Lake Summerset News

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LSA Announces Addition To Red Book Rules
Section 3- Vehicle and Traffic Regulations

After discussion at a Public Safety and LSA Board meeting, along with member input, the following language was approved at the September meeting to become part of the Red Book.

3.6.1.3. Golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs Vehicles must display a plate on the rear of the machine bearing the owner's lot number in six (6) inch high numbers. Snowmobiles must display these numbers on both sides of the machine or on a plate attached to rear of machine. E-bikes and E-Scooters are required to display an LSA sticker with owner's lot number. E-bikes shall comply with Illinois Traffic Code 625 ILCS 5/11-1517 (c), (1), (2), and (3) as defined per: Illinois Statutes Chapter 625. Vehicles § 5/1-140.10. Low-speed electric bicycle § 1-140.10.
Low-speed electric bicycle. A bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following classes:
(a) "Class 1 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
(b) "Class 2 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.
(c) "Class 3 low-speed electric bicycle" means a low-speed electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.
A "low-speed electric bicycle" is not a moped or a motor driven cycle.

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3.6.1.3.2. E-Bikes will have a manufacture-installed label that is permanently affixed to the bicycle that will identify the classification number, the bicycle's top assisted speed and the bicycle's motor wattage.

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3.6.1.3.3. E-Bikes that are home built must provide evidence that they meet one of the above 3 classifications of e-bikes, otherwise they will be considered a motor driven cycle.

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Please note more Redbook proposed changes can be found in this section on page 7 & 8.

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3.6.2.1. Any person who is of age 16 or over, possesses a valid state driver's license, and the vehicle is registered with the LSA office, may operate any unlicensed motor-driven vehicle as listed in this section, regardless of engine or motor size.~~, if that person possesses a valid state driver's license and the vehicle is registered with the LSA office.~~

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3.6.2.3.2. Class 1 and Class 2 E-Bikes – Must be at least 15 years of age, this includes guest drivers. These vehicles, may only be operated by drivers possessing a valid LSA issued photo ID card or in possession of a state issued photo ID or state driver's license. Driver must be in possession of ID while driving.

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3.6.2.3.3. Class 3 E-Bikes and E-Scooters – Must be at least 16 years of age, this includes guest drivers. These vehicles, may only be operated by drivers possessing a valid LSA issued photo ID card or in possession of a state issued photo ID or state driver's license. Driver must be in possession of ID while driving.

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3.6.2.3.4. ATVs,~~ and~~ UTVs, Low-speed gas bicycles, Mini-bikes, Mopeds, Motor-Scooters, High-Speed E-Bikes (Motor greater than 750Watts) – Must possess a state issued driver's license.

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Please Note

You can submit articles, Letter To Editor, classified ads by emailing lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com

You can submit business ads by emailing addesign444@msn.com

Building, Remodeling, and Repairing on LSA Lots

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

Revised 2/1/20

Lake Summerset Directory

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

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

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

24-Hour Guardhouse: 815-248-2778
Call-in Passes: 815-248-9186
Guardhouse Fax Line: 815-248-4236
Otter Creek Lake Utility District (OCLUD): 815-248-2843
LS News Editor (Mary Walsh): 815-248-2194 x226
ComEd (Electric): 1-800-334-7661
Frontier: 1-800-921-8101
Mediacom Cable: 1-855-633-4226
Gill's Freeport Disposal: 815-233-5644
Davis Fire (Stephenson County): 815-865-5616
Durand Fire (Winnebago County): 815-248-2100
Tri-District Ambulance (Stephenson County): 815-235-8252
Rock Energy Cooperative: 866-752-4550

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

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Board of Directors
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 – John Turner, President
2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Bocce Ball – Randall Myers, President
Every Thursday, 10 a.m., Bocce Courts

Book Club – Rachel Kleven
2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Dog Club - Diane Piquette
Friday, April 3, 2027, 7:00 p.m., LS Office

Fish Club - Jeff Giedd
1st Thurday, 7 p.m., LS Office

Fun Club - Lynn Rill
Meeting Date & Time TBD

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
lsmakerscircle@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
Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m., LS Office
Wednesday, December 9, 5:30 p.m., Lodge

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.

Water Shut-Off Service Offered

A reminder for those closing their homes for the winter season: OCLUD offers the service of shutting off the water service at the curb-stop valve (located at the roadside property line). If you leave your house for an extended period of time, this can provide extra protection if the piping and/or main valve in your home would freeze and break.
There is no cost for this service if it is done during normal working hours (Monday–Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

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

Approval of reallocation of interest earned in 2025

Approval of Preliminary 2027 Budget for November publication and Annual meeting action

Approval of garage sale, auction, and estate sale policies

Discussion and approval to discontinue the Launch Certification Permit policy

Scheduling of Board workshop in January, 2027

Appointment of three Board Directors to review nominations and select winner of the 2026 Jack Walsh Volunteer of the year award

Tentative approval of revised ECC Redbook Rule amendment

Appointment of Election Committee Chairperson

Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 11am on October 9th was 825' & 1". The current lake elevation is 1" above pool elevation.

Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign has remained at the swimming pool on Lake Summerset Rd. thru the Labor Day weekend. The speed limit in this area is 25 miles per hour. 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

8 LSA properties were transferred (sold) during the month of September vs. 12 in September of 2025. 80 LSA properties have been transferred year to date vs. 77 during the same period a year ago.

Culvert Replacement Update

Sjostrom & Sons from Rockford was awarded the job to replace 13 crossroad culverts. The schedule and the timing of the replacements was discussed and the project started on Wednesday, September 9th. As of Thursday, October 8th, all culverts have been replaced. Asphalt and turf repairs are underway and we've been trying to keep the community informed of the scheduling through the Eblasts.

Pier Drive Bridge Renovation Update

Helm/Civil of Freeport was awarded the job to renovate the Pier Drive Bridge behind the dam. This project is designed to address our aging infrastructure as the existing bridge is over 50 years old. This renovation should extend the life of the bridge by approximately 25 years. This project began on Tuesday, September 15th and was completed ahead of schedule on September 29th.

Roofing & Siding Permits

The requirement for a permit, issued by our Environmental Control Committee, for the repair or replacement of roofs and siding was established by the Board of Directors in October 2019. The permit fee of $75 was also established in October of 2019. I've received complaints from some Members who were somehow led to believe that the Association implemented the permit policy and fee after the April 17th, 2026, storm. This is obviously not true. The Environmental Control Committee and the Staff are simply following established policy in requiring a permit for these repairs. It should also be noted that Winnebago County also requires a permit for the repair or replacement of roofs. Most insurance companies will reimburse the homeowner for these permits. As of October 7, 2026, we've issued 727 roofing/siding permits.

Guardhouse Damage

The west side of the Guardhouse was damaged on September 25th when construction equipment fell off of a Contractor's vehicle while exiting the property. The equipment damaged the siding, the framing and the electrical box. The damage caused a power outage for approximately 30 minutes. Winnebago County Deputies were dispatched to take a report and an incident report was completed, including photographs of the damage and a claim has been submitted to our Insurance company. The driver was apologetic and remained at the scene until the Deputies were able to complete their report.

Electronic Billing

Members will have the opportunity to receive their 2027 Dues Billing via email in 2027. The electronic billing is optional, and Members will be informed of this option when the Member Data packet is mailed in late October.

Operations

Other Tasks And Projects Recently Completed By Our Operations Staff Include:

Replaced the battery backup system at the west gate camera and gate system.

Winterized the pool for the winter.

Winterized the splash pad for the winter.

Completed all the roadway / right of way tree trimming on the south side of the lake and partly finished the north side. We will continue to work on cutting back brush and overhanging limbs.

One the replacement parts were delivered; we installed the remaining campground playground parts and poured the footings.

Finished the grading needed for the Southgate drainage project. Once graded, we hydroseeded the ditch.

Addressed the damage done to the guardhouse from the contractor accident that took out our electric service.

Replaced the failed GFCI outlet at the Southgate that caused our camera system and lights to stop working.

Changed the oil and serviced our skid loader

Repaired the lights on the Veteran's club flag pole for the club.

Welded new hooks on one of the 1-ton trucks to keep the back tailgate functioning.

Collected charts and reports from the speed limit radar sign. Moved the sign since the pool is closed.

Repaired the west gate lighting system. The photo eye failed and we replaced the unit.

Removed a dead tree on Edgewood.

Removed and stored both of the marina dock systems for winter.

Removed accumulated silt from the west end inlet and birch park inlet.

Picked up roadside seaweed two times per week.

Trimmed campground trees to assist the mowing program at the campground.

Cleaned seaweed from both beaches.

Performed vehicle inspections.

Picked up brush at the campsites

Fall cleaning of windows at the office building conference room.

Roadway cold patching was performed again in September.

Cleaned shop floors, routine maintenance.

Cleared fallen tree on roadside.

Weeded office and main entrance garden beds.

Weeded east and west gate gardens.

Oil changes done on three vehicles.

Removed swim rafts for winter from both beaches.

Power washed and cleaned marina docks.

Completed wood sealer on the main marina and half of south gate docks. Remaining docks to be done next week.

Repaired the hydraulic leak on the 580 Backhoe. Greased the entire machine.

Inspected the skid steer loader for needed maintenance.

Organized the shop toolbox for efficiency improvements for maintenance work.

Inspected codes for the 2013 1-ton and diagnosed the repairs. HVAC system was failing. Parts ordered and installed.

Performed full service on the 580 backhoe, cleaned the machine and degreased the body.

Repaired the spindle cap and retainer from rope damage on one of the zero turn mowers.

Sharpened mower blades on the mowers.

Greased both mowers.

Full service performed on both mowers.

Replaced the alternator and battery in the 2006 chevy.

Repaired the 2021 equinox patrol car. Oxygen sensors and knock sensors were bad.

Staffing Update

Training new staff, but they are doing great. We have some great new additions to the team, and productivity and work culture are already improving.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Lake Summerset Association

Please take notice that on Sunday, the 13th day of December 2026, at the hour of 2pm in the LSA Boardroom at the Lake Summerset Development, Winnebago County, IL, the Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake Summerset Association will be held.

The purpose of the meeting is for the presentation and membership approval of the 2027 LSA budget and all such business as may properly come before the meeting. Only principal members in good standing shall be entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, at the meeting.

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.

The CRC Corner
Community Relations Committee
Upcoming Topics

November 7, 2026 - 10:00am

The Lions Club of Durand With almost 1.5 million members, Lions Clubs International is the largest public service organization in the world. The Lions Club of Durand serves the Durand and the Lake Summerset communities with local fund raisers and service projects. Hear about all the activities they provide for these communities such as the Queen of Hearts Raffle, support for the schools and youth support, support of the Durand Food Pantry, delivering meals and so many other services.

December 5, 2026 - 10:00am

John Turner "JT" earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois. He taught Horticulture at Addison Trail High School for 33 years until he retired in 2014. He has been a resident of Lake Summerset for 29 years. He was known as the Tree Guy and now is the President of the Beautification Club. JT, the Plant Guy, will talk about landscaping basics for the front yard for Lake Summerset residents. He will have some examples to show from around the lake.

Hope you can make it to learn more about these great topics and meet your neighbors.

Welcome to Lake Summerset

Lot	House	Members Name
166	167	Brustowicz, Martin & Lori
	1782	Baumgartner, Chase & Amber
	1949	Bestler, David & Dianna
	798	Hofmaster, Amanda

Phone Book Changes & Updates

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	COMMENTS
Baumgartner, Chase & Amber	1782 Darby Ln.	815-990-5926 His 608-774-1531 Hers	Add
Bodnum, Richard & Rebecca			Delete
Ortega, Laura			Delete

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

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Close at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 25

Open at 8:00 am
Tuesday, December 1

Gill's Disposal

Yard waste pick up ends
*Monday, November 23, 2026

*Subject to change based on weather conditions

Remember

Tampering with mail and mailboxes is a federal crime.

2026 LSA Board Officers & Directors:

President: Karen Franzen
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
Safety Committee - Fred Kile

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

Thanksgiving

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.

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

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

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.

Durand Area Food Pantry November and December Distribution

By Sarah Loofbourrow

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open the following days in November and December: Saturday, November 21, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, November 23, 3-5pm. Saturday, December 12, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, December 14, 3-5pm. Please note the dates are earlier in the month. During our Saturday distributions in November and December, each pantry guest will receive a holiday box. The November box will contain a turkey and a box of side dishes. The December box will contain a ham and side dishes. Holiday boxes will be available on a first come first serve basis until sold out. We have planned for large crowds, but holiday boxes may run out during our Saturday distributions. Holiday boxes on Monday will only be available if supplies remain from our Saturday distributions. Our most needed items for November and December include Chunky soups, canned sweet potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, and boxes of flavored oatmeal. Please leave any items you wish to donate in the white box near the pantry door, the Lake Summerset office or in the basket in front of the office at the Durand United Methodist Church. The November and December distributions are our largest of the year. If you would like to donate to help support this cause please send your donations to DAFP at PO Box 564, Durand IL 61024. You may also donate online by viewing the pantry QR code on the Durand Area Food Pantry Facebook page. Thanks to all who have donated to help meet the needs of our guests during our holiday distributions.

DURAND AREA FOOD PANTRY



The Durand Area Food Pantry needs your help to make the holidays a little brighter for our neighbors in need!

Our holiday food box program provides a turkey dinner with all the trimmings in November, and a ham dinner with the sides in December. The cost of a holiday box is $25. We will provide 200 boxes in November and 200 in December at our holiday distributions.

Donations via check can be sent to the Durand Area Food Pantry, PO Box 564, Durand, IL 61024. Donations can also be made via PayPal, credit or debit card by scanning the QR code below

Thank you for your generosity!

Ice Fishing Regulations

- All members and guests 16 years or older must possess an Illinois resident or non-resident fishing license when fishing on Lake Summerset. Members must also have in their possession their Lake Summerset Member ID card.
- All non-family guests must be accompanied by a Principal or Associate Hosting Member of the Association when fishing on Lake Summerset. Unaccompanied non-family guest fishing is not allowed. Family member guests may fish alone if in possession of a "Family Member Monthly or Annual Fishing Permit". When accompanied by a Principal or Associate Hosting Member, guest fisherman can fish alone in their own ice shelter but must be within speaking distance (maximum of 40 yards) of the hosting member.
- No permanent ice fishing shelters may be placed on the ice. All shelters must be removed at night.
- Ice fishing shelters must be marked with the name and address of the owner in accordance with State of Illinois regulations and also with the name and lot number of the LSA member if it is different than the owner of the shelter.
- It is illegal to use or posses any live bait other than worms or spikes (larvae). Live bait includes minnows, live fish from Lake Summerset used as bait, crayfish or leeches. VHS free packaged bait is allowed; however, you must save the packaging for inspection if requested.
- Cut bait from Lake Summerset, caught bluegills and sunfish is allowed. Cut bait bluegills count against creel limits, and the head must be saved for inspection if requested. It is illegal to cut up, dress, or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish where there is a size limit posted for the species of fish (catfish, walleye, muskie, northern, perch, and bass).
- Each angler may use up to three poles or tip-ups with no more than two hooks on each line.
- Holes cut in the ice may not be larger than eight inches.
- See the latest LSA Fishing Rules and Regulations pamphlet (available at the guardhouse, LSA Office, and on the LSA website) for the complete set of rules, regulations, creel limits, etc.
- Public Safety will enforce these regulations.

Snowplow Notice

Please mark your driveway two feet from the road to assist with winter snow removal. Also mark any obstructions in the right-of-way.

Thank you —LSA Operations

Snow Fences

If you would like to place a snow fence on your property for the winter months, you must receive permission from the LSA General Manager.

Please provide placement and length information.

Walking Your Dog?

Don't forget to clean up after them.
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Durand United Methodist Church

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November 7, 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm
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Force Mowing Citations

The September 1, 2026 Force Mowing inspection found the following lots to be in violation of Blue Book section 2, page 8, paragraph G. Each lot is fined $150. 93, 127, 158, 197, 241, 247, 294, 317, 424, 430, 431, 471, 472, 591, 640, 641, 644, 710, 756, 772, 795, 796, 924, 973, 988, 1031, 1043, 1057, 1060, 1085, 1090, 1091, 1110, 1235, 1303, 1384, 1385, 1394, 1454, 1587, 1603, 1628, 1660, 1662, 1694, 1707, 1716, 1734, 1739, 1742, 1743, 1753, 1758, 1759, 1763, 1789, 1812, 1820, 1846, 1857, 1859, 1867, 1873, 1880, 1882, 1893, 1903, 1970, 2057, 2059, 2078, 2130, 2138, 2160, 2171, 2188, 2189, 2221, 2222, 2271, 2296, 2300, 2302, 2335, 2351

LSA Fun Club: Let's Have Some Fun!

By Lynn Rill

It's official — LSA has approved the Fun Club!

We are excited to begin planning events for Lake Summerset residents that incorporate our beautiful lake, parks, and beaches, while also supporting the surrounding community through donations to area food pantries and schools.

In the summer of 2026, we held two Golf Cart Runs inside Lake Summerset. The Fun Club collected more than 100 jars of peanut butter and 100 cans of chunky soup for the Durand Area Food Pantry. Both events were attended by more than 60 people and included 30 golf carts. Fun was had by all!

Each participant received one raffle ticket for attending and an additional raffle ticket for each can or jar donated. Prizes were generously donated by Tempo, High Fades, Fire Barn, Ciminos, Christian Carts, Best Realty, Morgan Realty, May Landscaping, Route 75, Eliza's, and private contributors.

We can't wait for 2027!

Announcing First Official Fun Club Event
- Chili Cook-Off Party
Date: November 7, 2026
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Lodge

All are invited, and it is free to attend!

If you are a Lake Summerset resident over the age of 21 and would like to compete in our First Annual Chili Cook-Off, please email us at FunClub1202@gmail.com before October 24.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dish or appetizer to pass. This event is BYOB, including water, pop, and other beverages.

The LSA Veterans Club will be selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will help fund the completion of the Veterans Memorial Park.

JOIN US!

Please feel free to send suggestions for future club events to FunClub1202@gmail.com.

Writing Gals: Tell Us A Story Contest Winner

By Sharon Boehlefeld

And the winner is …

The Writing Gals didn't expect a "team submission" in our Tell Us a Story contest, but we got one from Lake Summerset residents Hope Di Mario-Tholin and her daughter, Lemon. But the judging team liked the upbeat story with its happy ending. So here it is:

Once Upon a Time

By Hope and Lemon Di Mario-Tholin

Author's note: This story is going to jump around a bit—maybe a lot; kinda like my 4-year-old little girl, who thought it was absolutely necessary that she be the co-author. The story that she has been telling her family: "And if Mommy and me win, it's going to be in the paper for the whole entire world to read."

I have to hand it to her; she is quite the storyteller. Without further ado, the story:

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, lived a beautiful princess named Lemon Belle Tholin.

This land had a beautiful lake called Lake Summerset. The princess loved going on rock-climbing "championships," watching the birds fly while naming them all (correctly)—even Mommy learned a thing or two.

This land is full of adventures, the ones that made the days feel long, the sun shine bright, and the nights peaceful—listening to the birds get settled, the crickets chirping, and the frogs ribbiting.

The princess spent all the time she could outside, never keeping her binoculars too far away, for she knew the eagle would soon sit upon the electrical post just past her backyard. The hummingbirds always had food, and the other birds always had a sunflower bath to bathe and drink from—all while Mommy tried to explain to her, in the simplest way, why they can drink their bath water but she shouldn't drink hers.

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The lake in this far, far away land made this little girl so proud to call it home. And at only 4 years old, she has appreciated every inch of its beauty.

The princess is going to have a family of her own someday, and she dreams of living here with them: "Not in this house, but a different house, but I will still visit Mommy and Daddy every day."

While I deeply love and support what her future holds, I have a dream, too: that time doesn't pass too quickly; that the princess never gets too old to tell the lake goodnight; that she never grows tired of playing in the sand "looking for treasures."

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Writing Gals meet the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. at the lodge or the office. Follow us at https://www.facebook.com/lswritinggals for updates on locations. Lake Summerset member writers are welcome to join us at any meeting or drop us a note at lswritinggals@gmail.com for more information.



Writing Gals presented their Tell Us a Story contest winners with a gift basket provided by the members.



Lemon and Hope Di Mario-Tholin are the winners of the LS Writing Gals Tell Us a Story contest.

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LSA Announces Addition To Red Book Rules
Section 3- Vehicle and Traffic Regulations

After discussion at a Public Safety and LSA Board meeting, along with member input, the following language was approved at the September meeting to become part of the Red Book.

3.6.5.1. ~~Even if the vehicle carries a state license plate it must be registered with LSA if it will be operated in LSA by an individual who has a valid state driver's license but does not~~ Vehicles must have a valid state license plate and operators must have the appropriate "L" or "M" driver's license classification ~~permitting operation on public roadways.~~

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~~3.6.7.3. Vehicle must have a reflective, lit lot number plate as well as reflective tape on the rear and sides of the vehicle. Golf Carts and ATV/UTVs must also have a reflective flag. It is strongly recommended that each vehicle carry a flashlight when operating after dark.~~

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3.6.7.1. An unlicensed motor vehicle, such as E-Bikes, E-Scooters, mini-bikes, dirt-bikes, or ATV's may not be operated between sunset and sunrise with the exception of an unlicensed motor vehicle allowed to be inspected and approved. ~~, except those annually inspected and approved by LSA Public Safety for night time operation and subsequently displaying the proper LSA issued permit.~~

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3.6.7.6.5. ~~Guest drivers must be accompanied by a LSA member and both~~ Operators must be able to produce a state issued driver's license if requested by LSA Public Safety Personnel.

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3.6.7.2. Golf carts, ATV's, UTVs, E-Bikes and E-Scooters that are annually inspected and approved by LSA Public Safety for nighttime operation and subsequently displaying the proper LSA issued permit may be operated at night. Golf carts, and ATV's and UTVs, ~~Vehicle~~ must have a full light package, including headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency lights, a rear-view mirror, have a reflective flag and reflective tape on the rear and sides of the vehicle. E-Bikes and E-Scooters must have headlights and back lights, and reflective tape is recommended. It is strongly recommended that all vehicles carry a flashlight when operating after dark.

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR VACANT LSA BOARD SEAT

Due to a Member of the LSA Board resigning, there is a vacancy on the LSA Board of Directors. As per the LSA By-Laws, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a Principal Member to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy. Term expires December 12, 2027.

The LSA Board is the governing body of the Lake Summerset Association. They meet the second Monday of every month for approximately 2.5 hours and there may be other non-meeting assignments that would require a time commitment.

If you are interested in filling the vacancy, please submit a Letter of Intent and Resume to General Manager Mike Schmieder at gm@lake-summerset.com. The Board plans on interviewing the top candidates.







LSA Announces Change To Red Book Rules
Section 15.5-Level of LSA Environmental Control Committee (ECC) Involvement

After discussion at an ECC and LSA Board meeting, along with member input, the following language was approved at the September meeting to become part of the Red Book.

15.5.1. ECC Approval, Permit, Lot Pin Locations, Plot Plan, and Security Deposit are required: • New Home, • Home Addition, • Garage – Attached/Detached, ~~Deck, Porch, & Patio – New and replacement~~, • Deck or Porch (New, Rebuild, Maintenance where railing or stairs are impacted or greater than 50% of decking is to be replaced, •Concrete pad/patio greater than 100 sq ft, ~~•Storage Sheds~~, •Any outbuilding structure: Shed, gazebo, pavilion, etc., •Shoreline Stabilization, •Shoreline recovery (may require LPC approval), •Permanent Dock/Pier, •Three/Four Season Room – ~~line of sight required on lakefront, •Permanent Screen House~~, •Pond, ~~•Lakefront Boardwalk, Patio and Retaining Wall (within 20 feet of shoreline)~~ •Lakefront Boardwalk, Patio, Retaining Wall or any other structure within 20 feet of shoreline, •Solar Panels and/or Solar Powered Electrical Systems

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15.5.2. ECC Approval, Permit, Lot Pin Locations, Plot Plan, and NO Security Deposit are required: •Dog Run, ~~•Non-Portable Fire Pit~~, •Any non-portable outdoor fire receptacle: Firepit, grill, fireplace, etc., ~~•Satellite Dish Not Attached to House but within easements~~, •Outdoor Hot Tub, ~~•Gazebo~~, •Portable Dock or Pier

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15.5.4 ECC Approval is required. NO Permit, NO Lot Pin Locations, NO Plot Plan and NO Security Deposit are required: Only change is removing "but not in easement" from • Satellite Dish Not Attached to House ~~but not in easement~~

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15.5.5. NO ECC Approval, NO Permit, NO Lot Pin Locations, NO Plot Plan and NO Security Deposit are required: ~~•Window Replacement~~, ~~•Door Replacement~~, •Replacement of exterior Windows & Doors (same size as existing or smaller), •Replacement of Driveway or Walkway (same size and with same materials), •Any Interior Work: Finish off basement, Remodel Kitchen, Remodel Bathroom, etc., •Satellite Dish mounted on house, •Landscaping

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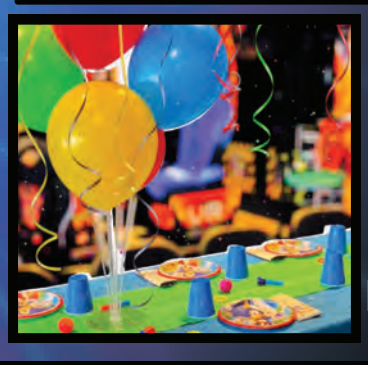
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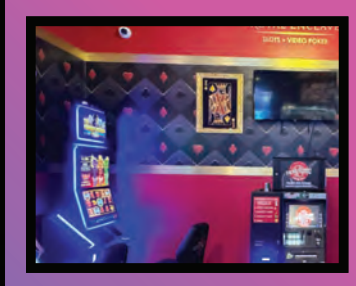


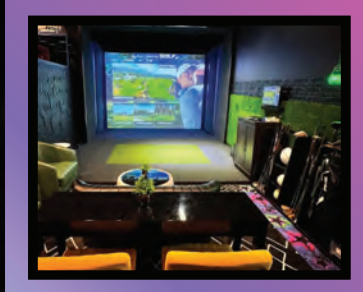


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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Lake Summerset Association Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2026 7:00pm
LSA Office
Board Members Present

Fred Kile, Karen Franzen, Mark Metzler, Dennis Vizenor, Roger Allen (Zoom), GM Mike Schmieder, Absent: Drew Tennant

Members Present

Jon & Shelley Shrum (49), Steve Harting (2238/1425), Doug DeSchepper (1673), George Pillion (794), Glenn Glinke (16), Tom Bernardi (17), Andy Rill (18), Donna Weston (1002), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140) Curt Zawiski (Zoom)

Call To Order

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

Consent Agenda

Director Vizenor made a motion to approve the October 12, 2026 Agenda. Director Kile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Kile made a motion to approve the September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Director Metzler seconded the motion. GM Schmieder asked for a member's name to be changed from Weed to Weech. Director Metzler asked for a change from plate to sticker in reference to e-bike registration. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to approve the September 19, 2026 Workshop Minutes. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Director Kile asked for his name to be removed from the minutes as he was not present. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Kile made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Committee meeting minutes as presented. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Manager's Report

Update on Culvert Replacements and Bridge Renovation

Helm has completed construction on the Pier Drive Bridge. Work was completed a few days faster than scheduled and will extend the life of the bridge. All thirteen culverts have been replaced. The culvert on Lake Summerset Road next to Tamarack Park will need concrete work due to its size. Updates on any road work will be communicated through e-blasts.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Approval of Reallocation of Interest Earned in 2025

Director Kile made a motion to approve the reallocation of $69,732.22 interest earned in 2025. $50,000 to be allocated to Account 70030 for Road Improvements and $19,732.22 to be allocated to Account 70160 to help fund the weed harvester. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Director Metzler reiterated the memo is the same as the preliminary memo previously discussed. **The motion passed with a roll call vote.**

Approval of Preliminary 2027 Budget for November Publication and Annual Meeting Action

Director Metzler made a motion to approve the preliminary 2027 Budget with a dues level of $1,265 for November publication and Annual Meeting action. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Director Metzler noted this is $10 more than discussed at the Workshop. As stated at that time, a final review on salary and benefits for employees meeting with GM Schmieder, OM Rush and BM Fontinakes would take place. That meeting resulted in the need for an increase in an employee insurance benefits package which could not be absorbed and resulted in an additional $10 increase in dues. The motion passed with a roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval of Garage Sale, Auction and Estate Sale Guidelines

Director Vizenor made a motion to approve the Garage Sale, Auction and Estate policy. Director Kile seconded the motion. Discussion included; the guidelines would be in effect for sales outside the community garage sale dates, all sales must be approved by the General Manager, estate sales must notify guardhouse 3 days prior to sale, red passes to guests, signs allowed during sale hours only, must be removed at the end of sale each evening and replaced at start of sale each day, estate sale 3 day maximum, auctions are one day only and must notify guardhouse 24 hours prior to sale, red passes to guests, signs allowed only during sale hours, garage sales 3 day maximum, 1 per year (in addition to community sales), must notify guardhouse 24 hours prior to sale, red passes to guests, signs only on property during sale hours, only to a property with a house and only to a member in good standing, policy to be in newspaper and on website. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Discussion and Review of the Launch Certification Permit Policy

At the Workshop, staff responded to questions regarding the policy and a consensus was reached that the Launch Certification Permit was redundant. **Director Franzen made a motion to discontinue the use of the Launch Certification Permit. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.** President Franzen noted the remainder of the AIS program will remain intact.

Schedule Board Workshop for January

Director Vizenor made a motion to schedule the Board Workshop on January 9, 2027. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Appointment of Awards Committee to Review Nominations and Select Volunteer of the Year

The committee will meet prior to the November Board meeting. **Director Franzen made a motion to appoint GM Schmieder, Director Franzen and Director Allen to serve as the 2026 Awards Committee to review nominations and select the Volunteer of the Year. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Tentative Approval Of The Revised ECC Redbook Rule Amendment

Director Metzler made a motion to approve the revised ECC Redbook rule amendment as presented. Rule amendment to become effective January 1, 2027. Director Kile seconded the motion. ECC Chair Jon Shrum said the change added "non-portable" to fire receptacles to clarify that cooking grills would not need a permit. **The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Appointment of Election Committee Chairperson

Director Franzen made a motion to appoint Jack Walsh to serve as the 2026 election Committee Chairperson. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Member Matters

Clay Turner (2005) - Request for Board to reconsider displaying lot numbers on windshield decals. Member not present.

Member Comments

Jon Shrum (49) – Will the auction/estate/garage sale policy be part of any rule book or schedule? The information is part of the Standard Operating Policy.

Glenn Glinke (16) – Is Zoom still available to members unable to attend in person? Yes, the link is included in the e-blast sent to members with the preliminary agenda.

Tom Bernardi (17) - Can signs for auction/estate/garage sales be posted at street corners, parks, etc.? Is there an application form for the approval process? Yes, signs can be posted and yes, there is a form.

Adjourn To Executive Session

Director Vizenor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. President Franzen adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Shrum
Recording Secretary
Board of Directors

Executive Session

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

The Board discussed the request to extend the concession lease for the lodge kitchen by Empanada's.

The Board discussed the status and the agreements of the repairs to roofs and buildings from the April hailstorm.

The Board was presented with and discussed a change order regarding the culvert replacements. The change order is for concrete to be used instead of asphalt due to the width of the culvert and the subsequent road repair.

The Board then discussed the possibility of purchasing a vacant lot near the swimming pool if it were to be listed for sale.

Director Vizenor made a motion to return to open session at 8:50 pm. Director Kile seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Director Kile made a motion to authorize the mutual Cancellation of the August 31, 2026 agreement between Lake Summerset and Screw City Restoration for roof and siding repairs. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Director Metzler made a motion to approve the agreement between Lake Summerset and Screw City Restoration to replace four asphalt shingle roofs at a cost not to exceed $25,000.00. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Director Vizenor made a motion to authorize the General Manager to make an offer on a vacant lot near the swimming pool should it come up for sale. Director Kile seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. Director Allen made a motion to approve the Change Order for $14,269.50 for the culvert replacement Tamarack Park. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Director Franzen made a motion to adjourn the LSA Board of Directors meeting at 8:59 pm on October 12, 2026. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Michael Schmieder

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Campground Commitee Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 by Chairman Dale Tunak

Members Present

Dale & Wendy Tunak-749, Jennifer & Jason Mesko-380, Shannon & Geoff Brown - 2325, Mike Schnieder,, Jim Ostapa - 1816/2237, Kari & Jeff Giedd- 2140, Karen Franzen - 1329, Donna Weston - 1002

No Board Liaison Present.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The August Campground Committee meeting minutes were read by Jennifer Mesko and approved by Dale Tunak.

Agenda

Chairman: Dale Tunak

Dale Tunak will be stepping down as Committee Chairman.

Finance: Jim Ostapa

ECC sent a document with three recommendations that should be repaired in the Campground Bathhouse:

Replace exhaust fans to remove humidity in the showerhouse.

There was roof damage from the hail storms. Roof vents must be replaced / removed before the roof is replaced.

The women's restroom in the chase has a rotted floor board that needs to be replaced.

Questions On Whether The Campground Committee

Should there be a covering over the dish washing station?

Should there be a laundry area? Committee was not interested in this.

Soap dispensers instead of individual dispensers in the bathhouse?

Tall elongated toilets would be a recommendation.

Concerns regarding the water heaters and the water softener.

Electrical inspections of Legs 1&2 fed from the electrical box need to be inspected with the dates marked on each box. This way we can monitor which boxes have been checked and approved.

In the spring, in April, there is a need for 2 water drops before the season opens in May.

General Manager: Mike Schnieder

Mike met with ESDA (Emergency Service Disaster Area) to discuss Emergency Shelter that campground campers can use. The safest spot is the Bathhouse.

Camp Hosts: Jeff & Kari Giedd

Water might need to be turned off earlier than the closing of the season if the temperatures begin to drop to cold.

The "little sign" in the front of the campground has the beautification colors. A new sign will be placed for the Host Camp Site.

Four planter pots were purchased and donated to enhance the beauty among the campground. Flowers will be placed in these pots.

For some conformity of colors, the "bear" in the front of the campground was painted.

At the end of the season, the seasonal sites need to be more level and gravel added.

Is there a possibility of "certified weed sprayers" to come in the spring to spray the gravel pads to get ready for the season.

New Business

Would it be possible to test the emergency siren on the first day of the new camping season in the spring so that campers can be familiar with the notification.

Can the campground use a facebook page to communicate with each other?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:56am.

The next Campground Meeting will be on April 10, 2027 at 9am over zoom.

Unapproved Community Relations Committee Minutes
October 3, 2026

The CRC meeting was attended by 24 members and called to order by John Kochainski, CRC chairman, at 10:01 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the August 1 minutes, Any corrections none

Community Relations Committee (CRC) Minutes continued on page 12

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

Motion to approve Diane P #1523 2nd Donna W #1002. All approved

Outreach Report

A Get Well card was sent to Marge Greenlee, Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Anna Mae Mulcahey and Dick Mulcahey and the family of Ron Weis.

Citation Review Committee

Next hearing is November 7, 2026. Citation review is your opportunity to have your citation looked at by three volunteer panel judges and if unfounded can be possibly dismissed. Historically in most cases the citations are upheld. The case can be heard by the board for the final appeal decision.

Board Liaison: Mike Schmieder, speaking for Roger Allen who couldn't be there. Mike said that we are replacing 13 crossroad culverts. He has been giving an update to everybody on his e-blasts as to when roads will be closed while the work is being performed. Those culverts are the ones that go underneath the road. There are some that have shifted, some are rotting out but of the 13 to be replaced, they're down to the last two. A major project is coming up, we're going to be replacing a culvert at Tamarack Bay. There is no way around it because of the bay. You will have to go all the way around the lake. Tuesday and Wednesday Lake Summerset will be closed. This one is really big and really long. We've got 9 out of 13 done and we're moving right along. There will be signage by the main gate.The work behind the dam on Pier drive has been completed.

Mike Schmieder -LSA GM Update - On the front page of the October LSA newspaper there are lots of proposed Red Book changes, many of them pertain to two different classes of e-bikes. They are becoming more and more popular. We had a young man riding an e-bike and had an accident already. Another recreational vehicle on the rise is the electronic scooters. The board is adopting the state regulations regarding these, depending on the size and how fast it's rated to go. It will determine who can ride one and what age you need to be to ride one. So check the rules, they are published in the LSA Oct news for two months. These are scheduled to go into place as of January 1st. A member asked if it does not include golf carts? No, Mike answered we treat those differently. A member asked about the whole page of things on page 15? Those were replies that members sent back to a survey when filling out the information on their boats. The page didn't have a title on the top so it was confusing. It basically has everybody's feedback on it.

We have Halloween scheduled for Oct 24th in the Lodge, everyone's invited. They are still looking for candy donations. We are also looking for people to participate in trunk or treat. Open the trunk, have a basket of candy to hand out. There are a couple of handouts on the back table. Sign up to receive my-eblast sent out on Friday afternoon.

Karen Franzen, Board President, mentioned that a form with your questions is needed by Wednesday before the board meeting to get on the board agenda. Submit it to the office. Board meetings are open to all members and meet the 2nd Monday at 7:00 in the LSA office. You can also always bring up a topic or questions at a CRC meeting.

Speaker Joe Bihner

Joe has lived at the lake for about 11 or 12 years over on Pier Drive at the point. They love it here but there are some things that kind of bug him, and that's why he's here today.There is a project that he has been working on that will make things simpler for members, guests and employees. He will talk about that later in his presentation. First John asked him to talk about Artificial Intelligence in general so he is going to start there. He moved a couple of things around, told a couple of different versions of AI what he wanted and it built this presentation. There are several different apps you can use Gemini, Chatgpt, Claude, Co-pilot, Astra and many others. There is so much information you can do with it, Business research, design, medical research. You can get it to write an email for you. AI has been around for a long time. Six years on smart phones, AI came out in 2022 so it's only been here three years, 39% of the people use it on a daily basis. It's moving fast. You need to be careful when using AI. It is going to tell you it is absolutely right. Ask AI to cite its sources. Ask AI to show you its material. For the conclusion, prove it to me. All the different models work the same underneath, however they can give you all different answers. Know the differences between free versions and paid versions. On the free versions you only have so much time to use them in a day, they give you tokens to spend. An example for using AI, if you see an ad and you want to know if it is real, you can ask the AI what he thinks of this company? Joe showed how you can use AI to change walls in your house, change paint colors, put in the layout of all new furniture, and landscape the outside. The app Joe designed to use with Homeowners Associations such as ours can save time and simplify tasks, Use QR codes for members ID cards, Submit guest passes on line - you can get a notice when your guest arrives at the guardhouse. Alerts can be sent out online. Secure voting can be done online. A newsletter similar to Next Door could be available online. A member directory could be available online. Pay online instead of using cash or checks. There are other possibilities. The board has heard the presentation. It will depend how much the application will cost as to whether they want to approve and use this app.

50/50 Raffle

$19.00 won by Karen Franzen 1329. Karen donated it back into the pot. Treasury at $345.00 plus the share of 50/50 $19.00. The new balance in the treasury is $364.00.

New Business

A member brought up two new topics: The archery area and the targets are in poor shape. Mike Schmieder replied that the Archery Club applied to be a club and it was their responsibility to handle all the required equipment, not LSA.

The member suggested that the Harting parking lot should be renamed The Veteran's Memorial Parking lot since it is close to the Veteran's Memorial. This will be taken into account at the board meeting.

Future speaker - November 7, 2026 -The Lions Club of Durand serves the Durand and the Lake Summerset communities with local fundraisers and service projects. Hear about all the activities they provide for the community.. Meeting adjourned. First motion Jim S #852 second Karen F #1329 . Time 11:50.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Weston CRC Admin Asst

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 09-22-2026

Meeting called to order at 9:30am.

Members Present

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

Minutes of the 09-08-2026 meeting were read and approved. Motion: Dave Dini, 2nd: Paul Gibson

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2026

None

Appointments

None

Plans and/or prints with no appointment:

1775 – Deck – Sean Moore – Approved as submitted

200 – Shed – Martin Sheds - Approved as submitted

1364 – Garage addition – Vista New Homes - Approved pending details on wall cross section and electrical

1542 – Solar Panels – Tron Solar - Approved as submitted

1455 – Deck – Construction Specialist - Approved as submitted. Will review existing structure and details with contractor.

New Business

Confirm the next ECC meetings. October 3rd @ 9am and October 17th @ 9am.

Old Business

Redbook rule change suggestions have been approved by the LSA BOD for member review.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am. Motion: George Pillion, 2nd: Paul Gibson

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes Saturday, 10-03-2026

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Members Present

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

Absent

Dave Dini

Minutes of the 09-22-2026 meeting were read and approved. Motion: Paul Gibson, 2nd: George Pillion

Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2026

None

Appointments

None

Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment

39 – Deck – Centerline Carpentry – Approved as submitted.

588 – Deck & Concrete Pad – Landworks Services/ Top Notch – Approved as submitted.

752 – Pergola - Overcash – Approved as submitted.

1050 – Roof over front deck – Self - Approved as submitted.

New Business

Confirm the next ECC meetings. October 20th (Tuesday) @ 9:00am, November 14th (Saturday) @ 9:00am

Old Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am. Motion: George Pillion, 2nd: Paul Gibson.

Unapproved Lake Summerset Fish Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes 9/17/26

Meeting called to order on 9/17/26 at 7:02pm by Chairman Zawiski.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Karen 1329, Dan 1221, Mark 855, Jamie 554, Donna 1002

Minutes of the prior meeting from 8/20/26 were read and approved Dave Rindfleisch 1st, Jeff Wishop 2nd.

Board Liaison Report

Fines requested by FCC for Targeting Muskie out-of-season (poaching - $500) and harvesting any fish species during closed season ($100 per fish) approved.

Action Items

Kevin Shirley Motion to approve moving forward to spend remaining 2026 budgeted fish stocking funds on the purchase of 6-7 inch walleye for approximately 2800-3000 fish depending upon final pricing & delivery fees; 2nd Jeff Wishop. Voted passed by committee.

Review schedule for fall electro-shocking survey. Contact Operations Manager Joe Rush to try to schedule for mid-October.

Discussion & review of prepared LPC White Paper: Feedback on LSA Invasive Plant Control and Management Guide revision – (September 2026, v3).

Old Business/Carry Over

Lake conditions. Observed water temp of 72 degrees. No significant fish reports from membership. Fish Patrol read-out. No fish patrol interactions.

2026 Invasive Species Campaign – Zebra Mussel monitoring devices & Rusty Crayfish traps to be retrieved & removed in the next few weeks.

Fish Habitat at Juniper Park - Buried conduit installation complete – Wire installation & power connection is schedule to be completed in next 30-60 days.

Fish Cribs – Latest location document installed on LSA website. Additional cribs scheduled for install mid-October 2026

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

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).

LSA Patrol Boat Bathymetric Mapping/ Survey data collection – No longer necessary since there is now a line item present in LSA Budget ($20K) – 2029 planned target year.

Spillway Monitoring – Hypolimnetic withdrawal status – the 4 inch backup valve is currently still open.

Mapping Specialist fishing map updates - structure and old crib locations/status. Work in progress

New Business

Discussion regarding adjusting meeting frequency during the Winter months to an as-needed basis.

Adjournment at 8:10pm by Jeff Folkerts 1st Jeff Giedd 2nd.

Unapproved Lake Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Location

Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 8:02 AM in the Lake Summerset Association, Main Board Room.

Members In Attendance

Greg Campbell 1544, Ken Malten (Co-Chair) 36, Tom Mangan 853, Mark Metzler 50, Jeff Ramsby 409, Mike Schmieder LSA General Manager.

Absent Members

Jeff Folkerts 531, Steve Harting (Co-Chair) 2238, Joe Rush LSA Lake & Operations Manager.

Guests

Andy Rill 18, Donna Weston 1002.

Motion for Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Greg Campbell to approve the LPC Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2026, seconded by Ken Malten, unanimously approved.

Action Items

Pier Drive Bridge & Spillway Wall Repairs

Helm completed concrete repairs on the Pier Drive Bridge this week and plans to install the guard rails next week. Helm decided that that they will not make any repairs on the spillway walls until engineering details are completed on the displaced construction joint on the north spillway wall. Mike Schmieder will contact Eric Moe of IMEG to request repair details for this joint.

EOR Watershed Sediment & Phosphorus Reduction Study

EOR submitted a proposal to study our watershed to identify sediment & phosphorus reduction options for Lake Summerset. After a conference call with Mike Schmieder, Joe Rush and Ken Malten to clarify several details, EOR submitted a revised proposal which was approved, signed, and returned. EOR expects to complete the project in approximately 60 days.

Hypolimnetic Withdrawal

With water flowing over the spillway, the 4" lake discharge valve was opened in late July and has been open ever since discharging nutrient rich water from the bottom of the lake. Joe Rush expects to close the valve next week, since the lake will destratify as temperatures drop.

Lake Discharge Valve Inspection/Repair

Jeff Rambsy found a portable davit crane system (Falltech) designed for personnel removal that can be adapted to meet our needs. It is available from Grainger for about $12,000. Joe Rush needs to confirm that the valve tower doors can be modified (remove hinge pins) to accommodate the adjustable davit crane base. Once this is confirmed, the committee recommends that the davit be purchased to allow valve inspection/repair to proceed.

Nano Bubble Technology Update

Greg Campbell emailed Moleaer's proposal for full lake oxygen nano bubble treatment of Lake Summerset to the committee Friday evening. Since the proposal is lengthy (30 pages) and neither Steve Harting nor Joe Rush were at the meeting, we will review the proposal and discuss it at the next LPC meeting.

Members Private Lake Enclosures

The consensus of the committee is that lakefront lot owners should not be allowed rope off areas in front of their shorelines. However, using buoys to mark the location of mud mats placed on the lake bottom doesn't restrict fishing and should be allowed. Mike Schmieder will draft a policy on this subject for review at the next LPC meeting and ultimate approval by the LSA BOD.

Fall Herbicide Treatment of Birch & Eagle Parks

LSA maintenance staff mowed Birch and Eagle Parks this week and they will be sprayed with a herbicide within the next two weeks. Native prairie plant seeds will be spread in both parks in late November or early December.

2026 Shoreline Survey Date

The joint LPC/ECC 2026 Shoreline Survey will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14th if weather conditions allow.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on October 31, 2026, in the LSA office.

Motion For Adjournment Of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Mangan, seconded by Jeff Ramsby and passed unanimously at 9:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten - Co-Chairman / Secretary

Board Action

None

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

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

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Check out the many clubs and activities.

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The Welcome Committee Is Looking for People to Join our Team

Do you like to chat? Are you friendly? Would you like to get more involved with getting to know members at Lake Summerset? If so, the Welcome Committee needs you!
Please contact Donna Weston at 847-299-1277 for more information. We hold meeting just twice a year so it will not require much of your time to help and we would to honored for you to join us. BTW-We do have lots of fun at our meetings!

ECC – Requirements for Property Improvements

No ECC Approval, No Permit and No Security Deposit

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

ECC Approval Only No Permit and No Security Deposit

- Tree removal (fill out 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 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 and Lot Pins, No Security Deposit

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

Inspection and Verification of Lot lines/Pins needed when:

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

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

- New Home Construction
- Home Addition
- Garage – Attached or Detached
- New & Replacement Deck or Porch
- Concrete Pad/Patio (Greater than 100 sq ft)
- Storage Shed
- Shore Stabilization
- Permanent Dock or Pier
- Three- or Four-Season Room
- Permanent Screen House
- 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 Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

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

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

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

Winnebago County- 815-319-4350 **Stephenson County – 815-599-0344**

Setbacks from pins – Front 33' - Side 10' - Rear ~50' **Contractors can start working at 7AM**

Revised: March 20, 2025

LSA Photography Club

By Kathy Webster

The Lake Summerset Photograph Club Monthly SNAPSHOT

This month - Your Ultimate Guide to the Great Pixel Migration



The Great Photo Hoard: Where Should Your Memories Live?

1. Physical Storage: Top Performance

External Hard Drives (For Laptops & Smartphones)

The Vibe: Reliable

Why You will Like It: Modern portable external hard drives and solid-state drives (SSDs) plug directly into laptops and USB-C phones. They offer massive capacity (terabytes of space!) without any monthly subscription fees.

The Catch: If you drop it, submerge it, or lose it, those memories are gone forever unless you keep a second backup.

SD Cards & Card Readers

The Vibe: The intermediary

Why You will Like It: Essential for digital camera users, SD cards are tiny powerhouse chips. Paired with a compact smartphone card reader (Lightning for older iPhones or USB-C which is more universal), you can offload high-res photos straight to your phone or laptop in seconds while mobile.

The Catch: They are ridiculously easy to misplace in a couch cushion. Solution- get a card case.

2. Leading Cloud Providers (in addition to iCloud): Automated & Seamless

Google Photos

The Vibe: The smart organizer.

Why You will Like It: Google Photos comes with 15 GB of free space across your account. Its search engine is unmatched—type in "dog," "beach," or "pizza," and it automatically groups relevant pictures. Backups happen silently in the background on Android and iOS devices.

The Catch: That 15 GB fills up quickly when shared with Gmail and Google Drive, requiring a Google One subscription for more space.

Amazon Photos

The Vibe: The hidden gem for Prime members.

Why You will Like It: If you already pay for Amazon Prime, you get unlimited, full-resolution photo storage included in your membership. It supports RAW files for serious photographers and includes a "Family Vault" feature to pool memories together.

The Catch: Free video storage is strictly limited (5 GB) before you must pay extra.

3. The Social Vault

Facebook Albums

The Vibe: The digital scrapbook.

Why You will Like It: It is completely free, offers unlimited photo uploads, and makes sharing albums with friends and family effortless. It doubles as a time capsule with the "Memories" feature reminding you of photos from years past.

The Catch: Compression! Facebook heavily lowers image quality, making it a fun sharing platform rather than a true high-resolution backup. Private albums are safe, but privacy settings require careful monitoring.

While each storage option has its perks, they all come with a few downsides to keep in mind:

1. Physical Storage

External Hard Drives

Physical Vulnerability: Mechanical hard drives can break if dropped, and even solid-state drives (SSDs) can fail unexpectedly without warning.

No Automatic Backup: You must manually plug them in and drag files over, making it easy to forget or procrastinate.

Risk of Loss or Damage: They can be stolen, misplaced, or damaged in physical disasters like fires or floods.

SD Cards & Card Readers

Easy to Lose: Because of their tiny size, SD cards are quite easy to misplace, drop, or accidentally wash in a pocket.

Corruptible Data: Unplugging an SD card while data is being written can corrupt the card and destroy your photos. There are fixes available.

Limited Lifespan: Flash memory in SD cards degrades over time with repeated reading and writing, making them poor choices for long-term archiving.

2. Cloud Storage

Google Photos

Recurring Cost: Once you fill up the free 15 GB (which is shared with your Gmail and Google Drive), you must pay a monthly or yearly subscription to keep backing up photos.

Privacy & Data Concerns: Your photos live on Google's servers, which means agreeing to their data collection and privacy policies.

Requires Internet: Uploading high-res photos takes time and requires a reliable broadband or cellular connection (which can eat up mobile data).

Amazon Photos

Tied to Prime: If you cancel your Amazon Prime subscription, you lose the unlimited storage benefit and must pay extra or delete files.

Video Limitations: Video storage is capped at an extremely low limit (5 GB), so you will need to pay extra if you shoot a lot of video clips on your phone.

Clunky Web Interface: Organization tools and desktop apps are less intuitive compared to Google Photos.

3. Social Storage

Facebook Albums

Heavy Compression: Facebook aggressively compresses images, significantly lowering their resolution and quality. You cannot get high-quality prints from Facebook downloads.

Privacy & Security Risks: Account hacking, accidental public privacy settings, or unexpected account suspensions could put your photos at risk.

No RAW or Motion Support: It will not support camera RAW formats, high-fps videos, or special photo formats seamlessly.

The Verdict

For absolute peace of mind, pair a cloud option (like Google or Amazon Photos for auto-syncing) with an external hard drive for physical, full-resolution backup once or twice a year.

The Lake Summerset Photography club presented this information in a more detailed fashion at the October meeting. Want to learn more about your smartphone camera, or any other camera? Come Join Us! The photography club is open to anyone interested in improving their photography skills! No experience needed! We welcome all people interested whether using cell phones or cameras! Join us at one of our meetings! Are you a seasoned or professional photographer? Come share your knowledge!

Upcoming meetings at the LSA office: (Our December meeting will be a holiday party)

Sat, January 9, 2027, 9am-11am

Wednesday, February 10, 2027, 6pm-8pm

Find us on Facebook: Lake Summerset Photography Club - For LSA Members

Email: lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com

The club's October Photography Challenge (Black and White empty buildings) winners as well as the Quarterly Seasonal Summer winners are featured in a photo gallery along with this article. Look for the winners of the next challenge, 'Abstract photos' chosen by Kathy Wyer and Terri Meyers in our next article.

****Photography Challenge photo winners can be found in section 2 page 2****

Gill's Disposal Guidelines

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

Refuse - Each resident is allowed one 95-gallon container provided by Gills for household refuse per week with any additional bags requiring a pre-paid attached sticker. Residents can purchase the stickers at the Lake Summerset Association Office for $2.00 each. When the office is closed, stickers can also be purchased at the guardhouse.

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

Yard Waste - Gill's yard waste pick-up begins in April and ends in November. Yard waste stickers are required and can be purchased at the Lake Summerset Association Office for $2.00 each. When the office is closed, stickers can also be purchased at the guardhouse. The stickers are to be attached to the yard waste bags or to garbage cans marked with an "X". There is no limit to the number of yard waste bags a resident can leave. Each resident is also allowed to set out one bulk item per week. Examples of a bulk item include a chair, couch, table, etc. Gill's will not be required to collect rocks, concrete, hot ashes, hazardous materials, liquid wastes, biomedical wastes, or materials resulting from construction and remodeling. If you have any questions, contact Gill's Disposal at 815-233-5644.



Guidelines for Letters to the Editor

- All letters must be signed and include the lot number.
- No obscene or derogatory remarks will be published.
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- Limit letters to 450 words. Longer letters will be edited to fit this criterion.
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- Letters will be published only if received by the published LS News deadline, which is the 15th of the month preceding the next issue, and as space permits.
- Submit letters to lakesummersetnewspaper@gmail.com.

Christmas Comedy and Theatre Construction Updates at Pec Playhouse Theatre

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Runs December 4–13

Pec Playhouse Theatre wraps up its successful 2026 season with the hilarious holiday comedy The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, a Christmas pageant that goes hilariously off the rails!

Featuring adults and children of all ages, this heartwarming production reminds audiences that sometimes the most unexpected people can teach us the greatest lessons about love, perseverance and the true meaning of Christmas. With plenty of holiday chaos and laugh-out-loud moments, it's a show the entire family can enjoy.

Performances will be held December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., and December 6, 12th and 13 at 2 p.m.

All performances will take place at First Congregational Church, located at 633 Reed Street in Pecatonica, Illinois.

Tickets are available online at www.pecplayhouse.org or by calling the box office at 815-239-1210.

Theatre Building Renovation Gets Underway

Meanwhile, exciting progress is underway on the future home of Pec Playhouse Theatre in downtown Pecatonica. Crews from DPI Construction began interior demolition of the former industrial building on Thursday, October 15, marking another major milestone in the theatre's journey toward a permanent home.

"I was so excited to see a huge red dumpster in the middle of the building, which signaled the next step in the construction of our new theatre," said Laurie Miller, Treasurer and Fundraiser for Pec Playhouse Theatre. "DPI's construction crews will be able to work throughout the winter as they remodel the building into our new performance space."

The renovation is expected to take up to nine months. Once the primary construction is complete, Pec Playhouse technicians will install lighting and sound systems to complete the transformation into a fully equipped theatre.

The project represents the culmination of the Miracle on 3rd Street – Rebuild Pec Playhouse Theatre capital campaign, which began in December 2024. Thanks to insurance proceeds, grants, fundraising events and the generosity of more than 500 donors, Pec Playhouse has raised enough money to fund the theatre building itself.

However, additional donations are still needed to complete important interior features and equipment.

Current funding priorities include:

- Commercial-grade projector: Approximately $20,000
- Commercial-grade flooring
- Interior painting
- Stage curtains

Community members who wish to help bring the new theatre to life can donate online at www.pecplayhouse.org or contact Laurie Miller at 815-871-7042.

The new Pec Playhouse Theatre will provide a permanent home for live theatre and other community events, creating opportunities for generations of performers and audiences to enjoy the arts in downtown Pecatonica. To learn more about upcoming performances, purchase tickets or support the theatre renovation, visit www.pecplayhouse.org.

Thinking about renting your home?

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



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Performance Times:
December 4 @ 7:30 pm
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December 6 @ 2:00 pm
December 11 @ 7:30 pm
December 12 @ 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
December 13 @ 2 pm

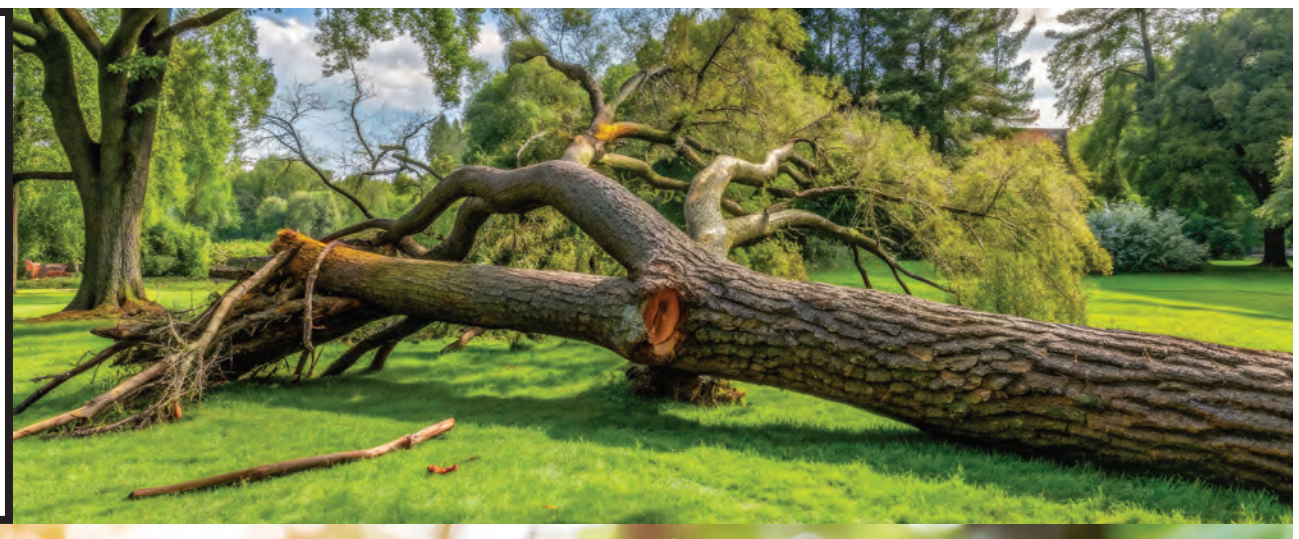
Tickets & info.: call the Box Office at 815-239-1210,
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Section Two

November 2026

Karen's Kolumn

As we start wrapping up 2026 (it flew by!), we have a few last events for the year to note on your calendar…

On Saturday, November 14th, join us at the Lodge for Bingo! Card sales start at 6:30pm and games begin at 7pm. 2 cards are $5 and good for each session of 6 games; 2 sessions with free Amazon gift card raffle in between.

On Saturday, December 5th, join us for our Christmas Party! Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via the famous sleigh ride, which you can ride once they depart into the Lodge. There will be music, activities, games and more for the whole family! 4-6pm. Thank you to Morgan Realty, Don and Kandy Morgan, The State Bank of Davis, A Foresight Bank and Prairie State Investments.

The New Year's Eve Party will also be back on Thursday, December 31st from 8pm to midnight. Come dance and snack the night away!

We had a lot of fun this year and more fun is to come in December and 2027! Speaking of fun, we are already planning Family Fun Day and just a little FYI, in addition to our very popular Foam Party that day, there will also be a new(!) Snow Party (yep, like Christmas in July) right after.

More details to come about all events in January, including a 'We Love Souper Bowl Soup and Valentine's Party' on Saturday, February 13th.

Popcorn John and I will see you soon!!

Dates to Remember

Quarterly Otter Creek Payment Due	10/29/2026
LSA Fun Club Chili Cook-Off Party	11/07/2026
Bingo Night	11/14/2026
Veterans Club Fundraising Dinner	11/18/2026
Christmas Party/Tree Lighting	12/05/2026
Annual Meeting	12/13/2026
New Year's Eve Party	12/31/2026
Quarterly Otter Creek Payment Due	01/29/2027
2027 Membership Dues Payable	03/01/2027
LSA Membership Dues Late Fee Applied	03/02/2027
Easter Party/Egg Hunt	03/27/2027

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



LSA Trick or Treat Hours
Saturday, October 31, 2026
4-7pm



Don Morgan of Morgan Realty presents a donation to LSA GM, Mike Schmieder, for the Halloween Party.



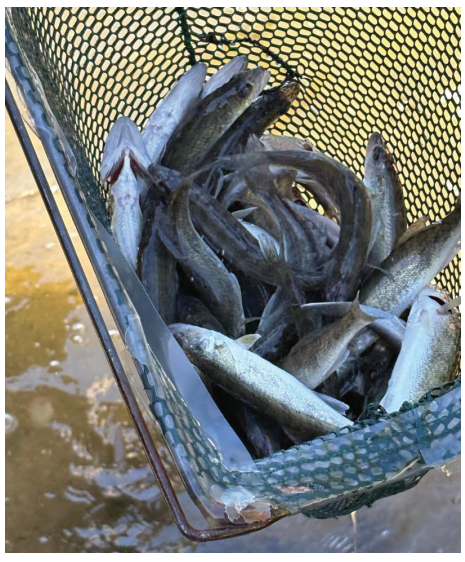
Chris Helwig of Helwig Services presents a donation to LSA GM, Mike Schmieder, for the Halloween Party.

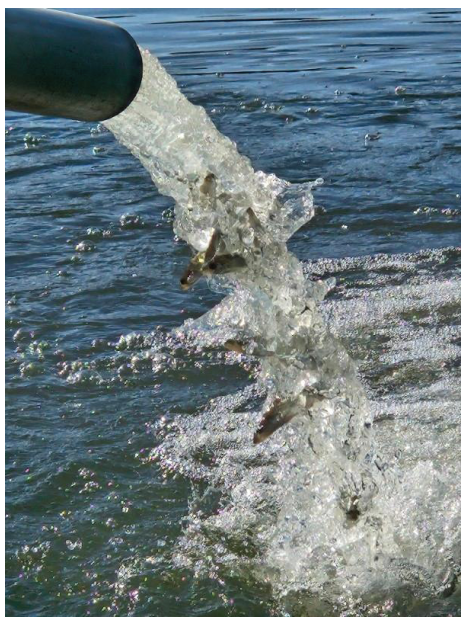
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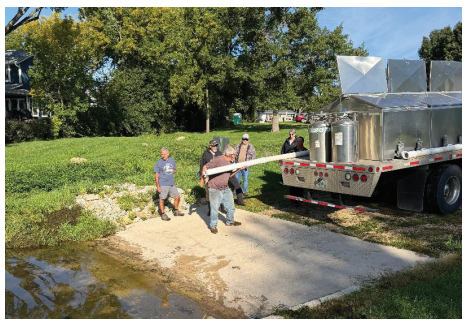
Veterans Club Dinner
Wednesday, November 18 at the lodge at 5:30pm.
Please keep those donations coming in so we can complete the Veterans Memorial!

Fall Walleye Stocking Event

The LSA Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) along with support from the LSA Fish Club completed the annual fall walleye fish stocking event on September 29th. For this year, we introduced 3000 6-8 inch walleye into the Juniper Park underwater rock bar fish habitat that's been under construction for the past few years. Thanks to all that came out to help and observe this event.







SAVE THE DATE
Children's Christmas Party and Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 5

Public Safety Citations and Warnings

LOT	VIOLATOR	VIOLATION	FINE	TICKET NUMBER	CITATION DATE
112R	Same	No LSA decal displayed on vehicle parked at Southgate Marina	50.00	14165	8/28/2026
6	Same	Speeding on radar 44 mph in a 30 mph zone	150.00	14173	8/29/2026
1254	Same	No pass or LSA decal displayed on vehicle parked at campground	50.00	14176	8/29/2026
1072	Guest	No pass displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	14183	8/30/2026
300	Same	Vehicle parked on road overnight - 2nd violation	100.00	14178	8/30/2026
790	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	14128	9/1/2026
200	Same	Vehicle entering east gate with RFID tag not permanently affixed to windshield	50.00	14185	9/2/2026
1967	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Southgate Marina	50.00	14129	9/5/2026
1428	Same	No decal displayed on vehicle with RFID tag	50.00	14188	9/6/2026
2033	Annual Guest	Fishing off of "No Fishing" pier by Beach I	50.00	14202	9/6/2026
2033	Annual Guest	Guest fishing with no member present	50.00	14198	9/6/2026
292	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14207	9/7/2026
1500	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14208	9/7/2026
539	Contractor	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	14201	9/8/2026
1479	Guest	Guest fishing on "no fishing" dock at Beach I	50.00	14217	9/11/2026
782	Same	Fishing from boat inside swim only area at Beach I	50.00	14215	9/11/2026
775	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14221	9/11/2026
1461	Son	Failure to register with campground host while occupying a campsite	50.00	14230	9/14/2026
1461	Son	Verbal abuse directed towards LSA employee (campground host)	50.00	14231	9/14/2026
1461	Son	Verbal abuse directed towards LSA employee (public safety officer)	50.00	14133	9/14/2026
1987	Same	Targeting Muskie out of season	50.00	10999	8/9/2026
923	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14233	9/22/2026
292	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14236	9/25/2026
1106	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14234	9/25/2026
1334	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14237	9/26/2026
695	Same	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14239	9/29/2026

WARNINGS

1 - Annual pass not affixed to windshield
1 - Dog in backyard barking all day
1 - Guest using unregistered paddle board on water
1 - Guest walking through campsites soliciting firewood sales at campground
1 - LSA identification numbers not 3" high displayed on fishing boat
1 - No LSA identification on camper parked in camper storage
1 - No orange flag on golf cart
1 - No pass left for delivery driver but entered Lake when asked to exit
1 - No rear view mirror on golf cart parked at Beach II
1 - Trespassing at West gate

CRC Outreach

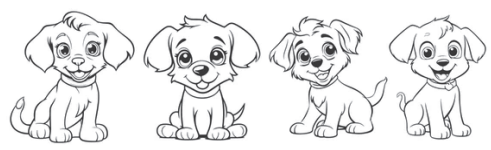
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Attention

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources does not send out reminders for expiring boat registrations. If your boat registration expires this year, please start the renewal process now to ensure that you receive your new registration before the Spring of 2027.



Dog Park Reminder

Dog Park registration is now available at the LS office during business hours. $30.00 for the 1st dog and $10.00 each additional dog. Forms are available online through the LS webpage, our Facebook page, and Nextdoor page.



Bocce Ball Club: Another Banner Year

By Randy Myers

It was another great year and our 22nd official season. We had 22 week schedule but three rainouts, over 22 group dinners and a playoff required for third place. The competition was as intense as we expect, the last place team had 3 wins. Watch out The Lawn Rollers, teams are wanting to dethrone you next year.

Our crew did an amazing job getting courts ready this year and it was always a pleasure to arrive at the courts on game days and see the courts ready. Always punctual led by Bruce Pelligrini- thank you again to Bruce, Bill Erickson, Gerry Bernar, Vic Schenck and Lenny Pelligrini. In the spring we plan on replacing a few landscape timbers and staining some. Another huge thank you to everyone that helped decorate the lodge, serve food and Ciminos for catering the food. Thank you Rocky Hukle for the website and updates at LSBOCCE.CLUB

I play too much Bocce said no one ever!!!! What a great group we have!

As of now expect a spring meeting on April 29th, a 22 week schedule with a May 6th start, October 7th playoffs and same day banquet. That may change but lets see how many teams we have.

The 2026 season is now complete, the awards banquet on October 8th was a lot of fun, well attended and congrats to the top 4 teams at the end of the season.

1st Place: The Lawn Rangers

Lenora and Bruce Pelligrini with Cindy and Charlie Tannehill

2nd Place: Go Green

Don Palm, Pat Fluck, Debbie Erickson, Phil Morand and Susan Morand

3rd Place: Low Rollers

Debra Allen, Roger Allen, Diane Jakl, Paul Gibson

4th Place: Just 4 Fun

Bill Konigsfeld, Mike Lynch, Renzy Stepp and Raymond Lynch

Thank you all for another great and fun filled year!!!



1st Place - The Lawn Rangers



2nd Place - Go Green



3rd Place - Low Rollers



4th Place - Just 4 Fun



End of Season Banquet

Durand Lions Club News Press Release

By DorothyAnne Huff
Publicist Durand Lions Club
September/October 2026 Recap

The Durand Lions Club continues to have an active Fall, continuing its tradition of service, fellowship, and community involvement. The Durand Lions Club also continued their commitment to fighting hunger by assisting with monthly **Durand Food Pantry deliveries,** helping ensure local families receive much-needed food and essential supplies.

In Sept, the Durand Lions Club celebrated growth by welcoming **our newest member - Julian Rivas** has completed a membership application. We are excited to have Julian join the mission of serving the Durand and surrounding communities and look forward to his talents and enthusiasm he will bring.

Sept/Oct continues with our 2026 Durand Lions Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle - After 13 weeks the Lions Queen of Hearts game is still going strong. The Queen and none of her jokers have been found yet, and our jackpot has now reached $48,000. If your ticket finds a joker you win 10% of the jackpot, while finding the "Queen" will win you 70% of the jackpot if you are present, 60% if not. $3,250 has already been paid to other winners. Tickets are six(6) for $5, get your tickets at Cimino's anytime they are open. Our drawing is Monday nights at Cimino's at 7:00PM. Proceeds from this raffle will help to support local area EMS and first responders. In October the Lions Queen of Hearts raffle fund gave $5000 to Durand Fire and Ambulance to purchase a new digital video laryngoscope. Also last month Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana joined us on a Monday night to draw the winning ticket. Come join the fun, several chances to win some "big money". Come join the fun, have dinner or a drink, and stay for all the excitement as we draw this week's winning ticket. We even had a special Joker Owner Benny Cimino of Durand Cimino's and accompanying him is Lion Bob Woelky at the Monday night drawing held Oct 12.



Fri- Sat Oct 9-10 Lions Club Candy Day - Thanks to the local businesses and the generous people of Durand, Lake Summerset and area citizens for their donations to our latest Candy Day! Donations go to help fund the hearing and vision mobile bus, Camp Lions, eye exams, and our local projects. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We were out at Lake Summerset Entrances, Durand Grocer Pacemaker, Durand Post Office, Shell Station, State Bank of Davis, Solutions Bank and at the Durand Football game at 7pm Fri. Oct 9.

Please continue to stop into **Tempo in Durand** to check out the literacy Library. Books are added to the library regularly and Co-sponsored by Laura and Carl owners and Durand Lions Club and for information Contact Lion DorothyAnne Huff Literacy Coordinator. We have located two more locations – **Ricky's breakfast & lunch and Lakeside Inn Restaurant.** We have recently received two additional bookcases, and these should be fully stocked in the next couple of weeks. Any thoughts or ideas please contact me via email: dahuff2016@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Literacy and getting books into the hands of the youth in our community.

The Durand Lions Club recently supported Durand CUSD PTC and co- sponsored their Shirt program with help from other local business sponsors. This program was able to provide a free shirt to every student in Durand CUSD elementary school. Each child now has a shirt to wear for school spirit days and other special events!





The Durand Lions Club welcomes anyone interested in making a difference in the community to serve others. Meetings are open and held on the **Second at 7PM and Fourth Wednesday at 6:30PM of each month at Solutions Bank.** To learn more or to become a Lion to help with upcoming service projects that support our community contact your Local Lion.

Pinochle Card Club

By JoAnn Leith

On October 6th, eight LSA members (five gals & three guys) arrived at the Lodge to play the card game of Pinochle. Winners were Judy Hoehsema and me. Judy beat me by only one point, so she won $5 & I won $3. Next play dates are October 20th, November 3rd & 17th. Hope to see many more players participating over the coming winter months.

Red Hats News

By Jacque French

In October, the Red Hats enjoyed lunch at the Firebarn Restaurant, in Durand. After visiting and lunch, we toured Durand's newest business, The Durand Hub. It will be opening soon, and will have a bakery, with seating, on one side and the other side, is a beautiful venue, that will be perfect for meetings and special occasion parties. We also toured their buildings that house a grooming business and a barbershop.

Congratulations to Bobby & Bill Ziesk on their renovations, and a big thank you, to them, for the tour. Also, , thank you to Tim, from A+, for the picture.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 3rd. We will have lunch & tour shops, in Freeport. Cal Shirley at (630)740-4259, if you would like to join us.



Lake Summerset Fish Club

By Kevin Shirley

The Fish Club met on October 1st 2026. 13 members in attendance.

Water temperature of 65 reported. No member fishing reports were submitted.

Carp Fins / Payouts-no carp fin bounties paid out this month.

Lines, Laughs & Casting Memories Photo Contest wrapping up for 2026 until Memorial Day 2027.

5th Annual Wally Raduns Musky Classic 9 teams entered, 7 fish caught and released. Largest measured 48.75 in.

Walleye Stocking – 3000 6 inch avg walleye were stocked on 9/29.

Financial allocations were approved for next year's scholarship program.

Approval to purchase a 10 x 20 easy up and 3 roasters for pancake breakfast service.

Sponsorships for 2027 discussion to be continued next month. Discussed timeline for volunteer/ sponsor appreciation dinner. Officer elections will be held at December meeting.

Hand & Foot News

By JoAnn Leith

September 29th was a good day for the Hand & Foot card club as we had twelve LSA members that showed, making up three tables. Winners were myself acquiring $6, Jeanne Beim won $4 for second, and Jacque French won third for $2.

On October 5th we had an even better turnout of sixteen players (twelve women & four guys). Therefore, we filled four tables as we played six rounds of Hand & Foot. This time our winners were Judy Lane, winning $6, Victor Schenek won $5, Kurt Braun won $3 and Mary Ellen Sandquist took fourth of $2. Next play dates are October 26th and November 2nd & 23rd.

2027 Annual LSA Budget Proposal

LSA NEWS – PROPOSED 2027 LSA BUDGET WRITE UP

2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
As always, I would like to thank those who participated on this year's Finance Committee.
As in the past, the various sub-committees met throughout the summer to form their final recommendations.
Much effort goes into the formulation of a new year's proposed budget.
The following is a spread sheet summary of next year's proposed budget and last year's budget for comparison.
Also, included are a summary of the final reports and budget requests of the various Finance Sub-committees.

Like the last few years this continues to be another challenging year.
Our aging infrastructure; the need to upgrade it; as well as the increases in labor, fuel, material and manufactured goods costs; continues to put pressure on trying to meet our Budget goals.

Non-Dues Income is projected to increase $ 24,525 (Line 26, 5.3%) due to a minimal increase in Member Application Fees (Line 16) of $1,000; Penalty Charges (Line 17) of $3,000; and Miscellaneous (Line 25) of $6,100. While Restricted Interest (Line 22) projection has increased $25,000, SERVICES to OCLUD (Line 23) has been reduced $10,575 due to a revision in the Management Agreement.

Operations and Administrations projected expenditures next year as compared to last, are higher. Administration (Lines 33-43, 11.8%) and Operations (Lines 44-57, 6.7%) costs are being impacted as noted above. Total for all Staff compensation, Administration and Operations, portion of dues increase is $52, 58% of the proposed Dues increase.
Insurance (Line 36, 28.4%) has seen a major increase of $82,000, due to insurance costs in general and our past claims history. Additionally, we have added another employee family insurance coverage position to remain competitive in hiring skilled staff.
Other areas are also adding to the Administration and Operating Budget increase include Purchased Services, Taxes, Utilities, and Maintenance (Lines 37, 39, 40, 41, & 54) due to projected increases in our supplier and vendor costs.
All this is similar to previous years.

A portion of excess income or unspent Operating/Administration funds will continue to be applied to future years dues as dues reduction in future budgets via EXCESS INCOME APPLIED TO DUES (Line 12) per IRS guidelines.

Next year there have been several changes to various Capital spending line items (Line 79, -0.5%). The overall changes for the various Capital accounts are being driven by changes in the following:

1) BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS (Line 59, -17.5%) decrease is due to the elimination of the funding for the Main Marina Restroom. Further study is needed justify the cost benefit for this. The Maintenance Building Addition and Storage Shelter plan was also revised resulting in a reduction in the cost that project.
2) ROOF REPLACEMENT (Line 60, -28.7%) decrease is due to resetting the Roof Replacement costs based on the most recent hail damage insurance claim costs.
3) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (Line 61, 11.0%) increase is due to added funding for future Road Resurfacing, and continued Culvert, Gutter replacement and Ditch Work.
4) GATE IMPROVEMENTS (Line 62, 0%). No change.
5) CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS (Line 63, 0%). No change.
6) PARK & RECREATION EQUIPMENT (Line 64, 0.2%) increase is due to the existing Disc Golf Course life cycle being reduced even with the second Disc Golf Course being eliminated; and the Quarry Park Exercise Equipment cost being increased.
7) POOL IMPROVEMENTS (Line 65, 11.4%) increase is due to the funding for the Spray Park Mechanical Equipment replacement being revised.
8) MAJOR LAND ACQUISITION (Line 66, 0%). No change.
9) MAJOR LNEW BUILDING STRUCTURES (Line 67, 0%). No change.
10) MARINA EQUIPMENT (Line 68, -11.0%) decrease is due to the Marina Docks Major Repairs being moved to Operations. This is a net zero Dues change since Operations will correspondingly increase.
11) LAKE/WATERSHED/CONSERVATION/DREDGE (Line 69, -1.3%) decrease is due to the elimination of funding for the Lodge Shoreline Promenade. Further study is needed justify the cost benefit for this.
12) DAM MAINTENANCE (Line 70, 0%). No change.
13) Various VEHICLES and EQUIPMENT Accounts (Lines 71-76, 2.6%; 15.3%; 0%; 1.3%; 0%; 7.5% - Combined 5.6%) increased funding is due to updated replacement costs and time frames for various vehicles and equipment.
14) OFFICE EQUIPMENT (Line 77, 0%). No change.

Overall, at the October Board Meeting the LSA Board voted to recommend to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting a $90 dues increase to $1,265 (Line 2, 7.7%).

Mark Metzler
LSA Treasurer

Finance Committee Minutes – August 15, 2026
Mark Metzler, Treasurer, LSA Board of Directors
Members Present: Donna Weston (1002), Jack Walsh (2086), Curt Zawiski (228), Shawn Gotshall (2110), Jeff Giedd (2140), George Pillion (794), Shelley Shrum (49), Karen Franzen (1329), Ken Malten (36), Joe Rush (1202), Jeff Hill (719), Bill Mount (2000), H. A. Rill (18), Richard Dodsworth (2257), Brain Esker (532), Jim Ostapa (1816/2237)), William Koningsfeld (793/792), Tom Bernardi (17), Roger Allen (2008), Drew Tennant (67), Pat Staorak (224), Kelli Metzler (50), Chuck Webster (83)

Treasurer Metzler called the meeting to order at 8:30am. The meeting will consist of 2027 budget recommendations with a similar meeting next Saturday, August 22, 2026, followed by a Board Workshop Saturday, September 19, 2026 which is open to members. The budget will be presented to the Board at the October meeting, printed in the November newspaper edition, and presented to the membership at the December Annual Meeting. Two handouts are available; the agenda and the budget packet. Yellow highlighted sections indicate changes.

Budget Recommendation Presentations:
Building and Grounds – Long Range and Facility Planning Committee – Jim Ostapa
The lodge window and door replacement were scheduled to occur separately, that has been adjusted and will be done with the siding. With the recent hail and wind storm some of those costs will be covered by insurance. Other projects noted; marina restroom, additional storage building at Maintenance, future lodge building addition. Discussion included; lodge siding replacement, insurance coverage, gazebo roof replacement, insurance deductible for each roof, pool cover replacement, tennis court surface, other possible storm damage.
Jack Walsh (2086) made a motion to approve the 2027 Building and Grounds budget request of $92,527 and the 2027 Roof Replacement budget request of $44,183. Kelli Metzler (50) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Curt Zawiski (228) voted present.

Campgrounds – Campgrounds Committee – Jim Ostapa
The campgrounds will add a basketball court next year. This year a climbing dome was replaced due to damage from a fallen tree. The committee is working toward the restroom upgrade and will work with the campground hosts and the ECC for recommendations. Other projects noted; electrical issues including possible transformer upgrade on the east side. Discussion included; electrical systems, previous electrical system upgrades, infrastructure, campground costs, rental costs, campground use as an amenity, electrical costs.
Ken Malten (36) made a motion to approve the 2027 Campground budget request of $26,069. Kelli Metzler (50) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Parks & Recreation Equipment –
Long Range & Facility Planning Committee – Jim Ostapa
The tennis court is now being used more for pickleball than tennis and is in need of repair. Discussion included; cracking, core samples taken, surface repair, full replacement costs, reworking for pickleball, drainage, how budget line items are funded, IRS requirements for budget plan, how budget items are prioritized, reserve study, difficulty in projecting costs out several years, shade structures for pool area, wind and snow load concerns, Quarry Park exercise equipment and installation, disc golf t-box repair done by Maintenance, request for baseball diamond at Quarry Park to be cleaned.
Chuck Webster (83) made a motion to approve the 2027 Parks and Recreation Equipment budget request of $25,730. Ken Malton (36) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Pool – Staff – GM Mike Schmieders
Pool mechanical equipment was replaced in 2024, along with the chairs, with some help from the Beautification Club. The patio area was built last year by Maintenance and will have a shade structure added next year. The concrete pool deck is 20-25 years old and has some settling cracks which will be repaired. The pool buildings, including the mechanical buildings will also need some repair work and updating. Discussion included; replacing metal doors and covers for mechanicals with wood or plastic for better resistance to chlorine, possible expansion of restroom/shower buildings, utilities and mechanicals for pool and splash park, budget history, funding budget items, capital items and operating items.
Chuck Webster (83) made a motion to approve the 2027 Pool Improvements budget request of $$48,701. Kelli Metzler (50) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Major Land Acquisition and New Buildings – Lake Planning Committee – Mark Metzler
The major land and major building funds are intended to cover any future purchase of land, such as the Hagemann property, or gate easements. LSA recently purchased the lot between Davis Road and the Memorial gardens area for possible future west gate or emergency west gate site. Discussion included; option on Hagemann property, possible future office expansion, possible future lodge expansion, possible main marina restroom.
Ken Malten (36) made a motion to approve the 2027 Major Land Acquisition and New Buildings budget request of $28,333. Jack Walsh (2086) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Vehicles – Vehicles Committee – Jack Walsh
The patrol car will be replaced with a chevy blazer that suffered some hail damage, as well as the oldest dump truck which will be replaced with something not requiring the driver to have a CDL. A new weed harvester has been ordered to arrive next year. Discussion included; use of weed harvester, use of additional rented weed harvester, harvester cost includes conveyor/trailer, nano-bubbler to be further discussed at the next Lake Planning Committee meeting.
Kelli Metzler made a motion to approve the 2027 Vehicles budget request of $150,144. Chuck Webster (83) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Jack Walsh (2086) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelli Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Treasurer Metzler adjourned the meeting at 10:28am.

Respectfully submitted, Shelley Shrum LSA Board of Directors Recording Secretary

Finance Committee Minutes – August 22, 2026
Mark Metzler, Treasurer, LSA Board of Directors
Members Present: Brian Esker (532), Karen Franzen (1329), Shelley Shrum (49), Jack Walsh (2086), Ken Malten (36), Curt Zawiski (228), Roger Allen (2008), Shawn Gotshall (2107), Jeff Giedd (2140), George Pillion (794), Jean Wendt (306), OM Joe Rush, Kelli Metzler (50), Don Williams (220), Tom Bernardi (17), Pat Stasiak (224), Jim Ostapa (1816/2237), H. Andrew Rill (18), Jim Schnieders (852), Donna Weston (1002), Bill Mount (2000), Glenn Glinke (16), Drew Tennant (67), William Konigsfeld (793), Steve Harting (2238/1425)

Treasurer Metzler called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Three handouts are available; the agenda, budget packet and last meeting's minutes.
Jack Walsh (2086) made a motion to approve the August 15, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes. Jim Ostapa (1816/2237) seconded the motion.
The motion passed with a voice vote.

Budget Recommendation Presentations:
Marina/Lake/Watershed/Dredging/Dam – Lake Planning Committee – Steve Harting
Marina - The committee acknowledges the substantial work done by the maintenance staff on the docks and boat slips. Note on line 8 the repair has been moved to operations from capital. The total budget request for the Marina is $63,372.
Lake/Watershed/Dredging - The committee continues to work to reduce the contaminates coming into the lake from surrounding farms with silt filtration through plantings. Weed control; AIS program targeting curly leaf pond was successful as none was present in the water this year. Other invasive plants were subject to the weed harvester, which has reached its end of service life and will be replaced next year. Other options for weed treatments include a phosphorus binder and a nano-bubble-tech proposal which are being explored. Shoreline renovations along the lodge are under review with a plan to make the area more assessable. The Lake/Watershed/Dredging budget request is $79,934. The Weed Control budget request is $82,523.
Dam - The Pier Drive Bridge work will begin in September, with a plan to improve the sidewalls in the spillway to be added to the project. The Dam budget request is $20,697.
The total Marina/Lake/Watershed/Dredging/Dam/Weed Control budget request is $183,154. Discussion included; extension of life of docks by maintenance staff, weed control chemicals and costs, difficulty in cost estimates over long time periods, 3% escalation on estimates, pro-active treatments for weed control, lodge seawall place holder for shoreline improvement, voluntary shoreline treatment program, algae growth, algae bloom, aqua thruster program, Hagemann property filtration including dam breach analysis, DNR/IL state requirements, pilot program in CA, dredging costs, diesel fuel costs, need for better communication on weed control issue, frustration expressed with current weed situation.
Jim Ostapa (1816/2237) made a motion to approve the 2027 Marina/Lake/Watershed/Dredging/Dam budget request of $183,154.
Kelli Metzler (50) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.
Tom Bernardi (17) voted no.

Office Equipment – Staff – Kristine Fontinakes
Computers are no longer on a replacement schedule and are replaced as needed. Software including the customized membership data base is serviced by an outside contractor. Utilities, phone system (cell and land lines for emergencies), social media software (Zoom, Constant Contact) are part of a subscription service with a monthly fee. Internet costs are now zero due to Sonic's installation of fiber optic cable in the office.
Kelli Metzler (50) made a motion to approve the 2027 Office Equipment budget request of $21,283. Ken Malten (36) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Roads & Gates – Long Range and Facility Planning Committee – Roger Allen
Chip/Seal is planned for next year, covering 26 miles of road. There will be no culvert repair

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Roads & Gates – Long Range and Facility Planning Committee – Roger Allen
Chip/Seal is planned for next year, covering 26 miles of road. There will be no culvert repair next year due to the chip/seal project. Light fixtures, camera, gates are guardhouse maintenance expenses were also noted. The total request is $341,370. Discussion included; request to fix boat launches, use of budget capital reserve for major projects, estimates coming in much higher than projected, this fall's culvert project, shoulder and drainage issues, homeowner responsibilities on culverts, LSA owned culverts, culvert replacement process, concerns over chip/seal process, truck traffic.
Jack Walsh (2086) made a motion to approve the 2027 Roads and Gates budget request of $341,370. Steve Harting (2238/1425) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

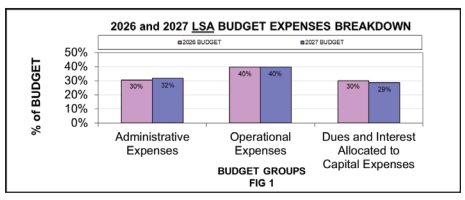
Operations & Administration – Staff – GM Mike Schmieder
The minimum wage increases mandated by the state of Illinois have stopped. Staff will receive a 3% increase. LSA buildings will have roofs replaced this year, which contributed to the insurance premium increase, due to two major storms in the last six years. Social Security taxes based on payroll, utilities, telephone, electric, water, sewer, oil and fuel costs for LSA owned buildings are escalated at 3%. Discussion included; postage costs for multiple mailings to members, newspaper delivery/costs/ad revenue/website, OCLUD option for electronic billing with 15% participation, employee raises based on merit – supervisor has some discretion, how to attract/retain employees, audit costs, audit report, number of full time/part time/seasonal employees, number of lots not paying dues (90), how to promote sales of county-owned property, and less houses being built.
Jim Ostapa (1816/2037) made a motion to approve the 2027 budget request for Operations and Administration of $2,369,320. Ken Malten (36) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

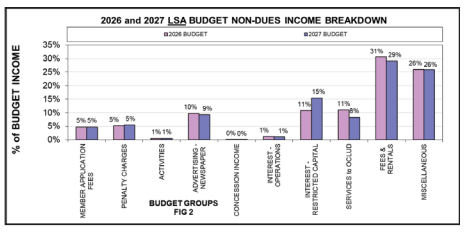
Steve Harting (2238/1425) made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kelli Metzler (50) seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.
Treasurer Metzler adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.
Respectfully submitted, Shelley Shrum LSA Board of Directors Recording Secretary

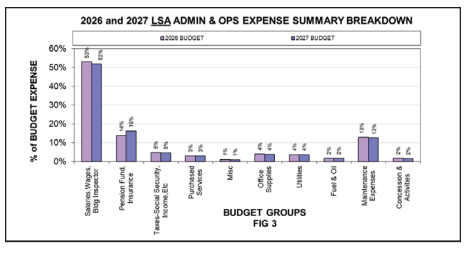
LSA Board of Directors Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2026
Board Members Present: Drew Tennant, Fred Kile, Mark Metzler, Karen Franzen, Dennis Vizenor, Roger Allen, GM Mike Schmieder, BM Kris Fotinakes, Guardhouse Supervisor Marla and Boat Patrol Supervisor Jeff Giedd
Members Present: Brian Esker (532), Curt Zawiski (228), Jeff Giedd (2140), John Kochanski (150), Kelli Metzler (50), Donna Weston (1002), Joe Bihner (1429)
CALL TO ORDER: President Franzen welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order 8:32am.
TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION BY JOE BIHNER: Mr. Bihner made a presentation regarding software which he created, which could be used to enhance Lake Summerset's website, Membership engagement and marketing presence.
LSA BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION: Treasurer Mark Metzler presented and explained in detail, the non-dues income for 2027. The proposed 2027 non-dues income is $483,932. Treasurer Metzler then presented the proposed 2027 budget. Mark explained that approximately 90 lots are owned by the county and do not pay dues. For various reasons, our insurance premium for workers compensation, property and liability increased by $60,000. The LSA staff will be given a 3% cost of living increase. Undesignated interest earned in 2025 was $69,732.22. Mark suggested that he'll ask the Board to approve designating $50,000 to road improvements and repairs, and $19,732.22 to help fund the weed harvester which was ordered one year earlier than anticipated. Mark informed the group that he's re-racked the funding of roof replacements based on the actual replacement costs which were established after the April, 2026 hailstorm. Mark concluded by informing that the recommended dues level for 2027 is $1,255.00, an increase of $80.00 as compared to 2026.
OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS: President Karen Franzen started a discussion regarding LSA Club regulations and the need to review and amend the club guidelines. Further discussion an action will be added to the October Board agenda. Next, the Board discussed the existing policy regarding garage sales and estate sales. Karen will amend these policies and have the Board approve them at the October Board meeting. The next item to be discussed was Aquatic Invasive Species. Karen invited Marla and Jeff to join the discussion and asked them how they thought the boat entry regulations were going. Marla informed that most Members understand that the boat entry questionnaire is necessary and a proactive effort to reduce to possibility of introducing non-native invasive species while a small percentage seems to be inconvenienced, particularly when they are only going across the street for gas. Business Manager Kristine agreed to work on a procedural modification to fast-track boats re-entering LSA after getting gas. The group then discussed the LCP "Launch Certification Permit", and it was the consensus of the group that the LCP was redundant and should be discontinued. President Franzen suggested that we need to continue our AIS strategy and place more emphasis on educating the membership regarding our AIS policies and the benefits of preventing the spread of AIS into our Lake.
President Franzen closed the meeting at 10:40am.

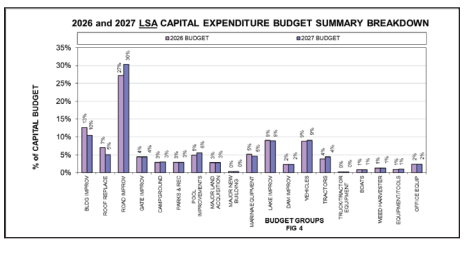
Respectfully submitted, GM Mike Schmieder

LINE #	BUDGET HEADING	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	2026 BUDGET	2027 BUDGET	COMMENTS	CHANGE 2027 from 2026
1	**INDIVIDUAL DUES**			3			**$90.00**
2	**INDIVIDUAL DUES =** (TOTAL DUES INCOME) / (INCOME PRODUCING LOTS)	$ 1,015	$ 1,099	$ 1,175	$ 1,265	**INDIVIDUAL DUES =** (LINE **14**) / (LINE **9**)	7.7%
3	**LOT SUMMARY**						
4	Total Number of Lots	2287	2287	2287	2287		0.0%
5	Less LSA Lots	(32)	(34)	(34)	(37)	Parks,S.Gate Marina,Office,Gate,Etc …	8.8%
6	Less Other LSA Lots	(4)	(3)	(3)	0	Lots Temporarily Holding:	-100.0%
7	Less Past Dues Collections	(90)	(90)	(90)	(90)	Assume ~4% of Total Lots. Past Du	0.0%
8	Renter Lots	30	30	30	25		-16.7%
9	**INCOME PRODUCING LOTS**	**2191**	**2190**	**2190**	**2185**		**-0.2%**
10	**INCOME SUMMARY**						
11	**TOTAL INCOME=** TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	$ 2,721,891	$ 2,961,380	$ 3,137,607	$ 3,355,122		6.9%
12	**PAST EXCESS INCOME APPLIED TO DUES**	**$ 99,927**	**$ 98,063**	**$ 102,951**	**$ 105,166**	**AKA: OPERATIONS RESERVE**	2.2%
13	**TOTAL NON-DUES INCOME**	$ 398,098	$ 456,507	$ 461,407	$ 485,932		5.3%
14	**TOTAL DUES INCOME=** (TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES) - (PAST EXCESS INCOME) - (TOTAL NON-DUES INCOME)	**$ 2,223,865**	**$ 2,406,810**	**$ 2,573,250**	**$ 2,764,025**		**7.4%**
15	**NON-DUES INCOME SUMMARY**						
16	**MEMBER APPLICATION FEES**	$ 22,000	$ 22,000	$ 22,000	$ 23,000		4.5%
17	**PENALTY CHARGES**	$ 23,500	$ 22,700	$ 23,700	$ 26,700		12.7%
18	**ACTIVITIES**	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ 2,500		0.0%
19	**ADVERTISING - NEWSPAPER**	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ 45,000	$ 45,000		0.0%
20	**CONCESSION INCOME**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -		-
21	**INTEREST - OPERATIONS**	$ 1,300	$ 5,833	$ 5,833	$ 5,833		0.0%
22	**INTEREST - RESTRICTED CAPITAL**	$ 6,250	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 75,000		50.0%
23	**SERVICES to OCLUD**	$ 40,240	$ 51,015	$ 51,015	$ 40,440		-20.7%
24	**FEES & RENTALS**	$ 139,809	$ 139,809	$ 141,309	$ 141,309		0.0%
25	**MISCELLANEOUS**	$ 117,500	$ 117,400	$ 119,800	$ 125,900		5.1%
26	**TOTAL NON-DUES INCOME**	**$ 398,098**	**$ 456,507**	**$ 461,407**	**$ 485,932**		**5.3%**
27	**EXPENSE SUMMARY**						
28	Administrative Expenses	$ 873,372	$ 909,039	$ 954,510	$ 1,067,247		11.8%
29	Operational Expenses	$ 1,137,550	$ 1,195,005	$ 1,244,356	$ 1,328,223		6.7%
30	Interest Allocated to Capital Expenses	$ 6,250	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 75,000		50.0%
31	**Dues Allocated to Capital Expenditures**	**$ 704,719**	**$ 807,336**	**$ 888,741**	**$ 884,652**		**-0.5%**
32	**TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES**	**$ 2,721,891**	**$ 2,961,380**	**$ 3,137,607**	**$ 3,355,122**		**6.9%**
33	**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE SUMMARY**						
34	**SALARIES**	$ 255,980	$ 271,768	$ 281,334	$ 294,959		4.8%
35	**PENSION FUND**	$ 18,000	$ 18,000	$ 18,000	$ 18,000		0.0%
36	**INSURANCE**	$ 258,684	$ 268,768	$ 288,068	$ 370,000		28.4%
37	**PURCHASED SERVICES**	$ 59,400	$ 62,500	$ 66,000	$ 71,150		7.8%
38	**LSA BLDG INSPECTIONS**	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ 2,000		0.0%
39	**TAXES**	$ 95,908	$ 101,503	$ 105,709	$ 113,237		7.1%
40	**UTILITIES**	$ 72,000	$ 72,000	$ 80,900	$ 86,500		6.9%
41	**OFFICE SUPPLIES**	$ 87,400	$ 88,500	$ 88,500	$ 90,400		2.1%
42	**MISC EXPENSES**	$ 24,000	$ 24,000	$ 24,000	$ 21,000		-12.5%
43	**TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**	**$ 873,372**	**$ 909,039**	**$ 954,510**	**$ 1,067,247**		**11.8%**
44	**OPERATIONS EXPENSE SUMMARY**						
45	**WAGES B & G**	-	-	-	-		-
46	**Full Time**	$ 342,857	$ 355,127	$ 377,307	$ 446,045		18.2%
47	**Part Time**	$ 77,242	$ 81,551	$ 83,998	$ 81,578		-2.9%
48	**Campground Host**	$ 18,200	$ 19,240	$ 19,817	$ 20,412		3.0%
49	**WAGES PUBLIC SAFETY**	-	-	-	-		-
50	**Staff**	$ 256,103	$ 275,994	$ 291,748	$ 282,941		-3.0%
51	**Misc**	$ 6,400	$ 6,401	$ 6,401	$ 6,400		0.0%
52	**Water Safety**	$ 90,462	$ 101,642	$ 104,571	$ 108,854		4.1%
53	**FUEL & OIL**	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 40,000	$ 40,000		0.0%
54	**MAINTENANCE**	$ 269,788	$ 278,073	$ 283,073	$ 304,073		7.4%
55	**CONCESSIONS**	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -		-
56	**ACTIVITIES**	$ 36,498	$ 36,977	$ 37,441	$ 37,920		1.3%
57	**TOTAL OPERATIONS EXPENSES**	**$ 1,137,550**	**$ 1,195,005**	**$ 1,244,356**	**$ 1,328,223**		**6.7%**
58	**ANTICIPATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES SUMMARY**						
59	**BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**	$ 83,510	$ 94,758	$ 112,220	$ 92,527		-17.5%
60	**ROOF REPLACEMENT**	$ 27,266	$ 62,265	$ 62,465	$ 44,516		-28.7%
61	**ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**	$ 174,079	$ 201,501	$ 241,766	$ 268,251		11.0%
62	**GATE IMPROVEMENTS**	$ 32,169	$ 39,119	$ 39,119	$ 39,119		0.0%
63	**CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**	$ 18,972	$ 24,471	$ 26,069	$ 26,069		0.0%
64	**PARKS & RECREATION EQUIPMENT**	$ 17,177	$ 24,414	$ 25,690	$ 25,730		0.2%
65	**POOL IMPROVEMENTS**	$ 41,440	$ 41,440	$ 43,701	$ 48,701		11.4%
66	**MAJOR LAND ACQUISITION**	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 25,000		0.0%
67	**MAJOR NEW BUILDING STRUCTURES**	$ 3,333	$ 3,333	$ 3,333	$ 3,333		0.0%
68	**MARINA EQUIPMENT**	$ 40,096	$ 45,346	$ 45,346	$ 40,346		-11.0%
69	**LAKE/WATERSHED CONS/DREDGE**	$ 85,909	$ 77,934	$ 79,934	$ 78,934		-1.3%
70	**DAM MAINTENANCE**	$ 15,252	$ 20,697	$ 20,697	$ 20,697		0.0%
71	**VEHICLES**	$ 73,928	$ 74,219	$ 77,936	$ 79,992		2.6%
72	**TRACTORS**	$ 25,810	$ 27,060	$ 34,029	$ 39,252		15.3%
73	**TRUCK/TRACTOR EQUIPMENT**	$ 1,792	$ 1,792	$ 2,592	$ 2,592		0.0%
74	**BOATS and MOTORS**	$ 7,418	$ 7,418	$ 7,418	$ 7,518		1.3%
75	**WEED HARVESTER**	$ 5,470	$ 7,470	$ 11,475	$ 11,475		0.0%
76	**EQUIPMENT/TOOLS**	$ 8,665	$ 8,665	$ 8,665	$ 9,315		7.5%
77	**OFFICE EQUIPMENT**	$ 17,433	$ 20,433	$ 21,283	$ 21,283		0.0%
78	**RESERVE ADVISORS STUDY**	-	-	-	-	In BRG Budget	NA
79	**TOTAL ANTICIPATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**	**$ 704,719**	**$ 807,336**	**$ 888,741**	**$ 884,652**		**-0.5%**











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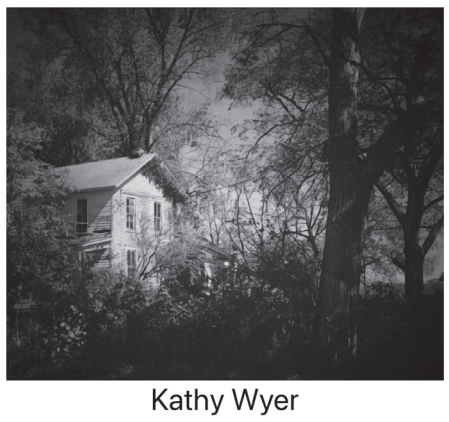
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LSA Photography Club Challenge Winners



Kathy Webster
1st Place Black and White Empty Building



Kathy Wyer
2nd Place Black and White Empty Building



Terri Myers
3rd Place Black and White Empty Building



Conni Villella
1st Place Summer 2026 Quarterly



Bret Waddington
2nd Place Summer 2026 Quarterly



Sharon Schwarzbauer
3rd Place Summer 2026 Quarterly



Jeff Folkerts
3rd Place Summer 2026 Quarterly

Ladies of the Lake: Homeschool Event & More

By Deb Morge-Erickson

Indian summer was WONDERFUL! Who would have imagined the temperatures in the high 70' s for October.

Our October was full. We had our homeschool event Columbus on Oct 12th at the lodge. David Dini was our guest speaker. He was successful at educating all of us young and old new things about Columbus. Not only the journey, but how Columbus managed to get King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain to finance his journey and give him the three ships for sailing. David worked with a couple of our students demonstrating how ships gauged their speed traveling across the various waterways using an anchoring rope tied with knots and an hour glass. He also spoke about what prompted the reason a new trade route to Asia was necessary. Ironically, Columbus never did find America. His expeditions landed on various islands south of our great continent. So, who discovered America? Amerigo Vespucci. David is very happy we are called Americans and not Vespuccians. I don't think the students were surprised to learn this but plenty of the adults found this new information. It was a great presentation and we thank David and Patti Dini for joining us with our third homeschool event.

Later, on that same day we held our Wine and Beer Tasting Evening. We added a Chili Cookoff to this event. We had 7 entries in the Chili competition. There was mild, spicy, sweet and one turkey and black bean chili to be tasted. They were all so yummy and added to the wonderful selection of wines and beers and appetizers that our guests contributed to the event. We had two winners, Roger Johnson and Pam Smith with their "Rockin Roger and Hellrasin Pam chili and Bruce Pellegrini's Jalapeño Spicy chili. They split the first-place prize. It was a fun evening to just relax, chat with friends and eat as much chili as you like. Thanks to Rocky Hukle for creating our wine evaluation board. We had several wines that filled the spot "connect the cask directly into my vein". Thanks to everyone who attended.

Our next meeting is Monday, November 9th at 2pm at the lodge.

Happy Fall Y'all









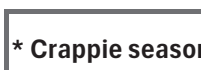
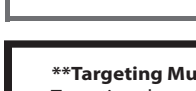


Memorial Gardens At Spring Park

About thirty (30) years ago the Memorial garden at Spring Park was established. Four areas were surrounded by bricks and each of those areas featured beautiful plantings and landscaped areas. The bricks, which formed the perimeter of the pathway and the landscaped areas was created so that Members who lost a loved one, could have a brick engraved with the loved one's name. This park, in the northwest corner of the property, was beautiful but time has taken its toll on the landscaped areas and the memorial bricks. Many of the plantings have become overgrown or have died and many of the memorial bricks have become weathered and are deteriorating. All of these areas will be renovated sometime next spring, and the Memorial Brick program will be permanently retired. If you or your family has a brick honoring a loved one, you're welcome to retrieve and keep the brick. Later this fall, all of the Memorial Bricks will be removed from the garden area and eventually discarded. If you'd like to keep your Brick, please go to Spring Park and retrieve it.

Fishing, Gardening, Fellowship, Quilting, and more.
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Species		Min Length to Keep	Daily Creel Limit: Members Including Accompanying Guests	Daily Creel Limit: 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.

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.



JT The Plant Guy

Trees, like people, get named for the work they do, where they come from, or the things they are used to make. Such is the case with the Osage Orange or technically Maclura pomifera. I have talked about this tree before in reference to the large fruit it produces, and we will get to that shortly. Let's address the many names this tree goes by. Bois d' arc, Bodark, Osage Orange, Bowwood, Horse Apple, Hedge Apple, Mapo, Maclura, and others I'm sure.

Why all the names? Bois d' arc, Bodark, and Bowwood come from the early French using this tree to make bows for hunting- Bois d' arc literally translates to Arc Wood. Others, non-French couldn't manage the French accent and called it 'Bodark' (look at it and sound it out) and if Bodark doesn't sound right, Bowwood gets straight to the point. We have flexible, strong wood to make the bow and then we use another shrub called Arrowwood Viburnum to make; you guessed it, arrows. Curiously simple…oh, for the good old days!

Osage Orange speaks to this tree's native habitat which goes from central Texas north to Oklahoma and a bit east to Arkansas. Sort of in the middle of this territory is Osage County, Oklahoma. There are accounts of large wagons making the trek south to Oklahoma to get Osage logs for fencing. The wood was highly prized for fence posts because it is the most durable wood in North America for untreated fence posts. Now this tree grows in all 48 contiguous states. It has found its way into lots of farm fields and has been widely planted between farm fields to be used when fencing is required. This is where it gets the name Hedge Apple. It grows in the hedge rows between farm fields and has large green apple-like fruit. This fruit falls on the ground and was eaten by livestock, hence the name Horse Apple. Horse Apple has other connotations, but then again, simple is better.

Mapo is the last name this tree has, and I have not heard of it, but it comes from the scientific name Maclura pomifera. Use the first two letters of each word, and there you go! There are some drawbacks to this tree, so before you rush out and get one of these unique beauties consider that it has nasty thorns that pop tires, snag clothing, skin, and make pruning this tree a truly harrowing experience. Luckily there is a hybrid that is thornless and much more 'socially acceptable' for use if you wish. This tree has a unique history and has served us well for over 250 years. It is a worthy tree with lots of great 'Tree Lore': check it out! JT, The Plant Guy.

2026 LSA Fish Club Wally Raduns Muskie Classic Results

By Curt Zawiski

The LSA Fish Club held its 5th annual Wally Raduns Muskie Classic on September 26th and 27th. There were nine teams competing with 7 Muskie caught over the day and half event ranging in length from 48.75 to 33.25 inches. First place went to team Rindfleisch/Amundson with a Muskie measuring 48.75 inches. Second place went to team Rindfleisch/Amundson with a Muskie measuring 48 inches. Third place went to team C & R Muskie Express with a Tiger Muskie measuring 46.75 inches. All tournament participants also received a free Wally Raduns custom Muskie bucktail bait. Thanks to our great sponsors and all that helped make this a successful tournament.











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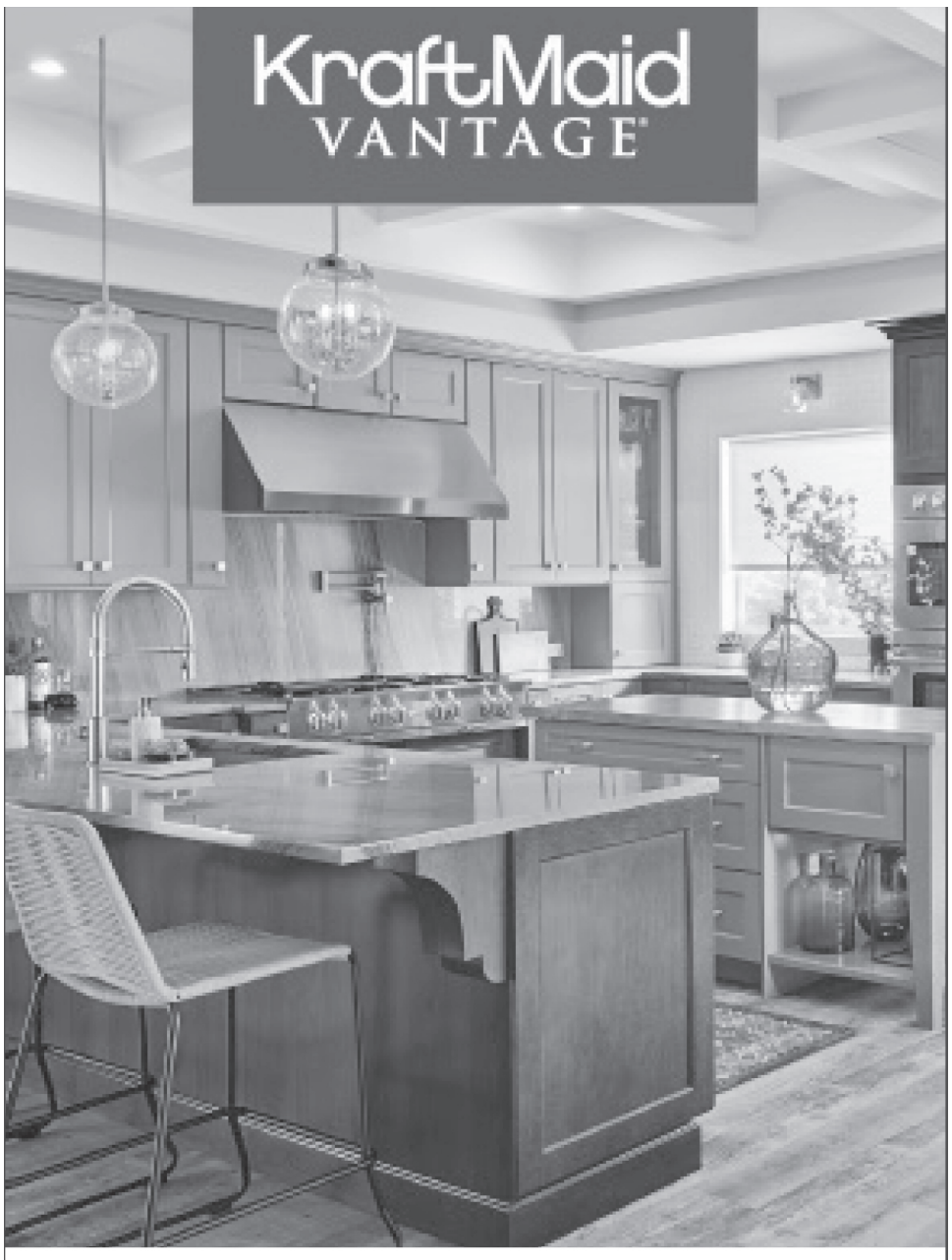
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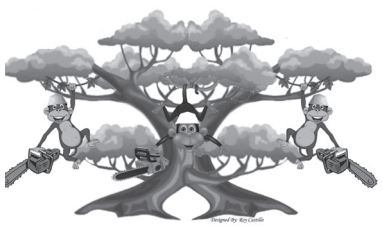


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Tree removal forms are available in the office or on the LSA Website. Fill out the tree removal form completely and bring it to the office or submit it electronically.

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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LSA Community Calendar

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 1	**2** 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	**3** 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	**4** 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**5** 7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	**6** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**7** 10:00am CRC Mtg. Coffee at 9:30am (Office) 12:00pm Fun Club Chili Cook-Off (Lodge) 1:00pm Citation Review (Office)
8 2:00pm Makers Circle (Lodge)	**9** 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Lodge) 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	**10** 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Book Club (Office)	**11** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office) 4:00pm Set Up for Veterans Club Dinner for Vets (Lodge) 5:00pm Veterans Club Dinner for Vets (Lodge)	**12** 10:00am Welcome Committee Meeting (Office) 6:00pm Directors of Veteran's Club Meeting (Office) 6:30pm Veteran's Club (Office)	**13** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**14** 9:00am ECC (Office) 9:00am Photography Club (Office) 6:30pm Bingo Night (Lodge)
15	**16** 1:00pm Domino Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	**17** 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	**18** 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)	**19** 10:00am Quilt Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	**20** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**21** 9:00am ECC (Office)
22	**23** 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge)	**24** 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	**25** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**26** Thanksgiving Day	**27** 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	**28** 8:00am Lake Planning (Office) 10:00am Set Up for Christmas Party (Lodge)
29 11:30am Set Up for Christmas Party (Lodge)	**30**					

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After the harvest of the fields around us, we'll be getting into the quieter time of the year. With no disrespect to Native Americans, one of my favorite memories in this season was the annual publication in the Chicago Tribune of "Injun Summer". The QR code below gets you there or https://tinyurl.com/9hw9ptes We hope you are making autumn memories with your loved ones.

Best wishes to you all for a great Thanksgiving!
Don, Kandy & Kevin







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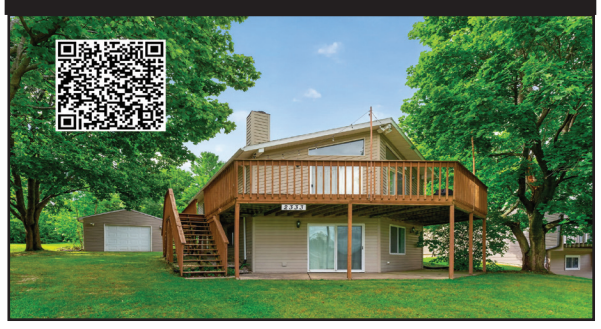
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