

# the Lake Breeze



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## President's Letter

*"Happy Spring!" "Welcome back!"  
"Come out to the Lake!"*



Familiar greetings as the weather warms up and the hum of pontoon boats sound from across the lake. But this year....things are certainly different. "Social Distancing," "Community Spread," "Flattening the curve" seem to be more prevalent in our vocabularies than the usual words. Still....spring is here, new growth and green is abundant, and our lake community is coming back to life.

As the lake season begins to get underway, our LBA Board has made some plans for the coming year. In this issue of the Lake Breeze, we are publishing the Strategic Plan that was developed by the Board last January. While things are at a pause now, we hope that many of these ideas will come to fruition as our lives begin to get back to "normal."

A few events have been cancelled to protect the safety of our lake residents. The Spring Dinner, scheduled for May 14 has been cancelled. We had planned our annual Spring Clean- up Day for April 25, which is also cancelled, but we encourage those of you who are walkers to pitch in and pick up trash along your routes. We know many of you are already doing this, thank you!

In spite of these cancellations, we continue to make progress on other aspects of the plan. You may have noticed the new signs on Cherokee, Arrowhead, Sunset and TeePee Trail. (Thank you Nate Green for your continued fine wood working talent!) Also on tap this year, is a safer way to maintain the beloved flagpole just past Carver's Corners. With thanks to the City of Bloomington and Gildner, Inc. we now have a slick new way to replace the flag at the top of the beacon tower when weather takes its toll.

Please take a moment to review the rest of the plan. There are some new things (all dependent on whether it will be safe to open up to more activities) like stronger partnerships with our local camps, a proposed nature walk for families, and partnering with the City on improvements to North Park. We welcome your participation in any and all of these plans.

This will certainly be a spring to remember...and as we think about all the challenges and hardships in the world now, it seems to help to take a moment to reflect with gratitude on what we have: a close-knit community with people who care for one another and the beautiful lake that is our home.

Be safe and well,  
CAROL AND MARK CSANDA  
LBA Presidents



# LAKE BLOOMINGTON ASSOCIATION

## 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

### VISION

Lake Bloomington is a jewel of a lake that draws people together and provides a beautiful place to live with safe recreation and enjoyment for residents, neighbors, and friends of the lake.

### MISSION

The Lake Bloomington Association's mission is to work together to improve the quality of life of the residents, the environment of the lake, and relationships with the surrounding community.

### FOCUS

1. Develop Community Spirit
2. Maintain Membership
3. Protect the Lake
4. Improve Surroundings
5. Facilitate Collaboration

**Goal 1: The Lake Bloomington Association (LBA) will contribute to the ongoing development of a vibrant community spirit by hosting social events and conducting communication activities.**

Initiatives:

- Hold monthly board meetings.
- Continue to maintain an active website and Facebook page. Expand the use of Facebook with regular information about Lake activities and ongoing social and club events.
- Develop an archive of documents to be accessible by members on the website.
- Produce quarterly newsletters to be distributed to all association members.
- Encourage family participation and appreciation of our natural surroundings through guide-led Nature Walks.
- Host social events throughout the year including:
  - A Fourth of July celebration, with fireworks and a pontoon parade.
  - An annual Winter social
  - An annual Spring dinner
  - A Fall dinner and annual LBA meeting

**Goal 2: The LBA will engage existing membership and encourage new members to join.**

Initiatives:

- Maintain an accurate membership database.
- Solicit for annual membership dues in the first quarter.
- Membership Committee will contact all new residents with membership, safety, and other lake living information.
- Publish an LBA Directory to be available at the Fall Dinner.
- Continue to be a forum for member communication.

**Goal 3: The LBA will participate in the protection and improvement of the quality of the Lake's ecosystem.**

Initiatives:

- Host a spring clean-up around the lake.
- Collaborate with Friends of Everbloom. Contribute to their ongoing initiatives.
- Continue the Chlorine Tablet program to promote timely chlorination of resident septic systems.
- Collaborate with the City of Bloomington and McLean County Soil and Water to educate our residents on ways to contribute to improving the quality of the watershed.

**Goal 4: The Lake Bloomington Association will improve the physical surroundings of the Lake and support the investment made by homeowners of the Lake community.**

Initiatives:

- The beautification committee will ensure that flower beds are planted and maintained
- Work with the city to maintain the flagpole and ensure flags are replaced as needed.
- Continue to install new and consistent address signage around the lake.
- Collaborate with the city on improvements to the surrounding areas of the lake, including activities to contribute to the development of North Park (Prairie restoration, dog park, clean up.)

**Goal 5: The LBA will foster a strong, collaborative relationship with Lake Bloomington stakeholders including the City of Bloomington, the McLean County Board, Friends of Everbloom and the Lake Camps.**

Initiatives:

- Continue to provide a liaison to the city and ensure that a city representative is invited to all LBA activities.
- Promote our city's involvement around the lake to positively contribute to city/member relations.
- Continue our ongoing relationship with the McLean County Board.
- Continue to be supportive of the needs of Timber Pointe Outdoor Center and East Bay Camp, and support the Timber Pointe Yacht Club. Participate in Camp projects throughout the year (Wednesday work days, Timber Pointe/LBA garage sale)



**T**IMBER POINTE OUTDOOR CENTER has much to be grateful for as we head into an exciting, yet uncertain summer.

- We welcomed Lydia Gartner to our camp family as the new Program Manager. She came to us from Florida in the heart of an Illinois winter and has a wide range of experience in special needs camping and education
- Our “Wednesday Volunteers” have been keeping camp’s facilities/grounds in good working order and have made significant improvements to camp programming.
- We are also excited to be collaborating with the Lake Bloomington Association Board to provide new opportunities for our community!

Looking to the future, Timber Pointe is developing our first, long-term master plan and is working with an architectural company specializing in camp master planning. Easterseals has assembled a “Camp Planning Committee,” comprised of local and key professionals who will provide critical input into the master plan development. The first phase of the project, a program and facility assessment, is complete. The next step is to review initial concept plans and establish a master plan that provides a clearer vision for Timber Pointe’s programming and facilities. We look forward to providing more details in the near future!

As I mentioned, we are heading into another exciting, yet uncertain summer. The universe shifted in March 2020 with the pandemic crisis, and we’re all reacting and responding as best we can. Our foremost concern is for the children and families we serve. If Timber Pointe does not receive enough camper registrations before May 1, or health authorities deem it unsafe, we will postpone all June activities and reassess for July.

Just as we are facing low camper registrations at Timber Pointe, several partner camps have canceled contracts for the summer. Revenue generated by partner camps helps underwrite

camping and respite opportunities for Easterseals families.

When it is safe to do so, our families will desperately need the respite and experiences we can provide. We are dedicated to providing this support. We will do this however we can, whether through day camp, overnight camp or family weekends, or new programming. The need for a break, for both parents and children, exists now, and it won’t go away, it will only grow.

We need to be ready to support families when we can. And, we will need help. We will be reaching out soon with details about a special, emergency fundraising campaign focused on this.

Our highest priority is and will always be the health and safety of our campers and guests. With that in mind and the spirit of camp inside us, we press through. We do not retreat. We do not lose hope.

Your friendly camp neighbor,  
Allen McBride  
*Camp Director*  
Timber Pointe Outdoor Center





# Spring Dinner

The LBA has unfortunately, canceled our spring dinner which was scheduled for May 14. Although we're hopeful that the shelter in place will be lifted by then, the time frame did not allow for our plans to continue. Perhaps we can think about a way to get together in the summer months when things are back to normal. (or a "new" normal 😊)

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

-Tria Bouas

## Clean Up Day Cancelled

Given current social gathering restrictions, the Clean Up Day scheduled for April 25th has been cancelled. All are encouraged to consider taking a garbage bag on walks around the lake.

Thanks to those that have already been spotted picking up trash along the road.

## Ron Smith Memorial Highway Progress

*By Neil Finlen*

I am happy to report that from communications with Jerry Stokes, McLean County's Highway Engineer, that construction will begin soon on the widening of the entire Ron Smith roadway.

As mentioned previously, the pavement will be widened 3-feet on each side, ultimately resulting in 4-foot wide paved shoulders due to reducing travel lanes by 1-foot. The project has been bid and upon County Board approval will be awarded to Rowe Construction who will start after June 1st. Prior to Rowe's work, the County Highway Department will be replacing various culverts in preparation for the paving project, adding dirt to the front slopes and temporarily relocating mailboxes.



This looks to be a terrific improvement to the safety of this highway both for motorists as well as the recreational users.

We owe a real debt of gratitude to Mr. Stokes, the Highway Department, and McLean County for having the foresight to plan and accomplish this project. I would anticipate that this would be all done this summer for all of our enjoyment.

# Fireworks Donations

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!

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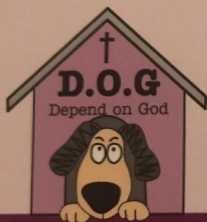
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The Lake Bloomington Association is made up of residents and anyone else who enjoys the Lake and works to improve the lake and surrounding community. Anyone can join the LBA; you don't have to live at the Lake. It's a great way to meet new people who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