



# The *SUMMER* Breeze

2015

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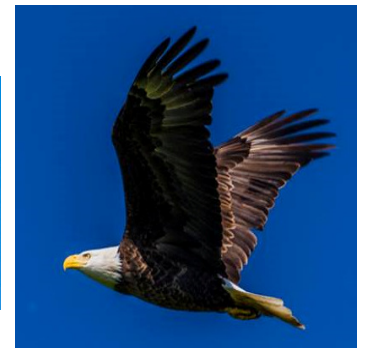
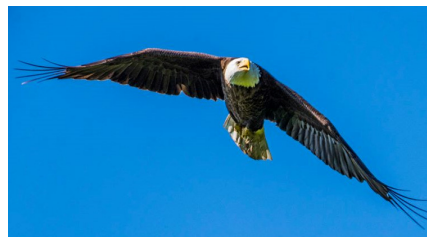
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## *President's Letter*

*Jeff and Cheryl Jackson*

Lake Bloomington may be the area's best kept secret, but there are some in the know... As summer approaches, a growing number of lucky people are enjoying our lake and its surroundings with fishing tournaments, pontoon floats, kayak trips, picnics, and overnights at the numerous camps dotting the lake's landscape. Our lake may be a secret to many Bloomington-Normal residents and perhaps many more Illinois residents who live more than an hour away. But for those of us lucky enough to live here, the "secret" may be the lake's magical impact on our lives. Sitting on our deck, watching sunrises and sunsets, searching for wildlife to photograph, and watching the yearly migration of numerous feathered friends, keep us in great spirits.

As we head into summer, and anticipate another festive July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, think of what you can do to help us maintain the area's best place to live.



*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).



# Fireworks and Boat Parade by Jim Aaberg

With the arrival of Summer comes the long standing tradition of **Fireworks at the Lake** and the **Lake Bloomington Boat Parade**. The July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 Lake Bloomington Boat Parade will once again be a contest for the annual **Ranney Cup** which was awarded to Kahlfeldts of Night Hawk Road. This award goes to the boat with the best themed decorations along with the greatest spirit. Coincidentally, the Kahlfeldts have graciously been the Grand Marshalls of the Parade for several years. Thank you George and Marlene!

**Parade** - it is also a time to say thank you to Cindy and Keith Ranney for their 12 years of service coordinating these events. To memorialize their efforts, the winner of the boat parade will be the recipient of the annual **"Ranney Cup"**! The Ranney Cup trophy will be passed on year to year to the winner. Along with the trophy they will receive gift certificates to our local fine dining establishments. Please plan to join in on the fun!

**Boats will assemble near the Davis**



**Lodge, 3:00 pm**, and your Parade Marshall will lead you through the traditional route. The parade judges will be following so be sure to finish the route. The Fourth of July falls on a Saturday this year, so with a little good weather, it promises to be a great weekend on the lake.

**Fireworks** will once again be provided by Melrose Pyrotechnics. These are of course in addition to some pretty fantastic 'local' displays that pop up around the lake. Please be safe as you participate in private displays; we want a safe and uneventful celebration.

The lake's display will start just after dusk. This will probably be around **9:00 PM**, but will only be started as soon as the night sky is ready to provide a great contrast for the fireworks. While we plan on good weather, there is always the possibility of rain. Should this happen, we will try to make a decision about cancellation no later than 8:30 PM. We will ask that this decision be broadcast on WJBC, or you may call me at (309)212-0445. In the event we do cancel, the display will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> at the same time.



## Help Fund the Lake Bloomington Homeowners Association Annual Fireworks Spectacular.

Once again the LBA is selling flags and luminaries to help you show your patriotism over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The profits from the sales of these items contribute to the expense of providing our annual fireworks show. Expect to see a brochure from your Area Captain who, this year will be in possession of both flags and luminaries.

The flags are 12"X18" on a 30" stick and can be purchased in lots of 12 for \$9.00. While the luminaries will be sold as 12 bags and 12 candles for \$8.00. The City of Bloomington will have sand available near the maintenance shed the week before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July for no additional cost.

If you are having trouble meeting up with your area captain please don't hesitate to contact any member of your LBA board to make your donation or purchase these items.

Also, they are always willing to accept donations to the fireworks fund. Please consider contributing so that we may always fully fund this spectacular show.



All checks should be made to the LBA.





Summer 2015

## Area Captains

### Kickapoo Area

Teepee Trail & Sunset Lane  
Hiawatha Lane & Court  
Kickapoo Lane & 3 Ron Smith  
Arrowhead Lane & 3 Ron Smith  
Cherokee Lane  
Ron Smith Mem Highway

Bob & Ruth Ann Lipic  
Jim & Pam Raymond  
Nancy Froelich  
Pam Yerkes  
Hugh & Bev Parker  
Ellen Flanagan

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### Iroquois Area

Iroquois Lane  
Navajo Lane  
Thorn Apple Lane

Larry & Debbie Hopkins  
Mike Winters  
Ray & Rosemary Falk

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wintersm26@gmail.com  
rfalk750@yahoo.com  
rrfalk@gridcom.net

### Pottawattamie Area

Hickory Ln, East No. Rd (to Lockenvitz)  
East No. Rd (from 17425) and Sandpiper  
Nighthawk Rd & Trillium Lane  
Wood Thrush Circle  
Eagle Pointe  
White Owl Lane & Hepatica  
White Owl Lane (from 25172)

Joe & Nikki Miller  
Julie Smith & Sandy Schroeder  
George & Marlene Kahlfeldt  
Sally Chalian  
Dick & Connie Claydon  
Lyle Spaniol  
John & Elizabeth Binning

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## Signs Get a Makeover



Lake signs repainted by John and Elizabeth Binning.



Drew Morgan, Grandson of Roger and Beth Yoder, repainted the Arrowhead Lane sign. Great job Drew !



# Mucky Duck: Alive and Well at the Lake

Mike Philippi, bought the Mucky Duck Marina in September 2014. Mike and his wife Cheryl have owned a house on the lake for about 20 years.

The management of the Mucky Duck has completely changed and they are making a lot of changes and improvements to benefit the lake community. Erik Pokarney is the new general manager. He lives with his family near Carvers Corner. He comes into this with some experience, as he stores several people's boats already.

Willie Martin has provided his help in shoring up all of the piers and putting in 30 new floats. He also built new accessible, safe walkways and landings. The Mucky Duck has put in a new

deck, with the help of the city, put in rock and dirt fill and is in the process of finishing the steps. All and all, a pretty major landscaping project.

Mike and Cheryl plan to restore the concession stand, with the goal of opening by July 1st. The Mucky Duck will also have rentals of pontoons, a fishing boat, kayaks and a canoe.

Future projects include building a service and pull up dock so people could pull up in their boat and buy an ice cream, snacks, or other items. They will not have a restaurant license, but there has been some discussion with Craig Hanson, the new owner of the Lake Road Inn, about an arrangement where food could be ordered from the Lake

Road Inn and picked up by boaters at the marina.

Mike and Cheryl have accomplished a lot, but still have lots of plans for the marina. The hope is that having an updated and improved working marina will be beneficial to slip renters and home owners alike. The rental slips are fully occupied at this time with a waiting list; a good sign for a successful summer.

Stop in and see all of the hard work that has been done so far. Like the Marina itself, the Mucky Duck website is still somewhat under construction. Mike can be reached at [muckyduck-lakebloomington@gmail.com](mailto:muckyduck-lakebloomington@gmail.com) or his cell 312-343-4875.

Mike Philippi



**Roadside clean-up**  
Big thanks to all those who helped with the Lake Bloomington clean up! They gathered 3 truck loads of garbage from around the lake! Over 40 volunteers helped.



By Joe Darter

I just want to remind everyone that boat stickers are required for Lake Bloomington. If you have not purchased one yet, please stop by the Parks Office and pick up the application. We may be on the lake or patrolling the roads, so if we are not here, please grab an application out of the silver box in front of our door. Please fill out the application, along with a copy of your insurance and drop it, along with your check (no cash please) in the payment drop box. We will mail out your sticker to you after we process your application.

Also, please remember to follow the rules for Lake Bloomington. Swimming is prohibited on the lake except for within 100 feet of your dock. Please follow the "No Wake Zones" require-

ments. These are the two most commonly broken rules. By speeding in the "No Wake Zone," we are advancing the problems of erosion on this beautiful lake.

I work Thursday through Sunday, usually 5am to 3pm or from 8am to 6pm. We only have one boat and we cannot be everywhere at once, so if you see someone violating the rules, do not hesitate to call me, even on my days off. I can get in touch with the employees at the Parks Office. My cell number is 309-251-5401 or my email is josephdarter@gmail.com.

We are currently working on getting 23 new buoys ordered. It is a long process, made longer because of the high cost of the buoys. As soon as we get them delivered, we will be placing 3

"No Wake Zone" buoys in Money Creek and 3 more in Hickory Creek and the rest will be used to replace old and broken buoys and to protect the water in-take area behind the water treatment plant, as well as to slow people down when coming around the bend by the Mucky Duck Marina.

We kindly ask for your patience while we work to improve our operations, especially with regards to issuing citations. As with everything, changing the culture will take a long time but change will come. I promise.

**Be Aware!**  
**All boats must have a current state and city licenses/stickers. Any boat on the water must be registered and have the Lake Bloomington sticker displayed on the port (left side) above the water line. Lake Patrol will begin issuing citations July 1 for violations to this policy.**


### Three New Boating Laws for 2015

**Senate Bill 3434** allows for the seizure of a watercraft used in the commission of certain offenses related to operating under the influence. The new rules bring penalties for boating under the influence more in line with those for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

**Senate Bill 3433** requires all persons born after January 1, 1998, to take and pass a boating safety course validated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and hold a valid boating safety certificate before they can operate a motorboat with an engine over 10 horsepower.

**Senate Bill 2731** mandates that the operator of any watercraft that is towing a person, such as a water skier or tuber, must display a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. **The flag must be displayed to indicate a downed water skier, a water skier in the water preparing to ski, a water skiing line extended from the motorboat, or a ski in the water in the vicinity of the motorboat.** This applies to anyone engaged in any activity where a person is towed behind or alongside a motorboat, including, but not limited to, barefoot skiing, tubing, skiing on other contrivances, wake boarding, and parasailing.

Joe is the Lake Bloomington Courtesy Patrol. He has been with the city for two years. Joe recently graduated (December 2014) with a B.A. in Political Science and is currently working on his Masters also in Political Science, at the University of Illinois Springfield. He hopes to be accepted into the UIS Doctorial program for Public administration.



The Eaglet Photo by Joe Darter



Orange flags can be purchased at Green Gables while supplies last or from any boating supply retailer.



## Lake Residents Buy Lake Road Inn

Craig and Teri Hanson, lake residents for the past 10 years, have purchased the Lake Road Inn. Craig said, "I want to bring a fun, family environment, with great food and service for the lake residents to enjoy."

The historic Lake Road Inn was opened around 1935. During their research, they learned that Gus Belt, founder of Steak n Shake, once managed the Lake Road Inn, and local lore claims that he perfected what became the famous Steakburger here. He was also a part of bringing the now famous Friday night fish fry to the Lake Road Inn. This tradition will continue on Friday nights.

The menu will continue to offer local favorites, as well as adding some new options. One of the biggest additions is a pizza oven. "I'm really excited to be able to bring fresh, homemade pizza to the lake. When we wanted pizza, it was always a hassle to drive into town to get it. We thought pizza would be a welcome addition to other residents," said Craig. The Hansons have also added some specialty beers, upper shelf liquor, and

a better wine selection, including sangria and Chianti.

There are daily specials for lunch and dinner. Monday – Saturday, they open for lunch at 11:30. Sundays they open at noon. The full menu will be available until 9 pm daily, and pizza until 11 pm.

They are also in the process of making some changes inside and out. Parking lot lights have been added and some landscaping changes will be made. Future enhancements are in the planning stages and will be announced later.

Inside, new TVs have been added for sports fans who may want to catch a game during dinner or in the bar. The pool table is now available to play free of charge.

Craig and Teri are also in the process of redecorating to get more of a lake feel. Photos will be showcased on the walls depicting the rich history of Lake Bloomington.

"Teri's family has had ties to the Lake since the 1950s when her grandparents Ron and Nola Smith built a cabin here. Ron Smith is a big part of the Lake's

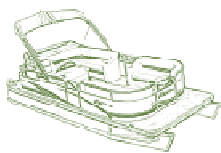
history and was instrumental in making the lake what it is today, so we wanted to bring some of that history into the décor. We are a Lake Bloomington establishment, and thought we should reflect that in the design," said Craig.

"We are looking forward to meeting more of our Lake neighbors and hope you'll stop in and check us out," Craig added.



If you are on Facebook, search for Lake Road Inn and "like" the page. Daily specials and special events are posted on their page.

Craig Hanson



## Timber Pointe Yacht Club



With the passing of Jim Malay, Bob Lipic has stepped up to organize the Timber Pointe Yacht Club. Bob asks that you please join the Timber Pointe Yacht Club on Wednesday evenings to take campers from Timber Pointe Outdoor Center for rides around the lake. For many of these campers, boat rides are the high point in their week.

This is an excellent way for lake residents to give back to the community. If you have a pontoon and would be willing to give a boat ride to campers, please let Bob know.

The camp season runs every Wednesday from June 10th thru August 4th. E-mail Bob and he will advise you of the boat status each week. Make the commitment!

There are no fees - just personal satisfaction in giving back to your community.

Contact Bob Lipic  
E-mail: [boblipic@msn.com](mailto:boblipic@msn.com)  
M/ [309-532-2555](tel:309-532-2555)  
Night: [309-747-3367](tel:309-747-3367)



# Lake Bloomington Association 2015 Strategic Plan

Why should the LBA have a strategic plan?

- Provides an updated roadmap of where the LBA will steer its energy, activities and resources
- Establishes an organized, collaborative approach (rather than a more ad-hoc or individual directed approach).
- Strengthens the Association's "identity" for members and other stakeholders

## Goal 1: A vibrant community spirit

LBA monthly Board meetings  
 LBA Membership Directory  
 LBA Website and Facebook community  
 LBA Newsletter  
 Fourth of July  
 Fireworks  
 Fourth of July Pontoon Parade and Prizes  
 Social Events/Members Meetings  
 Annual Socials  
 Annual Spring and Fall Dinner  
 OctoberFest  
 LBA Area Coordinators  
 Member surveys

## Goal 2: A safe recreational resource

Member education concerning Lake/boating rules and regulations

**Goal 3:** Improvement in the quality of the Lake's water through stepped up monitoring and control of erosion and contaminants

## Member Education

Friends of EverBloom Liaison  
 City of Bloomington/McLean County Liaison

**Goal 4:** Preservation and improvement of the investment made and quality of life enjoyed by Lake Bloomington residents and future generations

Recycling Bin  
 Beautification Committee  
 Upkeep of common areas  
 Volunteer spring road clean up  
 Flower beds – spring planting and season maintenance (2x per month)  
 Repair and painting of Lake Bloomington signs  
 Advocate for road, park, and lake maintenance  
 Report Road Conditions  
 Meetings w City Attorney

**Goal 5:** A strong, collaborative relationship with other Lake Bloomington stakeholders including local governments, Friends of EverBloom and

Lake Camps, among others  
 Friends of EverBloom Liaison  
 City Liaison

LBA Advisory Committee - Meetings with local government officials to build awareness and to clarify authorities and policies  
 Sponsored camp improvements such as cabin remodeling  
 Timber Point Yacht Club

**Goal 6:** A challenging, yet realistic LBA Action Plan - geared to execute our mission and realize our vision

Long-Term Planning Committee  
 Strategic Plan, including actionable items, re-freshed annually.

## Sharing the Road

Summer weather brings more than boats to our area. It also brings more cars touring our lovely lake, more bicyclists, and more pedestrians. All of these groups are meant to share the roadways. That sharing will work better if everyone remembers a few simple rules and courtesies. We've already observed some very "close calls."

**Drivers:** remember to keep your car three feet from bicycles and pedestrians. Also remember that school age children are likely to be on the roads so keep your speed down, and watch out!

**Bikers:** remember we must follow the Rules of the Road, too. Stop at stop signs, and use hand signals before turning. Keep to a single file on the right side of the roadway as traffic approaches. Also, as you come up behind pedestrians, signal your presence, a shout of "biker on your left" for instance, will cause people to clear your path and help them control their animals.

**Pedestrians:** move to a single file on the right side of the road as traffic approaches. Always keep your attention tuned to traffic, do not blast your I-pod so that you cannot hear cars approaching.

"Let's be careful out there."

Jeff Jackson





# Fireworks Donations

Donations are still needed for the annual fireworks display. Please complete the form below to help support and continue this great tradition at the Lake! Make checks payable to LBA.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Bill Yowell PO Box 223, Hudson, 61748

Thursday September 10th  
Steak Fry at El Paso Golf Club  
5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner  
8oz. Filet, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
\$20 per person  
Space is limited so make your reservations by Sept. 7  
Complete the following form and send it to  
Send to Bill Yowell PO Box 223, Hudson, 61748

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# of people \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_





## You Are Invited!



Billy's Boats at the Lake  
July 4 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Our own Billy Anderson has invited all to an open house at his building just west of the Gables. This shop/showroom accommodates over 30 of some of the most unusual and unique boats assembled anywhere! This is a display you don't want to miss, so invite your friends and family to see this one of a kind display.

There is no charge to see the boats, but there will be an opportunity for donations for folks that would like to support the LBA Fireworks.

See you there!

Have a happy and safe *Fourth*  
*of July!*

*From*  
*The Lake Bloomington Association*



**Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form**

www.LakeBloomington.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate: Home Work, Cell

Lake 911 Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time? Yes No

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include your Email address(es) if you want to be informed of LBA events and delivery of the LBA Newsletter. This will NOT be used or distributed for any other purposes.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Fireworks Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the above along with your \$ 25.00 Annual Dues to:

*Bill Yowell, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 223  
Hudson, IL 61748*

**Note:** Each family or individual in a multi-ownership property should sign up for their own membership if they wish to receive their own Lake Breeze & Directory.

Please make checks payable to: **Lake Bloomington Association**

The \$ 25.00 annual Lake Bloomington Association (LBA) membership dues are used to further the primary objective of the LBA, which is the improvement of Lake Bloomington and the surrounding community. Your dues pay for:

- Lake Breeze Newsletter Subscription
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and festivities
- Lake Bloomington landscaping care and maintenance
- Various service and beautification projects
- Oktoberfest and other social events
- LBA Membership Directory