

# the Lake Breeze

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## President's Letter

“One attraction in coming to the woods to live was that I should have leisure and opportunity to see the spring come in.”

~Henry David Thoreau

After the winter we had, we are wishing all of our lake residents an opportunity to see the spring come in! And finally, finally....the daffodils are merry and the leaves on the trees are as bright a green as eye has ever seen. In addition to the glorious nature that Henry David Thoreau observes, our senses are full of spring at the lake – the sounds of boats on the water again, the smell of burgers on the grill and the sight of the birds migrating home.

We are very excited to see a new season of fun and recreation at the lake and our association has much planned for the coming season. A few events and activities to look forward to:

- ✦ The Lake Run on May 4 – We know the runners looks forward to our residents and friends cheering them on. Stop by our LBA table by Green Gables to say hello.
- ✦ Our Spring Dinner on May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Timber Pointe – Come to enjoy the company and hear from one of our own, Pam Cather, about her wonderful nature wildlife. You'll also hear about a new LBA initiative to help keep our lake water sparkling clean. Everyone can help!
- ✦ We will be partnering with the City of Bloomington to beautify the grounds around the Davis Lodge with some new perennial gardens.
- ✦ The BIG event – Fourth of July, 2019 – We will again have the Pontoon Parade, so get your families and friends together for some creative boat-decorating ideas. We can surely break last year's record of 18 boats! Come with your families to Davis Lodge for an old fashioned ice cream social to watch the boats parade. And of course, we are again hoping for a spectacular fireworks display! (It's not too late to donate..)
- ✦ New Address Boards will be installed on White Owl, Hepatica, Nighthawk, Wood Thrush, Sandpiper, Hickory and Trillium.
- ✦ The LBA will be joining the City of Bloomington to continue improvements to the North Park Nature Area. You'll soon see new pollinator plants at North



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Park and would invite you to stay tuned to our Facebook page for a date for a spruce up day to help the city with painting the shelters. We are also in the planning phases for a new dog park. Phase 1 includes the installation of a dog watering station and that should be completed later this year.

✦ Special thanks to all the helpers who came out on Saturday, April 27 for our clean up day around the lake!

Mostly, we would like to wish you all a happy and safe lake recreation season. Reach out to meet someone new at the Spring Dinner, join your neighbors for a boat ride, invite some family and friends for a cookout and a swim. Lake Bloomington is indeed a jewel of a lake! Enjoy it this spring and summer.

2019 LBA Presidents

*Carol and Mark Psanda*

## SPRING DINNER

We hope to see everyone at LBA's annual spring dinner on Thursday, May 9 at Timber Pointe Lodge!! In addition to good food and good company, there will be a presentation by our own lake resident, Pamela Taylor Cather, on her wildlife photography. This beautiful photo of a hummingbird in flight is only one example of Pam's beautiful work. Be sure to bring some extra money with you as she has graciously offered to raffle one of her photos to help benefit various lake projects.\*

\*participation in the raffle is strictly optional

■Tria and Craig Bouas



*Know any of these people? If you do, stop them to say "Thanks for cleaning up our lake!" All met on April 27 with garbage bags in hand to clean up the lake for the season. Thanks to Cathy and Tim Strader for organizing this crew!*

Dear Residents,

As most of you know, the Lake Parks Maintenance building was destroyed by a fire during the early morning hours of March 10, 2019. I would like to thank all of you who have called and offered words of kindness and support during this difficult time. It means a great deal to me. While the building and the contents inside were completely destroyed, I am incredibly thankful that no one was hurt. As I have said many times, I would be completely lost without the crew that we have at Lake Parks Maintenance.

Due to the fire, I had to reorder the dock plates for those that have not already picked them up. They have been delivered and I will be sending out letters to everyone letting everyone know when they can be picked up.



At the same time that I mail out the letters for the dock plates, we will be sending an updated Lake brochure. This will correct two things: first, due to the fire, the Ranger Station does not have any telephone or internet capabilities so the new number to reach the Courtesy Patrol employees will be (309) 434-2225 or (309) 275-0574. You can always call me directly as well – (309) 275-8087. The second reason is that there was a typo in the original brochure that stated that fishing is not allowed near docks. It should have said that no fishing is allowed when people are present on their dock. We apologize for any confusion.

Please keep an eye out for North Park! We will be planting 10 acres of wildflower seeds as well as 10 acres of pollinator seeds very soon!

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer at our beautiful lake!

See you around the lake!



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## CHLORINE TABLET PROGRAM

*(Everyone can help!)*

One of the LBA's goals is to contribute to the protection and improvement of the Lake's ecosystem. This year, we've decided to focus on a campaign aimed at the education of our residents about the importance of chlorination in our septic systems. As you may be aware, most septic systems have a discharge to the lake that is required to be chlorinated. This is a very easy and inexpensive task. Some of the benefits of the chlorination are:

- Keeping bacteria and fecal coliform material treated by for swimming safety.
- Protecting our water supply and the eco system of the lake itself.
- Providing a longer life to septic systems themselves

Chlorination is a very easy procedure and involves simply routine monthly installation of a chlorine tablet at a cost of less than \$5.00 per month during the systems use. The "Important Notice" from the McLean County Health Department that follows this article shares locations where these tablets may be purchased.

We'd also like to remind you to have your septic tank pumped on a regular basis, as this too, can help your septic systems last longer. You can get more information about your chlorine tablets and septic systems by attending the Spring Dinner or by contacting the McLean County health Department. Thank you for participating in this important program!

- Neil Finlen
- Ryan Esposito

## STATE OF THE LAKES – 2019

Friends of EverBloom would like to thank all of the LBA members who attended our State of the Lakes meeting held on April 11, 2019. This is an annual meeting where the DNR shares pertinent information about both Lake Bloomington and Evergreen Lake. Here is an overview of some of the information about Lake Bloomington.

- Ryan Esposito

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McLean County Health Department  
200 West Front Street, Room 304  
Bloomington, IL 61701

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

As the owner and operator of a buried sand filter sewage disposal system, you have the responsibility of maintaining an adequate, daily supply of chlorine in your system's chlorinator.

Please refer to page 5 in the attached booklet and review Figure 3 showing the components of a buried sand filter system. The figure indicates that three pipes come to the ground surface for your type of disposal system. One is a vent pipe, the second is the chlorinator feed pipe, and the third is a sampling access pipe into the contact tank.

The chlorinator feed pipe is used to add chlorine tablets to the chlorinator, which is usually 5-6 feet below the surface of the ground. This 4-inch plastic pipe has a screw cap to allow access to an inner 3-inch pipe, which is usually equipped with a nylon rope handle. It is the inner 3-inch pipe that actually holds the chlorine tablets.

When you unscrew the cap and pull up and remove the 3-inch pipe, you will notice numerous holes near the bottom of it. This is where the effluent from your sand filter comes in contact with the chlorine tablets and is chlorinated before it flows to the contact (or mixing) tank and then on to the discharge point.

It is important that an adequate supply of chlorine tablets is maintained in the chlorinator to not only comply with the law, but to eliminate disease transmission possibilities through the effluent.

The chlorine tablets that you put in the 3-inch chlorinator pipe are of a special formulation to control the rate that the tablets dissolve. Do not use swimming pool chlorine tablets as they are of a different formulation and will not work correctly in a chlorinator. The correct tablets for chlorination may be obtained at the following local distributors:

Bradford Supply  
2000 S. Bunn  
Bloomington, IL 61704  
Ph: (309) 828-8313

Shoemaker Farm Drainage  
202 W. Pine St.  
LeRoy, IL 61752  
Ph: (309) 962-3108

Tolan's Excavating, Inc.  
2903 Gill St.  
Bloomington, IL 61704  
Ph: (309) 663-0191

Zeschke Septic Cleaning  
2408 Greyhound Road  
Bloomington, IL 61704  
Ph: (309) 808-2776

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact our department at (309) 888-5482 and ask to talk with one of our Sanitarians.



# LAKE BLOOMINGTON

## LAKE STATUS SUMMARY

**LOCATION:** Located approximately 15 miles North of Bloomington IL, Lake Bloomington is easily accessible by taking I-39 North to the Lake Bloomington Exit, then proceeding east on the Lake Bloomington Road (2500N) 4 miles.

**DESCRIPTION:** Lake Bloomington, a 635 acre reservoir, with 18.5 miles of shoreline, is owned by the City of Bloomington, IL and is maintained and operated by the City’s Water Department. There is one public boat launch and there is a fee to use the ramp/lake. The Friends of Everbloom is an organization that assists with habitat projects and improving the quality of Lake Bloomington. To learn more about their organization, visit their web page <https://www.friendsofeverbloom.com/>

**STATUS OF THE SPORT FISHERY:** The IDNR currently stocks walleye, hybrid striped bass, and smallmouth bass. The following information is a summary of the major sport fisheries based on periodic fish population surveys. A community-wide fish survey is completed approximately every two years and largemouth/smallmouth bass and walleye surveys are currently conducted on an annual basis.

**Largemouth Bass/Smallmouth Bass** – The most recent bass survey resulted in a catch rate of 150.7 bass per hour. The management objective is 100 bass per hour. The largest bass collected weighed 4.7 pounds. Of the bass collected over 8 inches, 55% were longer than 12 inches, and 26% longer than 15 inches. The bass fishery is average but the future looks promising. Even though smallmouth bass have been in the lake since it was impounded, the fishery is not strong. A smallmouth bass stocking program was started in 2009 in an attempt to improve the fishery. The State Hatchery stocks 2-inch fingerlings each year.

**Walleye** – Walleye were first stocked into this lake in 1984 and has received approximately 25,000 two-inch walleye every year. The most recent walleye survey resulted in 34.3 walleye per hour of sampling. The average catch rate for the past 18 surveys is 38.6 walleye per hour. Walleye collected during the most recent survey ranged in size from 8 inches to 24 inches. The walleye regulation was changed in 2017 to an 18 inch minimum length limit and a 3 per day harvest limit.

**Hybrid Striped Bass** – **The State record hybrid striped bass was caught at Lake Bloomington in 2017.** The record hybrid weighed 21.45 pounds. The hybrid striped bass fishery in Lake Bloomington is considered good.

**Crappie** – Both black and white crappie are present in Lake Bloomington. The most recent spring electrofishing survey resulted in the collection of 76 white crappie per hour and 35.3 black crappie per hour. The objective is to collect 25 per hour for each species. The black crappie ranged in size from 6.5 inches to 11.8 inches and the largest black crappie collected weighed 0.85 pounds. The white crappie ranged in size from 7 inches to 11.5 inches and the largest white crappie weighed 0.87 pounds.

**Channel Catfish** – During the most recent fish survey, no channel catfish were collected, but good numbers were collected during the previous survey. There current channel catfish fishery is average in Lake Bloomington.

**FISHING REGULATIONS:** Two pole and line fishing only, no trot lines, jugs or bank poles.

Species	Length Limit	Daily Creel Limit
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	15"	3
Walleye	18"	3
Crappie	None	15
Bluegill/Redear Sunfish	None	25

Hybrid Striped Bass/White Bass 10 fish daily harvest limit, with no more than 3 fish greater or equal to 17 inches

**40 H.P. OUTBOARD MOTOR RESTRICTION**

For other species, statewide regulations are in effect. For further regulation information, please consult the current Illinois Fishing Regulation Booklet.

**FEES:** The City of Bloomington requires a boat sticker for watercraft utilizing Lake Bloomington.

**PHONE NUMBERS:** Lake Bloomington – 309-434-2161  
IDNR Fisheries – 217-784-4730



2019 LBA  
*Spring Dinner*

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

TIMBER POINTE LODGE  
20 TIMBER POINTE LN | HUDSON, IL

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 5:30PM (BYOB)  
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:30PM

DINNER PROVIDED BY NELSON'S CATERING



CUT AND RETURN SLIP AND CHECK TO LBA, P.O. Box 223, HUDSON, IL 61748

KINDLY RESPOND BY: MAY 1ST

NAMES (s) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING @ \$20/PER PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ADD FIREWORKS AND OTHER LAKE PROJECTS DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

# 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**



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**HERE**

\$25 for a 3.5x2in size. Proceeds go toward the fireworks fund.  
lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com



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).