

Lake Summerset News

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A Voice For The Veterans



The LSA Veterans Club would like to thank everyone that contributed to any of our events at the Family Fun Day last month. You will notice that we finally placed the huge stone in the center of the memorial that depicts the military branches. I have to say it turned out beautiful! Thanks to all of you, we raised half of the money needed for the concrete base within the circle of our Veterans Memorial. We need just \$3k more to complete that phase of our project. We are now moving on to the plaques that we will be creating for the wall of the memorial. The inner wall will contain plaques for our deceased resident (or lot owner) Veterans. The outer perimeter will contain plaques for deceased Veterans that are not or never were a resident of the lake community but have family members here applying for them. The design for that is yet to be determined. Below you will find a link for the application of a plaque. We will be looking for the Vets full name, branch of service, rank, birth date (month and year is good enough), deceased date, service start and end dates, and you have 2 lines to add your own com-

ments. We show an example of our latest design below. This will be engraved on a black granite tile. We also need a picture of your vet whether it's their service picture or something current. We convert it to black and white and crop it like the example we show. We take it digitally or a hard copy. We will return the picture if requested. We are asking for a donation of \$25 for resident Veterans, and \$50 for our non-resident Veterans. These donations will go toward the making of the plaque display and landscaping around the perimeter of the memorial. Donations can be made for these plaques through our fundraiser app called Zeffy. It does add a suggested fee to cover their expenses, but you have the option to change that amount to anything including zero. Keep in mind this app is really great for us because we receive the full donation amount no matter what you decide, so please consider some kind of donation to them. Donations for the plaques can also be dropped off or mailed to the LSA office at: LSA Veterans Club
1202 Lake Summerset Road
Davis, IL 61019

Here is the link and QR to the Form to apply for the Veterans Memorial Plaque:
<https://form.jotform.com/260365762969068>

Here is the link and QR code for donating to the club:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-the-veterans-club>



Please keep in mind that it will take some time to create these plaques and we still need to make sure that our design will work in the engraver. We will contact you via the email that you provided to have you approve the look of the plaque that we create. We will work with you on the design until everyone is happy. Please contact us at lsaVeteransClub@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.
Thank you for all that you have done for us.
LSA Veterans Club

Save The Date
The next Veterans Club dinner is Wednesday, September 16 at the lodge at 5:30pm. Please keep those donations coming in so we can complete the Veterans Memorial!



2026 LSA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULE & AGENDAS FOR THE 2027 BUDGET

2026 FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

- SEPT 14** - LSA BOARD STAFF COMPENSATION REVIEW – LSA OFFICE – 7:00 PM
- LSA BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION
- SEPT 19** - LSA BOARD BUDGET WORK SESSION – LSA OFFICE – 8:30 AM
- NON-DUES INCOME
 - BUDGET ROLL-UP
- OCT 12** - LSA BOARD VOTES ON BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO MEMBERSHIP
- LSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- NOV** - LSA TENTATIVE BUDGET PUBLISHED IN THE LSA NEWS
- DEC 13** - LSA BUDGET VOTED ON AT LSA ANNUAL MEETING BY MEMBERSHIP
- LOCATION: LSA OFFICE – 2:00 PM

BUDGET GUIDELINES AND GOALS

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

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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



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

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.

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

Winnebago County Sheriff: 815-282-2600

Call-in Passes: 815-248-9186

Stephenson County Sheriff: 815-235-8252

Guardhouse Fax Line: 815-248-4236

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Rock Energy Cooperative: 866-752-4550

Board of Directors

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

Dog Club - Diane Piquette

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Campground Committee – Dale Tunak, Chairman

Jim Ostapa, Co-Chairman

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

Fish Club - Jeff Giedd

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

Community Relations Committee – John Kochanski, Chairman

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

10 a.m. Business Meeting, LS Office

Hand & Foot Club - Joanne Leith

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

CRC Outreach – Dora Tippens, Chairman

Ladies of the Lake - Cindy Metz, President

2nd Monday, 2 p.m., Lodge

Environmental Control Committee – Jon Shrum, Chairman

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

Mah Jongg - Dianna Kile

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

Finance Committee – Mark Metzler, Treasurer

August, September, TBA

Makers Circle - Laura Maguire

2nd Sunday, 2 p.m., Lodge

Fish Conservation Committee - Curt Zawiski, Chairman

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

New Life Women's Bible Study – Carol Gattolin

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Lodge

Lake Planning Committee – Steve Harting, Chairman

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

Photography Club - Jeff Folkerts & Kathy Webster

lakesummersetphotography@gmail.com

Long Range & Facility Planning – Jim Ostapa, Chairman

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

Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m., LS Office

Safety Committee – Jeff Walsh, Chairman

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

Wednesday, October 14, 6 p.m., LS Office

Isapublicsafetycommittee@gmail.com

Pickleball - Mike Langley, President

Sunday, 3 p.m., Pickleball Courts

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

Social Clubs:

Archery Club - Britton Kauffman

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

Pinochle Club - Joanne Leith

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

Beautification Club – John Turner, President

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., LS Office

Red Hat Society – Shirlee Jasien

1st Wednesday, Location Varies

Bocce Ball – Randall Myers, President

Every Thursday, 10 a.m., Bocce Courts

Scrapbag Quilt Club – Mary White

3rd Thursday, 10 a.m., Lodge

Book Club – Rachel Kleven

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

Veteran's Club - Paul Gibson

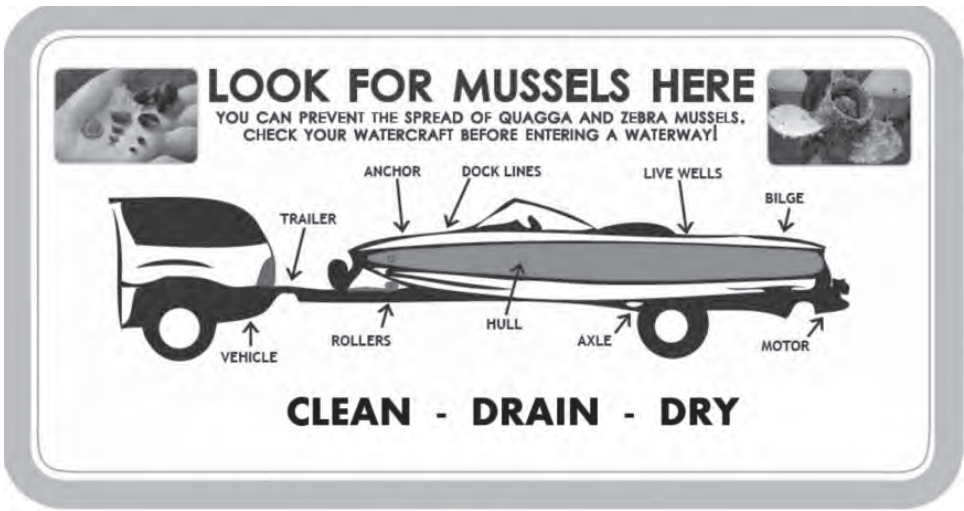
2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Office

Writing Gals - Sharon Boehlefeld

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

ECC Committee Reminder

It is the obligation of the Association Property owner to ensure they and/or their contractor(s) comply with the Redbook Requirements. Any construction started before posting of a building permit will result in a fine of \$250.00, plus the cost of permit fees, and a stop on construction.



Durand Area Food Pantry

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

LSA Email Blasts

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

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

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

Step 3: Click on For Members in the upper right

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

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

Message from LSA General Manager

By Michael Schmieder

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

BOD Agenda Action Items

Acknowledge Receipt of the 2025 Audit as presented by Gabe Sumner of Seldon Fox Direct General Manager to distribute AIS Survey results

Lake Elevation

The lake elevation as of 11am on August 7th was 825'. The current lake elevation is at normal pool elevation.

Traffic Control Sign

The speed control sign has been relocated to the swimming pool on Lake Sunnerset Rd. 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

9 LSA properties were transferred (sold) during the month of July vs. 7 in July of 2025. 62 LSA properties have been transferred year to date vs. 53 during the same period a year ago.

Lodge Concession

Francisco Lopez and Laura Gonzales have signed a lease to operate the Lodge concession for the 2026 season and recently they extended the lease beyond the Labor Day weekend. The name of the operation is "Empanadas by the Lake" but they offer much more than empanadas. Burgers, hot dogs, snacks and soft drinks are all available. Empanadas by the lake is located on the south side of the lodge facing the beach and they are open Thursday through Sunday from 9am to 3pm. It's great that we have a food service option on the premises and I urge you to support their business, so they'll be motivated to return next season.

Annual Facility Inspections

The Winnebago Department of Public Health conducted the annual inspection of the Swimming Pool and Spray Park on August 7th. No violations were noted and a copy of the inspection report will be available as soon as it's received.

Optional Shoreline Weed Treatment

The 2nd optional Shoreline Weed treatment was conducted on August 7th, 2026. Approximately 55 shoreline property owners participated in the 2nd.

Storm Damage

The April 17 hailstorm caused significant

damage to residential properties as well as buildings owned by the Association and the Otter Creek Lake Utility District. Insurance claims were filed on Monday, April 20th. I had a contractor inspect all of our buildings on May 1st and damage was noted to most of our buildings. An adjuster from our insurance company, Cincinnati Insurance performed an inspection of all buildings on Tuesday, May 5th. His report was received on May 27th and the report revealed that all roofs on the LSA owned buildings were damaged and require full replacement. The total amount of the claim for the Lake Sunnerset buildings is \$477,414. Since last month, I've been working with our contractor to submit our request for the adjuster to reassess the claim. Items which were originally overlooked is damage to our swimming pool cover, damage to the synthetic tennis/pickleball surface and damage to the top surfaces of the aluminum handrails at Beach 2, Southgate marina and on the dam. The contractor we've selected to replace the roofs and repair other hail-related damage will start work during the last week in August

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. Representatives from Winnebago county were here on June 4th and they stopped work at two homes who failed to get a county permit. Most insurance companies will reimburse the homeowner for these permits. As of August 6, 2026, we've issued 570 roofing/siding permits.

Operations

Other tasks and projects recently completed by our Operations Staff include

Continuing to place UPM mix on roadway potholes, driveway edge repairs, and edge or road repairs.

Repaired harvester: Rebuilt the right-side cutter bar failure. On another instance, we replaced a failed conveyor motor and replaced a hydraulic pump that

failed on the conveyor trailer. These breakdowns caused harvester downtime, but staff was able to quickly repair with only a short time of downtime from cutting.

Replace blown tire on the harvester conveyor trailer.

The harvester has removed approximately 150 loads to date, and the usage is up over 10% now compared to the entire cutting season in 2025.

Setup and tear down for family fest. This is labor intensive for the maintenance staff but the event was a great success for the community's enjoyment.

Pressure tested dock sections and installed one of the new EZ docks at Mitchell Park.

Restored the shoreline at Mitchell park that had been previously winter ice damaged. This included retrieving rip rap from the lakebed, reshaping the shoreline, installing new topsoil, seeding, and erosion protection.

Repaired broken PVC conduit on outside breaker panel at the lodge. Repaired breakers, and a failed outlet. Developed a material list to replace the outdated, failing breaker panel on the outside of the lodge.

Material list and budget developed for the addition of building space at the maintenance building to house the harvester, conveyor, and work barge..

Firewood split and taken to the wood shed at the campground for restocking.

Spillway fence repairs.

We had two shower valves fail at the men's bathroom at the pool. Both valves and cartridges were replaced. This required a wall cutting, installation, and repair.

Installed more garden signs at the gardens to reduce theft of people's garden vegetables.

Lake water samples were collected every 2 weeks.

Removed fallen tree into the Edgewood Ct roadway.

Removed fallen tree on the disc golf course on Tamarack Bay.

We are picking up roadside deposited seaweed two to three times per week.

We continue to have broken gates from people pushing through them and breaking our bolts so we have had a lot of repairs again this month.

Started the hypolimnetic withdrawal at the dam with the 4" valve.

New freezer for the lodge was purchased for the family fun day

Crackfilled, sealed, and parking paint stripes installed at the Aquatic complex / Bocce ball area.

Parking area was painted at the Southgate bathroom handicapped parking and a handicapped parking sign was installed.

Repaired the splash pad pump electrical failure.

Repaired the pool vacuum.

Electrical repairs at the maintenance building.

Concrete prep completed at the gardens for the new shade structure. Expecting to pour concrete next week.

Performed monthly vehicle inspections and services

Repaired the 2006 Chevy: serpentine belts replacements.

Installed new seat covers on several of the work trucks.

Assembled playground equipment at the campground. Manufacture had missing parts so the unit could not be completed at this time. Parts have an 8 to 10-week lead time for arrival.

Parks and Grounds Maintenance

Tamarack: cleared debris and overgrowth from bushes near road (NE corner of park); volunteer group cleared stuff and left piles, we removed four 1-ton loads; continued clearing and whipping, made it to end of park and gained a lake line of site.

South Park: Cut large limbs and canopy so mowers could gain access (Art request).

Robin Park: Trimmed over growth around trees, shaped growth on stumps to look like bushes

Duck Park: Whipped covert area, removed mulberry tree; Trimmed small trees along lot line to raise canopy

Wisconsin Park: trimmed overgrowth, removed large branches, raised canopy on East side of park (two 1-ton loads);

Seaweed: Three 1-ton loads.

Spillway: removed larger trees on East side of Pier Dr.

Killdeer Park: weed whipped around entrance sign, all utility boxes, and boundary markers

Roadside Maintenance: 4-hrs of general whipping of signs, hydrants, manholes, utility boxes

Birch Park: Trimmed over growth and trees on North side of creek, whipped creek shoreline on both sides;

Perry Park / Old Gardens: Undercut canopy on pine trees

Oak Park: continued work on overgrowth removal (two more 1-ton loads)

Seaweed: Monday morning was overflowing, needed back hoe assistance (Brian); rest of week was minimal loads, but did 4 runs this week

Beach 2: weed whip covert, bathhouse, sidewalk, shoreline

General Roadside: 3 hrs whipping and limbing

Oriole Park: pulled weeds and vines from roadside parking area, removed overgrowth around trees

Juniper Park: whipped entire water shed area, rock landscaping, and shoreline

Oak Park: Continued over growth clearing 6 hours (eleven 1-ton loads)

Pool / Pickle Ball area: started thinning debris along Southgate Rd

Taras & Gainsboro: Trimmed up three pine trees to improve vehicle line of site.

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 Sunnerset.

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-sunnerset.com.

The CRC Corner Community Relations Committee Upcoming Topics

September 5, 2026

No CRC meeting - Due to Labor Day Holiday Weekend.

October 3, 2026

Joe Bihner, an LSA resident and Information Technology "expert" and business owner, will be making a video presentation on "AI" Artificial Intelligence when applied to Homeowner Associations such as ours. Can't wait to see how his app can help all of us.

November 7, 2026

Meet the Candidates running for the board in the Lodge at 10 am.

Welcome to Lake Summerset

<u>Lot</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Members Name</u>
1689		Nevdal, Matthew
1879		Prenot, Luke & Jessica
	213	Aragon, Carlos & Christine
	136	Capp, Jessie & Austin
	1814	Cappy, Roy
	428	Christmas, Brent
	1064	Dillon, Jon & Lisa
	1780	Howell, Joseph & Breeona
	1512	Latino, Sue & Patrick
	847	Marquardt, David & Amy
	632	Rebelak, Joshua

Phone Book Changes & Updates

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	COMMENTS
Ackerman, Donna			Delete
Campbell, Lindsi			Delete
Cappy, Roy	1814 Beacon Ct.	773-458-4988	Add
Daub, Bruce & Jamie			Delete
Dillion, Jon & Lisa	1064 Lake Summerset Rd.	563-316-9722 His 815-721-7910 Hers	Add
Gignac, Thomas			Delete
Gray, Margaret			Delete
Helms, Arletta			Delete
Kotlarz, Andrew & Sharon			Delete
Latino, Patrick & Sue	1512 Dresden Rd.	815-997-2943 His 815-601-3859 Hers	Add
Leonard, Lambert & Karen			Delete
Peiffer, Mark & Annie	870 Breckenboro	815-275-4356 His 815-721-0438 Hers	Add
Rahn, Susan	1437 Dresden Rd.	970-497-9255	Add
Teng, Abraham			Delete

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

Remember

Tampering with mail and mailboxes is a federal crime.

Firewood is available at the campground
\$5 per bundle

2026 LSA Board Officers & Directors:

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

2026 Committee Liaisons:

Campground - Drew Tennant
CRC - Roger Allen
ECC - Dennis Vizenor
FCC - Karen Franzen
Lake Planning - Mark Metzler
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 Labor Day

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 September and October Distribution

By Sarah Loofbourrow
The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open on the following days in September: Saturday, September 26, 8:30-10:30am and Monday, September 28, 3-5pm. Dates for October include: Saturday, October 24 and Monday, October 26. Most needed items for September and October include boxed cereal, canned pasta meals, Hamburger Helper and boxed potatoes. Please leave any donations at any Durand church, in the white Lions Club box near the pantry door, the LSA office or Du-

rand Pacemaker. Thank you to all who contribute to keeping our shelves stocked. The pantry will once again be helping our neighbors in need with Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. Look for upcoming information about how you can help with this project. Through your generous donations, each family that uses the pantry will receive a frozen turkey and side dish box for their Thanksgiving holiday. Christmas boxes will contain a ham and a side dish box. These distributions are our largest of the year and your financial support is appreciated.

Daily/Weekly Rental Slips

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

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

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

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

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

Campground Sub-Regulations

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

Seasonal Boat Slip Rental Policy

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“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.” Heb. 3:4

Pecatonica Hardware Brings Back Popular Contractors Day

After a great response from the community, Pecatonica Hardware is bringing back Contractors / DIYers Day on Friday, September 11, 2026. The one-day event will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., giving local contractors, DIYers and homeowners an opportunity to stop in, check out special pricing and find some great deals on tools and hardware. “We had such a great response to our last Contractors Day that we knew we had to bring it back,” said the Burchfield family of Pecatonica Hardware. “We wanted to create a day where our contractors and DIY customers could come in, see some new tools, take advantage of special deals and enjoy a

little lunch while they’re here.” The event will feature tool specials for both professionals and DIYers, along with exclusive one-day deals throughout the store. Attendees will also have the opportunity to “Come Try Before You Buy”, with DeWALT and Milwaukee tools featured during the event. Raffles for DeWALT and Milwaukee tools will also be part of the day’s activities. Pecatonica Hardware invites everyone to stop in, whether you’re a contractor stocking up for a job, a weekend DIYer tackling a project, or simply someone who likes a good tool deal. Contractors Day will be held Friday, September 11, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Pecatonica Hardware, 408 Main Street in Pecatonica.

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LSA Obituaries & Death Notices



Anna Mae Mulcahey, of Durand, Illinois, Lake Summerset, passed away peacefully at home on July 28, 2026, at the age of 88, surrounded by loved ones. Born on July 16, 1938, in Dubuque, Iowa, she was the daughter of Delbert and Viola Cox. She attended St. Mary’s School in Galena, Illinois, and graduated from Sin-sinawa Mound Academy in Wisconsin. A lifelong learner, she later earned her degree in Special Education with honors from Northern Illinois University at age 42. On February 1, 1958, Anna Mae mar-

ried Richard (Dick) Mulcahey, beginning a 68-year marriage and partnership rooted in faith and family. She is survived by her husband and six children: Rick (Mary- anne), Susan Alberstett (Mike), Barbara Hickey (Paul), Marty, John (Kristi), and Megan Bower (Joe), along with 27 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Anna Mae was a vibrant, intelligent, and compassionate woman whose life’s work reflected her deep commitment to others. She devoted her career to advocating for seniors and individuals with disabilities through the Illinois Attorney General’s Office. She also served as a board member for Illinois Special Olympics, a delegate for President Jimmy Carter, and was active in St. Anne’s Society. She found joy in reading, puzzles, bridge, mahjong, and live theater. Together, Anna Mae and Dick helped to preserve Turner Hall in Galena and together directed and acted in several community plays. Anna Mae was a woman ahead of her time, an advocate, a devoted wife and mother, and a source of strength and love. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered. A visitation was held at McCorkle Funeral Home in Durand, Illinois on August 7 from 4pm – 7pm. A funeral mass was held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church on August 8 at 10am, followed by interment at St. Patrick’s Irish Grove Cemetery.

Durand United Methodist Church

Craft Fair/Barbecue Luncheon
November 7, 2026
9:00am - 2:00pm

If anyone is interested in being a vendor or crafter, please contact Beth Spielman at 815-238-2282.

Water Skiing Regulations

Please refer to Redbook Section 6
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Jack Walsh LSA Volunteer of the Year Award

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

Nominee must have served the LSA in a volunteer capacity for more than 5 years.
The volunteer must have made significant contributions to the Lake Summerset Association.
Must be a member in good standing.
The nomination must include details on how the volunteer has served the community.

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

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Redbook Reminder Section 5.1.13

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Volunteer Boat, Dock & Lift Equipment Inspection

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



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JANUARY	17.3%	15.3%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	18.9%	9.5%
FEBRUARY	78.7%	68.5%	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	85.5%	33.2%
MARCH	93.5%	82.2%	16.9%	22.1%	19.2%	101.3%	43.8%
APRIL	96.0%	85.3%	23.3%	27.6%	25.2%	104.7%	49.0%
MAY	96.6%	88.7%	31.9%	33.4%	32.5%	105.4%	54.3%
JUNE	98.2%	91.9%	41.4%	43.8%	42.4%	106.1%	61.5%
JULY	98.6%	93.5%	51.7%	66.0%	57.9%	106.4%	72.4%
AUGUST							
SEPTEMBER							
OCTOBER							
NOVEMBER							
DECEMBER							
BUDGET	\$2,596,950	\$3,137,607	\$1,244,356	\$954,510	\$2,198,867	\$938,741	\$3,137,607

LSA INCOME & EXPENSE PROGRESSION							
MONTH	MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FINES INCOME	TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	TOTAL OPERATING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	DUES & INTEREST ALLOCATED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
JANUARY	17.3%	15.3%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	18.9%	9.5%
FEBRUARY	78.7%	68.5%	10.6%	11.1%	10.8%	85.5%	33.2%
MARCH	93.5%	82.2%	16.9%	22.1%	19.2%	101.3%	43.8%
APRIL	96.0%	85.3%	23.3%	27.6%	25.2%	104.7%	49.0%
MAY	96.6%	88.7%	31.9%	33.4%	32.5%	105.4%	54.3%
JUNE	98.2%	91.9%	41.4%	43.8%	42.4%	106.1%	61.5%
JULY	98.6%	93.5%	51.7%	66.0%	57.9%	106.4%	72.4%
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Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Lake Summerset Association Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2026 7:00pm
Board Members Present

Fred Kile, Karen Franzen, Mark Metzler, Dennis Vizenor, Drew Tennant, Roger Allen, GMMike Schmieders, OMJoe Rush, BM Kristine Fotinakes
Absent: Alan Andersen
Members Present

Shelley Shrum (49), JT The Plant Guy & Deb Turner (567), John P. Gorman (2031), Daniel R. VanKirk (1221), David A Orto (1910), David & Amy Bowman (51), Tom Bernardi (17), Ron & Cynthia Swanson (839), Jeff Hill (719), Jim Schnieders (852), Dominick & Dorien Bruno (212), Jane & Mark Bedard (875), Jeff & Kari Giedd (2140), Donna Weston (1002), Dick Dodsworth (2257), Jeanne Miner (859), Ken Miner (859), Jeff Wishop (2125), H. A. Rill (18), Chuck Webster (83), Bruce & Rosalynn Keirn (1959), Robert Quinnett (318), Kerry Nielsen & Lin Nielsen (433), Kevin Shirley (763), Curt Zawiski (228), Steve Magoon (1672), Kathy Wyer (219), Kimberly Furlanetto (219)

Call To Order
Vice President Franzen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Consent Agenda

Director Allen made a motion to approve the August 10, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Tennant made a motion to approve the July 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Allen made a motion to approve the July 21, 2026 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Director Kile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Director Metzler made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the committee reports as presented. Director Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Manager’s Report
Update On Current Lake Condition
The weed growth has been huge over the last 30-days, OM Joe Rush is here to discuss the weed control process. Concerns over blue-green algae have led to water and scum samples taken and submitted for analysis, results will be shared with the membership once received. The treatment program for non-native aquatic plants is a chemical control. An additional optional shoreline treatment is offered to lake front homeowners at an additional cost. It takes 3 weeks to send letters, receive payment and set up treatment. The first treatment occurred on June 23 to allow time to clear for the July 4 holiday. There were no weeds in early June, however by July 18, an algae bloom turned the lake a melted mint ice cream color. The short bloom gave way to water clarity that went dramatically deep, which, along with the phosphorus in the water from local run off, allowed plants to grow rapidly. The 40-year-old harvester has been running daily since the end of June, minus a couple of days for machinery repair with staff removing 13 loads of material daily. Unfortunately, it has been unable to keep up with the volume of material. A harvester was contracted to assist and has gone through the strict cleaning standards before entering the lake. Member questions will be addressed in the Member Comments section.

The pool has a beautifully built paver patio that is not being used due to the absence of shade. Sun shades and umbrellas will be in place before pool opening/Memorial Day weekend next year. This should allow members and guests to use the area to enjoy their food and beverages away from the water.

Unfinished Business
None
Presentation of the 2025 Audit by Seldon Fox

Previously Wilfli of Rockford, IL has been used for the audit, this year Gabe Sumner from Seldon Fox will present the audit for LSA and will present the audit for OCLUD at their meeting, August 25th. The process for working with a new audit firm includes several interviews and a submitted proposal. The firm began working with LSA in early March and will continue to refine the process as the partnership continues. There were no concerns, with only language changes noted. The opinion on the financial statement is an unmodified opinion which shows the association in good financial standing with overall processes in line with other organizations of this size. **Director Allen made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 annual audit as presented by Seldon Fox. Director Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.**
Discussion Regarding Method Of Distribution Of AIS Survey Results
The results are in the packet; results can be on the website as early as tomorrow and in the paper depending on size and available space in next month’s edition. **Director Tennant made a motion to direct the LSA General Manager to publish the AIS survey results on the Lake Summerset website and in the Lake Summerset newspaper. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

Member Comments
Vice President Franzen asked for comments first and then questions.
David Orto (1910) – The Blue Book review on lake front properties addresses soil erosion, according to geologists, sand is not soil. The Redbook addresses sand. The Board needs to change the Redbook rule, and/or define “grandfathered” whether it is by owner or property.
Curt Zawiski (228) – This is not directed at Joe, relating to the weeds, this has not happened overnight. Pictures have been sent to Mike and Joe showing rapid growth each year since 2024, a different strategy is needed to address the weeds; a consulting firm to evaluate and provide guidance should be used.
Kevin Shirley (763) – Elderly neighbors across the street were struggling with low branches on trees in the park next to their home when mowing, thank you to the Operations Staff for trimming those trees and making their mowing easier. Also thank you to the Operations Staff for their help with the Pancake Breakfast and Car Show.
Dave Bowman (51) – Is there an explanation of why personal watercraft like jet skis are not allowed on the lake? Horsepower can be tamped down, restrictions can be made. The decision was made in the mid 1990’s.
Kerry Nielsen (433) – What makes a qualified jet ski operator – there are no licenses for watercraft.
Bob Quinnett (318) – Previously asked for a list of contractors with complaints against them to be available to members. The issue was presented to the association lawyer to access liability.

Chuck Webster (83) – Glad to see the rented weed machine followed AIS requirements.
Andy Rill (18) – What is the method used to determine where the harvester is used? Both harvesters are being used first in the weediest areas.
Chuck Webster (83) – With Eagle Park becoming a wilderness area, will that be allowed on individual member-owned lots? That would be addressed by the ECC Committee. The comments and

petition from last meeting led to a compromise with a 20-foot perimeter to be mowed between the member lots and the park. More discussion followed.
Tom Bernardi (17) – How does the new weed harvester compare to our current model and other available models? It has more capability and is the most efficient to address needs, storage and access to the west end, Tamarack and Birch Bays.
Dorien & Dominick Bruno (212) – Will the new harvester be in the west-end tomorrow? The wind blows all the weeds and materials into the west-end, no one can get their boats out. Would a dredger be a better purchase? A dredger would eliminate weeds instead of cutting them down every year. We should be able to dredge our own lake.
Andy Rill (18) – Curt had a good point, to get to the root cause of the weed problem.
David Orto (1910) – Would LSA consider bringing back the rented harvester to clear the weeds in time for the Labor Day Weekend? The additional harvester may be used in future.
Kevin Shirley (763) – Recently the recording of the meetings was discontinued on the website, would like to see that reinstated and available to members. There are no plans to do that at this time.
Dick Dodsworth (2257) – We had a problem with roads several years ago and a sub-committee was formed to address this; each committee has a full agenda with no one committee assigned to the weed problem. Could a sub-committee be formed to address the weed problem? That could be suggested at the LPC meeting on August 29 8:00am.
Dan VanKirk (1221) – Follow up on Mr. Shirley’s question, why can’t we have the meeting video online every month?
Adjourn To Executive Session
Director Allen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Director Kile seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote. Vice President Franzen adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm. Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Shrum
Recording Secretary
LSA Board of Directors
Executive Session
Director Tennant made a motion to open the Executive Session at 8:02pm.

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Campground Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting was called to order at 9:06am by Chairman Dale Tunak.
Members Present
No Board Liaison Present. Dale & Wendy Tunak-749, Jennifer & Jason Mesko-380, Shannon & Geoff Brown - 2325, GM Mike Schmieder, Jim Ostapa - 1816/2237, Kari and Jeff Giedd-2140, Gary Ackerman-238, Brittany & Joe Krepfle - 1375, Susan Wicks - 2141.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
The July Campground Committee meeting minutes were read by Jennifer Mesko and approved by Dale Tunak.
Agenda
Chairman: Dale Tunak; No Report
Finance
Jim Ostapa

The Basketball Court will be approximately \$8300 plus \$2000 for the pole and backboard to be installed where the volleyball court is currently. The old basketball court is in the parking lot near the dumpsters and is dangerous for kids to play there. Money is being budgeted for the newly renovated Campground bathhouse to begin in 2028.
There are nine electrical legs that will need to be replaced in the campground within

Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
The Board discussed the resignation of Alan Andersen from the LSA Board.
The Board reviewed the results of the three Citation appeals which were heard on August 1, 2026.
The Board reviewed the proposal to replace the roofs which were damaged in the April hailstorm.
The Board reviewed the four (4) bid proposals which were received to replace crossroad culverts.
The Board then discussed the General Manager’s employment agreement.
Director Tennant made a motion to return to open session at 9:16 pm. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Director Metzler made a motion to accept the resignation of Alan Andersen from the Lake Summerset Board of Directors. Director Franzen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Director Allen made a motion to approve the Contract with Sjostrom & Sons to replace thirteen (13) crossroad culverts at a cost of \$216,184. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
Director Franzen made a motion to publish the Standing Rules which were amended at the July 13, 2026 meeting. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Director Metzler made a motion to approve the proposal from Screw City Restoration to replace damaged roofs and siding to LSA owned buildings at a cost of \$412,026.85 subject to review by LSA’s attorney. Director Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
Director Kile made a motion to approve the extension of the General Manager’s employment agreement commencing January 1, 2027. Director Metzler seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
Director Allen made a motion to adjourn the LSA Board of Directors meeting at 9:27 pm on August 10, 2026. Director Vizenor seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

the next few years. Electrical Legs 1 & 2 support 22 campsites. There was also discussion to expand some of the primitive sites into 30/50 amp sites in the next few years.
The large playground equipment will be replaced in 2029. The total amount of the equipment would be approximately \$44,000 plus installation.
General Manager
Mike Schnieder
Mike informed the campground committee that there is a missing part for the campground playground equipment that was purchased and installed. The playground equipment company reported that it will take 6-8 weeks for the part to arrive.
ECC (Environmental Control Committee) will be meeting to discuss options for the bathhouse renovation.
Camp Hosts
Jeff & Kari Giedd
There hasn’t been as much grass to cut since the hot weather. The tree that was behind Site 8 was removed by a contracted company. The red oak tree was completely rotten throughout. Maintenance came out and fixed a leaking spigot and the side light by the
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LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

woman’s bathroom on the bathhouse. There was one electrical issue at a site but it was not due to the post but rather electrical connection. Maintenance cleaned out the perimeter trees and brush.

New Business

There was a concern addressed that a camper is plugged into the power generator on the east side of the campground. Continued discussion regarding outdoor camping lights on sites. Outdoor camping lights need to be turned off at 10pm if not in use. If campers are present outdoors, lights can be on but not to disturb other campers on other sites.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:56am. Next Campground Meeting will be on September 12 at 9am. Sub Committee Campground Members will meet right after the meeting. All are welcome to join the Chili Cook Off Pot Luck on September 12 at 5:30pm at the Campground Pavillion. Bring your favorite chili and toppings to share with all. Plates, bowls, and silverware will be provided by the Campground Committee.

Unapproved Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes August 1, 2026

The meeting was attended by 22 members. The “CRC” meeting was called to order by John Kochanski at 10:02 a.m., with the pledge of allegiance recited. Approval of minutes June 6, 2026, meeting minutes were presented on paper for all to read. Motioned for approval by Pat D 54 and a 2nd by Shelly S 49. All in attendance approved.

Outreach Report via Dora Tippins

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Ruth Artisuk and Robert (Bob) Schlax.

Citation Appeals

Next date for hearings is set this afternoon, August 1, 1:00 p.m. at the Office meeting rooms. Three people /hearings to be heard. It was asked if anyone would like to be a panel judge, please let us know. (CRC Committee). It takes about 2 hours and it’s about every three months hearings.

Board Liaison Report And General Manager Report

The GM was out on vacation day so our board liaison, Roger Allen, gave the GM report. Announcement via the GM, the Budget process/meetings will be starting August 15, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. at the office. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. All can ask questions and review figures. This will explain how our dues dollars are spent. Our board liaison, Roger Allen relayed information on culvert repairs. A request went out for proposals to 15 contractors early July. Prebid meeting was July 23. Four of those 15 contractors showed up to obtain additional information. That does not mean all of these 15 contracts will not give a bid. We anticipate more than four bids to be entered. Deadline is August 6, 2026. We have a budget for \$200,000.00 for 27 culverts. Each culvert may cost \$10,000.00 each with a few reaching \$15,000.00. Some will be replaced. A few trees are in the way. (roadway). A few big ones, culvert pipes, need to physically come out. They are rusted out. They will collapse. It is anticipated that two driveways will be affected. The road near the large ones will be closed for a bit.

An announcement will go out to all our members stating approximate time when the road(s) will be closed and repaired. The new culverts will be replaced with polypropylene. Smooth walls on inside of pipe. This should happen after Labor Day. Diane P 1523, mentioned/asked about the Pier Dr. bridge replacement. That bridge will also affect roadway usage and that area will be missing a bridge for a while. Please anticipate an announcement soon from the office as to the exact dates and information on this project as well.

Guest Speaker

Jeff F, Kathy W and Terri M of the LS Photography Club gave a wonderful presentation on photos using your cell phone but more important, they spoke and instructed on how to utilize your I-phone and Android, and on taking much better pictures using your cell phone. They went on to instruct how to edit and set up ahead of time your phone/photo settings. A slideshow followed that gave a step by step of simple ideas and steps on how to use your phone to take better pictures and how to edit. A round of applause followed with member questions and several of the club members walked around and gave very good tips on how to improve your skills and pictures. Thank you Photography Club. We feel your presentation was well received and much appreciated.

50/50 Drawing

\$5.00 in the pot, \$2.50 went to Michelle and she donated her winnings back into the treasury fund bringing the total treasury fund up to \$345.00. Thank you Michelle.

Old Business

John K noted that you can renew your home permit (Hail damage) for no fee, via the office. To date the number of permits issued is 525 as of August 1, 2026. One home owner noted their estimate is or will be \$100,000.00.

New Business

Boats leaving for another body of water and re-entering our lake need to complete a form now and submit to washing (high pressure provided seasonally near the main office parking lot). This is an honor system. Please adhere to keeping our lake clean and free of invasive species. Engines/motors included. Internal, external and external boat body itself. There are instructions provided via and the guardhouse. Ebikes/scooters are still under review. We are still establishing if we’re following State of Illinois rules or our own rules. This is seriously being taking under consideration as to age, licensing, flags, speed and number of riders. The Illinois state law going into effect January 1, 2027, will be 15 years of age for ebikes. (class I and II) up to 20 mph. Class III is 28 MPH and off road and an older age. Diane P mentioned a while back a member stated that certain roads bikes could not be ridden on. In further research now it appears that those roads mentioned rules has been removed. 3.7.3 Redbook. That wording has since been removed. It was mentioned that golf cart age is 12 or older here at Lake Summerset. Next CRC Meeting will be October 3, 2026, with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m. We will not have a September meeting due to labor day holiday. Planned speaker will be Joe Bihner, resident and expert

information technology and a business owner. He will be making an ‘AI’ video presentation on how and best uses for Artificial Intelligence. This should be a very good and interesting presentation! November7–Meet theCandidatesisslated for the upcoming meeting and election. The meeting will be at the lodge at 10:00 a.m. Adjournment With no additional comments, the meeting was motioned by Kathey W and 2nd by Terri M. The meeting was declared closed by John Kochnski, 12:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Diane Piquette Temporary Assistant Recording Secretary

Unapproved ECC Meeting Minutes 07-25-2026

Meeting called to order at 9:10AM. Members Present Dave Dini, Paul Gibson, Jon Shrum & Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison) Absent Chuck Webster, George Pillion Minutes of the 07-11-2026 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 1551 – Dock – Self – Approved as submitted. 625 – Paver Patio – Approved, but no permitted required. This is considered landscaping.

541–Shoreline–Fritzel’s-Approved, but no permitted required. This is considered maintenance. 1957 – Deck Repairs – Self – Approved as submitted Verify joist spacing for Composite and Ballasters. 1957 – Shoreline – Self - Approved, but no permitted required. This is considered maintenance. 1912 – 3 Season addition – Boan Ext – Approved pending electrical detail.

New Business

Plan is to send out the 2026 survey letters by the end of July. Lists indicating what members will receive letters are available on the shared drive. Confirm the next ECC meetings. August 8th and August 22nd then back to normal 1st and 3rd Saturdays in September. Dates confirmed. Old Business None Meeting adjourned at 10:07am. Mo-

tion: Dave Dini, 2nd: Jon Shrum Unapproved ECC Minutes 08-08-2026 Meeting called to order at 9:04am. Members Present Dave Dini, Paul Gibson, Chuck Webster, George Pillion, Jon Shrum & Dennis Vizenor (Board Liaison) Minutes of the 07-25-2026 meeting were read and approved. Motion: Dave Dini, 2nd: George Pillion Number Of Houses Posted To Date In 2026

None

Appointments

None Plans And/Or Prints With No Appointment 1573 – Deck - Mindset Enterprise – Approved, will provide Stair checklist. 969 – Deck – A+ Restoration - Approved, will provide Stair checklist. 841 – Deck – ReVamp Fence & Deck – Approved as submitted 1600 – Portable Fire-pit – No approval require. 2126 – Deck/Front Porch – Hatfield Construction - Approved as submitted 2243 – Pier – Fritzel’s – Approved as submitted 72 – Deck – Screw City Restoration – Approved as submitted 1557 – Shoreline – Folk Concrete - Approved as submitted 80 – Garage Addition - Approved. Requesting additional details on concrete work and will provide electrical checklist.

New Business

Question came up about “Deck Maintenance” item on the ECC requirements guide. We will review and combine/simplify requirements. Howdowehandleinconsistenciesbetween ECC inspections and Winnebago County inspections? We agreed advising member of inconsistencies is the best practice. We will note those inconsistencies in ECC file. LSA member has requested to use a product, as shown at https://admirallake-andpondrestoration.com/product/weed-wall-the-floating-debris-barrier-and-containment-boom/, to control current floating biomass at their lakefront. Plan to attend next LPC meeting to confer and agree. Confirm the next ECC meetings. August 25th – moved from August 22nd due to Finance Committee meeting. September 5th and September 19th Old Business Survey letters went out this past week. Meeting adjourned at 10:57am. Motion: Paul Gibson, 2nd: George Pillion

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).

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

LSA Committees Meeting Minutes Continued

mittee members (plus several ECC and BOD members) visited Lot 1910 to observe and discuss the sand beach shoreline with the owner, David Orto. Erosion concerns with two large sand beaches will be discussed at future meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:00AM on August 29, 2026, in the LSA office.

Motion For Adjournment Of Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Greg Campbell, seconded by Jeff Ramsby and passed unanimously at 10:07 AM. Respectfully Submitted by:

Ken Malten - Co-Chairman / Secretary

Board Action

None

Unapproved Long Range and Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Committee members present were Alan Andersen, Roger Allen, Kelly Giovanine and Jim Ostapa. Manager Mike Schmieder also attended. Guests included Randy Meyer, Gerald Bernar, Bruce and Lenny Pellegrini. Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Discussions Were Held On Several Topics The Committee Has Been Following 2026 Projects

Gazebo roof replacement is planned within the next 60-90 days.

Material storage sheds at maintenance selection to be defined. Still waiting for operations decision.

2027 Projects

A draft document covering the pool area buildings renovation was updated and sent to operations and ECC for their review and comment.

Considerable discussion revolved around shade structures for the Bocce Ball area. There is a budget line but we did not specify when we would procure the new items. Two more units are required for Bocce and we want to target one for 2027 and the second for 2029. However, the unit we did purchase is no longer available but a similar one is. The open question is does the new unit meet the wind and load ranges of the one we have. That research is in process.

Exercise equipment is scheduled for Quarry in 2027. The committee was asked

to review the items available at the company website and recommend which units we should purchase. A price list is also available.

Pool

One of the new items due for research is how to address the concrete walkways around the pool which are starting to show areas in need of repair/replacement. This remains an open item. However, we will request a new line in the budget be created.

Lodge

Concrete stairway from parking lot to lodge needs some attention. Operations will take care of repair in the short term but there is a question on where the long-term replacement is funded. Needs additional research.

We are targeting lodge windows and doors being replaced in 2030 along with residing the building.

We have completed visits with three different sources for Lodge windows and doors and have 6 possible options to consider.

Estimates for siding are also available in preparation for finance.

Lodge Acoustical Balance research is in process. A sound specialist will visit us in the near future. Expect to solidify a date in August.

Beach 2

There was prior discussion on changes to the drive pattern at beach 2. We are requesting a budget line be created and are currently awaiting a cost estimate from operations.

Parks

There was no additional discussion of Spring Park/memorial gardens. The plan is to remove the existing memorial bricks and that will be communicated by the paper and e-blast from the manager. Still awaiting that communication.

Other Items – Related To 2030

Discussed the lodge terrace/patio project. Mike previously provided cost estimates per square foot for inhouse or outsourced work. Long Range has recommended a patio with initial size being 20X80 or 25X80. There is a staircase involved and we must consider the ground slope which will require a retaining wall. A Statement of Work is needed.

The Maintenance Building addition requires input from operations on need and requirements.

The resurface of the courts at the pool. We do have a pretty good quote but it calls for almost a complete rebuild. We need

to get a second opinion. Mike and Roger will see what options are available for second/third opinions. This is still open.

Roger motioned we adjourn seconded by Kelly at 7:50pm.

Next scheduled meeting is August 27, 2026 at the Office.

Ad Hoc Roads Committee Report August 6, 2026

This year we will be replacing Lake Summerset Association (LSA) cross-road culverts at various locations. This is in preparation for a chip and seal application in 2027 for all the LSA roads. The IMEG Engineering Firm compiled a list of LSA culverts totaling 117 with a total length of 6425 feet. IMEG rated the condition of each culvert as either collapsed, decayed, good, serviceable or unknown. There were 10 culverts that were given the unknown condition rating due to blockage or silt build up in the interior of the pipe. This makes it difficult to assess the amount of corrosion inside the culvert.

The Board approved IMEG's proposal at the April meeting to design culvert re-

placement and bid specifications for this project and some future culvert replacement projects. IMEG and the roads committee have spent many hours evaluating LSA culverts and completed the evaluation at the end of June. IMEG finalized the design for culvert replacement and sent out bid requests to contractors in July. A Prebid meeting was held for contractors on July 23rd to answer any questions regarding the planned design. Bids are due by 9:00 AM on August 6th and will be opened that day.

Based on the monies budgeted for roads for 2026 and the bids received, we will be replacing approximately 18 LSA culverts. The culverts that are chosen to be replaced will be based not only on condition but also on how they are functioning. Some culverts have flow lines that are either too deep or are high and need to be adjusted to allow for better drainage along with some ditch cleaning.

The selected culverts will be approved by the Board at the August meeting. The culvert replacement work should begin in September right after Labor Day.

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.



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Dennis P. Vizenor

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and graduated from Patrick Henry High School. I joined the U. S. Air Force, and spent 4 ½ years in the Air Force working as an Electrical Power Production Specialist. These years were spent in Texas, Montana, Alaska, and Iowa. After my discharge from the Air Force, I attended Saint Cloud State University in Saint Cloud Minnesota, where I received a bachelor’s degree in economics and business in just under three (3) years. While in Saint Cloud, I met Kathy O’Keefe, and we were married. We have two boys in their 40’s, living in Chicago and Dallas areas. My first job after graduation was at the Dayton Company in downtown Minneapolis, where I spent five years in Operations Management. then moved to Kansas City where I worked for Macy’s Department Stores in operations and personnel management. During my 10 years in Retail Management, I was required to submit annual budgets, and once approved, was required to manage my team within these budgets. After Macy’s, I went to work for Arabia of

Finland, as Operations and Administration manager. During my tenure with Arabia, I made frequent trips to Europe and Scandinavian countries, and was promoted to National Sales Manager. Management positions were with Rosenthal China, Burwood Clock Company, and Weston Gallery, a picture frame division of Wilton Industries. I retired in December 2010, after spending 7 years as Illinois Sales Manager of Owens Corning Basement Finishing Systems. Kathy and I lived in Schaumburg, Illinois for 33 years, and moved to our new home at Lake Summerset in February 2011. We purchased our lot at the lake 20 years ago, and have enjoyed many weekends on our pontoon. At Lake Summerset, I was involved with the Vegetable Garden Club serving on the Steering Committee and served on the LSA Board of Directors for twelve (12) years. I have been the Board Liaison for the Environmental Control Committee for twelve (12) years. I do not have any specific agenda while servicing on the Board. I listen to what the LSA members request, and vote on what is best for the total community.



Donna Weston

I am proud to have called Lake Summerset home for the past nine years since moving from the Chicago suburbs. From the moment I arrived, I dedicated myself to serving our community. I worked in the guardhouse for three years. In 2018, I volunteered for the “Speak Up Lake Summerset” survey committee, which ignited my passion for community advocacy. I was also on the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee (LRFP). I currently serve as the Administrative Assistant for the Communications Relations Committee (CRC), a Citation Review Panel Judge, and Chairwoman of the Welcoming Committee for our newest members. My professional background includes executive-level district management for major organizations, including Toastmasters. In these roles, I collaborated with team leaders to manage substantial budgets, direct large-scale training initiatives, and orchestrated conferences

across the entire Chicagoland district. Combining this corporate leadership with my deep understanding of Lake Summerset’s inner workings-gained through years of both operational staff experience and volunteer service-I am uniquely qualified to represent you on the Board of Directors. I am running to bring fresh ideas with a renewed energy, vital balance, and a collaborative woman’s perspective for our leadership to help make some needed changes. I understand how things work and can get things done due to all my experience in business and at Lake Summerset. If elected, my top priorities will be: **Preserving Our Lake:** Ensuring strict adherences to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) guidelines to protect our greatest natural asset and our property values. **Responsible budgeting:** Ensuring all expenditures are strictly necessary, fiscally responsible, and fully authorized by LRFP. **Operational Efficiency:** Evaluating and streamlining operations to insure our community runs as cost-effective as possible. **Community & Road Safety:** Ensuring our roads remain safe for everyone by addressing traffic flow, and reducing speeds, particularly given our unique mix of golf carts, passenger vehicles, utility trucks and people walking on the roads. **Communication:** Keeping you accurately informed through transparency. I possess the business and operational insight, and a collaborative spirit it needed to move our community forward. If elected, I will be your voice and your advocate for the board.

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.

FOR NEW MEMBERS

If You Moved to the Lake in the Past Year

Come Join Us for Refreshments and Meet Your New LSA Neighbors. The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2026 in the LSA office from 10:00 to 12:00. Get to know people, like yourselves, who have recently moved to the Lake.

Stay informed about your community.
Read the LS News!

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.

Information Available on LSA Website

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

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

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



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.



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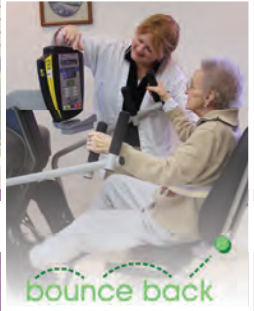
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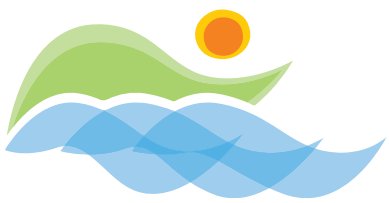
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Section Two

September 2026

Karen's Kolumn

Thank you to everyone for participating in all our summer events! Hope you had as much fun as we did...now we move into fall...yay and boo!... Join us for Bingo on Saturday, September 12th at 6:30pm. It's your chance to win a little \$ along with a prize from the Crazy Prize Table, possibly win during the Amazon gift card raffle and enjoy popcorn, refreshments and friendship! Before we know it, Halloween will be here. This year, we are having two parties, yep, you read that right! On Friday, October 23rd, from 7-9pm, we will have a pre-party dance with DJ Roger Peters. It's a chance for teens and tweens to pre-

view the haunted house and hang out with friends. We are calling it 'Hallo-tween/teen' however, everyone is invited to attend. Then on Saturday, October 24th, from 2-4pm, is our big Halloween Party and Trunk 'n' Treat! This is definitely a LSA favorite so be sure to join us! We appreciate our sponsors Morgan Realty and The State Bank of Davis, a Foresight Bank. There will be hayrides on both Friday night and Saturday thanks to Prairie State Investments. Save the date for our Christmas Party and Santa/Mrs. Claus visit on Saturday, December 5th, from 4-6pm. More details to come. As always, Popcorn John and I look forward to seeing you!

Dates to Remember

Bingo Night	09/12/2026
Veterans Club Fundraiser Dinner	09/16/2026
Budget Workshop	09/19/2026
5th Annual Wally Raduns Muskie Classic	09/26-09/27/2026
Writing Gals Seminar	10/10/2026
New Members Coffee & Conversation	10/10/2026
Veterans Club Fundraiser Dinner	10/14/2026
Hallow-Teen/Tween Dance Party	10/23/2026
Halloween Party/Trunk N Treat	10/24/2026
Quarterly Otter Creek Payment Due	10/29/2026
Christmas Party/Tree Lighting	12/05/2026
Annual Meeting	12/13/2026
New Year's Eve Party	12/31/2026

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

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, 9/12!



Bingo card sales at 6:30pm.
Games start at 7pm.
2 cards for \$5, 6 games per session, 2 sessions with separate card purchases per session.

Halloween Candy Donations

Lake Summerset is asking for Halloween candy donations for the Halloween Party/Trunk N Treat on Saturday, October 24. Donations can be dropped off at the Lake Summerset Office and at the Guard House.

Save the Date

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Halloween Party
Haunted House
Trunk N Treat

Save the Date

Friday, October 23, 2026

'Hallo-tween/teen Dance'
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Lodge

2026



September 26 - 27

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Public Safety Citations and Warnings

LOT	VIOLATOR	VIOLATION	FINE	TICKET NUMBER	CITATION DATE
* 860	Same	Making wake in a no wake zone	150.00	12073	5/25/2026
* 2201	Same	Emailed large party list day of party	50.00	13446	5/30/2026
2051	Same	Outdoor lighting left on after 10:00pm when not present at campground	50.00	13733	6/3/2026
* 2346	Same	Expired LSA boat decal displayed on boat	50.00	12099	6/20/2026
873	Same	Expired LSA boat decal displayed on boat	50.00	13986	6/21/2026
256	Guest	Speeding on radar 38 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14052	6/21/2026
1001	Same	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	13926	6/26/2026
1803	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	13977	6/27/2026
1803	Guest	Fishing inside Beach I	50.00	13982	6/27/2026
1803	Guest	Parked illegally in handicap access aisle	50.00	13981	6/27/2026
1803	Guest	No pass or decal displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	13980	6/27/2026
410	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool - 2nd violation	100.00	13988	6/28/2026
98	Same	Expired decal displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	13985	6/28/2026
2105	Same	Expired LSA boat decal displayed on boat	50.00	13984	6/28/2026
2108	Guest	No LSA pass or decal displayed on vehicle parked on road	50.00	13996	6/28/2026
2108	Guest	Unregistered vehicle with RFID laying on dashboard entered West Gate	50.00	13995	6/28/2026
131	Same	Expired decal on golf cart parked at Pool	50.00	13859	6/29/2026
1028	Same	Expired decal on golf cart parked at Pool	50.00	13858	6/29/2026
2013	Contractor	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	13990	6/30/2026
98	Same	Illegal dumping at campground Dumpster	50.00	13993	6/30/2026
1937	Same	Vehicle drove up and bumped East gate arm resulting in it breaking	50.00	14047	7/1/2026
244	Same	Expired decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	13991	7/2/2026
484	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Lodge	50.00	13992	7/2/2026
1596	Same	Vehicle caused property damage trying to leave Duck Park	50.00	13801	7/3/2026
2304	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Main Marina	50.00	13997	7/3/2026
932	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	13999	7/4/2026
345	Annual Guest	Vehicle with expired Annual decal parked at Beach I	50.00	14000	7/4/2026
868	Same	No LSA numbers or decals on pontoon boat	50.00	14033	7/4/2026
981	Same	Vehicle with expired decal not affixed to windshield	50.00	14027	7/4/2026
1051	Same	Created an unreasonable annoyance	100.00	14046	7/4/2026
1051	Same	Lighting fireworks	50.00	14032	7/4/2026
1474	Same	Created an unreasonable annoyance	100.00	14044	7/4/2026
1474	Same	Lighting fireworks	50.00	14028	7/4/2026
836	Same	Created an unreasonable annoyance	100.00	14043	7/4/2026
836	Same	Lighting fireworks	50.00	14029	7/4/2026
1266	Same	Created an unreasonable annoyance	100.00	14042	7/4/2026
1266	Same	Lighting fireworks	50.00	14030	7/4/2026
1510	Same	Created an unreasonable annoyance	100.00	14045	7/4/2026
1510	Same	Lighting fireworks	50.00	14031	7/4/2026
938	Same	Expired decal displayed on golf cart parked at Pool	50.00	14038	7/5/2026
2363	Guest	Expired guest pass displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I	50.00	14037	7/5/2026
3	Guest	Three vehicles parked on side of road overnight	50.00	14035	7/5/2026
2177	Same	Expired decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	14036	7/5/2026
1318	Same	Illegal dumping at campground Dumpster	50.00	14034	7/5/2026
2279	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	14040	7/5/2026
563	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at pool	50.00	13863	7/6/2026
484	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Lodge - 2nd violation	100.00	13865	7/6/2026
1586	Son	Failure to stay two nights on a holiday weekend at campground	100.00	14006	7/6/2026
1596	Same	Failure to stay two nights on a holiday weekend at campground	100.00	14001	7/6/2026
2180	Same	Vehicle parked on side of driveway for storage purposes	50.00	14050	7/8/2026
2370	Same	Garbage cans visible from the road	50.00	14048	7/8/2026
587	Same	Expired decal displayed on vehicle parked on side of road	50.00	13869	7/10/2026
459	Son	Under 12 year old driving golf cart	50.00	14053	7/10/2026
2114R	Same	Expired decal displayed on golf cart parked at Beach II	50.00	14056	7/11/2026
868	Same	No LSA identification on pontoon boat while on water	100.00	14059	7/11/2026
288	Same	Making wake after no wake hours	50.00	14057	7/11/2026
850	Same	Making wake and pulling a tuber after no wake hours	50.00	14058	7/11/2026
520	Same	Expired decal displayed on boat	50.00	14060	7/12/2026
2106	Same	Making wake before wake hours	50.00	14061	7/12/2026
1590	Same	Vehicle entered automatic main gate pulling a boat	50.00	14062	7/12/2026
1	Same	Making wake after no wake hours	50.00	14089	7/12/2026
1596	Same	Failure to stay one full night in a 7 day period - 2nd violation	100.00	14007	7/13/2026
563	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at pool - 2nd violation	100.00	14104	7/14/2026
753	Guest	Red pass violation vehicle parked at Beach II	50.00	14071	7/15/2026
1083	Guest	Speeding on radar 40 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14076	7/16/2026
1090	Same	Speeding on radar 39 mph in a 30 mph zone	100.00	14082	7/17/2026
1569	Same	Expired decal on vehicle parked at Beach II	50.00	14081	7/17/2026
2249	Annual Guest	Failure to stop for stop sign at guardhouse exit	50.00	14086	7/18/2026
2279	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	14085	7/18/2026
246	Guest	Expired daily pass displayed on vehicle parked at Pool	50.00	14084	7/18/2026
1774	Same	Making wake after no wake hours	50.00	14093	7/18/2026
2293	Same	Making wake after no wake hours	50.00	14090	7/18/2026
6	Same	Expired decal displayed on golf cart parked at Beach II	50.00	14101	7/19/2026
543	Same	Expired decal displayed on boat	50.00	14098	7/19/2026
522	Same	Expired decal displayed on boat	50.00	14107	7/19/2026
1643	Annual Guest	Expired Annual decal displayed on vehicle parked at Mitchell Park	50.00	14102	7/19/2026
2180	Same	Vehicle parked on side of driveway for storage purposes - 2nd violation	100.00	14075	7/21/2026
		* Upheld by Citation Review			

WARNINGS

2 - Vehicle sitting on side of drive for storage purposes
2 - Operating a pontoon boat with docking lights on when not docking
2 - Expired daily pass displayed on vehicle parked at Beach I
1 - Vehicle exiting east gate pulling a trailer
1 - Under 18 year old driving golf cart at night
1 - Trespassing - kids running through neighbors yard
1 - Ski flag not attached to vessel being held by passenger
1 - Sign at end of driveway advertising items for sale
1 - Party list over 10 people sent day of; no 24 hour notice
1 - Operating a Kayak after dusk without lighting
1 - No pass in window of vehicle at campground
1 - No flag on UTV parked at Dog Park
1 - Kids climbing lime stone wall at Quarry Park
1 - Improper LSA identification displayed on boat
1 - Improper flag while towing water skier
1 - Fishing inside Beach II swim area buoys

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Attention Pet Owners

Lake Summerset Association requires that pets have a rabies's tag and owner's identification tag with name and telephone number. This will make it easier to identify who the pet belongs to.

Ladies of the Lake: Look Forward to Bocce Day

By Deb Morge-Erickson

Hi everyone. A big thanks to member Jan Gorman for writing last month's article.

At our August 10th meeting we had a guest speaker, LSA Office Supervisor Mary Walsh. Mary discussed the proper way to vote for LSA Board of Directors.

Here are what I feel are the two most important things to remember. First, DO NOT drop the smaller individual ballot envelope in to the drop box outside the office. Any Small Ballot Envelope dropped into the drop box will be a negated (non-counted) ballot. The small ballot envelope MUST BE INSIDE THE ADDRESSED BUSINESS ENVELOPE. Second, the addressed business envelope MUST BE SIGNED. Everyone please read the information letter enclosed with the ballot.

Mary also explained the proxy for voting on the budget. Many have had a lot of complaints on how the budget is used. My experience has been, when you give your proxy to a board member, your vote usually ends up as a vote for the budget being proposed. Just saying...Please be aware of how your proxy will be used.

The Proxy for the budget and your ballot may BOTH be enclosed in the Addressed Business size envelope. Again, the addressed business envelope Must Be Signed correctly. Please call or go in to the office if you have any questions on the voting process. If your tech savvy there will be an instructive video on the LSA website.

Last but not least, understand that you get ONE ballot per OWNED LOT. You DO NOT get a ballot for each individual that resides on the lot. If you own several lots you will get ONE ballot for each owned lot.

Okay, Whew. Exactly. That's why we had Mary as our speaker. She was very patient and clear on the process of voting.

On to September. Our 3rd annual Bocce Day! Calling all members and ladies of LSA to join us for a day of fun at the LSA Bocce courts. Monday Sept. 14th at 10am. We are asking that you bring a small snack to munch on while playing and enjoying the company of friends.

We hope the weather cooperates and we will visit with many old and new friends.

October, oh October, I wish I was a poet to describe the beauty of October. Our October will be event....FULL.

HOME SCHOOL....families mark your calendars. On Monday, October 12th we will have a presentation on Christopher Columbus. Lake Summerset's Dave Dini will bring his beautiful models of the Nina, Pinta and Santa(you will learn) and various other items he has collected. He has a unique way of talking about Columbus, almost as if he knew him personally. Doors will open by 12:30pm, talk begins at 1pm. We look forward to you joining us.

Now, for our second event in October. How does an evening of wine, beer and snacks sound? Good? Okay but let's ...Call all Chili makers!! We are planning to have a Chili cook off. ALSO, on Monday, October 12th, we will be hosting our annual Wine and Beer tasting night. This year we will be adding a Chilli contest. If you think you have the beans, then you can enter for \$5. We will supply tasting cups and spoons, crackers, napkins and whatever. Everyone can taste the various chili's entered and guests will vote for their favorite. We will be giving a prize to the winner. Those of you not entering the Chili cook-off please bring an appetizer to share and your favorite wine or beer to taste. Admittance is free. Come join us at the lodge for a fun fall evening. Those wishing to enter the Chili cook off contact Cindy Metz, Gail Farra, Jan Weech or Pam Smith. Watch for more info in the October LSA Newspaper.

So, there you have it. Sept 14th Annual Bocce Day, 10am at the bocce courts. October 12th Homeschool presentation Chris Columbus doors open at 12:30 at the LSA lodge. October 12th Wine, Beer tasting with a Chili Cook-Off.

Last but not least, we welcome two new members, SusanMcLevigeandGraceFisher. All are welcome. We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the LSA lodge at 2pm.

Blessings to All.

2026 Fish Club Events

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

Bocce Ball Club: Almost Rained Out

By Randy Myers

Rain Rain stay away on Thursdays. Wow after fifteen weeks of play and none cancelled due to rain we have no undefeated teams. One team with only three losses, two teams with four losses and no team without three wins. The competition is tough and any team could win it all this year with seven more weeks to go. This is what we call normalcy in LS Bocce, twenty four teams with fun and fellowship galore.

The Bocce Club is open to all Lake Summerset adult residents and lot owners. We have the courts reserved on Thursdays, May through September, and play regularly scheduled games starting at 9:30 A.M. each week. Come join us at the bocce courts this summer.

More information on our bigger and better Website (LSBocce.club).

Pinochle Card Club

By JoAnn Leith

July 21st date for Pinochle was cancelled but we did play on Tuesday, August 4th with only a total of nine players showing up. We played three tables of three handed Pinochle with a kitty of three. I took first winning \$5, Judy Hoeksema won \$3 and Vic Schenck won \$1. We need more Pinochle players to participate so come join us on August 18th, September 1st & the 15th, the first & third Tuesday of every month at 1pm. We will teach you if you don't know how to play, and it will only cost you a dollar for three hours of fun.

Hand & Foot News

By JoAnn Leith

July 27th was a good day for Hand & Foot players as eighteen LSA members showed up to participate in this fun card game. We had five tables of players, so we had five winners. They were Pam Smith winning \$7 for 1st place, Jane Bielat won 2nd for \$5, Emily Temple Tresemer won 3rd for \$4, Ann Kriegler won \$2, and last but not the least Judy Hoeksoma won back her dollar.

August 3rd was our next play date, and

New Life Women's Bible Study

By Carol Gattolin

Many people believe our relationship with God is the most important thing about us humans. Others would like to investigate if this is really true. If either of these describe you, come join us "Bible Babes" for bible study at the lodge from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning.

Each week we share concerns, praises and learn more about God's word (The Bible). Each week we share friendship and also enjoy a special treat.

If you have any questions or need a ride contact Carol Gattolin at 847-814-2677.

Lake Summerset Fish Club

By Kevin Shirley

The Fish Club met on Thursday, August 6 at 7:00pm. Welcomed new members who are in attendance. A big thank you to everyone for help and dedication for making the Family Fun Day activities (Car Show & Pancake Breakfast) successful.

Fishing Reports

Multiple year classes of crappie have been reported. Lake temp recorded at 86 degrees, clarity has been responsible for heavy weed growth in Birch Bay and West end.

Carp Fins / Payouts

None reported this month.

Lines, Laughs & Casting Memories Photo

Contest

July prize has been awarded.

Guest speaker Austin Simmons of Forged In Faith Outfitters gave a presentation on handmade lures available for sale.

Discussion on helping form a Kids Fish Club.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Sept 26th & Sunday Sept 27th - 5th Annual Wally Raduns Muskie Classic

Next Meeting Date / Location

September 3rd at 7:00pm at the Office or Harting Park.

Red Hats Take Pontoon Ride

By Jacque French

In August, the Red Hat's enjoyed a relaxing pontoon ride, around Lake Summerset. Captain Dale and Captain Jon did a great job driving! Drinks and snacks were served and we were able to tie up to visit.

Our September meeting is still in the planning stage, and info will be sent out later. If you would like to join us, call Shirley, at (630)740-4259.

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Durand Lions Club News Press Release

By DorothyAnne Huff
Publicist Durand Lions Club
July/August 2026 Recap

The Durand Lions Club continues to have an active summer and looking forward to 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.

July began our 2026 Durand Lions Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle is off to a great Start. After four weeks our Jackpot is already up to \$31,500. We play the game at Cimino's Durand, and you can buy tickets anytime they are open. If your ticket is chosen and your card number find's the "Queen" you win 70% of the Jackpot if present or 60% percent if not. In this new game Jokers also pay 10% of the Jackpot present or not. All other cards automatically win you \$250. Our drawing is Monday nights at Cimino's at 7:00PM. Come join the fun, have dinner or a drink, and stay for all the excitement as we draw this week's winning ticket.

In **Aug**, the Durand Lions Club celebrated growth by welcoming **our newest member and two returning members** during a special induction ceremony. We are excited to have these new volunteers join the mission of serving the Durand and surrounding communities and look forward to the talents and enthusiasm they bring. Please welcome: Lion Vicki DeFranco and Returning Lions Alan and Penny Tippet.

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.

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, Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** at **Solutions Bank**.

To learn more or to become a Lion to help with upcoming service projects that support our community, **please contact: Publicist Lion DorothyAnne via email: Dahuff2016@gmail.com or cell 815-289-5425.**

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Writing Gals: Tell Us A Story Contest

By Sharon Boehlefeld

LS Writing Gals are holding a creative writing contest called Tell Us a Story this summer, and offering a bit more than bragging rights to the winner. Here's a chance to share a favorite memory, opine about nature, or try your hand at flash fiction. We want to keep it simple so even if you only have an inkling to write something, you won't find this a daunting project. We're looking for just 500 original, human-written words (absolutely no AI, but it's the honor system) about anything you choose. You can write fiction or non-fiction on any topic.

Need ideas? Consider these:

What did you do on your summer vacation?
Who was your favorite teacher and why?
What decision made the biggest impact on your life?

What's your favorite ghost story? Check out our website at <https://lswritinggals.wordpress.com> for more writing ideas.

If writing from life isn't your thing, consider a short story. Have you heard of "flash fiction"? Flash fiction is a complete short story with a beginning, a middle and an end, usually in the 500 to 1,000-word range. It can be even shorter, but we're cutting you off at 500 words.

We'd love to read any genre-mystery, suspense, thriller, historical, sci-fi, fantasy, adventure, romance, horror, comedy, western, children's, young adults or a mashup. We're looking for lighter fic-

tion. PG entries only, please. That means no gruesome gore or violence. (Campfire ghost stories are ok.) No sex. And because we're hoping to keep this fun, no politics. Other than that, we're wide open to your interests and imagination. The entry selected by LSWG members (who won't be entering the contest) will appear in our blog (here) in October and in the Lake Summerset News. And the winner will be invited to a Writing Gals' meeting to receive some books and other writerly goodies that our members are collecting as a prize. You may enter Tell Us a Story if you are a Lake Summerset member, a friend of the Writing Gals, or a neighbor from our surrounding communities. The deadline is Sept. 15. When your words are ready, go back to our website and click on the entry form link. It's on the right side of page just under our logo. And happy writing!



Fish Club Car Show Results

By Curt Zawiski

Thanks all that brought out your prized possessions to share with everyone during the Annual Fish Club Car Show fundraiser event. Participation was great! Thanks to everyone that participated in the voting as well.

Here are the winners:

- 1st Place Modified
1932 Ford Roadster
- 1st Place Classic
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- 1st Place Contemporary
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Archery Club Hits The Mark

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By Britton Kauffman

The Archery Club would like to give a few updates on how things are going at the lake with the archery range down at the quarry. We recently hosted a fundraising bags tournament at the Family Fun Day at the lodge in Mid July. The weather was wonderful and we were lucky enough to host two different tournaments and raise over \$200 for the Archery Club! There were fourteen teams that played in the first tournament and Brian Steelglove and his son Ian won the first round. Brian very graciously donated their entire winnings back to the Archery Club which was very kind of the Steelgloves! Brian and Ian have won the tournament several times and we enjoy having them each year.

The second tournament had ten teams and was won by Tyler Simmer and Clay Ludeking so congratulations to them.

Thank you to all the teams who came out and played and we will look forward to seeing you all back next year, along with hopefully even more teams! We have already used some of the money to buy a lighter, more moveable target stand which you hopefully can see in the image included. We will also plan on buying some new targets for the quarry range because they get beat up very quickly down there. You are always welcome to bring your own targets down to the range. In fact, if you have your own target, the new mobile target stand has carabiners to easily attach targets to, so if you would like to come down and see how you can attach your target to the stand, feel free to check it out. It will be placed down at the quarry sometime in August.

Speaking of the archery range, we wanted to remind you that everyone is welcome to come down and shoot their bows at the range. No firearms are allowed, but crossbows, recurves and compound bows are all welcome. With so many people shooting at targets, they get beat up and abused pretty quickly, so we are always looking for donations and targets to shoot at. We also ask that you clean up any messes, debris from targets, or arrows so we can keep the area safe and usable. If you have any questions at all about use of the facility, donations, or how things work down there, please feel free to text or call Britton Kauffman at 815-847-0196. As a reminder, the lake allows you to ride your golf carts back to the archery range considering hauling gear can be cumbersome and heavy. Please keep the carts off the walk path and be aware of walkers and others using the facility if you do drive back to the range.

One last thing before we go, we wanted to give out a big thank you to Karen Durante and all the other Lake Summerset employ-

ees who helped make the Family Fun Day a success. Countless hours go into planning, preparing and setting up the facilities to make it such a great day. We highly encourage everyone to come out next year and experience a great day at the lake!

The Dakota Athletic Boosters were there serving food and it sounded like it was a big hit, so we look forward to seeing them again next year. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated to the fireworks fund and made them an awesome ending to a great day. If you have never been out on the lake on a boat to watch the fireworks with hundreds of others, it is something you should definitely experience. Thanks again, and we will see everyone next year!



The July winner of the Fish Club Photo contest is Julia, granddaughter of Chuck and Lois Scott Lot 8.



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LSA Scrapbag Quilt Club

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By Mary White

The Scrapbag Quilt Club was formalized about twenty years ago and the July meeting was an extra special event as past and current members attended a reunion and potluck at the Lake Summerset Lodge. Steve Bottino mentioned he brought the wrong lens when he took the group photo because so many members were present. It was exciting to renew old friendships and create new ones based on a shared love of quilting and fiber arts.

The club also honored Marietta Centko, (LCDR/NC/RET, USN/RET) a veteran who lives at Lake Summerset, and gave her a quilt designed and pieced by Lorie Farmer and quilted by Fran Waller. Sybil Wagner related Marietta's military service from June 1972 until her retirement in July 1992. Marietta served as a nurse in numerous locations including Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and Okinawa, Japan during her extensive military career.

Summers are busy for everybody, and quilters are no exception. In addition to their gardening and family commitments, members still found time to continue the service projects and are making pillowcases, hearts, and blankets to donate to area hospitals.

A highlight of each meeting is the "Sew and Tell" portion of the meeting where members bring in their completed projects. One of the many beautiful quilts displayed was a "flying geese" quilt sewn

by Brenda Kinney. The geese in the quilt and the flying geese pattern worked together to make a striking display.

The club starts its new year in October and always welcomes new members. We meet in the Lodge on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00.



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	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.

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JT The Plant Guy



We have a "little friend" that has come to visit a few of the trees here at Lake Summer-set. Its name is Bretziella fagacearum which is the Latin name for Oak Wilt. When I say little, I mean microscopic. It is a micro-fungus that gets into the vascular system of the tree and clogs up the flow of food going down the tree from the leaves and the flow of water going up from the roots. This interruption of fundamental processes leads to stress, reduced leaf size, reduced canopy size, curled up or wilted leaves, and depending on which type of Oak death.

Ok, how does an Oak tree get this unwanted nuisance? A couple of ways are possible. First, it can be transferred by another tiny nuisance...a sap eating beetle attracted to the sweet-smelling fungus. The beetle walks in the fungus and eats it. This transports the fungus to other parts of the tree and other trees. If there are open cuts in the tree branches or bark the fungus invades. Secondly, there is transfer of the wilt fungal spores when lots of the same trees are growing together. The roots grow together transferring the disease from one infected tree to another healthy tree.

I said something about the type of oak being a factor. The disease is predominantly found on the 'Red' Oaks (Red, Scarlet, and Pin) with their pointy leaves and White Oaks (White, Swamp White, and Burr) with their rounded leaves. The 'Red' Oaks get the disease quickly and within a cou-

ple months die. 'White' Oaks on the other hand are tougher and may take years to succumb to the disease. This gives us more time to try and combat the disease. Kinda makes you want to select a 'White' rather than a 'Red' to pair with your Oak Wilt.

We have given you all the depressing details about this unhealthy situation. Can it be cured? Yes, if we follow a few guidelines. First, prune your Oak trees in the cold months of the year (Oct-May) when the beetles aren't going to spread the fungus. Second, remove and destroy (burn) the dead trees. The fungus is still in the wood from the dead tree and can be picked up by the sap eating beetles. And lastly, you can treat with a fungicide called Propiconazole and micro injectors to get the fungicide into the vascular tissue of the tree. Probably best to get a licensed Arborist to do this if you aren't certain you want to give it a go. The time to treat is when you see the symptoms and you can treat immediately. For a preventative treatment try early spring after the tree has leafed out (may-June).

We have a lot of White oaks here at the lake and it might be a good idea to look at your trees to make sure they are healthy. If they need an Arborist, it might be worth the money to get them treated because the cost of cutting down a big tree is a much bigger expense. See you in the woods looking for reds and whites. JT The Plant Guy



So Blessed To Live This Life

By Terri Meyers

I moved from the bustling suburbs of Chicago to a quiet lake community on the state line of Illinois and Wisconsin. The community is nestled in the middle of farmland and small towns. The natural beauty of this place is the first thing I noticed. The longer I live here the more I appreciate the subtle changes in landscape as time passes.

The skies are an intense azure blue contrasted by the green of the crops. Away from the traffic and congestion, there is no pollution to apply a dirty filter to the lens. The smaller population provides open spaces for long range views, allowing for a front row seat to the most vibrant sunrises and sunsets. The distance from the city lights and the communities' 'dark sky initiative' provides a night sky lit up with stars and comets. Last winter conditions presented themselves perfectly to create a magical, colorful art show in the sky; the aurora borealis. Intense shades of red and green lit up the night sky and reflected a duplicate display onto the water.

Days of clear blue skies adorned with white puffy clouds are common here. A day of steady rain is a farmer's delight and when a storm is approaching, the long range views provide ample warning.

The lake rivals the sky dressed in a clear, Caribbean blue. The sun dances on the water creating sparkling diamonds bobbing across the waves. During the algae bloom the water turns a bright turquoise green. The water creates a mirror effect resulting in an identical reflection of the changing sky above and nature surrounding it.

With each season, the landscape is constantly changing. In spring the bright green of the young soybeans is contrasted by the rich, black soil that has been recently tilled.

In summer, the corn with its dark green leaves and yellow tassels grows so tall and dense that it forms a

wall that lasts until the fall harvest.

The golden hue of the wheat in late summer/fall creates the perfect color contrast that completes the palette hues of nature's patchwork quilt.

The fall harvest kicks up dust from the recently cleared fields being prepared for next year's crops. The air is dry and colors of brown, goldenrod and amber replace the green landscape.

In winter the first snowfall blankets the dry brown fields and makes everything look bright and new again. If the conditions are right the mist freezes and a hoarfrost appears. It drapes a veil of glistening feather-like garland over fences and trees. When met by the sun's rays this takes on an ethereal beauty. It is as though the world has been touched by a woodland fairy's magic wand.

The area is part of the driftless region; a place untouched by the glaciers of the last ice age. The topography is made up of steep limestone bluffs, deep river valleys, numerous rock outcroppings and forested ridges. The vistas created by this phenomenon are a photographer's dream.

Being surrounded by this natural beauty feeds my soul. It quiets my mind. It nourishes my creativity. I see everything through a clearer lens.

This place is special. It is a simpler way of life. It is a beautiful way of life. It is definitive evidence of the love God has for us.

This is my love letter to the place I call home. So blessed to live this life.





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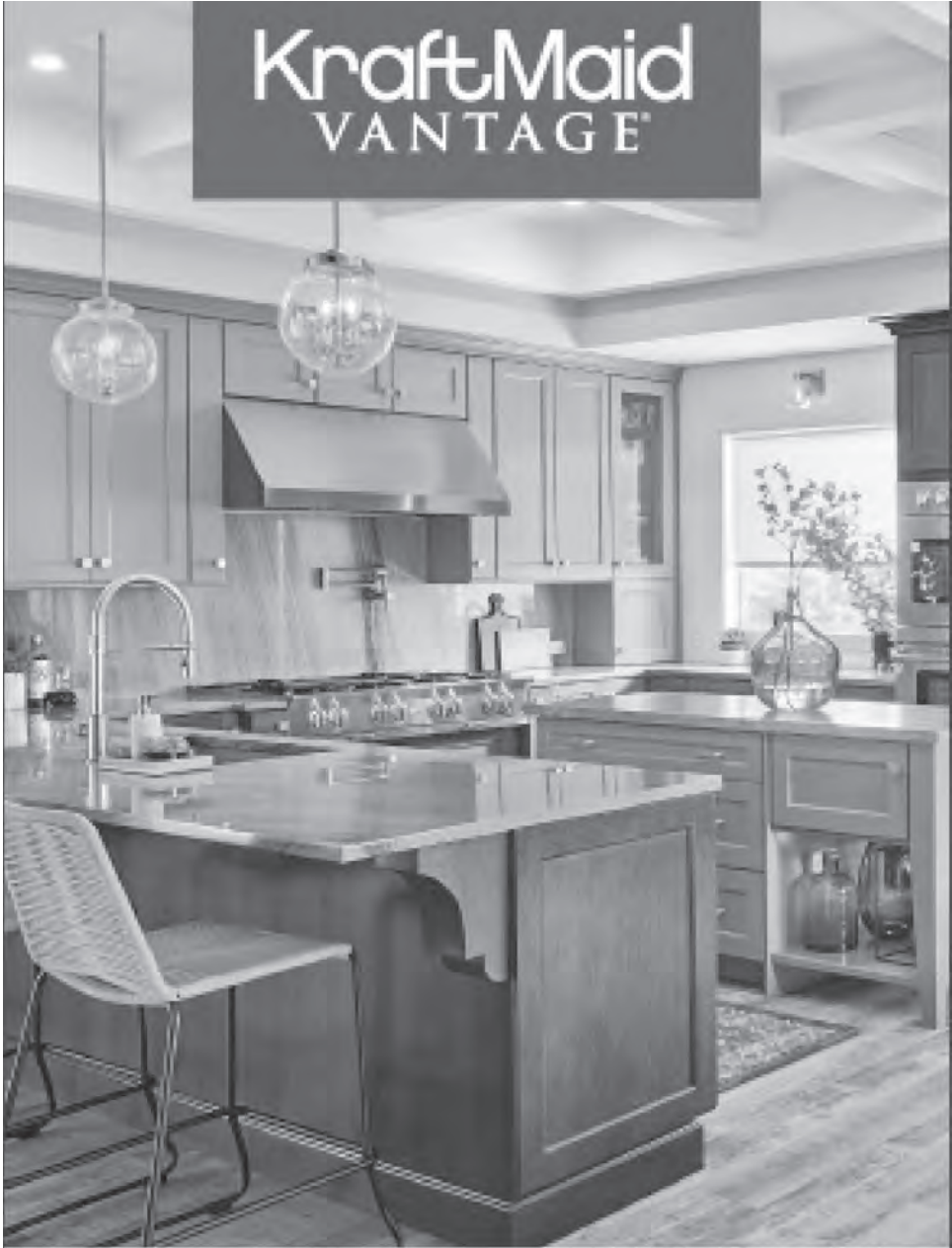
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Please give the tree inspector at least one week for approval. Exceptions are made for emergency storm damaged or dangerous trees; then please call the office.

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

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

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

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LSA Community Calendar

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		September 1 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	2 12:00pm Red Hats - Outing - No Lodge 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	3 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 7:00pm Fish Club (Office)	4 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	5 9:00am ECC (Office) 10:00am CRC Mtg. - Coffee at 9:30am (Office)
6	7 Labor Day 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	8 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Book Club (Office)	9 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	10 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 1:30pm Welcome Team Meeting (Office) 6:00pm Directors of Veteran's Club Meeting (Office) 6:30pm Veteran's Club (Office)	11 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	12 9:00am Campground Committee Meeting (Campground) 9:00am Photography Club (Office) 6:30pm Bingo Night (Lodge)
13 2:00pm Makers Circle (Lodge)	14 2:00pm Ladies of the Lake (Lodge) 7:00pm Board Meeting (Office)	15 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 1:00pm Pinochle (Lodge)	16 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)	17 10:00am Quilt Club (Lodge) 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 7:00pm Fish Conservation Committee (FCC) (Office)	18 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	19 8:30am Finance Committee Budget Workshop (Office) 9:00am ECC (Office)
20	21 1:00pm Domino Club (Lodge) 7:00pm Writing Gals (Lodge)	22 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge) 6:30pm Otter Creek Trustee Meeting (Office)	23 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	24 10:00am Bocce Ball (Bocce Courts by Pool) 6:30pm Long Range & Facility Planning (LRFP) (Office)	25 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)	26 7:00am Fish Club Wally Raduns Muskie Classic 8:00am Lake Planning (Office)
27 7:00am Fish Club Wally Raduns Muskie Classic	28 1:00pm Hand & Foot (Lodge)	29 9:30am Bible Study (Lodge)	30 1:00pm Mah Jongg (Office)			

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