



The Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Jeff and Cheryl Jackson

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Having experienced a wonderful Spring and Summer, we appear to be in line for a beautiful Fall. As we write this, the lake is full, many boats are still in the water, and the maple trees already demand our attention, with their bright orange, yellow and red hues dotting the lakeside.

Hopefully, before Winter, you will get in that last boat ride or bike excursion around the lake, join friends at Oktoberfest at Davis Lodge, or make s'mores around the fire pit. Maybe, you'll also spot our eagles and osprey who make regular flights over the waterfront.

As we enter the second and final year of our co-presidency, we wanted to note, that as great a place as Lake Bloomington is, it is the friendly people who share the lake that makes living here so wonderful. So, if you are visiting warmer climates for a few weeks or months, safe travels. If you are staying put for Winter, bundle up and enjoy all the Lake has to offer in the season.

Jeff and Cheryl Jackson



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.



News and Views Around the Lake

Fall Dinner

The El Paso Country Club hosted the LBA on September 4 for the Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting. After a delicious dinner of grilled steak, baked potato and salad, a short business meeting was held. Outgoing members of the Board of Directors, Terry and Barb Beverage and Jim and Pam Raymond, were recognized for their service. An election was held to fill the two vacant director positions and re-elect all officers of the board for another year. Keith and Diane Thompson and Sally Chalian were proposed

for the vacant directorships. No nominations were received from the floor. A unanimous vote elected the Thompsons and Sally Chalian and re-elected the rest of the officers.

After the business meeting, Dr. R. Given Harper from Illinois State University spoke to the group about Bald Eagles, a subject he has studied for many years. Everyone enjoyed Dr. Harper's slides and the chance to learn more about another lake neighbor.

Lake Bloomington Association Board Of Directors

Presidents - Jeff & Cheryl Jackson

Vice Presidents - Jim & Gaye Aaberg

Secretary - Dave Voigts

Treasurer - Bill Yowell

City Liaison - Dale Strassheim

Area Captain Coordinator - Debbie Hopkins

Lake Breeze Editors—Sandy Schroeder, Julie Smith

Directors

Joel & Connie Bankes - Second Year

Brian & Lisa Lockenvitz - Second Year

John & Elizabeth Binning - Second Year

Joe & Patty Solberg - Third Year

Sally Chalian - First Year

Keith & Diane Thompson - First Year

LBA Directory

The LBA has several additional copies of the new LBA directory. They are available for \$5 per directory. Please contact Cheryl Jackson, 726-1418, if you wish to purchase any.

Fireworks Donations

Folks Not Listed in the Summer Breeze

Charles & Marsha	Albritton	Parker	Kemp
Jeff & Tracy	Barth	Gary & Candice	Klopfenstein
Anne	Bliss	John & Lisa	Larkin
Pete	Brandt	Joe	Laskowski
Ken & Carol	Browning	Dan & Courtney	Lau
Barb	Busch	Florene	Lawrence
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Vicken & Sally	Chalian	Ron & Juanita	Longstreth
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Dee	Cleary	Willie & Janet	Martin
Carl	Cortese	Steve & Anne	Matter
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Joe & Alicia	Dierker	Jim & Nancy	McCriskin
Roger & Rita	Donovan	Jim & Beverly	Meyer
Shannon	Duvendack	Jim & Jan	Modine
Jan	Egbers	Jim & Susan	Niebur
Gary & Sally	Erwin	Tom & Sharry	Ocheltree, Jr
Ellen	Flanagan	Darryl & Kathy	Oncken
Don & Belinda	Franke	Hugh & Bev	Parker
George & Susan	Freeman	Wayne & Pat	Patkunas
Don & Carol	Gardner	Mike & Cheryl	Philippi
Jim	Gildersleeve	Joyce	Pomrenke
David & Nancy	Golwitzer	Keith & Cindy	Ranney
Bruce & Kelly	Griffin	Darwin & Cathy	Rhoda
Steve & Cathy	Haas	Ann	Roop
Craig	Hart	Carolyn Moon & Richard	Seehuus
Ginger S	Henrichs	Robert & Jennifer	Seidl
Al & Janice	Horner	Lyle & Betty Ewen	Spaniol
Mark & Holly	Houska	Jerry & Sandy	Spence
David	Hume	Emmy	Steffen
John & Joan	Jochums	Wayne & Linda	Steffen
Taylor & Barb	Johnson	Sue	Vincent
Stephen & Alexandra	Juriga	Don & Marsha	Wey
Marshall & Marianne	Kaisner	Mike & Diane	Winters
Eric & Marcella	Kaufman	Gary & Mary Ann	Wright
Darrell & Karen	Kehl	Rich & Jamie	Zeller

4th of July

Once again, the 4th of July at Lake Bloomington, was heaven on earth. The weather was perfect and the fireworks show was spectacular. Melrose Pyrotechnics provided the display that started right at dusk and went off without a hitch. I wish we could say the same about the parade judges who headed over to the starting point and blew a fuel line on the pontoon. By the time we were towed back (thank you neighbor) the parade had started but we caught up in time to see all the boats.

Congratulations to the Kahlfeldt boat as the first annual winner of the Ranney Cup that went to the best decorated/best theme/ best spirited boat in the Lake Bloomington Pontoon Boat parade. Although there were numerous boats that easily could have been the winners – including but not limited to the Red Solo Cup boat – the judges selected the Chicago Cub themed boat because they had the least to work with (spoken as a Cardinal fan) with the best overall spirit for such a sad subject. Congratulations Kahlfeldts and I know “wait til next year”!



Ranney Cup – 1st Place Pontoon Parade

Trophy winners –The Kahlfeldt's Boat





By Rick Twait, Superintendent,
Bloomington Water Plant

Lakes Update

Lake Courtesy Patrol: Scott Joyce, Joe Darter and Jerry Martoglio are getting ready for colder weather and preparing for next year's boat permit applications. Please leave a message at the ranger station (309/434-2161) with questions or concerns. Please call 911 for any emergency.

Leaves and Woody Debris: The Lake Parks Maintenance crew (Tim Peterson, Brett Bandel, Blake Knapp and seasonal Darren Carter) are relieved to be catching up on the backlog of leaves and branches that accumulated since we were required to cease burning operations at the site across from the dam. We are encouraging residents to burn their leaves and smaller branches if the site conditions allow them to do so safely. The crew will pick up material for situations where they can't be safely burned.

Floodplain Delineation: Hanson Engineers is continuing their work on preparing a letter of amendment for submittal to FEMA to more accurately delineate floodplain limits for flood insurance. After submittal, the process will take a number of months for review by FEMA before they approve the new limits. The best path for residents to take until the amendments are accepted, is to opt for the cheaper of purchasing flood insurance or hiring a surveyor to determine more accurate limits.

Road Resurfacing: Arrowhead Lane is being resurfaced this fall. Spot patching will be made at other sites later this month.

Lake Projects: The Friends of EverBloom is scheduled to receive a grant from the Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership to incorporate fish habitat with shoreline protection at North Park (across from the water plant) this fall. The shoreline project will stabilize over 1,000 feet of eroding shoreline. The Water Department is providing the matching funds for the project.

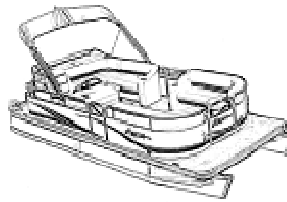
The bridge over Evergreen Lake spillway, pending City Council approval, will undergo a deck replacement this winter. The bridge will be closed until later next spring.

Water Supply: We will likely switch pumping from Evergreen Lake to Lake Bloomington in early November. Lake levels need to be lowered for the Lake Bloomington shoreline protection work.

Save the Date: Please plan to join your neighbors and the Friends of EverBloom at Davis Lodge on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 pm. We are tentatively scheduled to have a scientist from the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, make a presentation on invasive aquatic species, and on measures boaters, anglers, aquarium and water gardening hobbyists can take to prevent introduction of harmful exotics to our lakes. The website for the Friends of EverBloom is:

<http://friendsofeverbloom.weebly.com/index.html>

Timber Pointe



Yacht Club

Lake Residents Once Again Came Through For Easter Seals Boat Rides

The 2014 Timber Pointe camping season was one of the busiest in recent years with over 1,500 campers in attendance. The Camp Horizon group and the Camp COCO (Cancer) group were especially large, requiring over 20 pontoon boats to accommodate. The staff at Timber Pointe are most appreciative of your support and efforts. The Timber Pointe Yacht Club is a great example of the way lake people pull together for a good cause. My heartfelt thanks to you.

Jim Malay (The Commodore)

Get connected with the LBA!

Now there are more ways to stay connected with the Lake Bloomington Association! First, we launched a brand new website early this summer. Our goal is to keep the website updated regularly with upcoming events, accurate links for resident info, and the latest Lake Breeze newsletter. You can find our website at either lakebloomington.com or lakebloomington.org.

Second, are you on Facebook? If you are a paid member of the LBA then you can join the Lake Bloomington Association group on Facebook. This is a “closed” group, meaning that only members of the group can post pictures, questions, or comments. Again, only current PAID members of the LBA can join the Facebook group.

Three examples of how the LBA Facebook group can be used:

- A Facebook group member can post about a garage sale or items for sale or even items they want to purchase. (For example: *I've got a used kayak for sale for \$XXX – let me know if anyone is interested.*)
- Facebook group members can organize non-LBA social events. (For example: *I'm running in the Lake Run. Who's with me? Want to meet at Green Gables after?*)
- The Facebook group is another way to remind LBA members about LBA events including dinners, socials, and clean ups. (For example: *Don't forget – we're cleaning up the lake on Saturday, May 10th. Meet you at Green Gables at 9 AM!*)

We currently have 62 members in the Facebook group. Want to join? Simply log into your Facebook account and search for Lake Bloomington Association in the search bar at the top of your screen. Once you find our

LBA

Oktoberfest



October 19th

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Davis Lodge - Lake Bloomington

Dinner Served at 5:00pm

**Bags Games • Popcorn • Brats • Hot Dogs
Buns • Condiments • Place Settings
All provided by the LBA**

You just need to bring your own Beverage & a Dish to Pass

**Please let us know you are coming by emailing Dave Voigts
with your head count by Oct. 11 at dvoigts@gmail.com
Just so we are sure we have enough!**

Upcoming Events

OktoberFest	Davis Lodge	October 19	4:00
LBA Social	Green Gables	February	TBA
LBA Social	Lake Road Inn	March	TBA

Septic System Maintenance It saves you money & protects clean water!



Septic System Maintenance Tips

- There are many reasons to keep a maintained septic system; most importantly it saves you money. Maintenance will cost \$300-\$500 every 3 to 5 years but replacing a system costs \$5,000-\$15,000.
- Pump your septic tank every 3 to 5 years - pumping the tank on a periodic basis is one of the best ways to keep a system functioning the maximum length of time.
- Don't build on top of or drive across any part of your septic system.
- If you have a sand filter, be sure use the correct type of chlorine tablet (not swimming pool tablets!) and maintain proper chlorine levels in the chlorinator (see other side for list of suppliers).
- Avoid using any special additives to your septic system - they generally don't work and can deteriorate your system instead.
- Don't pour grease, fats, or chemicals like paints and solvents down your sink.
- Avoid garbage disposal usage - it can shorten the life of your septic system.
- For a list of licensed septic system installers and pumpers and more detailed information on septic system maintenance, contact the McLean County Health Department at 309-888-5482 or consult their website at health.mcleancountyil.gov.



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