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Message From Your LSA President:

Hello Lake Summerset community! For those who haven't yet met me, I'm Alan Andersen, proudly serving as your interim President until the end of the current board election cycle.

My connection to Lake Summerset began in 1982, when I first started coming to LSA and felt an instant sense of belonging. I watched the home we now live in take shape during its construction in 1982 and 1983, a memory that deepens my commitment to this place.

Over the past 11 years, I've had the honor of serving on the Long-Range Facilities Planning committee, collaborating with some of the most dedicated individuals in our community.

This marks my 7th year on the Board of Directors. At last month's meeting, our President, Jim Herman, announced his resignation due to health concerns and an upcoming move. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Jim and his wife Carol for their unwavering dedication and contributions to Lake Summerset. It was a privilege to work alongside Jim on both the Board and the LRFP committee. Please join me in wishing them best of health and success in their future endeavors.

I am grateful to the board for their majority vote to appoint me as interim President. I approach this new role with humility and a commitment to providing strong leadership and direction. My goal is to uphold the standards expected of this position as demonstrated by our previous

I am truly inspired by the remarkable commitment, dedication, and countless hours contributed by the volunteers from our committees and clubs. I invite you to partner with me and the entire board to elevate and engage our LSA community. Let's foster respect among residents and seek common ground for positive outcomes that benefit us all.

You can e-mail me at lsadir.andersen@gmail.com for any questions or concerns. For a direct conversation, call me at 630-989-2526. Please keep voicemails short. I will get back to you as

Together, as a united LSA community, there is no challenge we cannot overcome.

#lsaENGAGE #lsaSTRONG

LSA's Long Range Facility Planning **Committee (LRFPC) Looking for Expertise** Can We Count on You?

LSA's Long Range Facility Planning Committee is tasked with implementing improvements to our community. Projects are often in the planning stages for years and in some cases a decade or more while necessary funds are accumulated. The Committee does its due diligence to keep project costs down and looks to engage community members' expertise when possible during the planning process. From time to time, the committee needs items such as drafting a scope of work for potential projects, including project cost estimates, and drafting work. If you have any of these skills, and are willing to share your expertise with our Long Range Facility Planning Committee for the betterment of our community, please reach out to LSA General Manager Mike Schmieder (generalmanager@lake-summerset.com).

A Beautiful Concert at Mitchell Park

Prizes for most beautiful table scape!

Sunday, August 31, 2025

4:15pm - 5:45pm Dinner Music by Mark Steinbraker 6:00pm-9:00pm Feautred Dance Band I-POP



2025 LSA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE & AGENDAS FOR THE 2026 BUDGET

- A. OPENING COMMENTS
- B. CLARIFICATION OF RULES
- BACK GROUND INFORMATION
- D. COMMITTEE DESIGNATIONS
- BUILDINGS, ROADS & GROUNDS LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE CAMPGROUNDS CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE
- PARKS AND RECREATION LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- POOL EQUIPMENT STAFF
- MAJOR LAND ACQUISITION LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- MARINA EQUIPMENT LAKE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- DAM MAINTENANCE AND LAKE WATERSHED MAINTENANCE LAKE PLANNING COMMITTEE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT VEHICLES COMMITTEE
- OFFICE EQUIPMENT STAFF
- 10. OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION STAFF

2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

SEPT 08 - LSA BOARD STAFF COMPENSATION REVIEW – LSA OFFICE – 7:00 PM

LSA BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

SEPT 13 - LSA BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION - LSA OFFICE - 8:30 AM

- 1) NON-DUES INCOME
- 2) BUDGET ROLL-UP

OCT 13 - LSA BOARD VOTES ON BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO MEMBERSHIP

- LSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- LSA TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLISHED IN THE LSA NEWS
- DEC 14 LSA BUDGET VOTED ON AT LSA ANNUAL MEETING BY MEMBERSHIP
 - LOCATION: LSA OFFICE 2:00 PM

BUDGET GUIDELINES AND GOALS

- 1. PROJECT BUDGET PLAN ITEMS FOR A MINIMUM OF 5 YEARS IN THE FUTURE
- INCLUDE LINE ITEM REPLACEMENT COST IN TODAYS DOLLARS AND ESTIMATE LIFE OF ASSETT. USE THIS TO CALCULATE COST/YEAR OR BUDGET AMOUNT FOR EACH YEAR. IF THEN YEAR COSTS ARE USED THEN ESCALATION RATE SHOULD BE NOTED.
- PLANS SHOULD BE BASED ON NEED NOT "WANT". THE GOAL IS TO MATCH REVENUES AND EXPENSES EACH YEAR TO MEET THE NEEDS
- AND GOALS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHILE MINIMIZING DUES INCREASES AND AVOIDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.
 INCREASED COSTS DUE TO INFLATION AND AN INCREASE IN ASSOCIATION SERVICES
- AND AMENITIES ARE INEVITABLE. GOOD PLANNING AND COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP WILL MINIMIZE DUES INCREASES AND MAINTAIN THE HIGH QUALITY OF OUR ASSOCIATION. DUES INCREASE GOAL SHOULD BE AT OR BELOW THE NATIONAL CPI (YEARLY
- INFLATION RATE) EXCEPT IN CASE OF EMERGENCEY.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE AT THE MAJORITY OF EACH OF TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH VOTING ELIGIBILITY. IF TWO CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS ARE MISSED, ELIGIBILITY MUST BE REESTABLISHED BY ATTENDING THE MAJORITY OF EACH OF TWO MORE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS. EACH MEMBER IS ALLOWED ONE VOTE, NO MATTER HOW MAY LOTS HE/SHE OWNS.

NOTE: MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY WHO ARE INELIGIBLE TO VOTE THIS MEETING, WHO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING, WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THAT TIME. ELIGIBILITY RULES CARRY OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO ESTABLISH VOTING ELIGIBILITY FOR NEXT YEAR'S FIRST MEETING.

Final Date for OCLUD Hook-ups is October 31. Payment must be made by September 30.

Dry Dock Your Boat

All boat slip rentals expire September 30. All boats must be removed from the marinas by September 30.

Please Note

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

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

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 $We bsite: \underline{www.lake-summerset.com}\ Email: \underline{general staff@lake-summerset.com}$ Email Passes: epass@lake-summerset.com

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

NOTE: When the office is closed, waste stickers 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

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

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

Frontier: 1-800-921-8101

Mediacom Cable: 1-855-633-4226

Gill's Freeport Disposal: 815-233-5644

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

Durand Fire (Winnebago County): 815-248-2100 Tri-District Ambulance (Stephenson County): 815-235-8252

Rock Energy Cooperative: 866-752-4550

Board of Directors - Alan Andersen, President 2nd Monday, 7 p.m., LS Office

Campground Committee - Dale Tunak, Chairman

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

Community Relations Committee – John Kochanski, Chairman Hand & Foot Club - Joanne Leith

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

August, September, TBA

Fish Conservation Committee - Curt Zawiski, Chairman

3rd Thursday, 7 p.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

Isapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com

Social Clubs:

Archery Club - Britton Kauffman

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

Children's Playgroup – Kathryn Miller

Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Lodge Dominges (Mexican Train) - Mercedes Meyers

3rd Monday 1 p.m., Lodge

Winnebago County Sheriff: 815-282-2600 Stephenson County Sheriff: 815-235-8252

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Dog Club - Denise Torrey

Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 p.m. LS Office

Fish Club - Jeff Giedd

1st Thursday, 7 p.m., LS Office

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

Ladies of the Lake - Cindy Metz, President 2nd Monday, 2 p.m., Lodge

Mah Jongg - Dianna Kile

Wednesday & Friday, 1 p.m., LS Office

Makers Circle - Laura Maguire 2nd Sunday, 2 p.m., Lodge

lsmakerscircle@gmail.com

New Life Women's Bible Study - Carol Gattolin

Photography Club - Jeff Folkerts & Kathy Webste

lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com

Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. Field Trip Wednesday, October 8, 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

Red Hat Society - Shirlee Jasien 1st Wednesday, Location Varies

Scrapbag Quilt Club - Brenda Kinney

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Lodge

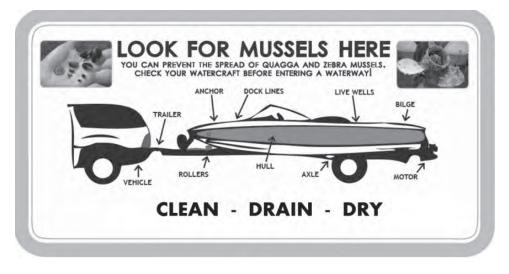
Writing Gals - Sharon Boehlefeld

Veteran's Club - Paul Gibson 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Office

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

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.



Do Not Power Load Your Boat

Propeller wash can erode the sediment behind the ramp surface, creating a large hole. The in these holes and boats can run aground on the mound damanging the engine



LSA Email Blasts

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

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. **BOD Agenda Action Items**

Approval of Juniper Park parking mod-

Approval of Tree & Brush removal proposal for Cardinal Park

Approval of placement of shade structure at the LSA Community Gardens

Approval of Construction and Plumbing proposals for the Lodge Restroom

Consideration of Community Relations Committee recommendation to establish policies and procedures for loose dogs

Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 10am on August 8th was 825' and .5 inches. The current lake elevation is 0.5 inchabove Normal Pool elevation.

Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign was moved to Lake Summerset Road near the swimming pool as the speed limit in that area is reduced to 25 miles per hour during the swimming and bocce season. The data generated by the sign is reviewed by the Public Safety Supervisor and me, and it is also shared with the Public Safety Committee. These reports show that 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 (sold) during the month of July vs. 12 in July of 2024. 53 LSA properties have been transferred year to date vs. 81 during the same period a year ago.

Road Improvements

The Board of Directors appointed a Roads Subcommittee to study the current road conditions and make recommendations for repairs. The Subcommittee has hired IMEG Engineering to provide us with a road & drainage study which will help to determine what repairs need

to be made, how they will be made and when they'll be made. The results of the study have been received and Eric Moe of IMEG made a presentation to the Board at the 9/9/24 Board Meeting. In preparation of the repairs to be made in 2025 and the installation of Chipseal in 2026 or 2027. Phase two of the driveway culvert cleaning was completed on Friday, June 13th. Our Roads Engineer, Eric Moe has created the bid specifications for the reshaping of the drainage ditches and the shoulder grading which was discussed at length during a meeting between the Roads Subcommittee and the engineer. The bid specifications will be sent to six contractors on August 11, 2025 and the bid opening will be conducted on September 5, 2025. Work will begin on September 15th and will be completed prior to November 1, 2025. All work will be performed on Lake Summerset Road on the north side of the lake from the guardhouse to Otter Creek. After the ditches are reshaped and the shoulders are regraded, all areas will be topped with topsoil and reseeded.

Temporary Mailboxes

During the regrading and reseeding of the road shoulders, it will be necessary for all mailboxes on Lake Summerset Rd. on the north side of the lake to be removed during construction. While work is being performed, temporary mailbox stands will be placed near the effected areas for residents to retrieve their mail. All members who will be affected by the construction will receive letters with detailed instructions by mid-August.

2024 Audit

The accounting firm, Wipfli of Rockford was here on April 22, 2025, to conduct the field work associated with the Audit. The Auditors have informed that they will provide a draft of the audit for Board review by the third week of August. The 2024 audit will be presented at the September 8th Board meeting.

Weed Harvester Registration

I was asked by the Board of Directors to register our weed harvester with the State

of Illinois DNR. Our weed harvester was purchased in 1989 and while we have a Bill of Sale, no hull number was issued by the manufacturer. We've found that registering a watercraft with the State is very difficult without a hull number. Joe Rush has been working with the State to create a hull number so the harvester can be registered. We're making progress and anticipate completing this process soon. I will advise the Board as soon as the harvester is registered.

Operations Other tasks and projects recently

completed include Installed anchors for pickleball courts

and installed all four nets.

Removed downed trees across the Tower Park Entrance.

Removed 3 trees that had fallen at the campground.

Removed fallen tree across Lake Summerset Road.

Groomed beaches after storm damage

Replaced GFCI outlet at repaired electrical boxes and light pole base at the

Repaired three water leaks underground at the campground.

Started the installation of the pool patio base. Tree removal, layout of the patio design and elevations, base stone installation and compaction. The pavers should be installed before the next report.

Replaced the bumpers on the main gate arms so they would be level and cushioned

Repaired the deck on one of the zero

Replaced the gate arm wire harness on the outbound gate are on the East gate.

Cut out the 7 pines at the camper storage and ground out the stumps.

Cleared out under brush and trees along the creek for camper storage.

Graded gravel, installed new gravel, and rolled the gravel while watering it in.

Cleaned up storm damage at the lodge, including the limbs dropping off the maple by Pier Dr.

Salt storage shed siding, facia and trim was replaced and repainted.

Repaired and installed the old shade for

the splash pad. The new shade has been a 7 month wait time.

Purchased and installed replacement parts for the splashpad water features. All new plastic installed on the water features.

Water samples have been collected and shipped every 2 weeks as required.

Cut out brush along dam spillway chute. Brush sweeper cleaned the roads from storm damage.

Installed cold patch on roadside washouts from storm damage. Using the cold patch instead of gravel has greatly improved the holding time for materials on washouts, reducing some of the continued repairs that occurred using only gravel.

Picking up roadside seaweed from lake front lots. This is done twice per week, or as needed.

Repaired mower damage at the lodge and reseeded.

Staff was onsite for cleanup and set up for anything needed during Summerfest. Trained alternate staff for harvesting

Welded chain connections on the older

1-ton damaged during tree cleanup.

Sent out the SOW and received bid proposals for the lodge bathroom project.

Secured costs for Cardinal Park entrance tree and brush cleanup.

Hired new summer help assistance for grounds, hired a new mower for roadside mowing, hired new full-time maintenance

Ryan was able to repair the head and foot wash stations at both beaches.

Cut out 75% of the undergrowth on the equestrian trail on the north fence.

Trimmed all trees back off the courts at the tennis court complex.

Cut and split wood for the campground

Repaired the Ford 550 boom truck motor issues.

Repaired campground bobcat mower. Fixed the boat lift for security patrol

Cut out poison ivy at the campground. Killed ground bees in primitive camping

Repaired toilets at the campground.

Flu Shot Clinic 10/29/2025, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Lake Summerset Office Blood Pressure Screening is also available at** no additional cost. For more information, call FHN 815-599-7437.

Public Safety Committee Looking For Volunteers

The Public Safety Committee is tasked with evaluating the Public Safety Operation and making recommendations to the Board on ways to enhance safety here at Lake Summerset.

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.

Campground Sub-Regulations

Please refer to the Lake Summerset website (www.lake-summerset.com) for the Campground Sub-Regulations. Click on LOGIN - Type Member1! to Sign-In. Click on Forms. Under the category of **Application and Registration** is the link to the Campground Sub-Regulations.

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

Welcome to Lake Summerset

Lot	House	Members' Names
1360		Krause, Christine & Waters, Mary
1746		Maiella, Robert & Bonnie
1602		Taylor, Charlie
	2348	Becke, Laura L.
	1320	Buoscio, Dominic
	560	Burritt, Kyle & Teri
1404	1403	Coleman, Patrick & Mary
	70	Killpatrick, Erin & Winnie, Debra
	200	Mayes, Whitney
	806	McKinney, Dana
	1757	Morley, Aaron
	554	Zahalka, James & Rhyner, Catherine

Phone Book Changes & Updates

Name	Address	Phone	Comments
Becke, Laura L.	2348 Butternut Bend	815-291-0479	Add
Berkeley, Stephen & Cynthia		847-651-5540	Change
Burritt, Kyle & Teri	560 Baintree Rd.	630-244-0830	Add
Burritt, Larry & Laurel			Delete
Coleman, Patrick & Mary	1403 Pier Dr.	708-677-4664 His 708-359-2129 Hers	Add
Gort, Carol			Delete
Krause, Christine & Waters, Mary 1360	5618 Jackies Dr. Loves Park, IL 61111	815-560-1760 Christine 815-621-0513 Mary	Add
Lambert, Patricia			Delete
Madden, Drina & James			Delete
Morely, Aaron	1757 Gainsboro Rd.	815-978-9600	Add
Penticoff, Richard 1746			Delete
Rhyner, Catherine & Zahalka, Olivia	554 Baintree Rd.	608-513-1454	Add
Taylor, Charlie 1602	1017 Nabor Ct. Machesney Park, IL 61115	815-961-8520	Add
Wiley, Chuck & Marilyn			Delete
Winnie, Debra & Killpatrick, Erin	70 Delburne	602-570-3912 Debra 480-205-3448 Erin	Add

Additional 2025 phone directories are available at LSA Office - \$3

Seasonal Boat Slip Rental Policy

Please refer to the Lake Summerset website (www.lake-summerset.com) for the Seasonal Boat Slip Rental Policy. Click on LOGIN - Type Member1! to Sign-In. Click on Forms. Under the category of **Application and Registration** is the link to the Boat Slip Rental Policy.

Fishing, Gardening, Fellowship, Quilting, and more. It's all here at LSA!

Firewood is available at the campground \$5 per bundle

Crime Stoppers

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

815-963-7867 1-888-769-STOPWinnebago County

815-235-7867Stephenson County

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

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.

Remember

Tampering with mail and mailboxes is a federal crime.

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.

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

CRC Outreach

Does a bug have ahold of someone you know?

Hospitalization • Recovery • Death in the Family
Please call Dora Tippens at 815-248-2712
They will send a word of encouragement.
Neighbors reaching neighbors

Jack Walsh LSA Volunteer of the Year Award

Nomination forms for the Jack Walsh LSA Volunteer of the Year Award are now available at the Lake Summerset Office. In 2019, the LSA Board of Director's established the Jack Walsh Volunteer of the Year Award. Criteria requirements for the award are below.

Nominee must have served the LSA in a volunteer capacity for more than 5 years.

The volunteer must have made significant contributions to the Lake Summerset Association.

Must be a member in good standing.

The nomination must include details on how the volunteer has served the community.

Nominations will be reviewed by a three person panel appointed by the Board of Directors. At the November BOD meeting, the Board will meet in Executive Session to review and select the recipient. The award will be presented at the Lake Summerset Association Annual Meeting in December.

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.

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.

Daily/Weekly Rental Slips

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 for 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.

Cost of rental: Daily rate: \$15; 3-Days: \$25; Weekly: \$50; 10-Days: \$75

ATTENTION

WATERCRAFT USED ON WATERWAYS OTHER THAN LAKE SUMMERSET NEED TO BE CLEANED AT EITHER THE LSA BOAT WASHING STATION LOCATED BEHIND THE MAIN OFFICE BUILDING, OR AT AN OFFSITE LOCATION BEFORE BEING USED ON LAKE SUMMERSET.

FAILURE TO CLEAN YOUR WATERCRAFT MAY RESULT IN THE INFESTATION OF AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INTO LAKE SUMMERSET.

YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IS APPRECIATED.





Information Available on LSA Website

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

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

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2025 Campground Committee Meeting

September 20 9:00 am at the Campground Pavilion

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



Letter To The Editor



In the August newsletter, Board President Jim Herman published a front page "Community Update" which insinuated that an unnamed board member had used Next-door social app to post messages that might be misconstrued to be from the entire board. While not naming the board member, I assume it is Curt Zawiski because he is the only board member I have known to use Nextdoor.

The "Community Update" insinuates that Mr. Zawiski somehow violated LSA's governing documents and that his conduct requires evaluation by theboardaswellas LSA legal counsel to ensure "compliance with applicable laws and to mitigate any risks to the association."

I have read Mr. Zawiski's posts, most of which are about fishing, and could find nothing that lead me to believe he was speaking for the entire board. Nor could I find any post that would breach his fiduciary duty or that maligned any board member or the board as a whole. But, aside from that, the real issue is why the board would make these conclud-BEFORE insinuations its investigation? What is the of telling the memberpurpose ship that there is a concern that may be nothing more than a board member exercising his right to communicate with his constituents? Mr. Herman concludes his mis-

Mr. Herman concludes his missive by requesting that members go through the proper channels to communicate their concerns. Well,

Response to above editorial LSA Treasurer, Mark Metzler

I and the LSA Manager have had a number of e-mail correspondences with Mr. Mittelman where he has requested financial information.

Among other items he has been provided the 2023 Audit Report, 2024 has not yet been reported to LSA so is not yet available.

At the 2024 LSA Annual Meeting 2024 Year to Date numbers were given for the LSA Reserve Investment balance during the Treasure's report.

I tried that, and got an unsatisfactory result. In August 2024, I wanted to review LSA's finances so I could intelligently vote on the budget. I asked GM Mike and Treasure Mark Metzler for the 2023 YE audit andcurrent(asofJune30,2024)cashandcash equivalent balances in the operating and reserve funds. When I had not received any information by September 26, 2024, I again requested it. GM Mike responded with the audit but deferred to Treasurer Mark for current cash balances. Mr. Metzler never contacted me. Before the annual budget meeting vote, I requestagain Nothing. the information. I attended the annual budget meeting and asked Mr. Metzler to prothe information. Mr. Metzler wouldn't have the numbers until January. The rest of the

board sat mute. So, either the board did not know what our cash balances were in the month or 2 ending before the December meeting, or they knew the numbers but chose not to share them with the members present at a meeting to vote on the budget. Neither is acceptable. So, Mr. President, if you want LSA members to address concerns through "appropriate channel" please instruct your fellow board members to respond to reasonable requests for information. Thank you. Rick Mittelman

A detailed 2024 Year End Reserve Investment and Excess Operating Fund status report was issued by me to the BOD at the 2025 January BOD Meeting. In the past Mr. Mittelman has also been directed by me and the LSA Manager to make an appointment with the LSA Bookkeeper to review the books and records he seeks.

This is available to any member that requests and schedules it.

It is not clear to me why Mr. Mittelman believes the information he seeks is not available to him.



Lot 13

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.

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.

The CRC Corner Community Relations Committee Upcoming Topics

September 6, 2025
Discover how Midwest Performance Rehab is changing the way we recover and move.

Join us for an inside look at Midwest Performance Rehab, led by husband-and-wife team **Dr Tom and Dr Alex Vant**, both Doctors of Physical Therapy and Certified Athletic Trainers. Together they provide cutting-edge, hands-on care that helps people of all ages - athletes, workers, and active adults-recover faster, move better and avoid unnecessary medications and surgeries. Whether you're managing pain, recovering from injury or looking to improve your performance, this is a presentation you won't want to miss plus they are located in Durand near Lake Summerset in the AnyTime Fitness building.

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

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.

Reminder

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

Volunteer Boat, Dock & Lift Equipment Inspection

The LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) is offering to do a free Boat and/or Dock & Lift Equipment inspection for any member that has purchased a used boat or any dock & lift equipment that was used in a public waterway prior to using/installing it on Lake Summerset. This visual inspection will identify if any invasive species are present and will then provide the necessary instructions for cleaning and removal. Boats, Docks & Lifts should be brought over to the cleaning station located in the Main Office Parking lot for inspection. Any member of the FCC can be contacted to have this inspection done. Your support in helping to prevent Invasive Species from entering Lake Summerset is appreciated.

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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.



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2025 SUMMER Picture/Fishing Memories contest!

Send in a picture and your fish story/memory to the office

or to: LSAfishclub@gmail.com

Entry's will be displayed on a board in the LSA office

Please include Names and Lot Number with your submission.

Participation runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day!

Fish Club Officers will decide on Winners.



Plant-a-Row 2025

Share your Harvest with the Hungry

WHAT IS PLANT-A-ROW FOR THE HUNGRY?

University of Illinois Extension-Winnebago County Master Gardeners work to raise awareness about the issues surrounding hunger in our community.

Plant-a-Row for the Hungry provides a much needed outlet for vegetable gardeners to donate their over-abundance of produce, which helps to meet the increasing demands on local food pantries.

U of I Extension inspires gardeners to "plant an extra row" of veggies in their gardens with the intent of donating that extra produce to help end hunger.

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State Bank

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9 am - 12 pm

State Bank of Davis

100 Route 75 Davis, IL 815-865-5125

8 am - 11 am

This is a FREE community service.















Dog Club Meeting Wednesday, October 1, 2025 6:30pm, LSA Office All are welcome!

LAWN WATERING RESTRICTONS

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Odd Number Lots - Water on Odd Number Days
Even Number Lots - Water on Even Number Days

On your designated day, please limit watering to 2 hours. Preferably before 9am or after 6pm

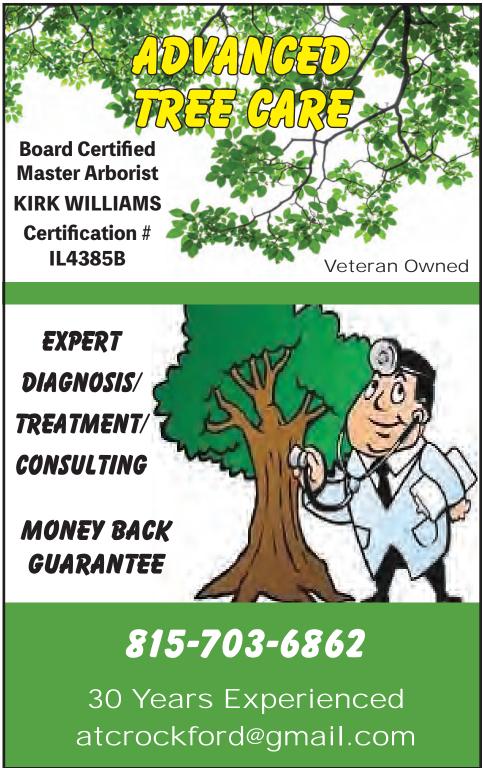






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	CRAPPIE	10" or larger	5	2	
	WALLEYE	16" to 20"	2	1	
	WALLEYE	Over 20" to 28"	Catch/	Catch/ Release	
	WALLEYE	Over 28"	1	1	
	MUSKIE *	51" or larger	1	1	
	NORTHERN *	30" or larger	2	1	
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	LARGE M BASS	13-20"	Catch/ Release		
	LARGE M BASS	Under 13"	2	Catch/ Release	
	SMALL M BASS	21" or larger	1	Catch/ Release	
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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.







Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Lake Summerset Association Board of **Directors Meeting** August 11, 2025 7:00pm **Location: LSA Office Board Members Present**

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

Karen Franzen (1329), Kelli Metzler (50), John P. Gorman (2031), Doug DeSchepper (1673), Jon & Shelley Shrum (49), Jim Schnieders (852), George Pillion (494), Tom Bernardi (17), Bruce & Rosalynn Keirn (1959), Norine & Don Palm (1955), Danny Kaiser (2228), Deb Turner (567), Susan Chamberlain (1719), Fred & Dianna Kile (1957), Denise Torrey (506), Bobbie Ziesk (854), Donna Weston (1002), Lynn Rill (18), Kevin & April Shirley (763), Dominick & Dorien Bruno (212), Ken Malten (36), Kathy & Chuck Webster (83), Dan VanKirk (1221), Steve Harting (2238/1425)

Call To Order

President Herman called to order 7:00pm **Consent Agenda**

Director Andersen made a motion to approve the August 11, 2025 Agenda. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Metzler made a correction to the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; under Director Queries, adding "but at the July Workshop." Director Andersen made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Allen made a motion to approve the July 25, 2025 Board Workshop Minutes. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Manager's Report

All updates are listed in the packet. The following announcement will also be sent to members in an eblast later this week; Due to the start of the school year, lifeguards will not be available to man the lifeguard stations weekdays at the beaches. The lifeguard stations at the pool will be manned during the week and weekends. Whenever lifeguards are not at the stations, it is "swim at your own risk."

At last month's meeting, a member expressed concern with a lifeguard at the pool struggling to put up a shade umbrella. GM Schmieder reviewed the security footage which showed the lifeguard struggling with the umbrella, and followed up with the lifeguards and the supervisor. The umbrellas were purchased 2 years ago, 2 at the pool and 2 at the beaches. The lifeguard struggled due to the breezy conditions getting the pin to lock into place. No lifeguards or supervisor reported any difficulties with the umbrellas. The GM followed up with the concern and the issue has been resolved.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business Approval of Juniper Park Parking Modifications

Director Metzler made a motion to approve the Juniper Park parking plan, with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 as recommended by the Lake Planning Committee. Director Allen seconded the motion. Discussion included; Including this as part of Road Improvement due to the use of materials from anticipated road construction, cost savings by reusing dirt as fill, entrance area, maintenance to do most of the fill, grading, and re-seeding, possible use of geogrid at a later date, use of parking area by ice fishermen. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Approval of Tree and Brush Removal

Proposal for Cardinal Park

Director Andersen made a motion to approve the proposal for tree and brush removal on the east side of Cardinal Park along Southgate Drive as recommended by the Lake Planning Committee. Trees, brush, and bushes to be removed by Backwoods Tree Removal of Pecatonica, IL at a cost not to exceed \$6,700. Director Zawiski seconded the motion. Director Zawiski asked if this will come from the tree removal budget, yes, it will come from that budget line item. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Approval of Location for Shade Structure Installation Near the LSA Garden

There is a small diagram of two potential locations, the one further north is more centrally located. There is a cost of \$1,000 for a concrete base and installation will be done by maintenance. Director Zawiski asked if this was intended for Quarry Park, Director Herman replied, no, this was an incorrectly shipped item that cannot be returned, is too large for Quarry Park but can be used in the garden. The item is similar the structure at the Bocce courts. Director Allen made a motion to approve the placement of a shade structure on the west side of the Community Gardens near the picnic table and trash receptacles. Shade structure to be installed by the Lake Summerset Operations Department. Installation not to exceed \$1,000 for concrete. Director Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote. **Approval of Construction Proposal for**

Lodge Bathroom Renovation Director Andersen made a motion to approve construction and plumbing proposals for the Lodge Restroom renovation at a total cost not to exceed \$80,000. Construction to be performed by Oak Leaf Construction of McConnell, IL at a cost of \$69,443.92. Plumbing work to be performed by Dakota Plumbing of Dakota, IL at a proposed cost of \$4,950. Not to exceed cost of \$80,000 includes \$5,606 for contingency. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Director Tennant asked if there was a picture or drawing of what this will look like at the end. Director Herman replied some drawings were presented at workshops, the women's bathrooms will have plumbing pipes replaced and dressing rooms added, there are tree roots in some of the pipes which necessitates cutting of the floor, Director Zawiski asked what changes from the original proposal have been made and asked why drawings were not included in the proposal, the notation including handicap stalls and sinks is good, however, I'm not voting for something that I don't know what it will look like. Further discussion included; dressing rooms, one large and two small dressing rooms instead of one large and three small dressing rooms, utility room floor drain location, scheduling work between events at the lodge (Halloween and Christmas parties, Christmas and New Year's parties, after January 2), Director Andersen made a motion to amend the motion to push this item to next month's meeting for consideration after board members have the chance to see a diagram. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The amended motion passed with a voice vote.

Consideration of Request by **Community Relations Committee to Establish Policies and Procedures for Loose Dogs**

Donna Weston noted the posts on Next Door about loose dogs and gave an example of her experience with one such animal. The current procedure is for security to remove the animal to the maintenance shed

where there is a cage and water provided until the owner is located. Discussion included; reluctance to confine the animal at the maintenance shed, dogs without tags, loose dogs, calling the guardhouse, calling the sheriff, \$150 fines from the sheriff, Dog Park rules and requirements, President Herman suggested that CRC work to come up with a suggestion for a policy or fine change to find a workable solution to the problem. Further discussion included; current rules and fines, enforcing those rules and fines.

Director's Queries

Director Vizenor noted at last month's meeting the Veteran's Club Memorial was quoted at \$20,000-\$25,000 and they talked of a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at \$8 a plate which would take a lot of dinners to make their goal, he asked if the treasury or other clubs would help. Also, is the blacktop at the Bocce and Tennis courts which have been patched on the schedule to be resurfaced? President Herman replied, yes, that is on Long Range and Facility Planning's schedule within the next five years. Director Vizenor asked if the dead trees along the maintenance yard have been removed. GM Schmider replied those were removed and is working with John Turner, the Tree Guy, to have them replaced this fall.

Director Zawiski noted the Roads Committee report stated a 41-page draft copy was delivered before bid specs, are there any plans to share that with the entire board? The draft has been finalized and will be shared with the board.

Member Comments / Member Matters Chuck Webster (83) Glad to hear the

Shade Structure will be put to use, were other locations considered? Yes, Quarry Park, however, the structure is too large for that location and will be better utilized at the LSA Vegetable Gardens.

Dorian Bruno (212) Will both the men's and women's bathrooms at the lodge be renovated? And have any board members seen the plans? President Herman replied yes, both men's and women's bathrooms will be renovated and the plans have been in the works for four years.

Tom Bernardi (17) Is there any way a member could look at the specs or drawings? \$80,000 is a lot of money, can the drawings be put on the website? President Herman replied, no, the information is proprietary and cannot be publicly released. Mr. Bernardi asked, in the past there have been two shoreline weed treatments, why was that not offered this year? Discussion included; weather, water temperature, weed control, blue-green algae bloom, phosphorus levels, weed treatment strategy, use of weed harvester, weather from winter to current and effect on the lake, least number of participants in the optional weed treatment program this year since its inception, other lakes in the area.

Kevin Shirley (763) Does the water temperature affect the effectiveness of the treatment? OM Joe Rush answered, no.

Danny Kaiser (2228) I am new to the community and am perplexed, the letter on page one of the newspaper - there is no comment on that tonight? President Herman responded that there will be no comment on that tonight as the issue is under review and consideration by the Board. The Board will make information available to the members at the conclusion. Denise Torrey (506) concerned that more speculation and Next-Door posts will continue, instead of members reading between the lines, it would be best to hear the whole story, members should be informed, transparency is a good thing. President Herman said the board will be transparent and share the information once the matter is concluded.

Denise Torrey (506) President of the Dog Club, thank you for the money, approved two months ago for improvement at the dog park, the finishing touches were completed last week. Glad the shade structure will be repurposed at the gardens, I thought the tiki huts would go there, but if they are not being used, could they go to the dog park? Also, will the removed dead trees at maintenance be replaced as the view from the dog park is of the salt shed. GM Schmieder answered, the trees will be replaced this fall.

Adjourn To Executive Session

Director Tennant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. President Herman adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm. Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary

LSA Board of Directors

Executive Session

Director Tennant made a motion to open the Executive Session at 8:00pm. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The Board discussed the Porter Brothers settlement regarding the 2021 chipseal project. The next hearing has not yet been scheduled but should be within the next 2 weeks.

The Board considered a member's request to file a formal complaint against another member. A member would not allow another member's 7-year-old grandson to use the porta-potty at the main marina because member thought the boy was trespassing. In this case, neither member violated any Redbook rules and the matter was dropped.

The Board was updated on a home which has, and will continue to be fined for having numerous unregistered, inoperable vehicles stored on the property.

The Board then reviewed the findings of the August 2, 2025 Citation appeals. Director Andersen made a motion to return to open session. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Director Andersen made a motion

to accept the resignation of Randy Meyers from the Long Range and Facility Planning Committee. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to accept the resignation of Jim Herman as President of the LSA Board of Directors. Director Andersen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to ac-

cept the resignation of Alan Andersen as the LSA Corporate Secretary. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote. Director Herman made a motion to appoint Alan Andersen President of the LSA Board of Directors. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 6-1 voice vote with Director Zawiski voting "no".

Director Herman made a motion to appoint Roger Allen to serve as the LSA Corporate Secretary. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Director Tennant made a motion to adjourn the August 11, 2025 meeting at 8:37pm. Director Herman seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.





Lake Summerset Association Board Workshop Minutes July 25, 2025

President Herman opened the July 25th Board Workshop at 8:00am.

The Board discussed plans to install a path from the east side of the Southgate restroom to the restroom entrance. Operations Manager, Joe Rush explained that the plan includes a parking area for two vehicles on the east side of the restroom and that the parking area and path can be installed by Operating Department personnel using gravel and Ag-lime prior to October 31, 2025. The use of asphalt for the path was discussed and costs are being investigated.

The Board then discussed the Reserve Study which was received in May. Direc-

tor Zawiski had questions regarding future dock additions and replacements. Discussion was had regarding the Pier Drive bridge and the recent onsite meeting with members of the Lake Planning Committee and engineers from IMEG.

The Board then discussed the Lodge restroom renovation which is currently planned to be performed in late 2025 or early 2026. The construction contract for the renovation will be presented to the Board for approval at the August 11, 2025, Board meeting. Also discussed was the timing of the window and siding replacement for the Lodge.

President Herman adjourned the workshop at 9:25am.

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Community Relations Committee Minutes August 2, 2025

The CRC meeting attended by 18 people, was called to order by John Kochanski, CRC Chairman at 10:02 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Outreach Committee Report

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Sheila A Janisch and Joseph N "Joe" Peiffer. Review Minutes June 7, 2025 - Corrections-None. Motion to approve - Rick Smith #2061 Second- John Olsen #2009 Approved.

Citation Appeals Committee

Next hearing Nov 1, 2025.

Update from GM Manager Mike Schmieder (presented by Roger Allen Board Director). All are invited to attend the Ice Cream Social which is in the Lodge today from 1 -3. The finance committee will start the 2026budget planning on Saturday, August 16th at 8:30 am in the office. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Dates and times for these meetings are displayed in the Lake Summerset newspaper on page one. The family day and fireworks display was held on July 19th. All went very well, despite some rain in the morning. Thanks to all who came out and enjoyed the festivity. A new shade structure/gazebo was purchased and installed at the bocce courts.

Board Liaison Report Roger Allen

Culvert cleaning was completed by the contractor by June 13th. Then the engineering firm came out and started doing their survey to get the elevation on all the flow lines of the culverts in the driveways. There are 100 plus and in addition they took surveys of all the shoulders and the ditches in that two mile section of Lake Summerset Road. We are in the process of going over the survey with the committee. Next we can look at getting bid specifications to get the grading completed. Everything is set up with the Davis Post Office for the temporary mailboxes. We may not remove some that do not require grading. However, everyone will be required to pick up their mail at the temporary mailboxes because the mail carrier is not required to be selective. This will take 45-60 days. Only the ones affected on Lake Summerset Rd will receive a notice two weeks in advance. You can take down your mailbox and store it on your property. The federal guidelines state that wooden posts should not be larger than a 4x4 and no steel pole should be larger than 2" in diameter and not to be buried more than 24" deep and not buried in concrete.

Pecatonica Playhouse **Host Laurie Miller**

Some actors performed a short skit from their upcoming play "Terror in TV Land" Besides a couple of actors from the PEC Playhouse, our very own actors: Ron Crossly as Skipper and Diane Piquette as Ginger put on a very entertaining and hilarious skit. Enjoy a chance to watch a good

show at the theatre without having to travel very far from Lake Summerset. Tickets are only \$18 with 3 plays left for this year.

The Welcome Committee

Coffee and Conversation ber 11, 2025 in the LSA office from 10-12. This is for newcomers who have joined the lake in the past year. 50/50

\$3.00 won by John Olsen #1009. He donated it back to the pot. Treasury @ \$347 plus \$3.00 share of 50/50 Balance \$350

Guest Speaker September 6, 2025

Midwest Performance Rehab. There is now a rehab facility close to Lake Summerset located in the Anytime Fitness building. Tom Vant and Alex Vant are both Doctors of Physical Therapy and Certified Athletic Trainers. Whether you are managing pain, recovering from an injury or looking to improve performance, this is a presentation you won't want to miss.

New Business

Procedure for Handling Loose Dogs

A lively discussion ensued. Donna Weston will bring it up at the next board meeting. Diane Piquette recommended purchasing a microchip reader to help with identifying loose pets. She is also going to bring that up at the next board meeting. Some comments were made on Internet

Providers and Kids and Criminal Activities. Adjournment

Motion by Rick Smith #2061 Second Roger Allen #2008 Time: 11:00

Unapproved ECC Minutes 07-22-2025

Meeting called to order at 1:37pm. **Members Present**

Dave Dini, Paul Gibson, George Pillion, Jon Shrum, Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison)

Absent

Chuck Webster

Minutes of the 07-08-2025 meetwere read and approved. Motion: Dave Dini, 2nd: George Pillion Number Of Houses Posted To Date In

2025

Six

Appointments

None

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

234 Forestcliff Ct. - Driveway, Concrete Patio – Dog Run – Approved pending verification of a 5 inch base and the fence height. 246 Wickshire - Shed - Old Hickory Buildings - Approved pending location being staked out and type of base being used. 457 Martsonmoor - Shed - Martin Buildings - Approved pending location of lot pins and that the location will be outside of the 10 foot setback. This will also require a stakeout inspection. 837 Breckenboro - Shoreline / Pier -Fritzel's - Approved pending that 2 6x6 beams will be used as the sand barrier and explain why it was stated that the riprap will be pulled into the lake? 856 Breckenboro - Shoreline Stabilization - Shoreline Armor - Approved as submitted.

1950 Baintree - Gazebo - Self - Approved pending anchoring detail. 1967 Baintree - Railings replaced - ReVamp Fence & Deck - Approved as submitted. 1993 Baintree - Deck - Deck Systems Inc - Approved pending stair stringer detail due to using composite treads. Also need to show using graspable hand rails. 2236 Breckenboro - Concrete Patio - Jake Apple Concrete - Approved pending location of the property pins. 2325 Lake Summerset - Deck -

Tru Angle - Approved as submitted. 2326 Lake Summerset - Decks Sean Moore - Approved as submitted.

New Business

The owner of 850, new construction, has asked where he might place a whole house generator. He is asking whether on the side toward the southeast corner would be OK. The committee did an onsite review and it appears to be acceptable.

Could 1 or 2 ECC members drive by 1572 Chadbourne and take a look at trees and possibly a large pile of debris? We can then decide if a letter should be sent.

A letter should be sent regarding the large pile of brush at the back of the lot. The complaint about the tree being stressed and dying will be forwarded to the tree inspector, John Turner.

Confirm the next ECC meeting for Saturday August 2, 2025. Confirmed.

Old Business

DarkSkypresentation/recommendations were provided to the LSA Board at their 05-12-2025 meeting. The board agrees with the approach of providing educational materials to the membership and suggests we continue with the LS News articles. They also gave the "OK" to distribute the "ECC Dark Sky Recommendations Handout" along with the ECC Builder Packs and at new member orientations, etc.

Discuss the possible update of the LSA Builder Pack - Lakefront to prohibit the use of creosote treated timbers. Discussed at a previous meeting but keeping this as a place holder until Builder Pack has been updated. Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm. Motion: Dave Dini, 2nd: George Pillion

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes 08-02-2025

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am. **Members Present**

Paul Gibson, George Pillion, Jon Shrum, Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison)

Absent

Chuck Webster, Dave Dini Minutes of the 07-22-2025 meetwere read approved. and Motion: George Pillion, 2nd: Jon Shrum

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2025

Six

Appointments

None

Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment

2236 Breckenboro -Extended Driveway - Miller Blacktop - Approved pending culvert verification 844 Breckenboro - shoreline stabilization -Gary Folk Approved pending "deadman" detail 845 Breckenboro - shoreline stabilization - Gary Folk Ap-"deadman" proved pending

1423 Pier Dr. - Driveway - Mill-Blacktop - Approved pendverification of base thickness **New Business**

Discuss what "base" requirements we should add to the LSA Builder Pack - Shed. The base for any shed will be required as a concrete or compacted gravel type. Confirm the next ECC meeting for Saturday August 16, 2025. Should this be shifted since there are 5 Saturdays in August? We will keep it at August 16. **Old Business**

DarkSky presentation/recommendations were provided to the LSA Board at their 05-12-2025 meeting. The board agrees with the approach of providing educational materials to the membership and suggests we continue with the LS News articles. They also gave the "OK" to distribute the "ECC Dark Sky Recommendations Handout" along with the ECC Builder Packs and at new member orientations, etc.

Discuss the possible update of the LSA Builder Pack - Lakefront to prohibit the use of creosote treated timbers. Discussed at a previous meeting but keeping this as a place holder until Builder Pack has been updated. Meeting adjourned at 10:01am. Mo-

Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting

tion: Paul Gibson, 2nd: George Pillion

Minutes 7/17/25

Meeting called to order on 7/17/25 at 7:07pm by Chairman Zawiski **Members Present**

Curt Zawiski, Jeff Wishop, Kevin Shirley, Jeff Giedd, Jeff Folkerts, Bob Woelky **Others Present**

Dan VanKirk 1221, Mark Rose 855

Minutes of the prior meeting from 6/19/25 were read and approved by 1st, Jeff Folkerts 2nd, Jeff Wishop

Board Liaison Report

No updates to report

Action Items

Continue discussion on LM Bass creel and size limits for 2026 season. Confirmation of the upcoming (7/26/25)@8am) Lake Planning meeting agenda and if lake chemical composition regarding elevated phosphorus levels will be dis-

Motion to approve 2026 LS budget request of \$12K for LSA Fish Club Stocking Funding to be requested at upcoming August Finance Committee Meeting. Bob Woelky motion to approve, seconded by Jeff Wishop.

Old Business/Carry Over Lake Conditions, Catch Observations, **Fish Patrol Readout**

Lake is currently at full pool. 86 degrees temperature reported.

2025 Invasive Species Campaign No updates

Phase 2 - Rock Bar Fish Habitat At Juniper Park

No updates

Fish Cribs/Habitat

Begin formulating 2025 Fall Plan. **Bathymetric Mapping** Data collection using Lowrance unit on

patrol boat - no updates

Spillway Monitoring

Now that lake is at full pool and spillway is flowing FCC to monitor spillway basin for presence of fish.

Mapping Specialist Vendor Fishing Map Updates

No updates

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

New Business

N/A

Open Discussion

Comment on Southgate Marina Docking lots not turned functioning on a regular basis. Adjournment at 8:30pm by Jeff Woelky Giedd 1st; Bob 2nd.

Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Location

Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 8:02 aminthe Lake Summerset Association, Main Board Room.

Members In Attendance

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

Absent Members

None

Guests

Jon Shrum 49, Dave Rindfleisch 1471, Kevin Shirley 763, Curt Zawiski 228.

Motion For Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jeff Folkerts to apthe LPC Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2025, seconded by Jeff Ramsby, unanimously approved.

Action Items 2026 Lake / Marina Budget Items

Detailed discussions took place on each of the Marina and Lake/Watershed/Dam budget items. These discussions were lengthy and took almost two hours to complete, leaving minimal time to discuss the other agenda action items. Jeff Folkerts made a motion to request a total of \$58,164 for the Marina and \$172,154 for the Lake/Watershed/Dam budgets in 2026, seconded by Jeff Ramsby and unanimously approved.

Juniper Park Parking Area Upgrade

The goals of the proposed upgrade is to maintain the green appearance of the parking area, maximize the area for ice fishing parking, and minimize turf damage that occurs during ice fishing season. Initial plans suggested relocating the park entry/ exit closer to the intersection of Breckenboro and Lake Summerset Roads to provide more distance from the fire hydrant (which has been hit several times). It was subsequently decided to maintain the current entry/exit location and trim the bushes adjacent to the lift station controls. This will also maximize available parking space and eliminate concerns of headlights shining onto neighboring homes. The south corner of the parking area will be raised approximately 2 feet by using material removed from the ditches during the LSA road improvement work this fall. This will reduce the slope in the parking area and should reduce turf damage. Steve Harting made a motion to recommend LSA BOD approval of Juniper Park Parking Area Upgrade Rev. C, seconded by Jeff Folkerts and unanimously approved. **Cardinal Park East Entrance Restoration**

Joe Rush received a bid of \$6,700 from Backwoods Tree Removal for tree/stump removal in the 30-foot-wide east entrance to the park. A better grading plan for the entrance can be developed after the tree removal is complete. Tom Mangan made a motion to recommend LSA BOD approval of Backwoods Tree Removal's bid of \$6,700 for tree/stump removal at the east entrance to Cardinal Park, seconded by Ken Malten and unanimously approved. **Davit Mounting Details / Lake Discharge** Valve Inspection/Repair

To return the discharge valve to service this year, Joe Rush will arrange for a professional confined space personnel extraction firm to be on site when LSA Operations staff enter the valve tower to inspect and repair the 18" diameter lake discharge valve later this summer. LPC will continue to reach out to davit crane/hoist suppliers to see if they would be interested in designing/supplying a permanent davit crane system that can be mounted on the valve tower for future inspections and repairs.

IMEG Bridge Inspection

LPC met with IMEG (Eric Moe & Ali Gharamiti) at the Pier Drive bridge on Thursday, July 3rd to discuss their inspection report and preliminary repair drawings. They agreed to revise their report and

drawings to address our concerns. IMEG also agreed to submit preliminary construction repair estimates by mid-August that could be included in the 2026 LSA budget.

Lot 509 Culvert Engineering

This item was not discussed due to lack

Phosphorous Load Reduction

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

2025 Cardinal Park Check Dam & Native **Planting Plans**

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

Downstream Dam Face Regrading

This item was not discussed due to lack

Long Range Plans For Park Natural **Plantings & Development Ideas**

This item was not discussed due to lack of time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on August 30, 2025, in the LSA office.

Motion For Adjournment Of Meeting Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Folkerts and seconded by Tom Mangan, motion passed unanimously at 10:22 AM. Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten - Co-Chairman / Secretary

Board Action

Approve Juniper Park Parking Area Upgrade Plan, Rev. C.

Approve Backwoods Tree Removal's bid of \$6,700 for tree and stump removal on the east entrance to Cardinal Park.

Unapproved Long Range Minutes 08/05/2025

Attendees

Jim Ostapa, Jim Herman, Karen Franzen, Kelly Giovanine, Alan Andersen, Operations Manager Rush, Treasurer Mark Metzler Meeting called to order 6:30 PM Minutes Meeting approved.

Liaison Report

Alan reported that at BOD workshop the board members wanted to ensure that the lodge update slated for 2028, the LRFP needs to include the windows and doors upgrade for 2028. More information will be reviewed by LRFP in November.

Lodge Restroom Upgrade

Joe Rush reported that he will have bids ready for the upcoming BOD meeting. **Maintenance Area Concrete Floors** No bids yet.

Pool House

Siding still on schedule for middle of September.

Pool Picnic area

Base is in place, no pavers yet, when installed, final grading.

Disc Golf Update

Have not been able to start the project yet. Pilot Shade Structure At Pool Area

Completed! **South Gate Restroom**

Addition of handrails to the steps. Maintenance can fabricate for both sides of the steps and install in spring. A motion was made and seconded, passed unanimously to bring this additional cost to the board for approval for the work to have operations prepare with existing materials.

Beach 2 Bathroom

Should have the same fabricated handrails made and installed at that bathroom as well. A motion was made and seconded, passed unanimously to bring this additional cost to the board for approval for the work to have operations prepare with existing materials.

Sunshade and concrete base to be moved to the vegetable garden, instead of quarry park at this time. There was a motion and a second to record this from LRFP.

Pool Area Seal And Stripe

Completed

Review shade requirement for Quarry Park to 2027 when we update the exercise equipment.

Quonset storage area completed. LSA Parks

Still waiting to communicate with Lake Planning on what parks that possible water considerations that might affect LRFP in the future.

2026 Projects Gazebo

Roof only

Lodge

Siding

Salt Storage

Siding, paint options

Pool Building Renovation

Our next Sept meeting will be held at the poolarea to determine other possible changes.

Other Considerations

Joe Rush will be bringing to the board Cardinal Park cleanup options for the entrance path. Also possibly future considerations at Eagle Park as well.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. The next LRFP meeting will be held on Sept 2nd 2025 at the pool building.

Ad Hoc Roads Committee Report August 4, 2025

The Engineering Firm, IMEG, has completed their survey of Lake Summerset Road from the Guardhouse to Otter Creek. A 41-page draft copy of the survey was delivered to the Roads Committee on July 29th for their review before any bid specs are developed. A meeting is scheduled for August 7th with IMEG to discuss the details of the project and proceed with specifications for the bidding process.

IMEG will design bid specs for the grading of shoulders and ditches along with erosion control and seeding. The Roads Committee will be sent those bid specs for review and approval, once approved, bids will be solicited from several contractors, and it normally takes 20-30 days to return the bids. The goal is to have a bid approved at the September Board Meeting so the grading process can begin shortly thereafter.

The Temporary Mailbox locations and addressing has been approved with the Postmaster at the Davis Post Office. All members residing on Lake Summerset Road between the Guardhouse and Otter Creek will have their mail delivered to the temporary mailboxes for the duration of the drainage repair project. Members will be notified by letter as to the start date for the mail delivery change, the location of their temporary mailbox, and when their mailboxes can be removed. It is estimated that the mail delivery change will last about 45 - 60 days before returning to normal mail delivery.

We are planning for a late September start for the drainage repair. The grading and seeding operations will be taking place at the same time once a graded area is completed. The grading of shoulders and ditches should be completed in about 3 weeks. The seeding should be completed about 1 week after the grading has been completed. Mailbox reinstallation will follow up directly behind the seeding.



Protect Lake Summerset

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 or
- Bathroom Remodel, etc. • Satellite Dish mounted on house

ECC Approval Only No Permit and No Security **Deposit**

- Tree removal (fill out
- 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

ECC Approval and Permit, No Security Deposit

- 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

ECC Approval, Permit and Lot Pins, No Security Deposit

- Dog Run
- Gazebo
- Non-Portable Firepit • Satellite Dish NOT
- attached to house but within an easement.
- Hot Tub (outdoor)
- · Portable Dock or Pier

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 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) Storage Shed
- Shore Stabilization
- · Permanent Dock or Pier Three- or Four-Season
- Room
- Permanent Screen House
- · Lakefront Boardwalk,
- Patio or Retaining Wall within 20' of shoreline
- · Shoreline recovery LPC approval
- Lakefront Construction • Solar Panel(s) and/or Solar powered electrical

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.

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Revised: March 20, 2025

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



Roger F. Allen

Dear Lake Summerset Members,

As your current Board Director, I'm running for re-election to continue serving our community for another three years. Since moving here full-time in 2016, I've worked tirelessly to enhance Lake Summerset. Your vote will ensure continued leadership, transparency, and progress.

My first term demonstrates my commitment. As Chairman of the Ad Hoc Roads Committee, Board Liaison for the CRC Committee, member of the Long Range and Facilities Planning Committee, and Otter Creek Lake Utility District Trustee, I've driven projects that benefit all. For eight years, I've been active in the Bocce Club, helping refurbish our

courts and fostering community spirit. A career as an Operating Engineer pro-

vides the foundation to serve effectively. In the role of Coordinator/Administrator, leadership extended to managing 60 employees, training thousands, and overseeing an \$8-10 million budget alongside 11 trustees. Leading the construction of a \$61 million training center in Wilmington, IL, sharpened skills I now apply to LSA's infrastructure projects. Collaboration with legal counsel on discrimination lawsuits, Equal Employment Opportunity cases, and depositions ensured compliance and fairness. Service on the Will County Workforce Investment Board for four years further enhanced governance expertise.

I pledge to uphold fairness, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. My construction and administrative experience will guide cost-effective solutions for our roads, facilities, and utilities. I'll represent all members, balancing individual input with community-wide needs, and communicate openly through LSA channels.

Our entire community benefits from steady leadership. I'm committed to unity and progress, avoiding division. Re-elect me to keep Lake Summerset thriving.

Please vote for me in the upcoming election. Together, we'll build better roads and a stronger future.



Karen Franzen

Dear Lake Summerset Community,

As a long-time member and dedicated volunteer of our association, I am honored to seek your vote for the LSA Board of Directors. Having been a weekender since 1978 and a full-time resident since 2000, I've witnessed our community evolve from a dream into a vibrant home for weekenders, families, retirees, and all who cherish this beautiful place. I ask for your support to continue this legacy.

My 15-year tenure on the LSA Board (2007-2022), including 12 years as Corporate Secretary, equipped me with a deep understanding of our governance, financial processes, and community needs. I upheld board duties as required by law and our governing documents, collaborating with management and committees to review budgets, reserve studies, contracts and future growth. Projects like the Dog Park, Spray Park, and Accessible Fishing Docks reflect my commitment to enhancing our amenities while ensuring safety and beauty.

As a board liaison for committees like Buildings, Roads & Grounds and the Campground, I fostered open communication and team effort. I chaired the Activities Committee, leading the 40th Anniversary Summerfest, where board members and I raised funds by serving 800 meals and organizing diverse entertainment. My business background—owning multiple businesses from 1985-2016, negotiating global contracts with QVC and Walmart-honed my skills in financial stewardship and decision-making, which I brought to LSA's budget process. Today, as a member of the Long Range and Facilities Committee, I remain dedicated to our growth. My decisions are grounded in facts and discussion, respecting all members' voices. I respectfully ask for your vote to maintain LSA's vision—safe, beautiful, and thriving. Together, we can continue to build on our founder's dreams. Cast your ballot for me, and let's continue this journey. Trust, Truth & Teamwork



Curt Zawiski **Personal Background:**

Being part of the Lake Summerset Association Member Community for 50+ years has allowed me to see and experience the growth of the lake from its infancy and has given me some very interesting perspectives relating to its ongoing development and maturity. No other board member can make a similar claim. I spend many hours researching issues I get involved in, educating myself and ensuring I have the necessary background information required to communicate and make informed decisions. I believe I can continue to contribute towards keeping Lake Summerset a "Best in Class" lake community. I also consider myself as a conservationist and prioritize preservation of the primary asset of this community (the lake) as one of the most important aspects of being a Board Member. Ensuring proper procedures and protocols are followed as part of governing business and budgeting activities is also a necessity. Open and transparent communication with the membership is something I take very seriously. In addition, I'm an avid sportsman (fishing Lake summerset for 50+ years), as well as a Car, Motorcycle, Snowmobile and ATV/UTV enthusiast. We have four wonderful grandchildren that love to come out and enjoy the lake. Family is extremely important to me.

LSA Experience and Participation:

Current Chairman of the Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) Member of the Fish Management Patrol Team (FMPT).

Boat and Ice Patrol - 2017-2019. LRFP Committee Member - 2018-2019. Regularly attend LPC and Fish Club monthly meetings.

Write monthly "Fishing Corner" article in LSA paper.

Developed the online LSA Aquatic Invasive Species Education and Awareness Course.

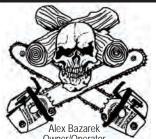
Supported development of the online LSA Boat Safety Course.

Contributed numerous educational articles on the LSA website associated with aquatic invasive species prevention.

Professional Experiences:

I retired in 2016 after 38 years of experience as a Telecommunications Application Engineering Specialist focused in wireless cellular telecommunications office and lab engineering at AT&T Bell Labs and subsequently Lucent Technologies. Experienced in team management, project management, CAPEX/OPEX budget forecasting. Managed a team of highly specialized design and support engineers for 25 years. I have two joint R&D patents from Lucent Technologies.

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Understanding Aquatic Weeds - The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

By Curt Zawiski

Aquatic plants are an important component of a healthy lake. They provide habitat and food for fish, along with oxygenating the water. However, the natural density and distribution of aquatic plants can become disrupted when either excess nutrients cause native plants to have abnormally high growth rates or invasive plants are introduced and out-compete native plants. In these situations, aquatic plants can grow excessively, disrupting both ecological and recreational values. When this occurs, management options and strategies for controlling the weeds are required.

The Good - Native aquatic plants act as nature's filters, stabilizers, and habitat providers, keeping lakes clean, balanced, and biologically rich. In Lake Summerset these types of aquatic plants include Elodea, Sago Pondweed and Coontail which are present mid-summer through early fall. These plants are generally seen as highly beneficial native or naturalized plants in many North American lakes, as long as their growth doesn't become overly dense and problematic (which sometimes happens with nutrient enrichment) which is the problem in Lake Summerset.

The Bad - Non-native invasive aquatic plants can seriously harm a lake's ecosystem, recreation, and even its economic value. They crowd out native species, reducing biodiversity and altering the natural plant community that local fish and wildlife rely on. Once established, invasive aquatic plants are very expensive and difficult to remove. Management often requires repeated herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, or other costly interventions - and rarely eradicates them completely. In Lake Summerset the predominate non-native invasive aquatic plant is Curly Leaf Pondweed. Curly-leaf pondweed starts growing

under the ice in winter and keeps growing rapidly in early spring. By late spring or early summer, it often forms dense surface mats that shade out native plants which would normally start growing later. These dense mats of curly-leaf pondweed clog boat motors, snag fishing gear and make swimming difficult or unpleasant.

The Ugly - Large beds of aquatic plants (especially invasive species like curly-leaf) often form thick surface mats or dense underwater beds that are clearly visible from above. These mats can look messy, tangled, or slimy — obscuring open water and changing the lake's natural, inviting look. These mats and clumps accumulate along shorelines, docks, and beaches, creating an untidy, sometimes foul-smelling mess. Seasonal die-off and decomposition release nutrients that can lead to algal blooms, turning the water green or pea-soup colored.

Fixing the Problem - The Lake Summerset Community is built around its primary asset, which is the lake itself. The community is highly dependent on the condition of that water body. Its natural beauty is part of the quality of life for lakeshore property owners and the entire community. When properly managed, it provides recreational and sporting activities across a large spectrum. A good lake weed control program is Proactive (surveys and planning), Integrated (physical, chemical, biological, nutrient control), Adaptive (monitors and responds to change), Balanced (keeps enough native plants for lake health). Lake Summerset has an Invasive Aquatic Plant Control and Management Guide that is posted on the LSA website under the Lake Health Section of the website. It is recommended that all members review this document as part of understanding the strategy being used to manage aquatic plants in our lake.

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 Forced mowing will follow in-

spections 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 11.1 formerly section K, page 22) ECC Recommended 2025 Redbook

Change for Contractor Hours of Work Restriction (Redbook section 15.1.8 added as follows):

"Contractor working hours shall be limited to 7am to 7pm on most days and 8am to 4pm on Sundays and Holidays where the work being performed results in disruptive or excessive noise. Restricted work outside of these time constraints includes but is not limited to heavy equipment use, pile driving, lawn mowing and leaf or grass blowing."

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 01/25

Saturday Mornings At The Library



By Barbara Flores

Two Challenging Programs In October

Please mark your calendar for October 4 and October 14 for two very interesting programs at the Durand Library one of which will challenge our thoughts on Christopher Columbus and the other asks us to reflect on how the media portrayal of Native Americans has influenced our perspective. Saturday October 4 Ernest M. Whiteman

III, a Northern Arapaho filmmaker, artist, writer, and media educator will present a multimedia exploration of how Native Americans are depicted in media and entertainment. The talk is Entitled "No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in Media" and followed by the telling question "Are you watching closely?" This presentation is loosely structured as a three-part magic act. Ernest discusses the many representations of Native Americans in media, how far back these depictions go, and how these representations inform audience perceptions of Native peoples and issues.

An experienced and dynamic presenter for diverse audiences in a wide range of venues, he teaches an upper-level communications course, "Native Americans in Media" at the University of Wisconsin Parkside. This presentation is supported by the Illinois Humanities Council.

Tuesday evening October 14 David Dini offers a program on Christopher Columbus and adds this clear eyed statement, "Myself being Italian, I like to point out the great things that Columbus did, but I know that in all seriousness there may be many aspects of his life that some may now find offensive." He adds that there are a lot of facts about Columbus which are not certain and that his talk combines history, with some storytelling, and some dry humor.

The talk is entitled The Story of Christopher Columbus and His Famous Ships and Dave will bring a beautiful model of the Santa Maria, Columbus' flag ship which Dave carefully assembled. We'll get a look at the challenges of sailing in the late 15th century especially when neither the captain nor the crew knew when or whether they would reach land. We will also learn how the 1828 fictional biography of Columbus by Washington Irving (Rip Van Winkle and Sleepy Hollow fame) has painted a portrait of Columbus which has colored our understanding of Columbus ever since. Mr. Whiteman's talk on Native Americans in the Media takes place Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 am. Mr. Dini will speak Tuesday evening October 14 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to these free programs. The Durand Library is located in the school building at 200 W. South Street. Entrance is at the east end of the building. For more information, please email village-

library@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602. Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom and the Illinois General Assembly [through the Illinois Arts Council Agency], as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations.





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Mowing Contractors

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

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Force Mowing Citations

The July 1, 2025 Force Mowing inspection found the following lots to be in violation of Blue Book section 2, page 8, paragraph G. Each lot is fined \$150. 93, 119, 127, 158, 241, 247, 250, 252, 283, 294, 317, 424, 430, 431, 579, 591, 640, 641, 756, 772, 795, 812, 924, 948, 988, 1031, 1043, 1057, 1060, 1085, 1091, 1110, 1235, 1384, 1385, 1454, 1528, 1587, 1603, 1628, 1660, 1662, 1690, 1694, 1707, 1716, 1734, 1739, 1742, 1743, 1753, 1758, 1759, 1789, 1812, 1819, 1820, 1857, 1859, 1867, 1880, 1893, 1903, 1970, 2022, 2044, 2056, 2066, 2078, 2079, 2130, 2138, 2160, 2171, 2221, 2222, 2265, 2271, 2296, 2300, 2302, 2335, 2351

What's so special about the month of September?

September is known as Harvest Month. It's a great month to harvest in preparation for the coming winter months. In fact, in Old England, it was called "Haervest-monath", meaning Harvest Month. Some of the best crops to harvest are onions, apples, raspberries, and tomatoes.

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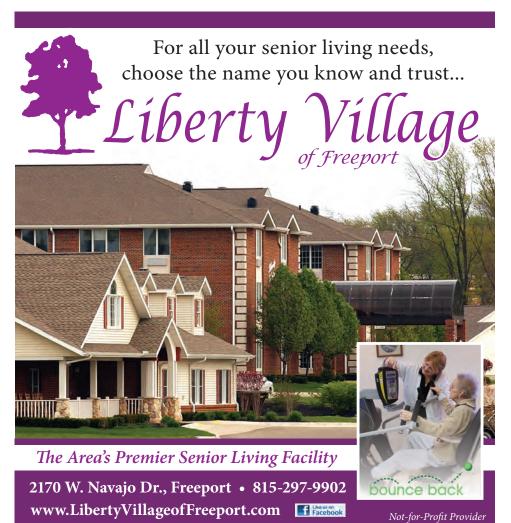
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Section Two

September 2025

Karen's Kolumn

As summer winds down (it goes too fast!), we start planning for fall fun! It starts with Football-theme Bingo on Saturday, September 6th at 6:30pm. Get in the spirit by wearing your fav team jersey for a chance to win a prize. There will be other football-style raffles, even some trivia and other game surprises. We will even be serving ice cream floats! Two cards for \$5.

Mark your calendars for the return of our incredible Trunk 'n' Treat and Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. Magician Marshall Brodien, son of Bozo Circus's Wizzo returns! Also coming back are Ms. Twisty Pants (balloon twisting) and Ms. Marlene (caricature artist). The Haunted House will delight and very slightly fright you. It's all that and more for Halloween 2025! Sponsored by Best Realty and the State Bank of Davis.

Also be sure to note our Christmas Tree Lighting and Party will be on Saturday, December 6th from 4-6pm. Sponsored by Morgan Realty and the State Bank of Davis.

Watch our Facebook page, website and LS News for Bingo dates and party updates. Hope to see you at everything as all are welcome to join!

Dates to Remember

A Beautiful Concert	08/31/2025
Bingo Night	09/06/2025
Budget Workshop	09/13/2025
Ladies of the Lake Wine/Beer Tasting	09/19/2025
Fish Club 4th Annual Wally Raduns	10/04-10/05/2025
Muskie Classic	
Newcomer Coffee & Conversation	10/11/2025
Halloween Party	10/25/2025
Flu Shot Clinic	10/29/2025
Quarterly Otter Creek Payment Due	10/29/2025
Writing Gals Workshop	11/01/2025
Christmas Party/Tree Lighting	12/06/2025
Annual Board of Director's Meeting	12/14/2025

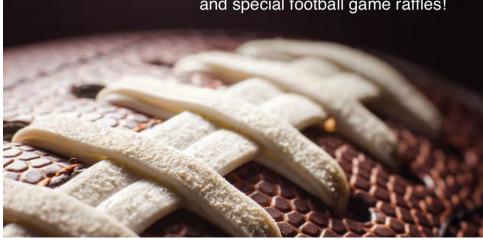
*Dates subject to change - Look for more information in the LS News, on our Facebook Page, and Website

SATURDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL-THEME BINGO!

Join the fun and games on Saturday, September 6th at 6:30pm.

Wear your favorite team jersey for a chance to win a prize!

Ice cream floats, snacks, candy and special football game raffles!



Pictures From Ice Cream Party Held On August 2





We Need Halloween Party

Trunk and Treat
Participants for
Saturday, 10/25/25

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Lake Summeret The Crean Party 2025

Save The Date

Halloween Party Trunk N Treat

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Halloween Candy Donations

Lake Summerset is asking for Halloween candy donations for the Halloween Party/Trunk N Treat on Saturday, October 25. Donations can be dropped off at the Lake Summerset Office and at the Guard House.

Public Safety Citations and Warnings

LOT	VIOLATOR	VIOLATION	FINE	TICKET NUMBER	CITATION DATE
* 1855	Same	Vehicle pulling trailer used east gate exit	50.00	13142	4/16/2025
* 137	Same	Making wake before 10:00am	50.00	12240	5/31/2025
* 1010	Same	Making wake before wake hours	50.00	13240	6/22/2025
2114R	Guest	Speeding on radar 41 mph in a 30 mph zone	150.00	13252	6/11/2025
2028	Same	Expired decal displayed on boat	50.00	13234	6/19/2025
715	Same	Making wake passed wake hours	50.00	13235	6/21/2025
1484	Father	2 of 7 violation at campground	25.00	12920	6/22/2025
1782	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	11893	6/23/2025
2177R	Delivery	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	12938	6/26/2025
1692	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Southgate Marina	50.00	12939	6/26/2025
1352	Same	Speeding on radar 33 mph in a 25 mph zone	100.00	12940	6/26/2025
19	Same	Making wake passed wake hours	50.00	13256	6/29/2025
1484	Father	2 of 7 violation at campground - 2nd violation in 12 month period	50.00	12921	6/30/2025
1423	Same	Vehicle pulling boat through inbound west gate	50.00	13277	6/30/2025
1018	Guest	Vehicle with expired annual pass parked at pool	50.00	12950	7/1/2025
1983	Same	Golf cart with expired decal parked at main marina	50.00	12949	7/1/2025
666	Same	Speeding on radar 32 mph in a 25 mph zone	100.00	13279	7/1/2025
788 2057	Annual Guest	Speeding on radar 37 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13278	7/1/2025
	Same	Unsightly condition; unmowable lot due to downed trees & limbs		13289	7/7/2025
2056	Same	Unmowable lot due to downed trees & limbs	100.00	13290	7/7/2025
125	Same	Unsightly debris, abandoned boats, burn barrell, improper storage of mowers and tractors	100.00	13291	7/8/2025
429	Same	Unsightly; numerous ECC violations	100.00	13292	7/8/2025
808	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13286	7/3/2025
2026	Guest	Speeding on radar 44 mph in a 30 mph zone	150.00	13288	7/6/2025
358	Same	Vehicle with no decal or guest pass parked along the road	50.00	12955	7/8/2025
1081	Annual Guest	Vehicle with expired Annual decal parked at the pool	50.00	12958	7/9/2025
59	Annual Guest	Vehicle with expired Annual decal parked at the Beach II	50.00	12956	7/9/2025
109	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13293	7/10/2025
1266 451	Same	Making wake before 10:00am	50.00 50.00	13295 13301	7/13/2025 7/13/2025
	Same	Making wake after 6:00pm on weekend			
1762 714	Same Annual Guest	Making wake after 6:00pm on weekend	50.00 50.00	13302 13300	7/13/2025 6/29/2025
232	Same	Vehicle with expired Annual decal parked at Beach I	100.00	12976	7/20/2025
2183	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone Unsightly debris, trash, & dead wood stored in yard	50.00	13026	7/24/2025
2183	Same	Unsightly desbris; garbage receptacles & clutter on west side of house	50.00	13026	7/24/2025
2183	Same	Inoperable & unregistered golf cart stored on lot	50.00	13027	7/24/2025
2183	Same	Abandoned riding mower stored in front yard over 30 days	50.00	13028	7/24/2025
2183	Same	Unsightly debris	50.00	13030	7/24/2025
2183	Same	Trash receptacles must be stored so they are not visible from street	50.00	13031	7/24/2025
1702	Same	Multiple inoperable unregistered vehicles parked for storage purposes - 6th violation in 12 month period	1600.00	13032	7/24/2025
1702	Same	Operating a commercial business from home/lot	300.00	13033	7/24/2025
1484	Same	Failure to stay 2 nights on a holiday weeked at campground	25.00	13003	7/22/2025
969	Same	Failure to stay 2 nights on a holiday weeked at campground	25.00	13005	7/22/2025
1072	Same	Failure to stay 2 of 7 at campground 7-6-25 thru 7-12-25	25.00	12925	7/22/2025
1803	Same	Failure to stay 2 nights on a holiday weeked at campground	25.00	13001	7/22/2025
644	Same	Failure to stay 2 nights on a holiday weeked at campground	25.00	13004	7/22/2025
1907	Same	Making wake before 10:00am	50.00	13304	7/20/2025
5	Same	Making wake before 10:00am	50.00	13303	7/20/2025
859	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Southgate Marina	50.00	12980	7/24/2025
1055	Same	Driving golf cart through main gate holding RFID in hand	50.00	13261	7/19/2025
1451	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Main Marina	50.00	12981	7/27/2025
1980	Same	Making wake after wake hours	50.00	13308	7/27/2025
2239	Same	Expired decal displayed on boat	50.00	13314	7/27/2025
2252	Same	Failure to display current Illinois watercraft decal	50.00	13313	7/27/2025
131	Annual Guest	Expired decal displayed on vehicle at Beach II	50.00	13333	7/28/2025
391	Same	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	12983	7/29/2025
1087	Same	Speeding on radar 37 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	12982	7/29/2025
1087	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	12984	7/29/2025
2373	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	12985	7/29/2025
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Warnings

9 - Failure to stay 2 of 7 nights at campground

* Upheld by Citation Revie

- 2 No Illinois registration numbers displayed on boat/state sticker in wrong location
- 2 Lot number stickers peeling off/faded on boat
- 2 Illinois registration sticker and lot numbers in wrong location
- 1 Swimming in wake zone during wake hours
- 1 No LS number on port side of pontoon
- 1 No decal on paddle board
- 1 Making wake in a no wake zone
- 1 Making wake after no wake hours
- 1 LS numbers on boat not in contrasting colors
- 1 Junior member fishing without Illinois fishing license
- 1 Golf cart went around north automatic gate at the main
- 1 Golf cart parked in no parking ara at Beach I
- 1 Failure to stay 2 nights on a holiday weekend at campground
- 1 Expired decal displayed on golf cart parked at Beach II



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Public Safety Department News

It is back to school time. Please stay alert for children getting off and on the school busses. It is a State Law not to pass a stopped school bus with flashing lights and stop sign out. Let's keep our children safe!

The Public Safety Department needs to be notified right away when suspicious activity and/or violations are being committed. Waiting to report slows the process of catching individual(s) doing wrong. Posting on social media (Nextdoor) is not accepted as a means of reporting information to the PS Department. The Public Safety department must be contacted by phone or in person. Anonymous letters will not be investigated due to additional information may be required.

The Public Safety Department cannot give out any information pertaining to names of complainants or violators. You as members are urged to notify Winnebago or Stephenson County Police for all vandalism, thefts, mailbox damage, domestics, accidents, or animal bites.

The Lake Summerset Association desires to make quite clear to the members and to all

persons who are properly allowed to use its amenities, that it is NOT a law enforcement agency and it does not exercise any arrest or criminal law enforcement powers.

Stop Signs

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

Annual Pass

The annual pass is restricted to (6) families per household regardless of number of lots owned. There is a \$35 fee per annual pass this includes the RFID tag for windshield. The RFID tag must be affixed to the windshield. If you had guests or family on the annual pass and did not pay the \$35 fee, these guests & family have been deleted from your pass list or if requested by you transferred to the Red Card pass which allows them only to the house.

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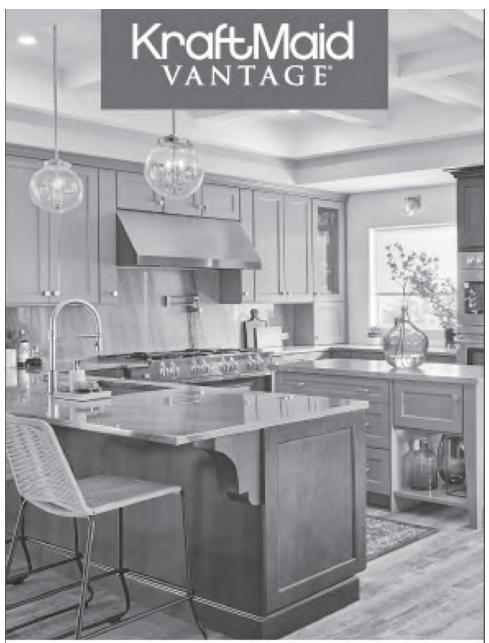
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Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers

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

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





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Bocce Ball Club: It's A Good Year

By Randy Myers

Rain Rain stay away on Thursdays. Wow after sixteen weeks of play and only one cancelled due to rain we have no undefeated team. One team with only two losses, two teams with three losses and no team without two wins. The competition is tough and any team could win it all this year with six more weeks to go. This is what we call normalcy in LS Bocce, twenty

four teams with fun and fellowship galore. The Bocce Club is open to all Lake Summerset adult residents and lot owners. We have the courts reserved on Thursdays, May through September, and play regularly scheduled games starting at 10 A.M. each week. Come join us at the bocce courts this summer. More news on our bigger and better Website.

Pinochle Card Club Pinochle

By JoAnn Leith

This game is not quite as popular as Hand & Foot, but we still had ten LSA members come out for the challenge of playing and winning on August 15th. We played two tables, three handed with a three-card kitty and one table of four with partners passing three cards. Roger Johnson won first for \$5, Phil Brannon won \$3, and I took third for \$2. On August 5th, only eight players showed

up, so we played two tables of four, passing three cards between the winning bidder and his partner. Always a challenge to pass just the right cards as players often over bid their hand counting on getting a run. Bill Erickson took first winning \$5, I again took second for \$3 and Phil Brannon won \$2. Next play dates for Pinochle are August 19th, September 2nd and 16th. Hope to see many more card players joining us.

Mexican Train Dominoes



By Merce Meyers

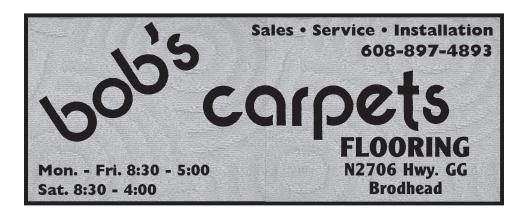
On Monday, August 18, as Mexican Train players were about to head for the Lodge for their monthly game, Lake Summerset went from sunshine to a downpour. The wind and rainfall were enough to discourage some from venturing out. We still had six players though for the fun, fellowship and challenge that the game provides. While we could have played with two tables of three, we chose to play together at one table. Debbie Braun won the game while newcomers to the game, Jeanne Bemi and Judy Lane, took second and third place respectively. Special thanks to Kurt Braun for keeping score!

We meet on the third Mondays of the month at the Lodge at 1:00. Next play dates are September 15 and October 20 and so on. As one of the newer groups, you may not have heard of us yet. We encourage beginners and experienced players to come out and give Mexican Train a try. For more info, text or call Merce Meyers at 815-520-5420.

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.

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





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Jason Rupnow Mike Wymer Rock City, IL

Hand & Foot News 🌰 🖤









By JoAnn Leith

Only eleven LSA members showed up for cards on July 28th, so we played two tables of four and one table of three with one gal playing two card hands. We welcomed Carol Gattolin and a newie, Jeannie Beim. Nice to see old friends and new members. Remember we will teach you how to play and it only costs a dollar for usually three hours of fun. Our winners on this day were myself winning \$5. Sharon Dennan won \$3, and Kurt Braun won back his dollar.

WOW, what a turnout on August 4th as twenty members showed up to play Hand

& Foot at the Lodge. Therefore, we had five tables competing for high scores and play moved along quite smoothly. One new member joined us, Sandy Bakkelund, after two hands with help she was on her own. All together there were five men and fifteen ladies. The winners were Jan Gorman winning \$6, Judy Hoeksema won \$5, Kurt Braun won \$4, I won \$3 and Jean Wendt won \$2. Five tables gives us five winners. Thanks to all who came. Next play dates are August 25th and September 22nd. We will not be playing on September 1st as it is Labor Day.

Lake Summerset Fish Club



The Fish Club met on August 7th, 2025. meeting began at 7:05 at office. 10 people signed in. This Month

Lake conditions, temps were measured between 82-88 degrees. Weeds are really growing, and it was reported that LSA will not use the weed harvester west of lots 4 and 213 in fear of damaging the machine. It was reported that Joe Rush has concerns about disturbing the algae could cause more problems than if left alone to naturally dissipate. He sees a different weed and algae growth than seen in other years and wants to avoid the closing of the lake, like that at Lake Carroll.

Fishing report, Bass are active with some nice healthy 18" inchers caught.

Social Media

Facebook is up 14 followers.

Old Business Fiscal Report

Terri gave a detailed report on the Clubs bank account as well as the income and expenses of the recent events. The events included the Bass Tournament, Kids Fishing Clinic, Vets on the Fly, Lake Clean up, Memory Fishing Contest board and Pancake Breakfast. It was noted that 2 tents were destroyed during the rain at the pancake breakfast, It was moved by Steve Vassar and seconded by Mark Rose to purchase 3 pop up tents at Costco. Motion passed unanimously, Steve volunteered to make the purchase.

Catching Fish and Making memories board is going strong with more pictures than can fit on the board.

Fish Club Activities-Sub Committee

Report

Car Show rescheduled to August 30th (9-Noon). J's place may serve food. Sponsor and Volunteer appreciation

Dinner Thursday November 6th. Dave R moved to dedicate a budget not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the event, Dominick seconded it and the motion passed.

Muskie Tournament is rescheduled for October 4 & 5 for various reasons.

Veterans on the Fly went great. Kids Fishing clinic had a low turnout possibly due to other conflicting kids fishing events in the area. Pancake Breakfast Recap 1) parking was confusing, 2) Coffee should be made in the lodge and moved to Mitchell Pavillion via large containers, 3) Sternos should be used instead of Nescos or roasters because of electrical supply issues.

Fish Club mission evaluation regarding donations to other clubs.

After rereading the mission statement, a long thoughtful discussion was had, it was confirmed that as responsible stewards of the Fish Club money we are to assure that the Fish Club money is used within the parameters of the Fish Club mission statement which can be found on the sign in sheet.

New Business

Fish Club trailer interior remodel/ Mark Rose volunteered to lead this endeavor. Next meeting scheduled for September 4th ideas, President Giedd will contact Big Guy Baits to see if he will be a guest speaker. Events Committee chair is open, no

volunteers. Trustees meeting, they need to sched-

ule a meeting with the treasurer. Guest speakers' ideas for future meetings, no ideas were given.

Additional Note

The Fish Club will be attending the LSA Veterans Club Pasta dinner August 20th to help them raise money towards a memorial they plan to build. Next meeting is September 4th. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.



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

The Fishing Corner

By Curt Zawiski

As we enter the fall season, Muskie fishing enters the mind of a lot of fishermen, with most experienced Muskie fishermen agreeing that late September and October are peak months. Water temperatures drop and muskies start putting on fat for the upcoming winter. As the amount of daylight shortens each day, Muskie (along with other fish) senses the approach of winter and begin to feed anxiously. Muskie is apt to be in shallower, weed occupied water as temperatures hold above the 50-degree range and will move to classic breaks and hard bottom structure when temperatures dip below 50 degrees. As such, I thought it would be appropriate to re-issue the article I originally wrote awhile back regarding angler education on Muskie fishing with updates based on recent research.

Muskie are considered ambush predators based on their body characteristics (long and thin) with a mouth full of vicious teeth. Female Muskie will grow much larger than male Muskie. On average a Muskie is typically 11" after its first year, 34" in year 7, 40" in year 9, 50" by age 17, with 56" being its ultimate biological potential. A 33" Muskie is usually 10 pounds, 41" is typically 20 pounds, 47" is typically 30 pounds and a 52" Muskie is usually around 40 pounds. In Lake Summerset we stock both Tiger Muskie (which are a hybrid between a Northern Pike and a pure Muskie), as well as pure Muskie. Tiger Muskie can grow 1.5 times faster than pure Muskie and are sterile fish. Dietary studies have found that Muskie foraging preferences are round-bodied, soft-rayed' fish. Muskie are going to eat a little bit of everything when they're small, but they target the long, cylindrical, soft-rayed fish as they get larger, as opposed to spiny fish like bass, bluegill or walleye. They will feed primarily on "rough fish" (suckers and small carp) as available in our environment here at Lake Summerset with yellow perch being secondary on their menu. Wide-bodied fish are not as preferred as the shape of a Muskie's gullet is better suited for narrower fish. But they are opportunistic feeders and will go after anything during peak feeding periods. In addition, unlike other fish Muskie seem to feed when the weather and atmospheric pressure stay consistent, rain or shine. Full grown, Muskie have no other predators to worry about and can take prey up to 30% of their own length. Muskie are considered trophy fish and are

sometimes referred to as the fish of 10,000 casts. As such, most serious Muskie fisherman teach themselves to make sure they understand proper handling techniques, fishing strategies and water temperature specifics necessary to minimize mortality rates. Most biologists classify Muskie as a "cool water" fish. They are most comfortable in water that's 63-67 degrees. In that temperature range there's enough oxygen in the water that a Muskie can exert itself without lasting effects. As water temperatures increase, it holds less oxygen. Muskie are not considered endurance fighters when hooked like some other species (bass as an example). They are ambush predators and put up an aggressive fight initially, usually wearing down afterwards. When they fight and exert themselves like that in warmer water (above 80 degrees), it triggers a whole cascade of physiological events. Initially, glucose gets released to give it more energy to fight. As the fish exerts itself more, lactic acid builds up in its muscle. Plasma and potassium levels rise. When water contains enough oxygen, the Muskie's' blood chemistry levels can return to normal much more quickly. When water temperatures are higher, the chemicals triggered by overexertion stay around longer, sometimes too long. Studies have shown that those chemical levels don't peak until an hour after the Muskie's fight is finished. The effect of that phenomenon is that a Muskie caught in warm water might seem OK and swim away strongly after being released, but there's a good chance it might die later when its blood chemistry gets further out of whack. For every degree from 80 and up, there are magnitudes of difference in those blood chemical levels, increasing the mortality rate significantly. Tiger Muskie can withstand higher water temperatures than pure Muskie.

There's no question that catching and landing one of these fish can be one of the most exhilarating moments in any anglers' lifetime, regardless of whether it was a targeted fish or was an accidental catch. Following some simple steps will reduce the possibility of the fish dying once it is hooked and netted:

1. Never fish specifically for (target) Muskie in water temperatures above 80 degrees.

2. Have ready an easily accessible large net. Usea coated net to protect the fish's slime coat.

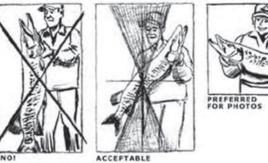
3. Have hook cutters and pliers in a handy spot where you know you can get to them easily after netting the fish

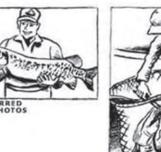
for a quick release. Always cut a hook instead of trying to pull it out of the fish's mouth if it is embedded deeply. 4. Keep the fish in the water when unhooking it. Don't bring the fish in the boat and lay it on the floor. A lot of damage happens to a fish as it flops around on the floor of your boat while trying to get the hooks out. A bump board measuring device is a good tool to have for sizing your Muskie once it's unhooked. 5. Muskie are trophies, you're going to want pictures. This is why you're fishing for them! Again, the key here is to minimize the length of time the fish is out of the water. Follow the 10 second rule... the fish can't be out of the water any longer than 10 seconds. Count as you're taking your picture. When removing the fish out of the net, carefully lift the fish by the gill plate with one hand while supporting the fish in the mid-section with the other. Keep the fish held horizontally while taking pictures. Never hold any large fish in a straight-line vertical position suspended by its gill plate alone. Doing this can cause internal organ damage to a large fish and increase the probability of death for the fish. 6. Always practice catch and release with Muskie. A good taxidermist will be able to create a replica of your tro-

phy through pictures and measurements.

As fall approaches and water temperatures drop, Muskie fishing is something that all fishermen truly look forward to. Following these simple steps and educating yourself on some of the basics associated with this species will guarantee a productive Muskie fishery for years to come.

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 proactive initiatives to help keep our lakes ecosystems in balance. Support from the Association Membership is critical regarding fishing rules and regulations adherence, ensuring these goals are indeed achievable. Members of the Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) and Fish Patrol Team dedicate their time and energy towards ensuring the membership continues to experience a best-in-class fishery here at Lake Summerset. When on the water, make sure you follow all local LSA and state fishing regulations and please be aware of the Best Practices to be used towards prevention of non-native invasive aquatic species introduction into our lake. Have a great day fishing at Lake Summerset!





Fishing Notice

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

Ladies of the Lake: Looking Forward to Bocce Day and Beer/Wine Tasting Night

By Debra Morge-EricksonIt's September Already!
Hi Everyone

At our August meeting we met Roger and Chris Stranc. They are local brokers who have a wealth of information on Medicare. Rodger and Chris work with the many different companies that supply the difference choices for coverage. Roger and Chris live here in Lake Summerset and are available to help you. Give them a call.

So, September crept up on us. Ladies of the Lake will host our second day of Bocce fun on Monday Sept 8th at 10am. All ladies here at the lake are welcome to join us for a morning of friendship and fun. We are calling it our White Elephant Bocce Day. You are welcome to bring a wrapped white elephant prize or just come yourself for the fun. No need to know how to play. Many of us are Bocce players and can help you. It is a Pot Luck kind of day so members please think of something you

can contribute for snacking or munching. Our second September event will be

Our second September event will be our annual Wine and Beer night. Friday, September 19th 6pm in the LSA Lodge. All are welcome to join us. Please bring wine or beer or beverage of your choice to share and an appetizer to place on our tasting table. Also, please bring your own wine glass. We only have mini tasting cups. In October we hope to have a

master gardener presentation.

November 10th we will have our business meeting. Sunday, November 30th we are headed into Pecatonica to see "Uh Oh It's Christmas", a play performed by the Pecatonica Playhouse Theatre. Then

on to December YIKES December. Well, that's it for now. Ladies, we hope you will join us for a day of fun on Monday Sept 8th and the rest of you for an evening of fun on Friday Sept. 19th.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. God Bless all of you and your families.

2025 Fish Club Events

Annual Wally Raduns Muskie Classic Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5

Pontoon Boats
Power Boats & Deck Boats
Fishing Boats

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

Boating Regulations

Please refer to Redbook Section 5 Page 16-20

Pontoon Boats and Sailboats

maximum length 20 feet per State Registration

Power, Fishing, and Deck Boats maximum length 18 feet per State Registration

Water Skiing Regulations

Please refer to Redbook Section 6 Page 20

Attention Members

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

Red Hats Cruise Lake Summerset

By Jacque French

In August, the Red Hats cruised Lake Summerset, on pontoons. We had great weather, great food and great company! A salute to our boat captains, Dale and Jon. In September, we will travel to Rockford, to see the Dinosaur Display, at the Nicholas Conservatory. After, we will have lunch at the Anchor English Pub. If you would like to join us, please call Shirley at (630)740-4259.





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LSA Scrapbag Quilt Club



By Mary White

Durand resident Thomas Walsh was presented with a Quilt of Valor at the July 17 meeting of the Scrapbag Quilt Club held in the Lodge at Lake Summerset. This is the second year the club has made a quilt to honor one of our local veterans and to thank them for their service.

Tom was drafted in 1970 at the age of 21. After training at Fort Benning and Fort Lewis, he was deployed to South Korea to serve in the 2nd Infantry Division. While in Korea his primary duty was to lead night patrols in the DMZ (demilitarized zone) between North and South Korea. One of the most vivid memories Tom related was about an infiltrator from North Korea trying to cross the Imjin River near the DMZ. The river contained numerous ice floes since the winters in Korea are very cold. The infiltrator covered himself with grease containing Novocain so he wouldn't feel the pain as he crossed the ice-filled waters of the river, which is about as wide as Lake Summerset by the Lodge. Tom said the night shift duty was tough because of the brutal winter weather.

Tom's separation from the Army took place on April 25, 1972, at the Presidio near San Francisco. They were right across the bay from San Francisco but couldn't leave the base because of safety issues. The anti-war sentiment of the 1970's made it too dangerous to venture out. This is part of the reason he wants to honor the former military members for their service and sacrifice.

Tom is a member of the Durand American Legion post and has served on the scholarship committee of the Second Infantry Division Association for five years. He is also involved in two other veterans' projects. The Grateful Nation Project has collected the stories of 262 veterans who lost their life while defending our coun-

try and produced cards called Hero Cards (similar to baseball trading cards) which tell the veteran's stories. The local Durand High School is the first school in Illinois to have students write about a war hero using Hero Cards. In 2024 the five top essays were read at a Memorial Day Event at the Durand American Legion Hall. This year all four of the Hero presentations were about Hometown Heroes from Durand. Polo High School used Hero Cards in their History Classes for the first time this year.

The second project honors the sacrifice of Gold Star veterans by designating a city block in honor of that veteran and placing signs showing the designation on the block where they lived in Durand before serving in the military and making the supreme sacrifice in defense of our country. The Durand American Legion and Legion Auxiliary are working to have Hero Cards and Gold Star Memorial Block signs created for all 16 of the Gold Star veterans from the Durand area.

Tom is a life-long resident of Durand and was the youngest of five boys in a family of 14 children. Tom was six and just starting first grade when the polio epidemic hit. Eleven of his siblings contracted polio and his brothers Dave and Ed succumbed to the disease.

The Scrapbag Quilt Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am at the Lake Summerset Lodge and we work on a variety of projects to serve our community. New members are always welcome.



A Voice For The Veterans



By Paul Gibson

August 12th was our first Birthday/Anniversary for the LSA Veterans Club! We have accomplished a lot within 1 year and are still going strong. Thank you all for your support and backing to keep us alive.

The American Legion of Pecatonica just celebrated their 100th Birthday on July 17th. Our very own woodworking master, Jodie Murray, created another one of his beautiful wooden Cross' for their anniversary and we presented it to Marty, the commander, at their celebration (pictured below). Thank you Jodie for your hard work and dedication to our club. Needless to say, the Legion was extremely happy with it and had it hanging before we left.

The club is having our first major fundraiser on August 20th with a pasta dinner. This is for funding the future Veterans Park on the hill at Harting Park. This will be a beauty. The meal will be complete by this reading and I hope it was a huge success for all. If it was, we plan to do it again on the third Wednesday of each month. There may be some variations in the menu, but for now we would like to keep it simple.

We are taking donations to fund our memorial and we were fortunate enough to have an anonymous donor offer to match anybody's donation 100% up to \$10,000. That's incredible! The match will decrease as it is used, so get your donation in before it's gone! It's for a great cause!

We had a mishap on our road cleanup project along Best Road today. We did the cleanup on Monday the 11th and we placed the trash bags (bright yellow) at the VETS CLUB sign near Goodrich Road like we were required to do. Today is Thursday the 14th and the bags were still there. Unfortunately, the county grass mower came by this morning and mowed right over the bright yellow bags and shot garbage all over the grass and road. So we gathered the available Vets and did a cleanup again. Meanwhile, we called the county and filled them in on what happened and let it be known that we were not happy. They sent someone out quickly. By the time they got there we were done and had the new bags filled again. Needless to say we were not happy to have that happen and do not expect it to happen again, but it was really frustrating to do all that cleanup and have

that happen. We are responsible for the section of road and could not leave it like that. We took a few photos shown below.









Writing

Writing Gals Day Camp

By Sharon Boehlefeld

Lake Summerset Writing Gals hosted their first Writing Day Camp for Big Kids (high school and older) on July 26. The Gals and their guests talked about, and practiced, different aspects of writing both fiction and nonfiction. Regular meetings are scheduled the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. in the lodge. To learn more, send a note to lswritinggals@gmail.com.



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.



LSA Photography Club



By Kathy Webster

Our club participated in the Meet and Greet at Family Fun Day. What a great opportunity to present what our club is about and our accomplishments! We held a light box challenge for the community. A Lightbox in photography, is a portable structure designed to diffuse light and create an even, soft illumination for photographing small objects. It's particularly useful for product photography and still life photography where minimizing shadows and glare is crucial. Community members were encouraged to create unique still life's using various objects. Our winners were 1st place Jacob Bradt and 2nd place Marisa Hare. We enjoyed meeting the many people that stopped by the Meet and Greet, thank you! Our next quarterly challenge will be Summer related with an emphasis on our Social Clubs! Winners of the August Action Challenge were 1st Place Sybil Wagner, and 2nd Place Bret Waddington. Congratulations to all our winners, it is a great club, and we all learn from each other! For our August meeting we presented on photo editing apps called Snapseed and

Lightroom, also available as software for your PC. Jeff Folkerts demonstrated Lightroom, Kathy Webster presented Snapseed. The pros/cons of shooting RAW images were discussed. Optional formats on the iPhone were reviewed. Participants were then encouraged to follow along and master Snapseed/Lightroom. Lightroom does have fees. Some of the editing tools discussed, available on both Snapseed/Lightroom we're adjusting brightness, contrast, saturation, shadows, sharpening, healing/ remove, selective manipulation, vignette, white balance, exposure, and much more. We also shared ways to store photos with a 'cool tool' tip – a card reader and SDM cards. Come join us at a meeting, through email or on Facebook! Our Facebook group name is Lake Summerset Photography-For LSA Members Only, it is a private page, there is a few questions to answer, and we will happily add members. Meetings are optional, although we do love participation! We're proud to say our active members have all blossomed in our









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Sybil Wagner 1st Place



Bret Waddington 2nd Place

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Check out the many clubs and activities.

There is something for everyone.



Newcomer Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, October 11 10:00 am - Noon LSA Office Meeting Room



LSA BUDGET INCOME and EXPENSE PROGRESS SUMMARY

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JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH	19.3%	17.0%	17.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.5%	19.6%	9.6%
FEBRUARY	85.8%	74.0%	74.0%	11.4%	10.3%	10.9%	86.9%	32.9%
MARCH	94.6%	82.3%	82.3%	15.8%	16.8%	16.2%	95.6%	39.2%
APRIL MAY	96.4%	84.7%	84.8%	23.2%	24.7%	23.8%	97.1%	45.1%
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JULY	97.3%	93.3% 94.8%	93.3%	40.7% 53.6%	41.4% 60.4%	41.0% 56.5%	102.6% 102.9%	58.9% 70.0%
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JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH	15.2%	13.6%	13.6%	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%	15.0%	7.7%
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The Tree Guy



Lake Summerset, as a whole, is learning about invasive species. Invasive species are plants and animal species brought from other countries or environments that take over when introduced here. Groups of Lake Summersetters have gathered in Cardinal Park to cut out and remove Honeysuckle and recently my neighbors have discovered the atrocities of the Common Buckthorn. They gave me the task of giving everyone the straight story on this botanical interloper.

Buckthorn, Rhamnus cathartica is a flowering shrub originating from an area encompassing north Africa, eastern Europe, and western Asia. It came to us in the early 1800s as a fast growing flowering landscape shrub. It has smooth bark reminiscent of apple and cherry trees, white flowers, and purple berries. Sounds sort of nice on paper but that's where the fun ends. The plant competes aggressively with undergrowth in forests and woodlands crowding out other plants eliminating biodiversity and adding to erosion as it overcomes the grasses that keep the soil from moving. Birds eat the berries and 'spread' the seeds far and wide. The berries fall on paved surfaces making a giant purple mess. Oh yeah, don't eat the berries because they cause nausea, vomiting, and all the rest. So now we talk about how we can get rid of this monster. Eradication of this beast

when you first see it is key to its demise. Learn to identify this plant and periodically check around in gardens and undergrowth forests to find it. These aggressive trees will grow right in the middle of an existing tree or shrub. Spotting the smooth bark is a dead giveaway. The plant has round to oval leaves with tiny teeth around the edge. The twigs often end with sharp thorn-like projections and of course there is the dark purple to black berries. Cut the plant down and paint the exposed stumps with Glyphosate. That will keep the plant from coming back. Fall and colder weather is coming and is an excellent time to hunt down these nasty trees and put an end to them, remember to use the characteristics to positively ID them. With a big area, it might take a group like we have used here at the lake to comb through the underbrush. A professional brush removal company might also be necessary for homeowners. So far Lake Summerset homeowners are pretty savvy when it comes to weedy or invasive trees. I have marked more than a few of these 'undesirables' which says we are paying attention to what is good and what needs to go. Let's keep a watchful eye out for these invasive trees/

plants/animals in order to keep Lake

Summerset safe from invasion. See you in

the forest undergrowth. JT The Tree Guy.



Durand Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between the school and the Friends of the Durand Library. This cooperation enables public use of the school library with checkout privileges to residents of the school district and other services available to everyone.

Hours are Saturday Mornings - 9:00 am to Noon Tuesday Evenings - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Library Services Include:

*Three week checkout, renewal by email, book drop *Interlibrary Loans *Story Time during the school year *Summer Reading Program *Access to digitized Durand area newspapers from 1875 to 1970

*Programs on a variety of topics *Public use computer and internet availability

Enter the library at the east or playground end of the school, follow signs along the wide paved walkway.

Email: villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602, and visit FB.com/DurandVillageLibrary

Durand United Methodist Church

Barbecue Luncheon and Craft Fair November 1, 2025 9:00am - 2:00pm Looking for crafters. If interested, call Beth Spielman at 815-238-2282.

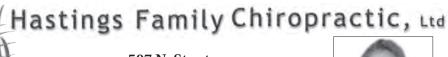


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Durand Area Food Pantry Distribution

By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open on the following days in September: Saturday, September 27, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, September 29, 3-5pm. Distribution dates for October include: Saturday, Oct 25, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, October 27, 3-5pm. The most needed items for September and October include boxed cereal, canned pasta meals, Hamburger Helper, and boxed potatoes. Items may be left at the Lake Summerset Office, the drop box inside the Durand Pacemaker, the Lions Club box near the pantry door or inside the Methodist Church in a basket in front of the office. The Plant-A-Row program continues in downtown Durand. Please consider donating any extra garden produce that you may

have on Mondays between 9-10am. All produce will be offered to Durand and area seniors in need of fresh veggies and fruits. This program saves the pantry hundreds of dollars and provides nutritious, fresh produce to our pantry guests. If you are unable to donate on Monday mornings, the produce stand in the alley near the Durand Fire Department is open 24/7. Produce on the pantry stand is for any individual needing locally grown fruits and vegetables.

Coming soon, the pantry will be looking for individuals or businesses willing to help fund our upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Boxes. This is a wonderful opportunity to help your neighbors in need. Need more information: 815-985-1805

SSM Health at Home Offering Grief Support Group in Monroe

The journey through grief can be difficult. Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges. Join SSM Health at Home for "Walking Through Grief," an education and support group providing resources and encouragement for people grieving the death of a loved one.

Walking Through Grief is a six-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on

Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 am from September 10 to October 15 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

Those interested can register for the group online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143.



Gill's Disposal Guidelines

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

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

Recyclable Containers - One 65-gallon recyclable container will

be provided by Gills. Pick up for recyclables is every Monday.

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

you have any questions, contact Gill's Disposal at 815-233-5644.

Guidelines for Letters to the Editor

- All letters must be signed and include the lot number
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 Constructive criticism is accepted but must include alternate
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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.

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

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 Callin 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 epass@ lake-summerset.com. Please make sure you include all information. Member's name, lot number, phone number, date(s) of arrival, and all guest(s) names.

Guest Admittance Procedures from

LSA Public Safety and Standards

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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Every renewed registration on file now is one less to find in November.

Please submit your 2026 vehicle registration by emailing it to generalstaff@lake-summerset.com or dropping it off at the Lake Summerset Office at your earliest convenience.









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Lender Tree Service, Freeport	815-233-1986
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Please give the tree inspector at least one week for approval. Exceptions are made for emergency storm damaged or dangerous trees; then please call the office.

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

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

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

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LSA Community Calendar

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	September 1 Labor Day 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	2 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	3 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	5	9:00am ECC (Office) 10:00am CRC Mtg Coffee at 9:30am (Office) 6:00pm Bingo Night (Lodge)
7	8 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Lodge) 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	9 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge)	10 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	11 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 6:30pm Veteran's Club (Office)	12 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	13 8:30am Board Budget Workshop (Office)
14 2:00pm Maker's Circle (Lodge)	15 1:00pm Domino Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	16 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	17 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 4:00pm Veterans Club Fundraiser Dinner (Lodge)	18 10:00am Quilt Club (Lodge) 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	19 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake Wine/Beer Tasting (Lodge)	9:00am ECC (Office) 9:00am Campground Committee Meeting (Campground) 9:00am Photography Club (Off Site) 11:00am Campground Cook Out (Campground)
21	22 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge)	9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	24 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:00pm Archery Club (Quarry Park)	25 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Off Site)	26 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	27 8:00am Lake Planning (Office)
28	29	30 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge)				1



13965 Best Rd., Davis, IL 61019

Dear Lake Summerset Neighbors,

Holy Cow! The last thirty days have been extremely active and homes and lots are selling and going under contract.

There are only four waterfront homes for sale and five more sale pending. More prospective buyers are seeing the value of our community and how affordable we are in comparison to other local towns. Strike while the iron is hot.

Keep the place tidy, the price sharp and it will sell! See you on the water!

Don, Kandy & Kevin















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SALE PENDING!



1504 Pier Dr., \$325,000 4 BR, 3 BTH, 2.5 Car.

SALE PENDING!

1422 Pier Dr., \$675,000

4 BR, 3 BTH, 2.5 CAR. In-law suite, hot tub room, workshop, & sunsets every day of the year.

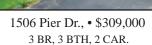


SALE PENDING!

1926 Dawn Point \$685,000

3 BR, 3 BTH, 2.5 CAR. Sunroom brings the lake to you. Truly a must see.





CLOSE TO LODGE AND BEACH!

SALE PENDING!



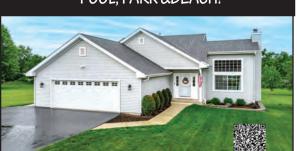
22 Delburne • \$580,000 3 BR, 3 BTH, 3 CAR.

PARK SETTING WITH LAKE VIEWS!



1726 Baintree Rd., • \$285,000 3 BR, 2 BTH, 2.5 CAR.

POOL, PARK &BEACH!



2108 Lake Summeset Rd., • \$334,900 4 BR, 2.5 BTH, 2.5 CAR.

SALE PENDING!



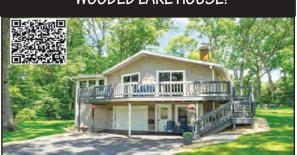
860 Breckenboro Rd., • \$499,000 3 BR, 3 BTH, 3 CAR.

PRICE REDUCED!



816 Lake Summerset Rd., • \$303,900 3 BR, 2.5 BTH, 2 CAR.

WOODED LAKE HOUSE!



1309 Chadbourne Dr., • \$285,000 3 BR, 1.5 BTH, 2 CAR. PLUS SHED

LOTS FOR SALE

2121 HAWTHORN, E grass lot close to pool	\$9,000
2274 DREXEL RD, really pretty spot! SOLD!	\$4,700
1689 EDGEWOOD, flat grass! SOLD!	\$3,750
1305 CHADBOURNE DR. Wooded	\$4,300
1360 PIER DR, nice lakeviews SOLD!	\$13,200
130 NEWPORT RD, slopes up SOLD!	\$3,500
262 WICKSHIRE Adjoins Spring Park SOLD!	\$4,500
1502 PIER DR SOLD!	\$9,975
574 BAINTREE RD, Lakeviews!	\$7,500

1400 PIER DR. Lakefront Park Lot	\$9,99
170 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., SOLD!	\$3,00
579 LAKE SUMMERSET RD. Wooded SOLD!	\$2,50
2383 SOUTHGATE DR, Lakeviews! SOLD!	\$9,90
262 WICKSHIRE DR, Spring park, SOLD!	\$4,50
160 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, Corner lot, SOLD!	\$4,30
1742 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, SOLD!	\$3,50
257 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, Prime location	\$36,50
986 WINBORNE, Lake Views! SOLD!	\$3,250

1891 SEXTANT, SOLD!	\$3,250
818 LAKE SUMMERSET RD	\$13,500
2350 BUTTERNUT BEND, Walk to Marina	\$5,000
976 WINBORNE Hilltop lot	\$3,750
1965 BAINTREE RD, DBL LOT W/UNOBSTRUCT	ALE LAKE
VIEWS OVER OAK PARK!	\$44,975
818 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, Wooded, slight slop	e down
from road	\$13,500

1047 DREXEL RD. Flat grass lot! SOLD!	\$2,500
602 Knollwood, wooded	\$5,000
2188 & 2189 Gainsboro, wooded, twins \$3,000 each	
or \$5,000 for the pair. SOLD!	
771 WESTMORE wooded SOLD!	\$2,000
665 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., close to pool	\$4,000
782 Gainsboro Rd., No trees	\$3,800
2109 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., Across from pool	.\$10,000