

the Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Welcome to the “dog days” of summer! Do you know where the “dog day’s phrase comes from? It defines the period between July and early September when the hot, sultry weather of summer is at its peak. And while you may think that this phrase has to do with your dog lying on the grass just panting from the heat, it really has an origin in ancient Egypt and Greece. These ancient people noted that the rising of the constellation, Sirius, identified as a dog, rises in mid-August. And since the warm weather of mid-late summer coincided with the sighting of this constellation, it became the “dog days.” But don’t look up in the sky tonight for Sirius since we won’t see it until the constellations rotate and we experience our winter season. (You just never know what you’ll learn by reading *The Lake Breeze!*)



Fourth of July was indeed a spectacle to remember. We had 13 boats in the Pontoon Parade, and the flotilla was expertly commanded by Jim and Gay Aaberg. Mark Csanda brought the judges, Nance Brady and Anne Bliss, out on the lake for a first-hand look at the decorations and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Don and Diana Parks and crew for their First Place win for their Margaritaville entry. They took home the coveted Ranney Trophy and \$100 cash. Honorable mention hands down went to Bob and Traci Freitag and family for the impressive Sherman Tank. Every one of the entries was a winner and received gift cards from our local establishments. Thank you to all who participated!

The fireworks put on by Melrose Pyrotechnics were dazzling. We were treated to close to 20 minutes of sparkling, booming skies. (And did we mention.....,the weather was PERFECT!) On the fireworks topic, we are at the end of a three year contract with our provider. Because they requested a substantial increase due to inflation and new tariffs on Chinese goods, we sought bids from others and have signed a contract for next year with Central States Fireworks. While their price was less than Melrose, it will still be an increase over what we paid this year. The last two years, our donations have not fully paid for the cost of the fireworks, so we will again be asking you to be as generous as possible when we solicit fireworks donations.



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By now, you should have received your invitation for the Fall Dinner. Please plan to join us at El Paso Golf Club on September 12 at 5:30 for social hour and 6:30 for dinner. We'll have the usually tasty steak fry and all the sides for only \$25 per person. We'll have a brief annual meeting and rumor has it that there may be a second round of Lake Bloomington Trivia. So, brush up on your history, and we hope to see you there.

In the meantime, enjoy these "dog days" of summer. Likely your dog IS panting in the grass from the hot weather. And just because we can't see Sirius at this time of year....take a gaze up at the stars no one of those moonless nights on our beautiful lake. You'll be sure to recognize Ursa Major and Ursa Minor (the Big and Little Dipper), but stretch yourself to find Scorpio and Sagittarius. Enjoy these fleeting days of summer!

CAROL AND MARK CSANDA
LBA Presidents



FOURTH & JULY PONTOON PARADE 2019

First Place
MARGARITAVILLE



Honorable Mention
SHERMAN TANK

FOURTH & JULY 2019



Photos taken by Jeff Jackson and Pam Cather



LBA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVIEW

One of the initiatives identified in our 2019 Strategic Plan was to conduct a needed review of the Association's constitution and by-laws since these documents were last updated in 1989.

Our review committee, comprised of Helen Ogar, Dale Strassheim and Mark Csanda, along with our LBA Board, are recommending the following **changes to the constitution**, to be voted on by our membership, at the Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner on September 12, 2019 at the El Paso Golf Club. The **by-laws**, a separate operating document, can then be brought up to date at the following regular board meeting in October.

Artic III – Meetings of Members

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held in the month of August each year, on a date and at a place to be determined by the Governing Board of the Association.

CHANGE TO: The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held **no later than October 15th each year**, on a date and at a place to be determined by the Governing Board of the Association.

(note: adding flexibility for scheduling and timing with the Fall Dinner)

Article IV – Governing Board

Section 1. The Association shall be governed by 6 elected directorships, and the immediate past President, the

President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Area Captain Coordinator, Lake Breeze Editor, and the City Liaison.

CHANGE TO: The Association shall be governed by 6 elected directorships, and the immediate past President, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, **Membership Coordinator**, Lake Breeze Editor, and the City Liaison.

(note: changing the title of Area Captain Coordinator to the more accurate and definitive title of Membership Coordinator throughout the document)

Section 2. Election and Terms of Directorship. Each Directorship shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for no more than one full three-year term. Vacant directorships shall also be filled, at each Annual meeting. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered. A Director may serve a partial term before serving a full term. The positions of City Liaison, Lake Breeze Editor, and Area Captain Coordinator will be filled by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and upon approval by a majority vote of the Governing Board. Terms of office shall be two years and will begin immediately after the Annual Dinner. The Governing Board will act to fill any premature vacancy as required for appointed positions. There shall be no limit on successive terms for these positions.

CHANGE TO: Election and Terms of Directorship. Each Directorship shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall serve for no more than **two full**

successive three-year terms. Vacant directorships shall also be filled, at each Annual meeting. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered. A Director may serve a partial term before serving a full term.

(note: added flexibility for Directors to remain on the Board if needed)

(add new paragraph here for clarification) The positions of City Liaison, Lake Breeze Editor, and **Membership Coordinator** will be filled by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and upon approval by a majority vote of the Governing Board. Terms of office shall be two years and will begin immediately after the Annual Dinner. The Governing Board will act to fill on premature vacancy as required for appointed positions. There shall be no limit on successive terms for these positions.

Section 3. Meetings. At least 10 monthly meetings of the Governing Board shall be held, and special meetings thereof may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Governing Board, in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

CHANGE TO: At least **8** monthly meetings of the Governing Board shall be held, and special meetings thereof may be called by the President, or by a majority of the Governing Board, in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

(note: added flexibility in case a meeting needs to be cancelled)

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Article V – Officers

Section 3. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may hold office for no more than two successive years in their respective office.

CHANGE TO: The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer may hold office for no more than **two full successive two-year terms** in their respective office.

(note: added flexibility for Officers to remain in office if needed)

Article VI – Duties of Officers

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Governing Board, shall keep minutes of all official meetings, shall issue or cause to be issued all necessary notices, and shall maintain a complete and accurate account of all official actions of the Association and Governing Board.

CHANGE TO: Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all official meetings, shall issue or cause to be issued all necessary notices, and shall maintain a complete and accurate account of all official actions of the Association and Governing Board.

(note: eliminate “shall attend all meetings of the Association and of the Governing Board)

Please make every effort to attend our Annual Meeting at the Fall Dinner and help us approve these needed amendments to our constitution. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please email: mark.csanda@gmail.com

LAKE BLOOMINGTON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Money Creek II Bridge on Ron Smith Memorial Highway began on July 8 2019. The contractor removed the existing bridge and has started the foundation work for the new structure. This project is still on target for a mid-November completion.

Ron Smith Memorial Highway will be widened and resurfaced in 2020. Pipeline Road from Ron Smith Memorial Highway to the spillway near Lake Bloomington is also planned to be resurfaced in 2020. Crews will be in the area over the next two months taking pavement samples on these roads.

Please Join Your Neighbors and Friends
For the LBA Annual
Fall Dinner & Business Meeting

So Long to Summer

Date

Thursday, September 12, 2019

5:30 Social Hour - 6:30 Dinner

Hawaiian Attire Optional

Location

El Paso Golf Club - 2860 County Road, El Paso, IL

Menu

Filet, salad, potato, rolls, dessert & coffee

Price

\$25.00 PER PERSON

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Please complete the form below and return it with your check in the envelope provided

Name (s): _____

No. Of persons attending: _____

Make check payable to Lake Bloomington Association

Dinner payment: \$ _____

Fireworks Donation: (optional) \$ _____

2019 Annual Dues: (optional) \$ _____

2020 Annual Dues: (optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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!

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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.