

Lake Summerset News

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President's Message Don't Move A Mussel Lets Protect Our Lake Together

Dear Lake Summerset Community,

Welcome to April! Warmer weather is finally on its way, the ice is gone from the lake, and our boats, kayaks, and other watercraft are getting back in the water. As we kick off another season of boating, fishing, tubing, and enjoying the lake, I want to take another opportunity to remind everyone of our shared huge responsibility to keep Lake Summerset free of aquatic invasive species (AIS), especially zebra mussels.

Zebra mussels can establish themselves quickly once introduced. Once the water reaches 52-54 degrees spawning begins and a single female can produce up to **1 million eggs per season**, leading to rapid infestation. These mussels can be spread unknowingly through watercraft and equipment. In their early larval stage (veligers), are invisible to the naked eye and can hitch a ride in standing water or on wet/damp surfaces. Juveniles are as small as a grain of sand and attach to hard surfaces, often feeling like sandpaper on a boat hull. Adults grow to about the size of a thumbnail.

They can arrive on trailered boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, inflatables, fishing gear, waders, life jackets, water toys, and more—anything that has contacted invaded waters.

As stewards of our beautiful lake, **it falls on all of us** to prevent AIS from invading Lake Summerset. Prevention is far easier and cheaper than trying to control an established infestation.

How can we protect our lake? Follow Illinois' Clean, Drain,

Dry procedures every time:

- **Clean** — Remove all visible mud, plants, animals, and debris from your watercraft, trailer, and equipment before leaving any water access.

- **Drain** — Empty all water from bilges, livewells, motors, ballast tanks, and any other compartments that hold water.

- **Dry** — **The most important step!** Everything must be completely dry (ideally for at least 5 to 7 days) or wipe thoroughly before using in another waterbody. For inflatables, rafts, tubes, and towables, dry them fully before rolling up for storage.

These simple steps are the law in Illinois under the Boat Registration and Safety Act (625 ILCS 45/5-23), administrative codes, and related statutes prohibiting the transport of aquatic plants/animals. It is illegal to possess, transport, or enter waterbodies with certain AIS in Illinois. Violations can result in misdemeanor charges and citation penalty amounts for transporting AIS in Illinois ranges from \$200-\$2,500 and therefore is an important matter for lake users to follow. All members are expected to know and follow both Illinois boater laws and our LSA rules as outlined in the Redbook.

Public awareness of invasive species and ongoing education is one of the most effective tools against AIS, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). I strongly urge everyone to visit our website and complete the AIS online course provided by the FCC committee. It offers a clear overview

of the threats we face and how to combat them daily while enjoying the lake.

The **most foolproof and effective way** to avoid spreading AIS? Use your watercraft (boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, etc.) in **only one waterbody each year**—Lake Summerset. This eliminates the risk entirely.

As homeowners and members, we also have clear responsibilities:

- No boat, kayak, canoe, or other watercraft may be placed in the lake without proper registration in the office. All must comply with our boating requirements.

- Bringing in an unregistered craft can result in fines and loss of water rights for the season.

- "Testing" a potential boat purchase in the lake is **not** allowed. Review the Redbook or contact the office with any questions.

The Board remains fully committed to exploring and evaluating practical options that will help protect Lake Summerset from aquatic invasive species (AIS), particularly zebra mussels. One measure under review is requiring all watercraft (including kayaks, canoes, fishing boats, pontoons) to pass through the manned inspection lane at the guardhouse upon entry. This is not a prevention/mitigation strategy but would allow us to:

- Collect consistent data on all watercraft entering the lake.

- Better assessment of usage patterns and potential risks.

- Implement stronger prevention and mitigation strategies to reduce the chance of AIS infestation.

We are also actively discussing prevention/mitigation methods to support and strengthen community-led efforts. This includes reinforcing the proven **Clean, Drain, Dry** practices and possibly pro-

moting a program for Members who pledge to use their watercraft exclusively on Lake Summerset (avoiding all other waterbodies for the season) can significantly lower the risk of introducing AIS—no inspections or decontamination needed if the watercraft(s) never leave our lake.

These initiatives build on our shared responsibility to keep the lake healthy and enjoyable for everyone. Public awareness and prevention remains our strongest defense: even small steps by each member add up to major protection.

Remember, small watercraft like canoes, kayaks, inflatables, rafts, and towables are often overlooked but pose a high risk, they're portable and frequently moved between waters. Always apply the same **Clean, Drain, Dry** (or disinfect) steps before entering a new waterbody.

We **cannot guarantee** the lake will stay AIS-free, even with strict measures, prevention ultimately depends on every watercraft owner. I believe in this community. Lake Summerset is **our** lake, and with your help, we can preserve it for generations to come. Please take this responsibility seriously and tell your neighbors! **SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE MUSSELS**

We cannot be certain that a waterbody is free of microscopic Zebra Mussel eggs and larva, so

"CLEAN+DRAIN+DRY+DISPOSE, and if necessary, DECONTAMINATE, as required by law"

This is the new water-user's etiquette that is essential if we are to protect the lake we love!

Alan Andersen
President, Lake Summerset Association

Welcome Team Coffee and Conversation

Welcome to Lake Summerset!

Our recent Coffee & Conversation was a wonderful chance for new members to meet some of the friendly faces around our community. General Manager Mike Schmieder stopped by to offer a warm welcome, and Mary Walsh our office supervisor shared upcoming activities and helpful information. (Our Activities Director, Karen Durante, usually joins us as well and looks forward to meeting everyone at future gatherings.)

We were happy to have the five new residents join us for a relaxed morning of connection and conversation.

Let's give a heartfelt welcome to our newest Lake Summerset members — we're so glad you're here.



Attention Vegetable Gardeners

The Lake Summerset Vegetable Gardeners will have their annual meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026 in the LSA Office at 9:00am. We will be discussing the upcoming garden season and accepting annual garden plot fee.

If you are interested in a garden plot, please try to attend the meeting. If you have questions or cannot attend, please call Sarah Russell at 815-297-5866. Hope to see you there!!!

Think Spring!

Save the Date!

Beautiful Blooms Plant Sale
Under big white tent at LSA Lodge

Friday, May 8, 12pm - 6pm
Saturday, May 9, 8am - 3pm



Save The Date

Garage Sale Days
Members & Guests
Friday, June 12
Open to the public
Saturday, June 13



Please Note

You can submit articles and Letter To Editor by emailing lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com

You can submit business and classified ads by emailing lakesummersetads@gmail.com

Building, Remodeling, and Repairing on LSA Lots

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

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Lake Summerset Directory

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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

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

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

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Board of Directors – Alan Andersen, President

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

Campground Committee – Dale Tunak, Chairman

Jim Ostapa, Co-Chairman

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

Community Relations Committee – John Kochanski, Chairman

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

10 a.m. Business Meeting, LS Office

CRC Outreach – Dora Tippens, Chairman

Environmental Control Committee – Jon Shrum, Chairman

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

Finance Committee – Mark Metzler, Treasurer

August, September, TBA

Fish Conservation Committee – Curt Zawiski, Chairman

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

Lake Planning Committee – Steve Harting, Chairman

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

Long Range & Facility Planning – Jim Ostapa, Chairman

4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Safety Committee – Jeff Walsh, Chairman

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

lsapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com

Social Clubs:

Archery Club - Britton Kauffman

4th Wednesday, 6 p.m., Quarry Park

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

Dominoes (Mexican Train) - Mercedes Meyers

3rd Monday 1 p.m., Lodge

Dog Club - Diane Piquette

Wednesday, April 1, & Oct. 7, 2026, 6:30 p.m. LS Office

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 9:30 a.m. Harting Shelter

Fish Club - Jeff Giedd

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

Hand & Foot Club - Joanne Leith

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

ismakerscircle@gmail.com

New Life Women's Bible Study – Carol Gattolin

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Lodge

Photography Club - Jeff Folkerts & Kathy Webster

lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 8, 6 p.m., LS Office

Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m., LS Office

Pickleball - Mike Langley, President

Sunday, 3 p.m., Pickleball Courts

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

Pinochle Club - Joanne Leith

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

Red Hat Society – Shirlee Jasien

1st Wednesday, Location Varies

Scrapbag Quilt Club – Mary White

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Lodge

Veteran's Club - Paul Gibson

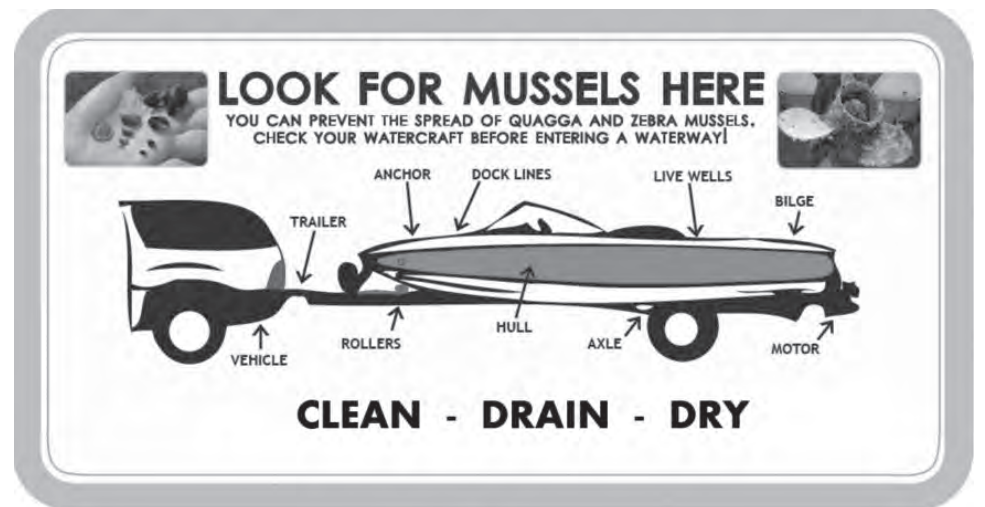
2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Office

Writing Gals - Sharon Boehlefeld

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.



Durand Area Food Pantry

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

LSA Email Blasts

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

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

Step 2: Click on LOGIN - Type Member1! to Sign-In

Step 3: Click on For Members in the upper right

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

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

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

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

Message from LSA General Manager

By Michael Schmieder

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

BOD Agenda Action Items

Acknowledge receipt of LSA Gate Entry Log Analysis as presented.

Approval of revised Campground Sub Regulations effective April 15, 2026, as recommended by the Campground Committee.

Approval of proposal to clean and stain lodge siding.

Approval to convert Eagle Park to a natural prairie area with walking trails as recommended by the Lake Planning and Long Range & Facility Planning Committees.

Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 11am on March 5th was 823' & 10". The current lake elevation is 14 inches below normal pool elevation.

Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign was put back into service in late January and is currently located near 998 Lake Summerset Rd. 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 does exist but 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

5 LSA properties were transferred (sold) during the month of February vs. 9 in February of 2025. 9 LSA properties have been transferred year to date vs. 23 during the same period a year ago.

Campground Rules Amendments

The Campground Sub-Regulations have been revised, and the Board will be asked to approve these regulations at the March meeting. These amendments were made and recommended by members of the Campground Committee. While no significant changes are being made, the proposed amendments offer additional clarification to some of the existing rules. If approved, these revised sub-regulations will take effect pri-

or to the start of the 2026 camping season.

Road Salt Shortage

We've been informed by our road salt supplier that there is a shortage of road salt in our geographical area. While they filled our initial order of 160 tons, we've been informed that no additional salt is available. This issue affects us as well as any other non-governmental entities which utilize road salt. We had approximately 40 tons of salt leftover from last year, giving us approximately 200 tons. With heavy snow starting in late November and continuing through January, we've used approximately 120 tons to date leaving us with 80 tons for the remainder of 2025-2026 winter season. We'll continue to use our existing salt inventory and if needed, we'll apply a mixture of chips, sand, and salt to keep our roadways as safe as possible.

2025 Audit

Request for Proposals were sent to six (6) accounting firms during the months of December and January. While Wipfli has performed the Lake Summerset audit for the past six (6) years, they declined submitting a proposal to perform the 2025 audit. Two (2) audit proposals were considered by the Board at the February meeting and Seldon Fox was selected to perform the 2025 audit for Lake Summerset and for OCLUD. The engagement letters have been signed and Seldon Fox has started to collect relevant data from our Business Manager to begin the audit process.

Lodge Concession

I've been informed that J's Place on the Lake, the lodge concession operator for the last two years will not be returning for the 2026 season.

Garage Sales

The annual Lake Summerset Garage sales have been scheduled for Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13, 2026. The Friday sales will be for Lake Summerset owners and their guests, and Saturday's sales will be open to the public.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Gills has committed to providing the annual bulk trash pickup on Saturday, June

20, 2026, the first Saturday following the annual garage sales. The bulk trash pickup is provided by Gills at no additional cost to the Association or the Members.

IALC Meeting

The February IALC (Illinois Association of Lake Communities) was held in Champaign, Illinois on Thursday, February 18, 2026, in conjunction with the ILMA (Illinois Lake Management Association). Managers from 10 Lake Communities attended the meeting. Items discussed included emergency action plans and methods to develop them, deer Management programs, proposed legislation which affect homeowner associations and the IALC survey which is updated every 5years.

Board Member & Committee Liaisons

As announced following the January Board meeting, Mr. Fred Kile was appointed to serve the remainder of Jim Herman's term which expires in December of this year. Attached is the current LSA Board roster and their Committee Liaison positions.

Operations

Other tasks and projects recently completed by our Operations Staff include:

Removed remaining disc golf baskets, sanded and repainted, and reinstalled on the disc golf course. All 9 holes have been rehabilitated this winter.

Repaired boundary fence damage at South Gate and Rock Grove and West Gate entrance.

Tree removal for fallen trees. Trees removed and cleaned up at Tower Park, Tamarack Park, Spring Park, and lot 361.

Removed speed sign post damaged by auto collision on Lake Summerset Rd.

Removed years of accumulated debris from the roadside gutters around the property. This is an ongoing project, but we are nearing completion.

Remaining street signs planned for replacement have been delivered.

Rebuilt the hydraulic seal on our post hole auger for the skid steer. The seals were leaking and we are placing park boundary posts this spring.

Ordered and delivered treated lumber for dock rebuilding at the main marina. All welding repair work has been done to the frame.

Replacement dock floats have arrived at the dealer, and we are awaiting delivery. Once installed, the remaining

dock sections and walkways will receive new decking at the main marina.

Replaced failing limit switches on downriggers for the boom truck.

Multiple damaged gates again that were repaired.

Removed, rebuilt, and reinstalled the hydraulic ram cylinder on the 2014 5-yard plow truck. Cylinder was leaking and needed repair.

We have installed a new bulk oil system for the maintenance shop to allow us to purchase bulk oil. This greatly reduces our per unit oil purchase price.

Started and evaluated all equipment in cold storage.

Received the hydro seeder from the manufacturer and placed it in cold storage for spring use.

Reviewed dock damage at Duck Park and created an inventory of repair parts needs. Drilled and installed safety chains to ensure dock posts did not fall to the lake bottom.

Completed and submitted watercraft registration requests to IDNR

Playground equipment inspections were conducted at the pool, Quarry Park, both beaches and the campground. All bolts were inspected for tightness, tightened where necessary, and inspected for damage.

Winter snowplow damage has been removed. While it is possible we may have another snow event, our upcoming workload for our department is extensive with normal spring duties and the dock repairs as well as other projects.

Welded broken supports on lodge chairs.

Remounted plaques at the office for the Office Manager.

Replaced a failed lock and panic bar at the Lodge.

Took all commercial trucks requiring state inspections for yearly and 6-month inspections.

Challenges

The dock system repairs to the main marina are extensive and we are managing them.

We have been waiting for delivery of our dock floats. The contractor notified me they have arrived at their shop from the manufacturer, and they are working on scheduling delivery. The remaining workload to complete the docks is extensive and we have our normal spring workload coming soon.

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.



Attention Snowbirds



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

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.

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

<u>Lot</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Members Name</u>
948		Burton, Dean & Jodi
1049		Holland, Ronald & Terri
2053		Khoury, Steven & Mary
671		Sommer, Mitchell
	1005	Huerta, Cipriano & Onesima
	1554	Shebesta, James & Lynn

Phone Book Changes & Updates

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	COMMENTS
Anderson, James & Sherry 2053			Delete
Burton, Dean & Jodi 948	14127 Surf Ct. South Beloit IL 61080	608-346-9295	Add
Ferraro, David & Jennifer			Delete
Gonzales, William			Delete
Heilman, John & Kim		815-566-1971	Change
Riley, William			Delete
Shebesta, James & Lynn	1554 Pier Dr.	608-575-3600	Add

Additional 2026 phone directories are available at LSA Office - \$3

2026 LSA Board Officers & Directors:

President: Alan Andersen
 Vice President: Karen Franzen
 2nd Vice President: Drew Tennant
 Treasurer: Mark Metzler
 Secretary: Roger Allen
 Directors: Dennis Vizenor, Fred Kile

2026 Committee Liaisons:

Campground - Drew Tennant
 CRC - Roger Allen
 ECC - Dennis Vizenor
 FCC - Karen Franzen
 Lake Planning - Mark Metzler
 LR & FP - Alan Andersen
 Safety Committee - Fred Kile

Crime Stoppers

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

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

815-235-7867
 Stephenson County

Reminder to Clean Up Open Lots

Please remove downed limbs and debris before mowing season begins.

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.

Bulletin Board News & Updates

Attention Members with Boat and Camper Storage

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

Lost and Found Items

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

Special Holiday/Event Passes
Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Garage Sale

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.

2026 Vehicle Decals must be displayed by April 15

If dues has not been paid by April 15th, gate tags will be locked out and no guest entry will be allowed.

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



Otter Creek Lake Utility District

"SERVING THE LAKE SUMMERSET COMMUNITY"

March 6, 2026

Dear Otter Creek Lake Utility District Customer,

Our water and sewer utility district (OCLUD) has provided services to Lake Summerset Property Owners for 57 years. The Trustee's goal is to continue maintaining and upgrading the facilities to ensure it provides quality services for decades to come.

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

At the January 27, 2026, Budget hearing, the Trustee Board approved a rate increase for 2026, increasing the rate for water and sewer users from \$190.00 per quarter to \$207.50 per quarter. Vacant lot rates will increase from the rate of \$78.50 per quarter to \$83.00 per quarter. This rate change will be reflected in the water/sewer billings as of January 1, 2026. Additionally, the late fee for vacant lots will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 and the late fee for water and sewer users will increase from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

Over the coming year, major repairs and upgrades are planned for many of our facilities, including the water treatment facility, multiple lift stations and security improvements. We will share updates on these upgrades as they are completed keeping you, the user, informed.

This rate change begins with the 1st quarter billing in late March 2026.

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

Michael Schmieder, CMCA, AMS

General Manager
Otter Creek Lake Utility District

Garage Sale Sign Up Form

Address of Sale: _____

Date(s) of sale (check) June 12 _____ June 13 _____

Open to LSA Members and Guests Only
Friday, June 12 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open to the Public
Saturday, June 13 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Return this form to the LSA Office or LSA drop box
no later than noon June 9th.

LSA Campground

Opens to members on Saturday, May 2, 2026

Opens to guests on Saturday, May 16, 2026

No reservations will be allowed
No organizational camping is allowed

**Gill's Disposal Clean Up
Saturday, June 20, 2026**

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

Please note that regular garbage pick up will be on
Monday, June 22, 2026

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

Lake Summerset Boat Slip Rental Policy

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

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

Boat Slip Regulations Pertaining To Rental Slips

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

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

All users are required to

provide boat information and signed slip waivers to the office.

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

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

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

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

Each marina gate has a designated code number assigned. Code numbers are

for access to boat slip and not for fishing.

Forfeiture Of Boat Slip:

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

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

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

Lottery Rules

The number of slips available at each marina will be published in the LS News with the application every March listing a deadline for receipt. Application will be available at the LS Website March and April. The lottery drawing will take place the following week after the entry deadline at the LSA Office. All members are welcome to attend the drawing. On the day of the drawing all the lot numbers of applicants will be placed in a receptacle and

drawn out one at a time, with a separate receptacle and drawing for the handicap accessible slips. One lottery entry is allowed for each Lake Summerset lot (item 4 "Boat Slip Regulations Pertaining to Rental Slips;" applies). Each name selected will be placed on a list in the order of selection. A list of those members receiving a slip and a waiting list of those not receiving a slip will be published in the LS NEWS. Those not receiving a slip will have their remittance returned.

Daily / Weekly Rental Slip Rules

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

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

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

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

Remember

Tampering with mail and mailboxes is a federal crime.

St. Paul Garage Sale

St. Paul Church of Epleyanna is having its Annual Garage Sale Friday, April 10 from 8 AM - 4 PM and Saturday, April 11 from 8 AM - 12 PM. There will be something for everyone! We are located at 8800 E. Epleyanna Rd. in rural Davis.

For more information call 815-865-5314.

LSA Obituaries & Death Notices



Randal "Randy" L. Scheid, a humble and loving soul, passed away on January 21, 2026. Born on January 15, 1961, in Elgin, IL, Randy was a man of deep faith and a proud veteran of the United States Air Force. He was known for his quick wit, and generous spirit. Randy was a dedicated husband, father, and brother who prioritized his family and his faith above all else. His life was a living testament to his faith.

After serving with distinction in the Air Force, Randy retired and settled in Davis, Illinois. His service was marked by numerous awards and accolades, including the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf

cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, and many more. Upon retiring, he also trained at Charlton Group in Monroe, WI for several years. A lifelong learner, Randy had a passion for scripture reading, music, history, with a special interest in Civil War history and politics. He attended the Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Rockford, IL, where he found joy and solace in his faith and family.

Randal is survived by his beloved wife, Julie Scheid, whom he married on May 29, 1981, and their children Luke (Jessica) Scheid, John (Jenna) Scheid, Gary Scheid, and Benjamin (Chelsey) Scheid; 9 grandchildren. He also leaves behind his siblings Ron (Penny) Scheid, Bruce (Leann) Scheid, Brian Scheid, and Gloria (Mike) Dill; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Roberta Scheid, and his sister Connie Scheid. Randy's life was a beacon of love, faith, and generosity, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We invite you to leave memories and upload photos to the memorial page as a tribute to Randal and a comfort to those he leaves behind. Private family ceremonies to be held. Burial to be in Durand Township Cemetery, Durand, Illinois. McCorkle Funeral Home - Durand Chapel assisted the family.

teams, including DuPec, Dakota, Notre Dame, and the Chicago Bears. Whenever all four teams won in the same weekend, she would happily say it was "a great weekend."

Sue enjoyed crocheting and used her talent to help others. Each year she made several baby layettes for the Freeport Pregnancy Center and several lap quilts for residents at St. Joseph Village in Freeport.

Sue was also an avid card sender and never missed a birthday or holiday. While at St. Mary Church, she helped by sending cards of care and support to parish members, offering comfort through thoughtful messages.

Sue is survived by her brother, Jim; her daughters, Pattie Quinn, Linda (Jurgen) Gallagher, and Sherry (Tim) Sopoci; her grandchildren, Amber (Johnny) Endicott, Colleen Quinn, Tracy (Phil) Castello, and Justine Quinn; Michael (Andrea) Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, Christopher (Amber) Gallagher; Sam (Eric) Sopoci and Matt (Danielle) Sopoci; her great-grandchildren, Vivienne, Jackson, Sam, Bella, Flynn, Maddux, Macoy, Violet, Rylee, Eli, Johnny, and Madeline; she also had many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Welstead; her parents, James and Hazel Dooley; and her son-in-law, Paul Quinn.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to the compassionate staff Serenity Hospice in Oregon, Illinois. Their kindness, support, and dedication provided comfort during a difficult time. Special thanks to Deb Kramer for her assistance and support to the family.

A visitation will be held on Monday, March 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in McCorkle Funeral Home - Durand Chapel, 101 W. Main Street, Durand, IL. A Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 606 W. Main St. Durand, IL with burial in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Durand, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105



Stephen Bloxom, known lovingly as Steve, was born on October 10, 1944, in San Antonio, Texas. A man defined by his humble nature, his generous spirit, his love for those around him, and his ambition, Steve passed away on March 3, 2026, leaving a legacy that will continue to inspire and uplift all who had the honor of knowing him.

Steve's life was a testament to his faith, a cornerstone of his existence. As an active member of River Park Bible Church in Fresno, CA, and also while attending both Trinity Community Church in Clovis, CA, and later, River's Edge Bible Church in Pecatonica, IL, his commitment to the Lord was evident after coming to faith much later in life. He served as a faithful member River Park by leading a singles Sunday School class, and teaching a home bible study for many years. As an Evangelical Christian, he lived by the words in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Professionally, Stephen was a remarkable architect, having earned his Professional Architect License on his own. His career spanned 18 years at Marks Gobel & Associates before becoming partners with Eldon Marks to form Marks Bloxom Architects, and later becoming owner of MBA. His ambitious nature led him to design notable commercial buildings, but also

personally, his heart led him to design his own home in Clovis. Among his personal achievements, Steve was a licensed private pilot. However, no matter his professional accomplishments, Stephen was a man who found true joy in simple pleasures. A lover of nature and the outdoors, he enjoyed fishing, fly fishing, camping, photography, and reading, with a particular love for God's word. In his later years, Steve discovered a passion for bird watching, and his grandchildren would lovingly say Papa's favorite hobby was searching for the perfect river.

The family wishes to give a special Thank You to Barbara, Marcy, Brittany and Cassidy and SSM Health at Home Hospice for all their tender loving care that helped him to remain at home.

Stephen was a devoted family man and is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Cheryl Bloxom, his daughters, Kristi (Eric) Mock and Kelli Bloxom, his grandchildren, Cortnee (Ryan) McReynolds, Brian (Stephanie) Mock, and Anna Mazzari, and his great-grandchildren, Eliam, Ezra, Oliver, Asher, Atlas, Rilee, Bentley, and Brady; brother -in-law Jim Burress; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Helen Bloxom, his great-grandson, Kaiden Mazzari, and his sister, Karen Moore.

Stephen's favorite bible verse to quote was James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

As we remember Stephen, we are reminded of his love for his family, his faith, and his commitment to serving others. We encourage you to share your memories and upload photos of Stephen on the memorial page, as we come together to celebrate a man who was a beacon of love, generosity, and ambition.

A Memorial Ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2026 in River's Edge Bible Church, 517 Main Street, Pecatonica, IL. Cremation Rites to be Accorded. McCorkle Funeral Home - Pecatonica Chapel assisted the family.

The family invites those unable to attend to join via livestream at: <https://bytheriversedge.org/memorial/>



Kathleen "Sue" Welstead, born February 10, 1937 in DeKalb, Illinois, married her high school sweetheart, Daniel on November 22, 1952. Together they built a life centered on family and hard work.

Sue and Dan lived in Addison, Illinois, where they owned and operated a Kirby vacuum distributorship from 1960 until 2001. In 1971, they became among the first property owners at Lake Summerset, later moving into their beautiful lakefront home in 1989.

Sue served as an organist for many years at St. Mary Church, contributing her time and musical talents to her church community. She was also active in St. Anne's Sodality, where she held leadership roles over the years. Sue helped organize parish activities and events, led music programs and sing-alongs at local nursing homes, assisted with ecumenical prayer services, and supported many church committees. She also helped with parish improvement projects and seasonal church services, including helping to lead the effort to restore the church bells in time for the Christmas season. Sue was honored to be named a Catholic Woman of the Year in 2001, an accomplishment she valued greatly. She followed several favorite football



Paul C. Olsen, known fondly to his family as "Pops", passed away on March 2, 2026. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 11, 1942. After serving our nation in the Army during the Vietnam War, he married the love of his life Harriet O'Donnell in 1967. They raised their family in Mt. Prospect, Illinois and later put down roots in Lake Summerset, Illinois to enjoy their retirement together.

Paul was a witty man, known for his humor and ability to lighten the hearts of those around him. He was loving and loyal, supportive in every sense and always available to offer a helping hand or a comforting word.

Paul was a hardworking individual, dedicated to his craft as a sheet metal worker. He was a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 73 in Chicago, and was proud to say he "built" several landmark buildings around the city. When

he wasn't working, Paul, in his youthful years, enjoyed golf and racquetball. As he grew older, he found peace and tranquility in fishing, the thrill of video poker, and settling in with a good book.

Above all, Paul was a family man. He adored his children, finding immense joy in his role as a father and, later, a grandfather. He shared 40 wonderful years of marriage with Harriet, his forever bride, until her passing in 2007. He is lovingly remembered by his children: Julia Hargrove and her husband Eddie; Michael Olsen and his wife Christa; and Jeffery Olsen and his wife Janice. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren: Bradley, Cayden, Kelsey, Morgan, Abigail, and Gage Olsen.

Paul is also survived by his brother, George Olsen, and his sister-in-law, Marianne Olsen. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lucille Olsen, and his brother, Robert Olsen.

To honor Paul Olsen's memory, feel free to share your memories, stories, and photographs on his memorial page. Your contributions will serve as a comforting reminder of the joy and laughter he brought into our lives, and the love he had for each and every one of us.

A funeral ceremony will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at McCorkle Funeral Home - Durand Chapel, 101 W. Main Street, Durand, Illinois with Rev. Dennis Vargas officiating. Burial to be held at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Durand, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of service.





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Species	Min Length to Keep	Daily Creel Limit	
		Members Including Accompanying Guests	Individual Family Member w/Permit
 Perch	10"	5	2
 Catfish	14"	4	2
 Crappie*	10"	5	2
 Northern**	30"	2	1
 Muskie**	51"	1	1
 SM Bass	21"	1	0
 Carp	None	No Limit	No Limit
 Bullhead	None	No Limit	No Limit
 Bluegill	Up to 8"	25 in Combo with Crappie	10 in Combo with Crappie
	Over 8"	5 in Combo with Crappie	2 in Combo with Crappie
 Walleye	Under 16"	0	0
	16"-20"	2	1
	Over 20" to 28"	0	0
	Over 28"	1	1
 LM Bass	Under 13"	5	2
	13"-22"	0	0
	Over 22"	1	0

* Crappie season closed from "Ice-Out" thru June 15th

**Targeting Muskie or Northern Pike from June 15th through September 15th is prohibited. Targeting these fish is defined as fishing for the primary purpose of catching these species (during this period) using specifically designed baits, equipment and techniques developed and used with the intent of attracting these particular fish.

2026 Campground Committee Meeting Dates

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Lifeguard candidate requirements:

- American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED Certification is required. Certification Opportunities Available at LOCAL YMCAs
- Applicants must be at least 15 years of age* or older by May 23, 2026

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

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

Freeport: 815-235-9622 at 2998 West Pearl City Rd in Freeport, IL at Highland Community College
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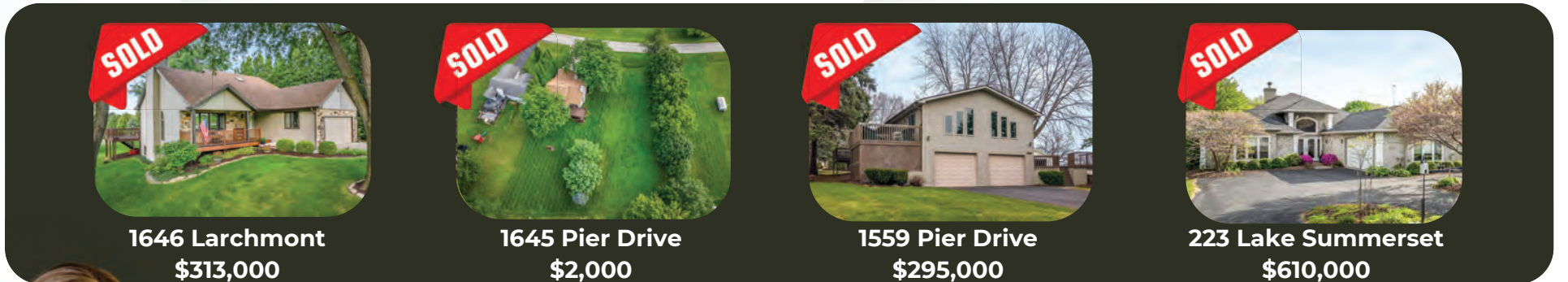
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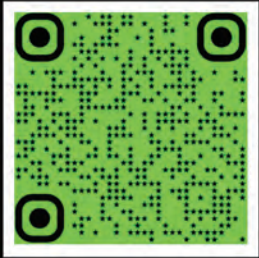
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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Lake Sunnyside Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2026 7:00pm
LSA Office

Board Members Present

Drew Tennant, Fred Kyle, Alan Andersen, Mark Metzler, Karen Franzen, Roger Allen
Absent: Dennis Vizenor

Members Present

Shelley Shrum (49), Douglas DeSchep- per (1673), Bruce & Rosalynn Keirn (1959), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), John P. Gorman (2031), George Pillion (794), Shannon Brown (2325), Dominick Bruno (212), James Zahalka (554), Chuck Webster (83), Curt Zawiski (228), Salvatore Perry (2228), Steve Harting (2238), Mark (Zoom), Mark Mulvain (Zoom), Garry & Natalie Folk (Zoom), Dave Dini (Zoom), A1877501 (Zoom)

Call To Order

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

Consent Agenda

Director Franzen made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026 Agenda. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Kyle seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Allen made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's 2025 Year End Summary as presented. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Committees' Meeting Minutes as presented. Director Franzen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Manager's Report

The report is in the packet. GM Schmieder noted the lake is fully open with no ice remaining since the weekend, with lake level 14 ½ inches below pool. This Thursday the Lake Planning Committee is planning a work day in Tamarack Park. Similar to the previous work days in Cardinal Park last year, the intent is to remove non-native

species of plants. Volunteers are asked to meet at Tamarack Park (Disc Golf area) on Thursday, March 12 at 9:00am. An e-blast reminder will be sent to the membership.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Acknowledge Receipt of Revised LSA Gate Entry Log Analysis as Presented

Director Metzler commented the Board had questions about the number of boats coming in through the main gate. This data was gathered by the guard house staff. A brief discussion was held. The data will be further discussed in Executive Session. Appreciation was expressed for Marla and the Guard House Staff. **Director Allen made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Revised LSA Gate Entry Log Analysis as presented. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Approval of Revised Campground Sub Regulations to Take Effect April 15, 2026**

GM Schmieder gave some background; the sub regulations are reviewed every couple of years, and these minor changes are for clarification of rules, as well as compliance with the IL Department of Health regulations in using a potable water hose from the spigot to the campers. Campers must spend one night a week (12 hours) on site to secure a campsite for the season. Director Metzler asked which specific sections were modified. GM Schmieder responded, sections 3.1, 3.2, 5.5. **Director Allen made a motion to approve the Revised Campground Sub-Regulations to take effect on April 15, 2026, prior to the 2026 camping season as recommended by the Campground Committee. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Approval of Proposal to Stain Lodge Siding**

GM Schmieder said the pressure wash is a chemical cleaning done under pressure as well as a staining of the siding. Both OM Joe Rush and the Long Range and Facility Planning Committee think this will add years of life to the siding extending the need

for replacement by a few years. **Director Franzen made a motion to approve the proposal to pressure wash and stain the exterior ceiling and walls of the lodge at a cost of \$5,959.76 as recommended by the Long Range and Facility Planning Committee. Work to be performed by Surface Maintenance Services of Rockford, IL. Director Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote. Approval to Convert Eagle Park to a Natural Prairie Area with Walking Trails as Recommended by the Lake Planning and the Long Range and Facility Planning Committees**

Director Kyle made a motion to approve converting Eagle Park to a natural prairie area with walking trails as recommended by the Lake Planning and the Long Range and Facility Planning Committees. Director Tennant seconded the motion. This four-acre park is on the northeast corner of the property, and doesn't see a lot of use other than by the adjacent neighbors. The natural prairie area will be similar to the prairie grass area near the dog park. A winding path will be mowed through the grass which is beneficial to the community and will alleviate the costs of regular mowing. Director Allen asked if the boundaries are marked. There is a plastic sign at the narrow entrance, but no boundary signs. Director Kyle asked if this will be done with internal labor. Yes, the maintenance staff will perform the burn and keep the path mowed. Director Franzen asked to clarify her concerns with the burn. She asked to be sensitive to the neighbors, and to keep the burn controlled away from the neighbors and campground. Director Metzler noted the burn should take place soon as this is the time of year to control the vegetation. **The motion passed with a roll call vote.**

Member Comments

Dominick Bruno (212) – Towing occupied inflatables through the no-wake zones if a bad idea.

George Pillion (794) – There was talk last year about repairing or residing the lodge was that done? GM Schmieder there was an area where damage was noticed. Those shingles were removed, the area repaired and the shingles replaced.

Curt Zawiski (228) – Will the Board con-

sider a special session with the membership associated to AIS for the upcoming boating season? The Board will consider the request. A question on the data Director Metzler presented, the problem with congestion was one of the objectives in considering modifications to entry procedures. There is a lot of data, how will this be used? Further discussion included; number of boats entering, number of times service providers enter, forms used/not used, busy times 7:00am-7:00pm April - May, boats coming out of storage, guard interaction, use of automatic lanes as well as manual lanes, participation level.

Adjourn

Director Franzen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. President Andersen adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Shrum

Recording Secretary

LSA Board of Directors

Executive Session

Director Allen made a motion to open the Executive Session at 7:35pm. Director Kile seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The Board was updated on a home which has unpaid citations for having numerous unregistered, inoperable vehicles stored on the property.

The Board was updated on home which has unpaid citations due to the condition of their property.

The Board reviewed the results of the 2/7/26 Citation appeals.

The Board was updated on the steps being taken to address concerns with several distressed properties within the community.

Director Tennant made a motion to return to open session at 9:45 pm. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Director Kile made a motion to adjourn the February 9, 2026 meeting at 9:46pm. Director Tennant seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

Community Relations Committee

Unapproved Minutes

March 7, 2026

The CRC meeting attended by 23 people, was called to order by Phil Brannon, CRC Secretary at 10:02 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Outreach Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Patricia McClellan.

Citation Review Committee

Next hearing May 2, 2026

Board Liaison - Roger Allen

There are some projects that Long Range is looking at. One of them is some solid floors down at maintenance. Right now there are only dirt floors. Some concrete is already put down on them.

Maintenance has completed refurbishing the disc golf baskets. They will be installing some concrete pads in the tee boxes. They are looking at a new roof for the gazebo over by the Lodge. Also some work on the material storage sheds as well as work near the pool. Some consideration for an entrance and exit to the parking lot near the washrooms at Beach II. Maintenance also put a new handrail from the washrooms going down towards the steps to the parking lot. **Mike Schmieder - LSA General Manager Update**

A proposal coming up before the board meeting on Monday night to paint the siding on the Lodge. They had replaced some of the shingles on the siding of the Lodge. We are looking at painting that would give us another three to four years of life on the siding. We are looking at replacing the windows and putting on new siding in 2030. We will then probably purchase a synthetic siding and consult with the Beautification club as to one of the branded colors. Easter is coming. We do have an Easter egg hunt at the Lodge. It usually draws several hundred little kids. The Ladies of the Lake volunteered to stuff plastic eggs. We've got over 3,000 plastic eggs that we put candy in. We still need donations of candy that will fit in those small plastic eggs. You can just bring it to the office or guardhouse. There is more than just an Easter egg hunt. It's kind of an Easter party that happens that day. It's a pretty fun event with a bunny that shows up. This Monday is a board meeting that meets in the LSA office at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or you can Zoom in. See how the board operates, how they make decisions, and what happens at a board meeting. If you want to know how things are going, come to a meeting and get involved. For those who have paid their dues, decals will be mailed once the

office staff processes payments for the dues. A couple of big projects that Long Range has going on this year. Last year we worked on drainage for the roadways, and we are continuing that this year. We are looking at replacing 30 drainage culverts under the road. This is a big project for us. We do have over 100 culverts under the road, but we will work on the 30 culverts that need the most attention. We also have the bridge on Pier drive that is 60 years old right now, and it's not falling apart but it needs maintenance or it will fall apart someday. We are going to refurbish the bridge right after the Labor Day weekend in order to be able to drive over it. We'll have to close that road for a couple of weeks. Give Mike a call or shoot him an email if you ever read or hear something that sounds a little odd so he can give you accurate information.

Phil Brannon asked how many of the audience either had a fall or know somebody that got injured in a fall? The majority of the people attending raised their hands. Speakers Tom and Alex Vant, physical therapy trainers and owners of Midwest Performance in the AnyTime building in Durand gave a presentation on "How to Prevent Serious Falls", specifically fall balance prevention, such an important topic, especially as we age. One in four adults

over the age of 65 will experience a fall annually. The risk of falling and having a fracture increases mortality rate by up to 80 percent within the next year. Generally, people become more sedentary. Pneumonia and heart issues happen and people at times have this slow decline following an injury. Balance issues require ongoing maintenance - daily or at least weekly. Improving balance requires targeting multiple muscle groups rather than just one. Alex handed out a Fall Prevention Guide that included how to make your home safer, wearing proper footwear, and move slowly when standing after sitting, pause before walking and use handrails whenever possible. It is important to stay active, do balance exercises and strength training plus stretching. What to do if you fall? Stay calm and take a few deep breaths, check for injuries, roll to your side and crawl to study furniture. Use the furniture to help push yourself up. If you cannot get up, call for help or use a phone or medical alert device. Alex demonstrated how you would get up from a fall. Alex also handed out a Home Exercise Program that consisted of single leg balance, stand marching, side steps, and toe

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taps. Tom reviewed aids that you can use when walking. The traditional single wheel walkers allow you to lean on them and give stability. The four wheel walkers allow you to move faster and smoother and have a seat that you can sit on if you get tired. Canes are another aid that can be used once you are more proficient in using a walker. The four prong canes give more of a base for support but aren't always the safest to use. Tom and Alex answered several questions asked by the audience and answered questions from individuals once the meeting was over. They did an incredible job on their presentation. The audience gave them a loud applause to show appreciation for all the important information they presented.

50/50 Raffle

\$5.00 won by Phil Brannon #45. He donated it back to the pot. Treasury at \$328 plus \$5.00 share of 50/50. Balance in Treasury \$333.

Future Meetings

April 4, 2026 - No meeting due to Easter weekend.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion Charlie Tannehill #421 2nd Cindy Tannehill #421. Time 11:15am.

Unapproved ECC Minutes

Saturday, 02-21-2026

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Members Present

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

Absent

Paul Gibson, Chuck Webster

Minutes of the 01-24-2026 meeting were read and approved. Motion by: George Pillion, 2nd: Dave Dini

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2026

None

Appointments

None

Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment:

1910 - Dock placement - the Committee approves option 1 from the member's email (boat lift is perpendicular to the end of the member's pier). The member's lot number must still be visible after locating the lift in that position

1269 - Shed - Martin Buildings - not approved yet as more information is needed. A variance will also need to be approved before locating the shed in back of the house in the set-back area.

New Business

Discuss possibility of Solar for Veteran's Memorial flag lighting. The Committee believes that is a reasonable idea, and ECC members with solar experience may be able to help. The Committee notes that since this idea is different from what was initially submitted to the Board, the Board may need to approve this change.

Confirm the next ECC meeting for Saturday, March 7th, 2026.

Old Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am. Motion by: Dave Dini, 2nd: Jon Shrum

Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes 2/19/26

Meeting called to order on 2/19/26 at 7:05pm by Chairman Zawiski

Members Present

Curt Zawiski, Jeff Wishop, Kevin Shirley, Jeff Giedd, Jeff Folkerts, Dave Rindfleisch, Bob Woelky

Others Present

Karen Franzen 1329

Minutes of the prior meeting from 1/15/26 were read and approved by Bob Woelky 1st, Jeff Wishop 2nd.

Board Liaison Report

FCC board liaison - LSA Voluntary Gate Boat Entry Log analysis and review. The FCC was looking to extract 2 primary data points from the log that was being executed by the entry staff personnel.

1. Does the data reflect success or not of the pilot entry program.
2. To determine if the program was put in place when watercraft is brought into the lake, would a traffic backup situation occur that could be hazardous?

Since the clarity of the data needs to be explained further by the originator of the collection process the FCC cannot make any determination at this time. FCC has requested via the Board Liaison to communicate with the board for a better clarification/explanation of the data and how it was compiled. The FCC tried to interpret the data as best we could but further clarification on key items would be helpful.

Action Items

Lake Operations Manager Joe Rush presented the data from the fall fish survey readout indicating the overall fishery health of the lake. This information is used by the FCC to help determine future fish stocking plans, creel limit adjustments based on the dynamic fishery conditions the lake is experiencing.

Power quote estimate for installation of electrical service at Juniper Park for the Aqua Thruster planned for installation at the fish habitat improvement reef being constructed. It was requested that an additional quote be obtained.

Old Business/Carry Over

Lake Conditions, Catch Observations, Fish Patrol Readout

There have been encouraging regular reports of crappies of multiple year classes being caught and released. Not many reports of perch. Bluegill reports have been solid as well.

2026 Invasive Species Campaign

Feb Board meeting discussion - Discussion of FCC trying to schedule an Invasive Species awareness event in the near future to help educate the membership of the importance of protecting the lake and helping to avoid invasive species infestations of both plants and organisms.

Phase 2 - Rock Bar Fish Habitat at Juniper Park

Last application of river rock was completed on 2/9/26.

Fish Crib Plan Year 3 of 5

Fish Crib construction and installation is tentatively scheduled for a weekend in March or April.

Bathymetric Mapping/Survey

Work in progress.

Spillway Monitoring

Application to be submitted to DNR for 2026 collection permit.

Mapping Specialist Fishing Map Updates Office supply of maps was recently replenished with old maps until the most recent updates can be made.

Weather permitting FCC needs to scan lake bottom to identify the status of old cribs and artificial structure installed in the past.

New Business

None

Adjournment at 8:50pm by Bob Woelky 1st, Dave Rindfleisch 2nd.

Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Location

Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 8:00 AM in the Lake Summerset Association, Main Board Room

Members In Attendance

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

Absent Member

None

Guests

None

Motion For Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Steve Harting to approve the LPC Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2026, seconded by Jeff Folkerts, unanimously approved.

Action Items

Davit Mounting Details / Lake Discharge Valve Inspection/Repair

Jeff Ramsby obtained a budgetary cost of \$4,000 to \$4,500 from Nick Kovenda to provide confined space assistance this spring when LSA operations inspects/repairs the 18" discharge valve. Since the inspection/repair must be completed this year and the budgetary cost is reasonable, the committee asked Jeff to get a firm bid from Nick. Jeff also received a couple responses from crane manufacturers regarding their interest in detailing and supplying equipment capable of removing the

lake discharge valve from the tower. He will expedite a response from one more manufacturer, before the committee determines how to proceed with this issue.

Pier Drive Bridge Proposal

The LSA BOD approved IMEG's proposal for bidding and construction monitoring assistance of the Pier Drive Bridge repairs. Mike Schmieder will ask IMEG to prepare an RFP and send it out for bids promptly. The goal is to award the project this spring so that repairs can start after Labor Day.

Tamarack & Wisconsin Parks Voluntary Clean-up Day

The voluntary clean-up day to remove invasive species from Wisconsin & Tamarack parks is now scheduled for March 12th. Mike Schmieder will issue an email blast requesting volunteers this week. Tom Mangan will flag the invasive plants prior to the clean-up day.

Birch & Cardinal Parks Native Planting Plans

Tom Mangan is still working on these documents and hopes to have them available for committee review prior to the next meeting.

Eagle Park Walking Paths

Joe Rush presented Long Range Planning Committee's (LRPC) proposed layout of burn areas and walking paths in Eagle Park. LRPC plans to request approval of the plan at the next BOD meeting. LPC supports LRPC's recommendation and suggests that park neighbors be notified prior to the burn date.

Beach 2 Access Road

Joe Rush showed a conceptual layout of an additional access drive on the north side the Beach 2 parking lot that would require beach traffic to enter from the south and exit at the north end. Committee members will conduct a site visit on March 12th to review/refine the proposal after the Tamarack & Wisconsin park clean-up work is finished.

Proposed New Red Book Section 6.1.2.1 on Towing Flotation Devices with Riders in No Wake Zones

The LSA BOD asked that some clarifications be added to the proposed Red Book Section 6.1.2.1. Steve Harting will redraft the Red Book section for committee review prior to the next LPC meeting.

Permittable Sediment Basin

Mike Schmieder will call Rob Montgom-

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).

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ery to find out if the firm that purchased Montgomery & Associates still has Rob's old files and an interest in working with us on permittable storm water detention options.

FCC Juniper Park Fish Habitat Upgrade
Lake Water Quality Report / Phosphorous Test Plan Draft

FCC is refining their plans, so this topic will be held over for future meetings. Joe Rush has nearly completed his draft of a standard operating procedure (SOP) covering the use of hypolimnetic withdrawal and phosphorous treatment options to improve lake water quality and mitigate algae blooms. He expects to complete the draft and distribute it to the committee for review and detailed discussion at next month's meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on March 28, 2026, in the LSA office.

Motion for Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Harting and seconded by Jeff Ramsby, motion passed unanimously at 8:54 AM. Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten - Co-Chairman / Secretary

Board Action

None

Unapproved Long Range and Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the LSA office. Committee members present were Roger Allan, Alan Andersen, Karen Franzen, Kelly Giovanine, and Jim Ostapa. Mike Schmieder and Joe Rush also attended. Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Discussions Were Held On Several Topics The Committee Has Been Following
2025 Projects

Solid floors in the maintenance area are scheduled for sometime this spring. Disk golf baskets have been refreshed and reinstalled. Concrete T-boxes will be worked as time permits.

2026 Projects

Gazebo roof, material storage sheds at maintenance and some seal and strip work near the pool were briefly discussed.

There was considerable discussion about changing the drive path at beach 2. This would basically add an exit from the parking lot on the west end of the parking area. That would allow for easier entry and exit. It was agreed that Joe would schedule a brief visit with the committee to view the area to create a more detailed plan.

2027 Projects

We want to revisit the pool building to solidify our proposed update recommendations and also visit the mechanical building since that was overlooked in our visit last year. This will be scheduled prior to the pool opening but after the building furniture has been removed.

Lodge

Painting of the lodge siding was discussed. The cost looked reasonable and it was felt that could buy us a minimum of 3 to 4 years of life. Some bad siding shingles at the lodge were replaced with the better ones captured from the pool residing project. It was determined that the wall structure behind those lodge tiles looked to be in good shape. There was additional discussion that doing this could allow us to move out the due date for new windows, doors and siding for the lodge which would allow us to accumulate more funds for that project. **A motion was made by Karen, seconded by Kelly to recommend the Board approve this work. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.** Operations will validate the quote is still valid before the board meeting.

We need to schedule visits from two more sources to review options for window replacement in the lodge. Although that is in the budget for 2028, we need to validate if it is properly funded. We want to complete this analysis and draft a recommendation prior to this year's finance meetings.

Parks

Joe presented a plan for Eagle Park and recapture of the equestrian trail to the west.

There was considerable discussion about the pros and cons. In concept all agreed this was a good idea. The plan should be communicated prior to execution.

There is a desire to revisit Spring Park/memorial gardens since it has declined significantly from the initial vision. It was agreed the committee will make a site visit when we assess the pool buildings and try and determine next steps.

Roger motioned we adjourn seconded by Karen at 8:25pm.

Next scheduled meeting is March 26, 2026.

Unapproved Lake Summerset Association Safety Committee Meeting Minutes February 25, 2026 - 6:30 pm LSA Office Attendance

Committee Members: Jeff Walsh, Doug DeSchepper, Matt Lazaro (via phone), GM Mike Schmieder, Patrol Supervisor Harrison Jones, Board Liaisons Karen Franzen & Fred Kyle

Members: Jeff & Kari Giedd
 Call to Order at 6:35 pm by Committee Chair Jeff Walsh.
 Motion by Doug DeSchepper, 2nd by Matt Lazaro, motion unanimous

Old Business

EOP/EAP (Emergency Plan)

In a fact finding mission to get additional documents. Will schedule a working meeting on the Emergency Plan in May.

Comments from General Manager

Attended Illinois Association of Lake

Communities. Mike commented that Emergency plans were discussed. State of Illinois has a guide that can be used by the committee when writing the plan. DNR has also offered to assist. It was also suggested to utilize Winnebago & Stephenson County in the process. GM currently has two local Emergency Plans and will be getting a third plan. GM also gave an update on E-bikes/scooters that he will share legal opinion with the Ad Hoc committee first. GM also gave an update on Patrol hours. The Board will be making changes to the recommendation from the committee and move forward with additional hours. Lastly the GM gave an update on ID verification recommendation from the committee. At this time the recommendation has not moved forward or received action.

New Business

The new Board liaison is Fred Kyle. An article for the paper regarding E-bikes/scooters was discussed. Karen Franzen discussed that the Ad Hoc Committee will bring a Red Book proposal on E-bikes/scooter sometime in March. During that time the committee will review the four version for an article and will report feedback to Committee Chair. Next committee meeting is on April 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion made by Doug DeSchepper & second by Matt Lazaro. Motion approved unanimously.

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.

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 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 composite)

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
- Pond
- Lakefront Boardwalk, Patio or Retaining Wall within 20' of shoreline
- Shoreline recovery LPC approval
- Lakefront Construction
- Solar Panel(s) and/or Solar powered electrical system.

ECC Approval Only, No Permit and No Security Deposit

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

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

Verification of Lot lines & Pins are needed for most home improvement projects.

County Permits are required for: Houses, Additions, Garages & Solar Systems.

Winnebago County also requires permits for: Re-roofs, New Decks & Pre-built Sheds.

Winnebago County- 815-319-4350

Stephenson County – 815-599-0344

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Contractors can start working at 7AM

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



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Alyssum	Purple/White	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Angelonia	Pink/Purple	pot	\$6.50		
Begonia (Dragon Wing)	Red	pot	\$6.50		
Begonia (Wax)	Bronze/Green	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Calibrachoa	Mixed	pot	\$6.50		
Coleus	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Dusty Miller	Silver Dust	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Euphorbia	Diamond Frost	pot	\$6.50		
Geranium	Red/Pink/Salmon	pot	\$6.50		
Gerber Daisy	Mixed	pot	\$6.50		
Impatiens	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Impatiens (New Guinea)	Mixed	pot	\$6.50		
Lobelia	Blue	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Marigold (Petite)	Bi-color/Orange	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Moss Rose	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Petunia	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Petunia (Crazy)	Mixed	pot	\$6.50		
Salvia	Red	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Snapdragon	Mixed	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Sweet Potato Vine	Purple/Green	pot	\$6.50		
Verbena	Mixed	pot	\$6.50		
Vinca Vine	Varigated	pot	\$6.50		
Grasses					
Assorted Grasses		pot	\$6.50		
Spikes	Green	pot	\$6.50		
Herbs					
Basil		pot	\$6.50		
Cilantro		pot	\$6.50		
Lavender		pot	\$6.50		
Oregano		pot	\$6.50		
Parsley		pot	\$6.50		
Rosemary		pot	\$6.50		
Sage		pot	\$6.50		
Vegetables					
Tomatoes	Big Boy/Celebrity	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Tomatoes	Roma	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Tomatoes	Sweet 100's	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Peppers	Bell	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Peppers	Jalapeno	4 pack/flat	\$2.50/\$22.50		
Specialty					
Citronella		pot	\$9.00		
Hanging Basket (10")	Mixed	basket	\$28.00		
Perennials (1 Gallon)	Mixed	pot	\$13.50		

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Durand Area Food Pantry April Distribution

By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open on the following days in April: Saturday, April 25, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, April 27, 3-5pm. A special thanks to the Ladies of the Lake for the adorable Easter treat bags donated for our Saturday, March distribution. Thanks to Best Realty for donating wonderful Easter baskets for our Monday, March distribution. Our pantry neighbors loved them! The pantry is asking for specific items to be donated each

month. April donations include beefaroni, scalloped/cheesy potatoes, fruit muffin mixes, applesauce in 16 oz plastic jars and Hamburger Helper. These donations may be left at the Lake Summerset office, the pantry white drop off box near the pantry doors, Durand area churches, or Pace-maker in Durand. Please remember your Link2Feed cards. If you do not currently have a card, we will have volunteers on hand to help you with the simple sign up.

**LAKE SUMMERSET ASSOCIATION
CAMPGROUND SUB-REGULATIONS**

These regulations were adopted by the Board of Directors. All LSA Members and Guests will comply. Violation of regulations will result in a citation being issued.

**CAMPGROUND OPENS TO MEMBERS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY
CAMPGROUND OPENS TO GUESTS ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY
NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED
NO ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPING IS ALLOWED**

1. DEFINITION OF TERMS (per Current Red Book)

- 1.1 **Principal Member:** Adult person having equitable ownership
Associate member: Spouse, Adult children, parents living at same principal residence
Junior member: Associate member under 23 years of age living at the same principal residence
Tenant member: Regular occupant of a residence in LSA (Renter)
- 1.2.1 **Camping unit:** Any licensed (Tent Trailer, Hard Side Trailer, Motor home, Van or EV) or non-licensed camping equipment (Tent) designed for temporary habitation.
- 1.3 **Regular camping season:** May (1st Saturday) thru October 31. All regular season camping units and gear, plus any equipment used on the site, including firewood, must be removed by the end of season. Facilities are closed and limited road access imposed.
- 1.4 **Special permit camping season:** That period subsequent to October 31 and prior to May 1, during the closure of the regular camping season. Camping is by special permit only, at those sites and at such times as specified by the General Manager. Limited road access will be maintained; no bath or restroom facilities will be opened and camping units and equipment must be removed when not daily occupied. (Approved stored units are exempt)

**2. TYPES OF CAMPSITES
(See campground map for locations)**

- 2.1 **Primitive:** No water or electric hookups.
Electric: Water & electric hookups.
Seasonal: Water & electric hookups (must be paid for the entire camping season). Sites will be available through a lottery that will take place in April.

3. SITE OCCUPANCY RULE

- 3.1 Camping units and tents may elect to remain set up on a campsite for extended periods. To keep the site active, the registered renter must stay on the site for a minimum of one (1) full night (12 consecutive hours) during each 7-day period. Brief visits or check ins do not count as occupancy. If multiple units are camped on the same site, at least one unit must be occupied to satisfy the above. This rule will apply from the opening of camping season thru & including Labor Day weekend.
- 3.2 Seasonal site renters must occupy site a minimum of one full night (12 consecutive hours) each calendar month to qualify for the following season lottery (per seasonal campsite agreement).
- 3.3 You must occupy your site for a minimum of 2 nights on holiday weekends.

4. REGISTRATION UPON ARRIVAL

- 4.1 Select an available site and set up first. Next register at the Campground Host's site. (If the host is not present, register at the office or guard house)
- 4.2 Arrival and set-up after 10 p.m. at night should be done quietly. Do not create noise which disturbs other campers, regardless of distance between sites.
- 4.3 Your registration card must be displayed at your site post.
- 4.4 No registration may cover more than 30 days. You may extend no more than 5 days prior to the end of a 30-day registration. An additional 30 days will be granted.
- 4.5 All licensed vehicles must display an LSA decal or guest pass. Vehicle guest passes for CAMPGROUND ONLY are available from Campground Host.
- 4.6 You must spend the first night of your registration on your campsite. This rule will not apply when extending.

5. ELECTRIC, WATER, AND WASTEWATER

- 5.1 The first unit on an electrical site will be considered electric for your length of stay whether plugged in or not. All units plugged into power pole, will be charged individually. Each electrical site is entitled to a minimum of 1 outlet.
- 5.2 All electrical hookups to an LSA pedestal must be in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association-National Electrical Code as it pertains to requirements for recreation vehicle parks.
- 5.3 All extension cords will be rated to match the maximum amperage rating of the camping unit or pedestal plug.
- 5.4 For all wheeled RV's, all gray and black water will be collected in a suitable RV wastewater container and transported to the dump station.
- 5.5 Approved RV/Marine potable water hoses must be used to provide water to the camping unit per IDPH guidelines. Water hookups must be made using a "Y" fitting to allow for additional hookups at water source.
- 5.6 Hoses and fittings should be connected and maintained by the occupant to be leak free.
- 5.7 Outdoor lighting shall be turned off during quiet hours when not in use, or when leaving campground as to not disturb neighboring campers. (Campground quiet hours are 10pm to 8am)

6. MEMBER PERMITS

- 6.1 Members and their immediate household family are entitled to camp and have friends and relatives camp with them at any time.
- 6.2 The LSA member assumes all responsibility should problems occur.
- 6.3 Junior members and guests aged 17 and under must camp with a camping adult age 21 or over present in the campground overnight.
- 6.4 The camping Member must ask all uninvited guests to leave the campground.
- 6.5 Non-campers will not be allowed through the gate after 11 p.m. and must leave by 1 a.m.
- 6.6 With the exception of holiday weekends, a second campsite, if available, may be obtained for an additional fee.
- 6.7 For guests to obtain a camping permit, see guest section below.



Gill's Disposal

Yard waste pick up begins on
Monday, April 13, 2026

7. GUEST PERMITS

- 7.1 The LSA member assumes all responsibility for his/her guests.
- 7.2 No guests under 21 may occupy a campsite without a member present.
- 7.3 LSA members (verifiable) must register guests or supply written permission with a list of persons occupying the campsite and a phone number for verification purposes.

8. HOLIDAY WEEKEND RULES

- Holidays will include Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. If the holiday falls on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday the rules will not apply.
- 8.1 You must occupy your site for a minimum of 2 nights on holiday weekends.
 - 8.2 Campers on larger sites may be asked to have additional units on that site for the weekend. (In event of full occupancy)
 - 8.3 Members or guests are allowed only one site on holiday weekends.

9. FIRES

- 9.1 Fires may only be built on established campfire locations. Fire rings may not be moved.
- 9.2 Campfires are to be completely extinguished whenever unattended, especially before retiring at night.
- 9.3 You may not cut down or destroy any trees, bushes or any LSA property for firewood. Fines will be imposed per Redbook.

10. VEHICLES

- 10.1 All vehicles must display LSA registration, a guest pass or a Campground Only pass.
- 10.2 SPEED LIMIT IN CAMPGROUND IS 10 MPH.
- 10.3 Motorized vehicles are to be driven on roads only - not on walk paths or green areas including golf carts, minibikes, ATV/UTV.
- 10.4 Unlicensed vehicles may not be operated from Dusk to 9 a.m.
- 10.5 Bicycles, skateboards, etc. are to be ridden only during daylight hours.

11. WHEN YOUR REGISTRATION ENDS

- 11.1 Remove all trash & debris from fire pit and campsite.
- 11.2 Make sure all fires are completely out and free of debris such as cans or bottles.
- 11.3 Rake and plant grass seed in areas where grass has been killed as required.
- 11.4 Remove your registration card from the site.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1 In emergencies, call 911, notify the Campground Host or use a cell phone to contact Public Safety at 815-248-2778.
- 12.2 Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Do not make noise that will disturb children sleeping or other campers. (See Sec 5.7)
- 12.3 The campground gate will remain closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. You are responsible for closing the gate if you come and go between these hours.
- 12.4 Pets are to be under owner's control (dogs on leash see Redbook L7) at all times. No pets are to be taken into the bath/shower house. Pets may not be left unattended outside the tent or camping unit nor should their barking disturb other campers. All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.
- 12.5 The comfort station is for the use of all campers. Leave restrooms and showers clean and orderly.
- 12.6 One picnic table is provided per site. Moving picnic tables from a neighboring site is prohibited.
- 12.7 Campers may not have a storage shed, refrigerator or freezer outside of their camping unit.
- 12.8 Underage drinking and illegal use of drugs will be reported to the proper law enforcement agency for prosecution.
- 12.9 All camping units and all gear must be removed from the campground by the end of the regular camping season.
- 12.10 LSA takes no responsibility for fire, theft, vandalism or damage to your property. It is highly recommended that you mark your lot number on your property for identification purposes.
- 12.11 Violations of the rules may result in a citation being issued or, in extreme cases, suspension of camping privileges.

BOD Approved 11/13
Revised 6/08/2015- Section 9. and Section 10. Definition removed, 10.1 & 10.2 Addition
Revised 2/16/2021 - Section 2 updated water/electric sites
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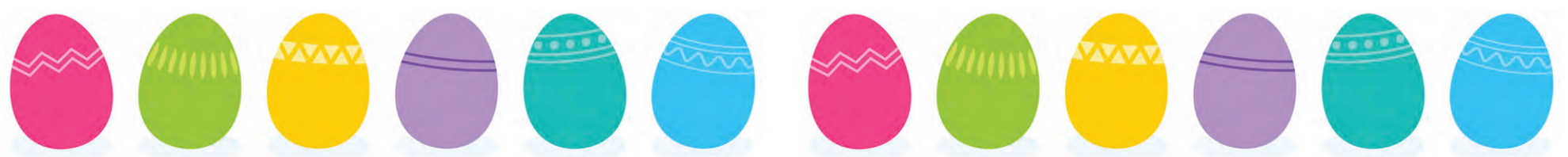
Attention Dog Owners

Lake Sunnerset 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.

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 water.

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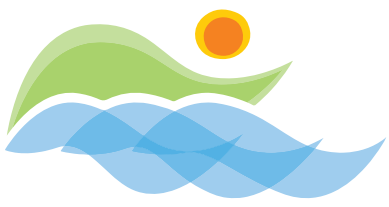




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Section Two

April 2026

Karen's Kolumn

I am sharing our 2026 Activities again this month as there have been a few updates. Please mark your calendars to join us...we want you to enjoy all we have to offer and every event is for everyone - all age groups are welcome to attend!

I would also like to thank our generous 2026 sponsors. They are always very supportive and willing to help our great LSA community!!

2026 Lake Summerset Activities

Bingo - Saturday, April 18th, 6:30pm card sales; games at 7pm.

Easter Party sponsored by Best Realty and The State Bank of Davis, a Foresight Bank - Saturday, April 4th, 1-3pm.

Veteran's Memorial Day Weekend Kickoff with Red, White 'n' Bingo at 6:30pm - Saturday, May 23rd. The Veteran's Club will have other fun activities that day prior to Bingo.

Disco Dance Party sponsored by Morgan Realty- June 20th, 7-9pm.

Family Fun Day - Saturday, July 18th, starts with the yummy pancake breakfast

and finishes with our beautiful firework display (with lots of activities in between). Plus the Dakota Boosters will be back serving their delish food!

Outdoor Movie Night sponsored by Christian Carts 'n' Parts - Saturday, July 25th, approximately 8:30pm.

Ice Cream Party sponsored by Morgan Realty and The State Bank of Davis, a Foresight Bank - August 8th, 1-3pm.

Bears Watch Game / Tailgate Potluck / Football Bingo - date to come based on Bears schedule.

Halloween Pre-Party Dance with ZOK radio DJ Roger Peters - Friday, October 23rd, 6-8pm; Halloween Party and Trunk 'n' Treat sponsored by Morgan Realty and The State Bank of Davis, a Foresight Bank - Saturday, October 24th, 2-4pm.

Christmas Party sponsored by Morgan Realty and The State Bank of Davis, a Foresight Bank - Saturday, December 5th, 4-6pm.

New Year's Eve Party - Thursday, December 31st, 8pm-12:01am.

Dates to Remember

Easter Egg Hunt	04/04/2026
Campground Committee Meeting - Office	04/11/2026
Beautification Club Meeting - Office	04/14/2026
Veterans Club Dinner	04/15/2026
Vegetable Garden Club Meeting - Office	04/18/2026
Bingo Night	04/18/2026
Boat Slip/Campground Lottery	04/26/2026
Campground Opens to Members	05/02/2026
Beautiful Blooms Plant Sale	05/08/2026 12pm-6pm
	05/09/2026 8am-3pm
Ladies of the Lake Fashion Show	05/11/2026
Campground Opens to Guests	05/16/2026
Pool, Spray Park, Beaches Open	05/23/2026
Garage Sale Days	06/12-06/13/2026
Gill's Clean Up Day	06/20/2026

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



JOIN US FOR SPRING-O BINGO!

Saturday, April 18th at the Lodge

Door opens / card sales at 6:30pm;
games begin at 7pm



Scott and Christine Wilke of Best Realty make a donation for the LSA Easter Party.



Joseph Larkin, State Bank of Davis VP, and Linda Heckert, Foresight Bank Market President present LSA GM Mike Schmieder with a donation for the LSA Easter Party.

Fireworks Donations Are Needed

Submit Donations To The LSA Office

PARTY AND EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 4
1-3pm

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Springtime fun for everyone!

Public Safety Citations and Warnings

LOT	VIOLATOR	VIOLATION	FINE	TICKET NUMBER	CITATION DATE
1083	Same	Speeding on radar 37 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13608	1/7/2026
1444	Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	13434	1/13/2026
1451	Guest	Speeding on radar 43 mph in a 30 mph zone	150.00	13624	1/24/2026
1090	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	13568	1/28/2026
112R	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13565	1/29/2026
554	Same	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13567	1/30/2026
1865	Annual Guest	Vehicle used automatic gate with RFID not affixed to windshield	50.00	13606	1/30/2026
2183	Same	Unsightly debris-garbage cans visible from street - 7th violation in 12 month period	400.00	13605	2/4/2026
798	Guest	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13609	2/5/2026
1312	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at Lake Summerset Rd & Edgewood Dr	50.00	13610	2/7/2026
1393	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13623	2/11/2026
1014	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13625	2/12/2026
1461	Guest	Reckless driving; driving while windows frosted over hit sign at LS Rd & Edgewood	50.00	13576	2/14/2026
102	Annual Guest	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13628	2/15/2026
2297R	Same	Reckless driving causing damage to green area near Beach I parking lot	100.00	13627	2/17/2026
2118	Guest	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13629	2/19/2026
1723	Guest	Speeding on radar 43 mph in a 30 mph zone	150.00	13631	2/19/2026
2032	Annual Guest	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13632	2/20/2026
2032	Annual Guest	Vehicle driving in lake with no pass or decal displayed	50.00	13633	2/20/2026
2032	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13634	2/22/2026
776	Same	Speeding on radar 37 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13635	2/24/2026

WARNINGS

- 8 - No identification on trailer parked in boat storage
- 2 - Vehicle parked on side of road overnight
- 2 - Vehicle parked next to house for storage purposes
- 2 - Garbage cans visible from road
- 1 - Vehicle pulled over for speeding with plates not registered with office
- 1 - Vehicle parked next to house not registered with LSA Office
- 1 - Vehicle not registered to RFID used automatic gate
- 1 - No orange flag on UTV
- 1 - No leash on dog at Quarry Park



Public Safety Department News

Pass Sheets

Please make sure you return your pass list sheet (Red Card, Contractor, Service Providers, etc.). Return even if no changes are made. If your lists are not returned, they will be deleted as of April 15th, 2026.

Decals

LSA decals are to be displayed in the lower left corner of the windshield. Decals must be displayed for 2026 by April 15th, 2026. If your decal is not displayed properly the Public Safety Department will ask you to remove decal and place in correct location. Lot numbers must be visible at all times for identification. DO NOT PUT DECAL IN TINTED AREA OF THE WINDSHIELD.

Night Time Golf Cart Inspection

Public Safety will be doing a night time golf cart inspection on (previously inspected night-time golf carts) April 11th 2026 from 9a-Noon in the LSA parking lot. If you can't make this date or if your golf cart was not previously inspected for night time use, you will need to schedule an appointment for the Public Safety to come to your property. All night time golf carts must be inspected before you will be issued your 2026 (N) decal and before your golf cart can be used for night time.

Stop Signs

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

Soft Shoulders

Please avoid parking along the shoulders of the road. As the roads thaw they become

very soft and this can cause ruts and road damage and can be expensive to repair.

Boat/Camper Storage

All campers and RV's stored in boat/camper storage must have lot numbers displayed. In accord with LSA Redbook provisions, stored vehicles shall be identified with owner's lot number, including placement of the lot number on each RV unit in contrasting color, 4- inch numbers on the left side of the unit (as viewed from the front of vehicle). Boat and other transport trailers shall be affixed with, at least, 2- inch high, lot numbers in a highly visible location, such as the trailer tongue.

These facilities are intended for storage of actively used units and are to be maintained in a safe and clean condition. To insure useable condition and LSA access for facility maintenance, all units must be maintained as movable units with functioning running gear or removed from site from May 15th to June 15th of each year.

LSA Boat Decals

Red Book Rule Section 5.2.3.1 For motorized boats and sailboats (state registered watercraft), two (2) decals will be issued and they must be displayed clearly on both gunwales of the boat.

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

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Saturday Mornings At The Library



**By Barbara Flores, President
Friends of the Durand Library
The Durand Library to Host a
Presentation This Land is Your Land:
The Folk Songs of Woody Guthrie**

Bucky Halker presents a free program "This Land is Your Land: The Folk Songs of Woody Guthrie" Tuesday April 28. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library and will be held in the Durand School cafeteria area.

This Land Is Your Land is a program which combines music performance (guitar and vocal) and spoken commentary. The program features songs by legendary folksinger and songwriter Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Guthrie (1912-1967), as well as commentary on the time period and each song. This commentary frames the program in a larger historical context and offers specific details on Guthrie's songs and his biography. The program also includes two singalong songs.

"We are delighted to host this event," said Friends President Barbara Flores. "The presentation aligns with the Illinois America 250 Commission's theme "We the People" which invites us to explore ideas of who has been included and who has been left out of the nation's promise.

This program is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar Speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

Bucky Halker, holds a Ph.D. in American History and has lectured and published extensively on music in America. He has toured Europe regularly since 1990. Bucky is the author of For Democracy, Workers, and God: Labor Song-Poems and Labor

Protest, 1865-1895 (University of Illinois Press) and the scholar-producer for the five-volume Folksongs of Illinois CD series.

The program is slated for Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria area of the Durand School located at 200 W. South Street, Durand IL 61024. Audience members are asked to enter through the West Activity Entrance. For more information, email village-library@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602.

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Bucky Halter

Force Mowing Procedures

The "ECC Guidelines for Lot Mowing" applies to lot owners who do their own mowing as well as to contract mowers.

The owner of each lot in the Development shall mow said lot at such times as may be reasonably required in order to prevent the unsightly growth of vegetation and noxious weeds thereon. (See Blue Book, Section 2, Page 8, Paragraph G).

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

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

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

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

All of the above conditions will apply to wooded, as well as unwooded lots. Forced mowing will follow in-

spection 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

Mowing Contractors

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

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Reminder to all Clubs

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

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

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

Make sure your club dates are on the 2026 calendar.

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.

Bocce Ball Club: Come Join The Fun

By Randy Myers

Do I have time to play you may ask. Every Thursday morning but only about an hour. We have four or five member teams and only need two people from your team for a legal game. Schedules are published and you will know when you play. Any week that you cannot field a team we have a liberal makeup system and we get it done. Alternates are almost always at the courts and love to play. Unless I hear otherwise we expect you to play this year, yes I have a couple of changes and some new players.

We are on schedule to get minor improvements done at the courts to start play on May 7th and complete play on October 1st. That is twenty two weeks with play-offs and banquet on October 8th. We are planning no rule changes but we will discuss everything on April 30th. Bocce players and anyone interested in playing meet at the lodge at 1 o'clock on April 30th, we will be having a light lunch followed by a brief meeting. Team lists and schedule is

always a work in progress but I will get it done. Please pay your dues by sending them to Louise Clay, paying at the spring meeting or call (815-248-1072) and drop them off. Checks need to be made payable to LSBOCCE at \$30 per person but alternates pay \$10 dues and a dollar a week. Last year we played some fun games in October and because it went well look for us to do the same in April (weather permitting), Gerry calls it spring training, meet at 10 o'clock every Thursday at the courts.

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

Pinochle Card Club

By JoAnn Leith

The date was Tuesday, February 17th when eight LSA members arrived at the Lodge to play Pinochle. We proceeded to play two tables of four. Players were able to pass three cards to their partner when they took the bid, which makes the game interesting and challenging. We only got to play four rounds of four hands, and our winners were myself, winning \$5, and Bill Erickson won \$3. The next play date was March 3rd, and we

only had seven Pinochle players show up. Our two winners were both guys, Phil Brannon & Chuck Hillebrand winning \$5 and \$2. Judy Hoeksema won every single round but was playing at a table of only three, thus playing with a kitty of three cards. She came in last place because players with partners had higher scores. It doesn't seem fair and will have to make some changes in switching tables or partners. Any suggestions?

Hand & Foot News

By JoAnn Leith

Eleven LSA Hand & Foot players showed up on February 26th to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow card players. The winner of \$5 was Sherry Schenck (new player) with a score of over 27,000. Way to go, Sherry. Second place went to Bill Erickson for \$4 and Jan Gorman won \$2.

We had a full house on March 2nd as twelve players showed up filling three tables. We usually play seven hands changing partners each round. In the future we will be playing six hands as sometimes it lasts too long (four hours of sitting). This time our winners were Janet Bielat winning \$6; I took second for \$4 and Merce Myers won \$2.

New Life Women's Bible Study

By Gail Roberts

Do you live in a small town outside Lake Sunnyside? Or in our neighboring state of Wisconsin? Or here at Lake Sunnyside? No problem...there are no boundaries for "Bible Babes". We are a group of ladies who gather from near and far to read, discuss, and apply the Bible to our everyday lives.

In March we began a 12-week study on the Gospel of John, followed by a 9-week LifeGuide Bible Study, "Growing Older & Wiser". If you can join us for one or both studies, please do so. We are non-denominational followers of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of John proves to be a profound account of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection

in the New Testament. Studying this book encourages us to worship Christ as Lord.

"Growing Older & Wiser" covers such subjects as "When the Kids Are Grownups too", "They don't Always Listen", "Dealing with Fears", etc., etc. Several ladies in our group are at the time of life when we are open to learning more about the challenges and complexities of aging.

We gather Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30 at Lake Sunnyside Lodge. We welcome you - just bring your Bible and your questions. We learn from one another. For more information, please call Wendy Schrank (815)751-5305.

Ladies of the Lake: Upcoming Events

By Deb Morge-Erickson

We hope all of our friends and neighbors have a nice Easter.

Thank you to Evelyn Plasmier for once again organizing our yearly donation of Easter Bags for the Durand Food Pantry. We were able to fill 100 bags for the kiddos and 25 for seniors. These were distributed by the pantry volunteers during their March distribution. We were also able to help our local Easter Bunny Karen Durante by filling several containers of eggs for the LSA Easter Egg hunt. The LSA Easter hunt will take place here at the lodge on Saturday April 4th. As always, it is a wonderful event attended by several hundred children and their family members. You go girl!!! for creating such great events for all of LSA. To all our members and friends who came to help with the filling of the bags and eggs thanks so much.

Calling All Home School Participants!

We will be hosting, "A Bee Keepers Role" on Monday, April 13th at the lodge at 1pm. Phil Raines of Raines Honey Farm will be with us to enlighten us about bees. BUZZZZZZ. No worries, there will be no live bees in attendance. If you can please RSVP to myself Deb Morge-Erickson at 708-710-4039. We hope you will join us for this presentation.

On Monday, May 11th, we begin our celebration of the 250th birthday of America with our FASHION SHOW. Our fashions will come from The Clothes Bin and Gifts in Freeport. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale March 30th. For tickets, contact Kim Durham 815-742-6612. Doors will open at noon so you can browse our raf-

file table that is usually loaded with items.

The annual Garage Sale here at LSA is June 12-13. Ladies of the Lake will once again be located at the Bocce Courts between the tennis courts and the pool. We take donations to sell. No clothes or coffee cups please. So, if your in the mood for spring cleaning your closet or garage you can drop off your donations on Friday or Saturday morning.

In July, our plan is to take a journey to taste some wine. We are deciding on a location. It will be a good day to relax after our two large events.

Later this year we will have our Bocce day and some ideas have popped up to revitalize our Wine and Beer night.

Our mission is to raise funds for the children of our community while having fun. Join us in fulfilling this mission God Bless all of our friends and neighbors.





A Voice For The Veterans

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Saturday May 23rd at 10AM

is the veteran's memorial dedication celebration at Harting Park, followed by a decorated golf cart parade to the Lodge, cookout, fun, golf cart judging, and grand prize raffle.

This event is open to all L/S residents and we welcome you to our celebration at the memorial, or at the lodge or both!

Raffle tickets are **\$5 each or 5 for \$20**, for tickets contact-

Sandy Stamp 847-533-1319 or email us at
LSAveteransClub@gmail.com to request tickets

Tickets are limited so hurry to "STEAK" your claim!!

GOLF CART INFORMATION

To enter a decorated golf cart in the parade/ judging and for the non-decorated carts joining the parade, please type in this link for the instructions and rules-

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Dog Club

Registration has begun for the dog park for 2026. Forms are online as well as in the office. The fee this year is \$30 for the first dog and \$10 each additional dog. Proof of rabies vaccination is required along with the fee at the time of registration and tags given out (black tag). Current tags (purple) expire April 30.

Lake Summerset Fish Club

By Kevin Shirley

Lake Summerset Fish Club Meeting Minutes 2/22/2026

Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

Attendees: Mark Troyanowski 47, Steve Vassar 518, Dave Rindfleisch 1471, Bob Woelky1785, Curt&TerriZawiski228, Mark Rose 855, Kevin Shirley 763, Jeff Giedd 2140

Treasurers Report and Trustee Audit of all financial accounts was completed for 2025 and beginning of first quarter of 2026.

Tax filing forms and reports were completed for Federal and State Revenue Departments.

Details of Volunteer/Lake Staff and Sponsor Appreciation dinner were finalized for 3/5/26.

Scholarship Committee gave an update of progress for this graduation year.

Member Shirts and shirts for sale to members were discussed. Costs, designs etc. More to follow.

Catching Fish and Making Memories

board for 2026 was discussed and planned.

Upcoming Fish Club Events

Crib Building and installation-date TBD need to confirm with Jeff W/Travis/Etc. 3/27-3/28?

Lake Cleanup Day 4/18 10am-12noon. After event activities TBD cookout etc.?

Bass Tournament Cast for Cash 6/20.

Kids Fishing Clinic TBD perhaps 7/11 10am-2pm more to come.

Fish Club Pancake Breakfast and Car Show 7/18 (Car Show rain date in August if needed).

Wally Raduns Muskie Classic 9/26 & 9/27.

Advertising and promotions for upcoming events was discussed.

Next Fish Club Business meeting tentative for 5/16.

Also, the need for a Bass Tournament Sponsorship coordination meeting was discussed. It was determined that the sooner that meeting could occur the better.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

2026 Fish Club Events

Annual Lake Clean Up Day - Saturday, April 18

Bass Cast for Cash Tournament - Saturday, June 20

Kids Fishing Clinic - Saturday, July 11

Pancake Breakfast and Car Show - Saturday, July 18

5th Annual Wally Raduns Muskie Classic - Saturday, September 26 and Sunday September 27

Red Hats Enjoy Stockholm Inn

By Jacque French

Our March meeting was held at the Stockholm Inn, in Rockford. We enjoyed a great lunch, in a private room.

For April, we will meet on Tuesday, April

7th, at 11:00, at AM Social, in Loves Park for brunch. Afterwards, we will go to the Nicholas Conservatory to see the butterfly display. If you would like to join us, please call Diane at (847) 526-8246.

New to the Lake?

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

Writing Gals to Host Second Day Camp for Big Kids

By Sharon Boehlefeld

Join the Lake Summerset Writing Gals at the lodge May 16 for their second Writing Day Camp for Big Kids.

Aimed at writers high school age and older, the free camp will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Pack a lunch and snacks and all your writing gear for this day devoted to starting or continuing your writing project.

From 10 a.m. to lunch, the Gals will share writing tips to help you start or improve your writing. After lunch, the popular "Three-Jar Prompt" will return to launch you on your afternoon of writing time.

For planning (yes, there will be hand-outs), registration will close May 14. Sign up for the session at <https://form.jotform.com/260704410233140>.

Watch for more details on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lswritinggals/> or on our website, <https://lswritinggals.wordpress.com/>.

As always, guys are welcome.

If you have questions, feel free to join us at our regular, twice-a-month meetings, which will return to the lodge on April 6 at 7 p.m.



WRITING DAYCAMP FOR BIG KIDS

TIPS - TREATS - TIME

May 16, 2026
Join the LS Writing Gals at the Lodge 10 am - 4 pm.

Register by May 14, 2026, at <https://form.jotform.com/260704410233140>

Application for Seasonal Campsite Lottery

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

Deadline: April 18, 2026
Drawing: April 25, 2026
9 a.m. LSA Office

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

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Lot# _____ Phone _____

Length of camper _____

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

Camping equipment must be in place no later than June 15. If campsite is not occupied by June 15, campsite will be considered abandoned, and campsite may be made available to the next person on waiting list, if applicable, or opened to short term campers. If campsite is not occupied by June 15, 50% of fees are forfeited as a penalty-50% will be refunded to applicant.

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

Liability waiver must be signed each year in LSA Office.

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

Application for Marina Boat Slip Lottery

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

Deadline: April 18, 2026
Drawing: April 25, 2026
9 a.m. LSA Office

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

Name _____

Address _____

Lot# _____ Phone _____

Boat Type: Circle one: Pontoon Fishing Power

Access Door: Circle one: Right side Left side Both Sides

Prefer: Circle one: Main Marina Southgate Marina
Main Marina ADA Accessible

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

(See diagrams)

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

Fish Club Fun

By Terri Zawiski

The LSA Fish Club met on February 22, 2026. We have decided we want our club to be more family orientated & Fun. We encourage members of any age who enjoy fishing to join our club. Our hope is that new members will bring fresh ideas on how to keep us moving forward in a more enjoyable and fun atmosphere for our meetings & events. All proceeds go back to maintaining the lakes fishery and fish habitat as well as giving back to the community.

We recently hosted an appreciation dinner in the lodge for local club sponsors, LSA employees and our members who have helped make our club a success. A special thanks to Mark Troyanowki & Jamie Zahalka for organizing this well attended event.

The Club gives two \$500.00 Scholarships each year to local high school students. Organizers for this committee are Steve Vassar & Bob Woelky. We are very proud to do this for our community.

Some Of Our Upcoming Events In 2026 Are:

Crib Building at the Main Marina (tentative date is March 27 &28)

Lake Clean-Up: We will meet at the Main Marina on April 18 from 10:00 – 12:00. Please consider volunteering to help maintain our beautiful beaches and parks. Just bring your bucket or trash bag.

LSA Photo Contest runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Send us your LSA Fishing Photo along with your memory and Lot number to our email address. We will develop and display the picture and memory on the Board in the office. We will select a winner at the end of the contest.

Our 5th Annual Bass Tournament will be held at South Gate Marina on June 20. Registration opened up on March 15th at 8 am.

Kids Fishing Clinic is for anyone who wants to learn to fish. (tentative date July 11 from 10-12:00) Each child will receive a free fishing pole & tackle box.

Pancake Breakfast will be on July 18th at Mitchell Park from 8:00 – 11:00. Volunteers are welcome.

Car Show on July 18 will be across from Mitchell Park from 9:00-12:00. Calling all car enthusiasts!! Bring out your Classic cars, Muscle cars & Modern rides. Free for spectators and your vote chooses the winner. \$10.00 to show your ride. Music provided by our local DJ.

Wally Raduns Muskie Classic will be held on September 26 & 27.

Our Fish Club Meetings are held in the Boardroom at the office on the first Thursday on the month when possible at 7:00pm. Our next tentative club meeting will be on May 16th with details to follow.

More updated reminders will be posted on social media and the newspaper. See our Facebook page. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at: Lsfishclub@gmail.com



Save The Date

The next Veterans Club dinner is Wednesday, April 15th at the lodge at 5:30pm. Please keep those donations coming in so we can complete the Veterans Memorial!

Night Time Golf Cart Annual Inspection

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Lake Summerset Office Parking Lot
9:00 am - Noon

Only Golf Carts and ATV/UTV's previously approved for night time driving will be inspected at this time

Redbook Reminder Section 5.1.13

Consistent with Illinois Statute 625 ILCS 45 (Boat Registration and Safety Act), LSA prohibits the operation and/or placement of any Watercraft, Dock or Lifting System in the waters of Lake Summerset if any evidence of an Aquatic Invasive Species is present. Watercraft, Dock and Lifting Systems must be cleaned prior to being permitted to be placed into the lake if this evidence exists. LSA reserves the right to inspect any Watercraft, Dock or Lifting System prior to placement into the lake.

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.



5th Annual Bass Tournament

Saturday June 20 7 AM - 1PM

Sign Up Is OPEN on



Registration Date Determines Starting Order
\$80 Per Person: 2 Person Minimum or 3 Person Max

Limited Entries

Teams • Mens • Ladies • Kids 16 & Under

Each Team must have 1 LSA Member & LSA Registered Boat

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LSA Photography Club



By Kathy Webster

All LSA members are welcome, regardless of experience or equipment. Join us at a meeting, on Facebook, or by email!

Upcoming meetings

- Wed, Apr 8, 6-8pm
- Sat, May 9, 9-11am
- Wed, June 10, 6p-8pm

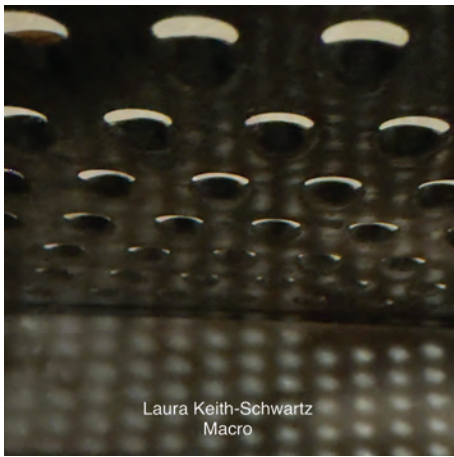
Find us on Facebook: Lake Sunnyside Photography Club - For LSA Members Email: lakesunnysidephotography@gmail.com

Creative slumps can happen, making photography feel repetitive. At our March meeting, we set up still life scenes and tried five exercises to inspire fresh perspectives. The exercises included: capturing the same scene from ten distinct perspectives, taking a photograph every hour using a timer, limiting each shot to a single focal length without zooming, shooting in black & white, and conducting a focused search for a specific color, such as yellow. Growth happens fastest when you treat photography as an experiment—stop seeking perfection and start exploring new possibilities. Creativity is learning where to take your photography and which route to choose.

Our March Photography challenge was Macro – in the kitchen/or bathroom. The winners were 1st place - Kathy Webster and her photo of Raspberries, 2nd place – Laura Keith-Schwartz and her photo of a grater, 3rd place – Lin Nielsen and her photo of a fork. Congratulations to all our winners, any member can take part in all our challenges! All our members are winners! Our April challenge is ‘Lighten up’ - Light & Airy Photography, perfect for spring! Light & Airy photography is a bright, soft, and ethereal style characterized by high-key exposure, pastel tones or muted colors, and minimal, soft shadows. By using natural and diffused light, backlighting, and wide apertures, this technique achieves a soft, dreamy look with low contrast that feels joyful and timeless. Key elements include minimal shadows, and clean, simple backgrounds. Even on overcast days one can capture a light-colored, pastel, or muted color palette. We invite you to participate with us!



Kathy Webster
Macro



Laura Keith-Schwartz
Macro



Lin Nielsen
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2026	MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES INCOME	TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	TOTAL OPERATING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	DUES & INTEREST ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
JANUARY	17.3%	15.3%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	18.9%	9.5%
FEBRUARY	78.7%	68.5%	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	85.5%	33.2%
MARCH							
APRIL							
MAY							
JUNE							
JULY							
AUGUST							
SEPTEMBER							
OCTOBER							
NOVEMBER							
DECEMBER							
BUDGET	\$2,596,950	\$3,137,607	\$1,244,356	\$954,510	\$2,198,867	\$938,741	\$3,137,607

MONTH	MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES INCOME	TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	TOTAL OPERATING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	DUES & INTEREST ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
JANUARY	17.3%	15.3%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	18.9%	9.5%
FEBRUARY	78.7%	68.5%	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	85.5%	33.2%
MARCH							
APRIL							
MAY							
JUNE							
JULY							
AUGUST							
SEPTEMBER							
OCTOBER							
NOVEMBER							
DECEMBER							
BUDGET	\$2,596,950	\$3,137,607	\$1,244,356	\$954,510	\$2,198,867	\$938,741	\$3,137,607

2025	MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES INCOME	TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	TOTAL OPERATING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	DUES & INTEREST ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
JANUARY	19.3%	17.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.5%	19.6%	9.6%
FEBRUARY	85.8%	74.0%	11.4%	10.3%	10.9%	86.2%	32.9%
MARCH	94.6%	82.3%	15.8%	16.8%	16.2%	95.6%	39.2%
APRIL	96.4%	84.8%	23.2%	24.7%	23.8%	97.1%	45.1%
MAY	96.3%	88.0%	29.6%	30.6%	30.1%	97.5%	49.6%
JUNE	97.3%	93.3%	40.7%	41.4%	41.0%	102.6%	58.9%
JULY	97.6%	94.6%	53.6%	60.4%	56.5%	102.9%	70.0%
AUGUST	97.9%	95.7%	67.8%	68.4%	67.2%	103.0%	77.6%
SEPTEMBER	98.2%	96.4%	79.7%	74.6%	77.5%	103.2%	84.9%
OCTOBER	98.3%	99.0%	85.6%	86.1%	85.8%	106.9%	91.9%
NOVEMBER	98.7%	100.7%	92.8%	93.1%	92.9%	107.1%	97.0%
DECEMBER	98.7%	102.0%	96.6%	98.2%	97.3%	111.4%	101.4%
BUDGET	\$2,429,510	\$2,961,380	\$1,195,005	\$909,039	\$2,104,044	\$857,336	\$2,961,380



The Tree Guy



Easter will be upon us with all things rabbit/chick-like and probably the obligatory Easter Lily and other assorted bulbs forced out for spring bloom. The Tulips, Hyacinth, Daffodils, in addition to the Lily all shouldn't be up now...think back to the end of March with its decidedly unspring like weather. They have been tricked into blooming, so here they are. They were given somewhere between 4-15 weeks of temperatures below 45 degrees way back in the fall, then put in a warm greenhouse and forced into bloom just for Easter or whenever we need a dose of spring. They look great, they smell great, and no denying they add to the promise of spring.

They flower, they fade, they die back. Now what? Keep them in the sun until all the green is gone from their leaves. This allows all that 'energy' to go back into the bulbs to make new flowers. Then when you are planting your annuals along in May some time, plant these bulbs too.

They will take on water, send down roots, and after a summer, fall, and winter, they will flower again only much later because they haven't been 'tricked' this time.

All these bulbs were originally meant to flower outside but got pressed into service early because we employed artificial winter to get them to flower. Yes, even the Easter Lily will flower again if you plant it.

We employ these cooling techniques called 'Vernalization' to a lot of plants. Mostly bulbs but most perennials are also pre-cooled so they can be potted in the spring and still flower that same year. They say it's not nice to fool Mother Nature, but the floral display is worth the risk.

Enjoy your flowering bulbs and when you start thinking about planting them out in your annual gardens make sure you come to the Lake Summerset Plant sale on May 8th and 9th at the Lodge. Look in this paper for the plant list with the times on it. See you at the plant sale, JT, The Tree Guy.

The ECC "Plumb Line"

ECC Drive Around for Safety and Appearance Purposes

During the month of June, you may notice members of the ECC traveling around Lake Summerset inspecting developed properties and vacant lots, taking notes, and in some cases taking pictures. The purpose of this inspection process is to help assure the safety and appearance of our community from the standpoint of our built and natural environment. For example, our Tree Inspector will be visiting each of our approximately 2400 lots and parks to identify and mark dead or dying trees for removal. A falling tree could become a hazard to both people and property should it fall in an unsafe manner. Other members of the ECC who are involved in the approval and inspection process for new construction will be looking at the exterior of houses for building code violations and other unsafe conditions that could pose a hazard to our members, their families, and their guests. Both vacant and improved lots are also inspected for appearance purposes that could contribute to reducing the natural beauty and pristine appearance of our community.

From a safety standpoint, slips, trips and falls are a leading cause of unintentional death and injuries from around the home. They are responsible for over 800,000 hospitalizations and 9 million emergency room visits annually. About one third of these injuries occur on the outside of the house. Outdoor stairs leading to a door or deck can be a source of these injuries. The Residential Building Code has specific requirements for the construction of stairs, including the width and depth of the of the stair tread itself, and the need for graspable handrails, especially when there are four or more steps. Stairs and decks 30 inches or more above grade level must have specifically sized guard rails and balusters to prevent someone falling from that height and injuring themselves. Stairs and railings that may be missing, worn out, damaged or leaning can also be a concern.

Other safety hazards often found by these ECC inspections include unsafe walkways, exposed or unprotected electrical wiring, and trees or other vegetation growing too close to the house that could eventually damage the house's foundation and/or siding. The ECC will also be looking for improper additions or changes to the house that may have been constructed without a proper permit and inspection. If the ECC notes any safety issues like these from your house, they will take a picture of the hazard and notify you of that.

From an appearance and aesthetic standpoint, Blue Book section 2G provides details on the responsibilities of

owners/members in this regard. Specifically, they must prevent the existence of any condition that unreasonably detracts from or diminishes from the aesthetic appearance of their property. This includes all improvements on their lots and the keeping of them in a state of repair or maintenance to avoid their becoming unsightly. This also includes the removal of all debris or rubbish from their property. The Red Book requires that all lots must be mowed and kept free of the unsightly growth of vegetation. Although every lot is inspected monthly during the summer for grass and weeds growing over 12 inches, the ECC will also be looking for overgrown vegetation, including bushes and trees, that may need to be trimmed or removed for appearance purposes. Downed trees should be cleared, and if the wood is being saved to burn, it should be cut and piled neatly in an inconspicuous manner. Empty lots can have nothing stored on them except boats, boat trailers and popup camping trailers, and if they are stored there, they should have current registration, and the grass and weeds around them should be trimmed.

Other appearance issues that can reduce the aesthetic beauty of our community include items like exposed garbage and garbage cans, unregistered vehicles including boats and trailers, unpermitted signs, damaged retaining walls and driveways, and exterior house surfaces that need to be fixed, replaced, or painted. In recent years the ECC has also been inspecting culverts and swales that may need to be cleaned out or reshaped in order to prevent the buildup of rainwater on our roads and other surfaces.

This year the ECC will be inspecting houses and empty lots on the north side of the lake, as this is typical for even number years. For odd numbered years the south side will be inspected. If the ECC notes any safety or appearance concerns with your property, a picture will be taken and you will receive a letter from them noting the issues that need attention. Some of the items noted will strictly be advisory in nature, while others, like those that violate building code or Blue and Red Book requirements, may be given a timeframe by which corrective action should be taken. The ECC will then reinspect these houses and lots to be sure they are now compliant, and if not, specific fines could be issued.

Private communities like ours are designed to offer a distinct lifestyle focused on enhanced security, safety, and a consistently high standard of aesthetic appeal. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that their property contributes to the cohesive, well-maintained, and visually appealing environment that we enjoy here.

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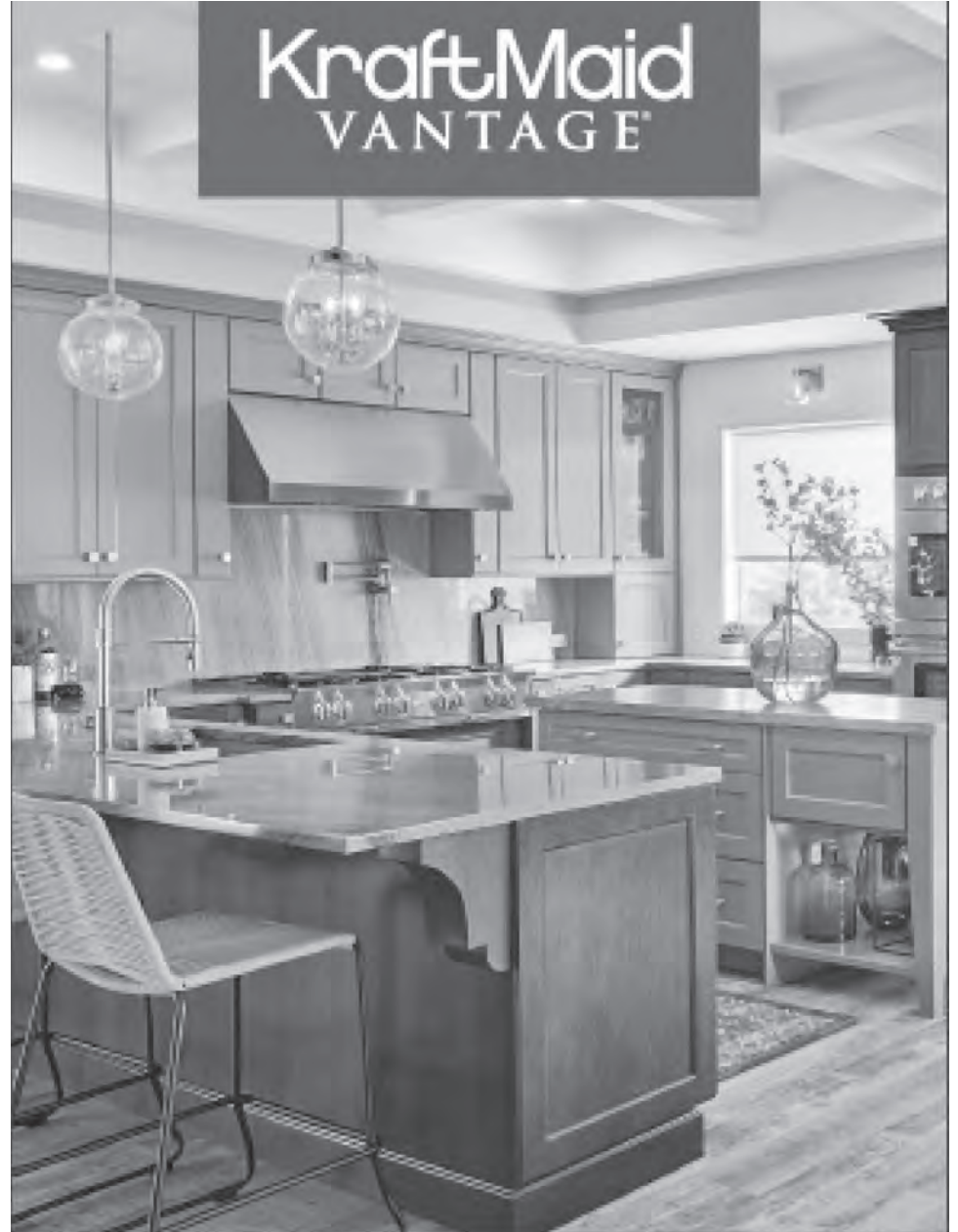
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Tree removal forms are available in the office or on the LSA Website. Fill out the tree removal form completely and bring it to the office or submit it electronically.

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

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

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

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

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Durand Library

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Hours are Saturday Mornings - 9:00 am to Noon
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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
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- *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](https://www.facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary)

Happy Easter

LSA Community Calendar

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April 1 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:30pm Dog Park Club (Office)	2 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group 7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	3 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	4 9:00am ECC (Office) 1:00pm Easter Egg Party (Lodge) 2:30pm Easter Egg Hunt (Lodge Grounds)
5 Easter	6 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	7 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	8 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 6:00pm Photography Club (Office)	9 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 6:30pm Veteran's Club (Office)	10 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	11 9:00am Campground Committee Meeting (Office)
12 2:00pm Maker's Circle (Lodge)	13 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Lodge) 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	14 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:00pm Beautification Club (Office)	15 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 4:00pm Set Up for Veterans Club Fundraiser Dinner (Lodge) 5:30pm Veterans Club Fundraiser Dinner (Lodge) 6:30pm Safety Committee (Office)	16 10:00am Quilt Club (Lodge) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	17 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	18 9:00am ECC (Office) 9:00am Vegetable Garden Club (Office) 6:30pm Bingo Night (Lodge)
19	20 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	21 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	22 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	23 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group (Lodge) 6:30pm Long Range & Facility Planning (LRFP) (Office)	24 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	25 8:00am Lake Planning (Office) 9:00am Boat/Campground Lottery Drawing (Office)
26	27 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge)	28 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	29 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	30 12:00pm Bocce Ball Club Spring Meeting (Lodge) 1:30pm Lake Summerset Children's Play Group		

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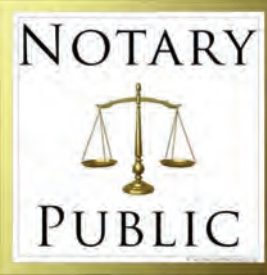


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1397 & 1396 Pier Dr., • \$304,900
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2354 Butternut Bend, \$267,000
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136 Lake Summerset Rd., • \$225,000
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2216 Gainsboro Rd., • \$235,000
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1506 Pier Dr., • \$289,000
3 BR, 3 BTH, 2 CAR.



295 Forestcliff Ct., • \$240,000
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1726 Baintree Rd., • \$265,000
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2108 Lake Summeset Rd., • \$292,500
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2121 HAWTHORNE, grass lot close to pool.....\$9,000	262 WICKSHIRE DR, Spring park, SOLD!\$4,500	VIEWS OVER OAK PARK!.....\$42,475	940 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., mostly flat.....\$5,900
1689 EDGEWOOD, flat grass! SOLD!\$3,750	160 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, Corner lot, SOLD!\$4,300	818 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, Wooded slight slope down	2185 Gainsboro Rd. Wooded, slopes down.....\$3750
1305 & 1306 CHADBOURNE DR. Wooded, EACH @.....\$4,300	1742 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, SOLD!\$3,500	from road, includes Free Pontoon Boat!.....\$13,500	951 LAKE SUMMERSET RD. Lake views!.....\$7,500
1360 PIER DR, nice lakeviews SOLD!\$13,200	986 WINBORNE, Lake Views! SOLD!\$3,250	1047 DREXEL RD. Flat grass lot! SOLD!\$2,500	1604 LARCHMONT, grass lot.....\$2,600
130 NEWPORT RD, slopes up SOLD!\$3,500	1891 SEXTANT, SOLD!\$3,250	602 Knollwood, wooded.....\$5,000	296 FORESTCLIFF CT, grass lot.....\$4,000
262 WICKSHIRE Adjoins Spring Park SOLD!\$4,500	690 LAKE SUMMERSET RD slopes down to Cardinal	2188 & 2189 Gainsboro, wooded, twins \$3,000 each	451 MARSTONMOOR, tree canopy, PENDING!\$2,500
1502 PIER DR SOLD!\$9,975	Park. PENDING!\$2,950	or \$5,000 for the pair. SOLD!	2287 DREXEL RD, grass lot, great price! PENDING!\$2,000
574 BAINTREE RD, Lakeviews! SOLD!\$7,500	2350 BUTTERNUT BEND, Walk to Marina.....\$5,000	771 WESTMORE wooded SOLD!\$2,000	1721 LAKE SUMMERSET RD, excellent location PENDING!\$2,500
1400 PIER DR. Lakefront Park Lot.....\$9,999	976 WINBORNE Hilltop lot.....\$1,500	665 LAKE SUMMERSET RD., close to pool.....\$3,000	757 GAINSBORO RD., hilltop lot!.....\$4,500
2383 SOUTHGATE DR, Lakeviews! SOLD!\$9,900	1965 BAINTREE RD, DBL LOT W/UNOBSTRUCTALE LAKE	782 Gainsboro Rd., No trees SOLD!\$3,800	1765 GAINSBORO RD., slopes down.....\$2,250