

the Lake Breeze



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President's Letter *Jim and Gaye Aaberg*

MAY 11, 2017 was our Spring Dinner held at Timber Point and we had a wonderful turn out and beautiful weather. As Jim and I mentioned at the Spring Dinner Officers and Directors will be changing this fall and we are looking for folks who would like to participate on the board. At our next meeting we will be discussing this topic and have board members seek out recruits. Jim and I have had great pleasure in serving on the board and have made wonderful friendships that we would have missed out on had it not been for our participation with the LBA. The board meets the second Thursday of each month except for February and December. If you have any interest at all please reach out to any of us.

The 4th of July fireworks will take place on the 4th this year as will the parade which will start at 3 pm in front of the Mucky Duck. Last year's parade had so many fun and creative floats I can't wait to see what many of you will create this year.

We are all looking forward to a beautiful summer and safe boating season at the lake. If you need a copy of the boating rules for your family or friends they are available in the Spring Lake Breeze which can be viewed on the Lake Bloomington web site at www.lakebloomington.com

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Membership Renewal

Your 2017 LBA membership renewals are now due. If you have not paid these yet, please visit the website at www.lakebloomington.com and go to the LBA Info page; click on the the LBA application form.

New Email

The Lake Breeze Newsletter has a brand new email address:

lakebreeze.editor@gmail.com

The newsletter will continue to be published on a quarterly basis and sent by email to all registered members of the Lake Bloomington Association. Articles, news, photos, and items of interest for future newsletters are encouraged from the Lake Community. Please send them to this new email address.

Boating Registration

Recreational boating is permitted at Lake Bloomington. The boat ramp is located in Hubbard Park. Boaters must comply with the following provisions:

All boats must have a current State and City of Bloomington License.

To obtain a City of Bloomington Boat License all applicants are required to show proof of watercraft liability insurance, in the amount of at least \$100,000.00, and evidence of current State Registration. License may be purchased through the mail by downloading the Application at www.cityblm.org/government/departments/lake-bloomington/boating and following the instructions on the bottom of the form. A copy of this application will then serve as a temporary license. A City of Bloomington License sticker will be mailed in return. City of Bloomington License are also available by using a self registration box located at the Lake Bloomington Park Office next to Davis Lodge.

Condolences

The Lake Community was saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our residents.

We would like to express our condolences to the families of:

Ken Browning, April 17, 2017
Larry David Mizell, May 29, 2017

They all loved Lake Bloomington and will be missed.



A real estate advertisement for Ryan Esposito, a broker. The ad features a photo of Ryan Esposito, a man in a suit and tie, smiling. To the left of the photo is a graphic with a large number '1' and a hot air balloon with the RE/MAX logo. Below the photo, the text reads: 'Ryan Esposito', 'BROKER', 'mobile - 309.275.4361', 'ryanesposito1981@gmail.com', and 'mcleancountyhomes.com'. At the bottom, it says 'Remax Rising 501 S Towanda Barnes, Suite 2 Bloomington, IL 61705'.



A placeholder for an advertisement. It features the text 'Your Ad HERE' with a large red 'X' over the word 'HERE'. Below this, it says '\$25 for a 3.5x2in size. Proceeds go toward the fireworks fund. More information. lakebreeze.editor@gmail.com'.

Dear Lake Bloomington Residents,

As the 2017 summer boating season begins, the City of Bloomington Water Department would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer on Lake Bloomington! Our goal is to have the safest summer possible and we are confident that by working together we can achieve our goal. As we all know, it only takes a fraction of a second for an accident to happen, so please be vigilant when on the Lake. Our function as Civilian Patrol staff members is to work with all boaters to ensure that everyone returns safely to their family at the end of the day. In the spirit of cooperation, we would like to remind everyone of some of the rules and regulations for Lake Bloomington:

All boats must be equipped with the following:

- Enough life jackets for everyone on boat
- Type IV Throwable Device
- Horn or Whistle
- Fire Extinguisher
- Battery connectors covered

Skiing and Tubing:

- All boats must have a 12" x 12" orange flag visible 360 degrees.
- Only one skier or person on a tube at a time.
- At least two people inside boat with one person watching the skier or the person on the tube.

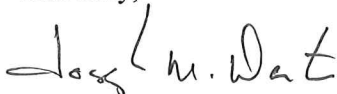
All children 13 years old and younger must wear a life jacket at all times.

Please visit the following link to review all Codes and Ordinances for Lake Bloomington. You can find the ordinances here (scroll down to Chapter 23): <http://www.cityblm.org/government/codes-ordinances/city-code>

If you need immediate assistance, please dial 9-1-1.

If it is not an emergency, please feel free to contact Joe Darter at (309) 434-2161 during normal office hours or by email at jdarter@cityblm.org.

Sincerely,



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Remembering Ken Browning

By Mindy McCluskey

KEN BROWNING, a long time lake resident and past President of the LBA passed away suddenly Monday, April 17th at the age of 72. Gone way to soon!

Ken and my mom (Carol) bought their lake house in 1999 and quickly became actively involved in the Lake Bloomington Association and community. He spent many years on the LBA Board – he wanted to make life at the Lake better for everyone who lived here and people who spent any time at the Lake.

He was passionate about protecting the Lake environment and keeping it beautiful for everyone to enjoy. He spent many hours cleaning and maintaining the community flowerbeds. He and Ray Falk also fixed and repainted the wooden Lake Bloomington Map signs. He also brought his love of photography to the Lake by starting a photo contest for residents, then using the winning photos for note cards for residents to purchase and share.

Ken loved sharing life at the Lake with his family and made it extra special by giving his grandchildren boat rides, teaching them the art of fishing, and taking them on canoe and hiking adventures. Memories of life with Ken at the Lake will always hold a special place in their hearts.

Our family was at the lake all summer between Memorial Day and Labor

Day -- the 4th of July was the family favorite. Since the kids were little they would help set up the luminaries along the seawall and many of the kids would lay on rafts to watch the beautiful fireworks displays. Ken was always in the water scaring the fish away for the little kids. He had the biggest heart around.

Ken was a proud alumnus of Massachusetts Institution of Technology in Cambridge, MA where he earned a degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics and a Masters in Management. Ken could have been an astronaut but chose to spend his career in higher education because of his love for young people and his desire to enhance their college experiences.

After working at MIT and Grinnell College, Ken made Bloomington his home in 1981 when he came to Illinois Wesleyan University. He retired as the Vice President of Business and Finance in 2004. While at IWU, Ken became a huge fan

of Titan Men & Women Basketball. He and my mom traveled across the country to watch them play ball. I'm sad that he won't be able to enjoy the new bleacher seats with backs that are being installed this summer.

My sister and her husband, Kelly and Eric Ekstam, purchased the house from our folks a few years ago, so we will be able to continue to build special memories for years to come. We all miss Ken very much!





Remembering Larry David Mizell

Lake Bloomington – Larry David Mizell, 65, of Lake Bloomington,

Larry was born March 26, 1952 in Glasgow, KY the son of Donald and Marie Russell Mizell. They preceded him in death.

He married Susan Jean Towner on March 15, 1975, in Colfax. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Christopher (Andrea), Downs, Cynthia (Aaron) Hallead, Lake Bloomington, Andrew (Christine), and Alexander (Tessa Gehrler) both of Bloomington; grandchildren, Stella, Charles and Scarlett Mizell, Sophia and Braxton Hallead, and Carson and Austin Mizell; siblings, Don (Kay), Normal, Betty (Kenneth) Hinrichs, Gifford, and Pat Harris of Columbus, GA.

Larry was a 2nd generation farmer in McLean and Ford County and was an insurance adjuster for State Farm and COUNTRY Financial.

He was a member of the Colfax United Methodist Church where he was a past president of the trustees and United Methodist Men. He later became a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

He served on the Ridgeview school

board for two terms and was a voting member of the McLean County Farm Bureau since 1974.

Larry also became a 32 degree mason of the Bloomington Lodge 43, Scottish and York Rite.

He also held memberships with the Bloomington Gold Corvette Club, where he was a Gold Member and the Anna Maria Island, FL Moose Lodge.

He followed Illinois State University football and enjoyed driving his convertible in the homecoming parades.

Larry enjoyed relaxing on the beach in Florida or listening to the many genres of music he loved.

It will be news to most who knew Larry to learn that his private nature was by design.

In his 20's Larry lost a great deal of his vision. In 1988 at the age of 36 he was blessed by an organ donor as a recipient of a kidney transplant, which allowed him 29 more years of life.

In the past year he had a proactive three-way bypass and most recently a short battle with cancer that led to pneumonia and other complications. Amidst all the challenges he never let it impact anyone else or his love for life.

Larry loved his wife and family more than anything and made friends with everyone he met in his years of personal and business travels.

He will be best remembered for his fun loving ornery sense of humor and as a guiding example that hardworking, honest families that play and pray together...stay together.

<http://www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com/obituary/larry-d-mizell>



Summer has started!



The Mucky Duck is off to a great start! We had such a great turn out with our Mucky Day! Thank you to everyone who came out. We continue to keep adding new items to the Mucky Duck and have updated the inside as well. We have some new shirts that say "Get Lucky at the Ducky A little beyond Normal", fishing equipment, Mucky Duck Tumblers, and we have some Mucky Duck Towels.

This year we have a new service of Boat Cleaning. This year we have two services, Quick Clean and Deep Detailing. Both services are available for anyone. If you would like to make an appointment, please email through the website or call Meredith to schedule an appointment 309-660-7202. We are eager to get this service started!

We still have our pull-up service. This is right in front of the Mucky Duck, where you can dock your boat and come into the Mucky Duck AND you can get Lake Road Inn to deliver food to the pull-up area as well.

We still have Propane, Ice, Worms, snacks, key chains, t-shirts, and other merchandise. Come down and check out the store! Grace and Meredith are excited to see you! Come down and buy some Propane and Ice!

See you in the sunshine,
Mucky Duck Marina Crew



BOATING, SKIING, & FISHING RULES AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON

Boating Rules

1. All boats must have a current State and City of Bloomington License. *(Information on obtaining Licenses on page 2)*
2. Boats operating on the Lake must carry all State required equipment. *(PFD's, fire extinguisher, whistle or horn, etc.)* And obey all State of Illinois regulations.
3. Maximum 40 horsepower limit.
4. Maximum speed limit of 25 mph.
5. All boats must obey all posted "NO WAKE" areas. The entire Lake is "NO WAKE" from ½ hour after sunset until 7:00 am.
6. Racing is prohibited.
7. During Skiing hours (noon - 7:00pm) all boats operating in the area open to skiing shall operate in a counter clockwise pattern and shall make all turns counter clockwise.
8. All motorized boats must yield to any sail-powered or muscle-powered craft.
9. All passengers must be properly seated when underway.
10. All passengers under age 13 must wear approved PFD while the boat is underway.
11. Operating a boat while UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS PROHIBITED.
12. Careless or reckless operation of any type will not be tolerated.
13. No jet skis, jet-propelled, or air driven craft of any type are allowed.
14. Swimming from boats is prohibited.

Skiing Rules

(includes tubing or related activities)

1. Skiing is allowed from noon to 7:00pm only.
2. Skiers must wear approved jacket type PFD.
3. At least 2 people qualified to operate the boat must be aboard while pulling a skier. One to act as an observer.
4. Skiing within 100 ft of any dock, shore, raft, buoy, or other watercraft is prohibited.
5. Boats may pull only 1 person at a time.
6. Skiers must start from the water and not from the shore or docks.
7. Only the person actually skiing or preparing to ski shall be in the water at any time.

Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie, Bluegill, and Catfish can all be caught in Lake Bloomington.

Free fishing pole rental program courtesy of **Friends of EverBloom**. Available to all ages. Stop in at Parks Office for checkout or call ahead at (309) 434-2161.



Fishing Rules

Fishing at Lake Bloomington is open to the public year round.

A cooperative effort between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the City of Bloomington, the Lake Bloomington Association, as well as local fishing clubs, have helped turn Lake Bloomington into one of Central Illinois' best kept fishing secrets. This ongoing fish stocking and management process provides an opportunity for anglers to test their skills on an abundance of a wide variety of game fish. Walleye, Largemouth

When fishing Lake Bloomington anglers must comply with the following rules and regulations:

1. Anyone 16 years of age or older must have a valid Illinois Fishing License.
2. 2 Pole and line fishing only. No Jugs or Trot lines.
3. Fish size and creel limits listed in chart below.
4. Fishing from a boat around private docks is prohibited when swimmers are present and between sunset and sunrise.
5. No littering!

FISH SIZE	CREEL LIMITS
Large and Smallmouth Bass	Minimum 15" 6 per day
Walleye	Minimum 14" 6 per day
Northern Pike	Minimum 24" 3 per day
Hybrid Striped Bass	Minimum 17" 3 per day
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	No Minimum Length 25 per day
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	No Minimum Length 25 per day



Fourth of July

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

AT DUSK

BOAT PARADE AT 3PM

line up located near the Mucky Duck

**PLEASE HELP
OUR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY TRADITION
CONTINUE BY DONATING.
MORE INFO ON PAGE 9**

Fireworks Donations

The City of Bloomington is no longer contributing to the cost of our fireworks show. Please help our annual fireworks display tradition continue by donating.

Please complete the form below to help support and continue this great tradition at the Lake live on!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Please send this form & checks payable to:
LBA
P.O. Box 223
Hudson, IL 61748**



The Lake Bloomington Association is made up of residents and anyone else who enjoys the Lake and works to improve the lake and surrounding community. Anyone can join the LBA; you don't have to live at the Lake. It's a great way to meet new people who also enjoy Lake Bloomington. If you are interested in joining the LBA, or have questions or comments, please email us at lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com.