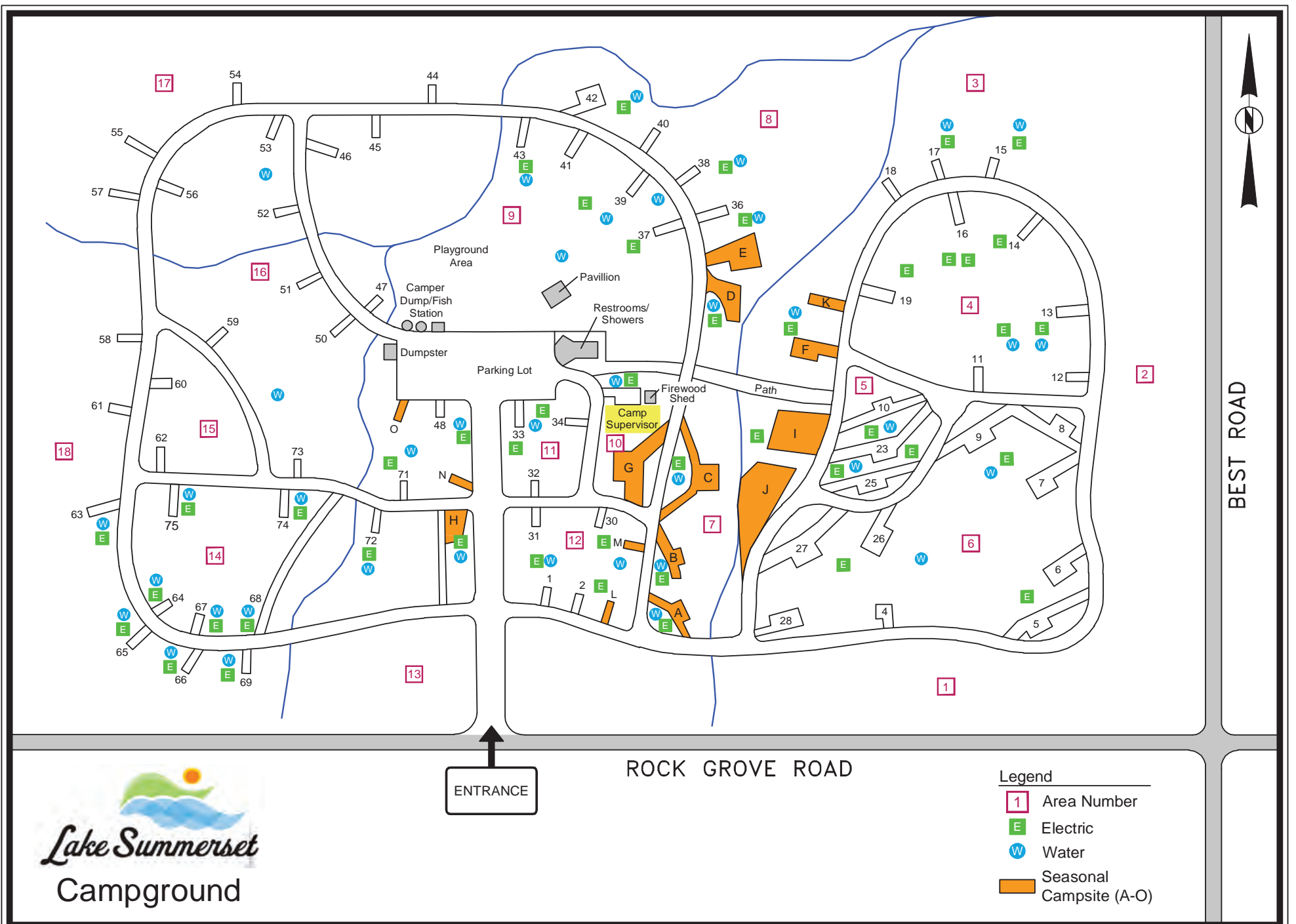
Length of camper _____

***Payment for the entire season must be included with this application.**

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Drawing will be held if more than 15 applications are submitted or if multiple applicants request same campsite.

Liability waiver must be signed each year in LSA Office.





LSA Scrapbag Quilt Club



By Dee Currens

The monthly meeting of the Scrapbag Quilt Club was held February 15 at Solutions Bank. An Award plaque was presented to Fran Waller, founding member of the club in recognition and appreciation for many years of dedication and contributions to the club. Marge Greenlee was recognized for serving as President of the club and presented with plaque for her leadership and service to the club.

The program was presented by Rhonda Streich, Co-owner of Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Shop. As an experienced quilter and quilt appraiser she spoke about the history of quilting along with a display of quilts from her personal collection. The oldest quilt being a modified Trip Around the World pattern dated 1860. Other quilts shown were, kit quilts, embroidered quilts, penny squares, and quilts from 60's and 70's featuring Mary Lester fabrics.

The Show and Tell was begun with a quilt restoration project by Shirley Bottino of a Twirling Star quilt pattern which featured feed sack fabric and involved a new backing and binding. Arletta Helms

showed a quilt with flower pot squares on white background with yellow sashing, made in 50s or 60s. Debbie Fluegel brought a quilt of white squares embroidered with lilac thread thought to be a penny square quilt, found at garage sale. Katherine Crocetti shared a quilt dated 1840 made of dark green, red and brown, densely hand quilted. Sybil Wagner brought a panel of handmade of pink yo-yo pieces. Fran Waller shared from her collection quilts made by her great grandmother dating back to 1840-1890s, some made from feed sacks. Katherine Crocetti showed a Valentine Quilt featuring wool applique and hand stitched beading, Sybil Wagner showed a small tablecloth and towel she made many years ago. Mary White showed a table runner which had large Sunflowers and turquoise background. Fran Waller made a small valentine piece made using twisted piecing technique and also showed a bed quilt made with jelly roll strips and talked about the many ways to be creative using jelly rolls.

The next meeting will be March 21st.



Aquatic Nuisance Species Alert

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

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The Tree Guy

Since it's been so warm this past February the trees are starting to wake up. Their "juices" are starting to flow and by juices, I mean the sugars or sap that has been stored in the roots since fall. As the tree needs the sugars and nutrients to make leaves, flowers, and fruits it redistributes these treasures from the roots to the trunks and branches. This happens in the weeks before the warmer days of spring. When the sap starts to flow this is when we can collect this sap and make syrup as in the case of Maple trees and also Walnuts. Yes, I said walnuts.

Maple syrup can be made from collecting the sap from any Maple tree. Sugar Maples are the best for making Maple Syrup but it can be made by collecting sap from any maple. We have Silver, Norway, and Red Maples. I suppose that even goes for the Boxelder which is the awkward sibling in the Maple family. Drill a hole in the trunk of the tree about 24-36" from the ground and tap in a spout or Spile as they are called. Hang a collection jug or container

on the spout or slip a hose on the spout and collect the sap. Collect a lot of sap because the ratio is 40 gallons of sap will cook down to 1 gallon of syrup. Cooking the sap at temperatures around 220 degrees will get the job done. The idea is to evaporate off the water leaving the concentrated sugars and maple flavoring as thick syrup.

Walnut sap works the same way and takes 30-50 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. Walnut syrup is harder to collect and therefore more expensive for the finished product. Walnut syrup sells for \$35/5oz. bottle while Maple syrup is \$45/gallon. Walnut syrup has a nutty, butterscotch flavor. We have plenty of Walnuts here in Northern Illinois. Try it out.

Shout out to those of you who have drawn little cartoons of the Tree Guy coming out to mark your trees. I appreciate the extra effort. Tap those trees for your morning pancakes and spring will be here before you know it. JT, the Tree Guy!

The ECC "Plumb Line"

Lake Mats

The ability to boat, fish, and swim at Lake Summerset are some of the more enjoyable activities that "Lake Life" here can have to offer. Although we have two beautiful beaches to swim from, there are also over 300 lakefront properties that offer those owners the opportunity to swim off their own dock. While that can sound like a fun and enjoyable experience to most people, a weedy or mucky lake bottom can quickly make that experience an unpleasant one, especially for young children.

One effective way to control the growth of aquatic weeds at the bottom of a small area of a lake is with a product known as a "lake mat". These products usually consist of a special fabric material secured to a metal frame that is specifically designed to be submerged and rest on the lake bottom. Although they do prevent weed growth, these mats can still allow water and oxygen to flow through freely. Another advantage to these lake mats is that they allow people, including children, to walk over the mucky lake bottom, without sinking in.

Before installing a lake mat, plans for

this installation must be provided and approved by the ECC. These plans should include the manufacturer and type of mat being used, a drawing with the size and proposed location of the mat, the current type of shore stabilization, and the plan for securing the mat to the lake bottom.

To help with the approval process for a lake mat the ECC has developed a "Member's Guide" that is available at the Office. Since fishing lures can get caught in these mats this Guide notes that a buoy or similar shoreline marker is needed to warn fishermen and others that a lake mat is present. You should also warn swimmers to wear water shoes when walking or swimming in the area of the lake mat in case a lure is stuck there.

If you are looking for a chemical-free way to control your lake weeds without cutting, pulling, or raking the weeds, a lake mat may be a good option for you. And if you don't like stepping into lake muck or have children or grandchildren who don't like an "icky" lake bottom, you should find the lake mat as a good way to get everyone enjoying Lake Life again!

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



You must stop at the guardhouse and all other posted signs.



Walking Your Dog?

Don't forget to clean up after them.

All lots are privately owned.

Be considerate of your neighbors.

Violators will be reported to Public Safety.

Forms Available on LSA Website

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

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

The above forms can be found on our website. Click on LOGIN - Type 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.



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The Fishing Corner

By Curt Zawiski

The end of ice fishing season is approaching. For those who prefer to do open water fishing, they are glad to see the ice go away. For others who like hard water fishing, not so much! Those who do like ice fishing know that some of the best action of the year can occur late in the season. Mobility seems to be the key. With the weather being warmer, you can drill holes across a larger area and move from hole to hole until you find fish. You'll find yourself kneeling around a lot of holes this time of year and having a set of bibs with waterproof knees will keep you drier and warmer.

Methods on how fish take bait start to change later in the season as well. Putting bait right in front of them tends not to work, while placing bait a foot or two above them, teasing them to take the bait provides for better success. Seems they are willing to move a foot or two above them to take the bait, but don't want it right in front of their face. In addition, fish get conditioned to baits and bait presentations. Baits that have been productive earlier in the season are ignored later in the season. Much of the time it works well to present something they haven't seen a lot of prior.

Late season fish tend to move with oxygen, apart from perch. They tend to stay in the deeper water longer, scavenging the bottom, rooting out whatever they can find. They will eventually move as the ice starts to break down. As the ice starts to melt allowing for run-off along the shores to enter the lake, shallower areas will replenish their oxygen levels quicker. Bluegill and Crappie will be on the move, with Bass following them. They seem to instinctively know the season is changing. Fishing will often keep getting better each day the ice conditions worsen. Panfish start to become very aggressive this time of year. When ice begins to chip and come up in chunks when you drill a hole, the

strength of the ice has lessened. Safety becomes paramount. Ice that was safe on Monday may not be safe on Friday. Don't try to extend the season too far. If you're not sure whether you should be out on the ice, then you probably shouldn't be. Good luck and stay safe! Remember.... crappie season on Lake Summerset closes through June 15th once ice has gone out, protecting spawning fish. Bass season closed as of January 1st and runs through June 15th as well. Our closed fishing season definition is consistent with how the state of Illinois defines it: A closed season means that fish may not be taken (harvested) between the specified dates (catch and release only). This is different than how Wisconsin defines a closed fishing season where it includes targeting (fishing for) a specific species during the specified dates.

Lake Summerset continues to be a great fishery for all members along with their families and friends to enjoy. We achieve this through responsible lake management, conservation, respect for the environment and pro-active initiatives to help keep our lakes ecosystems in balance. Support from the Association Membership is critical regarding fishing rules and regulations adherence, ensuring these goals are indeed achievable. Members of the Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) and the 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 or ice, 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. Also remember, your Illinois Fishing License as well as your Lake Summerset Annual Family Permit both expire on March 31st. Have a great day fishing on Lake Summerset!

Gill's Disposal Clean Up Saturday, June 8, 2024

Members with Gill's service may put out large bulk items at no additional cost.

Please note that regular garbage pick up will be on Monday, June 10, 2024

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

LSA Force Mowing Bid Form

Please return bids to LSA Office no later than April 16, 2024

The undersigned hereby offers to carry out the mowing program as defined in the foregoing specifications, terms, and conditions.

\$ _____ per lot actually mowed.

Low bidder will be awarded contract.

The undersigned contractor agrees to mow only those lots listed by authorized ECC inspectors each month, expect as otherwise directed by ECC Chairman or as privately contracted.

This offer shall remain open for acceptance on or before April 16, 2024

Opening of bids will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024

Bidder's Full Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Mowing Contractors

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

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

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

The following guidelines will apply: Reasonable care should be exercised by contract mowers to leave a minimal stubble height without scalping. Turning on or throwing cut material on adjacent lots will not be tolerated.

Lots should be mowed before the average growth of grass reaches 12 inches in height.

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

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

All of the above conditions will apply to wooded, as well as unwooded lots. Forced mowing will follow inspections and will be executed whenever any of the above conditions exist.

Lot mowing shall include trimming of weeds proximate to parked tractors, camper tops and boats. (Redbook section K, page 21, paragraph 1)

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

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Attention

Please note that the Village of Davis burn pile is **not** for Lake Summerset residents. The burn pile is for the Village of Davis residents only and others are subject to a fine for illegal dumping. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Interested in an open lot?

Is there an open lot you have your eye on? Interested in the neglected lot next door? Check with the Stephenson or Winnebago County Clerk's office. Lake Summerset lots with unpaid taxes are listed both for tax sale or auction.

Contact the Stephenson or Winnebago County Clerk's office today and get started on owning a bigger piece of your paradise.

Winnebago County Clerk – 815-319-4460
 Stephenson County Clerk – 815-235-8260

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.

Tree Removal Contractors

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

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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