

the Lake Breeze



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President's Letter

What a beautiful and quiet time of year around our glorious lake. The snow creates such a peaceful cover as we watch the eagles and deer become more active. Just because we are enjoying the slower pace of winter at the lake, doesn't mean that your Lake Association board members aren't working hard to prepare for the exciting year ahead. We had our Strategic Planning Meeting on January 21st and have many ideas in the works.

There are several dates coming up quickly as you plan your spring calendar. First, our Spring Lake Clean-Up date is Saturday, April 29th. We invite all members to gather together that morning and help clean around our roadways and parks as we begin a new season. More information will follow soon. The Lake Run will follow the next Saturday, May 6th. Knowing this date may help you to be mindful of the additional pedestrian and car traffic on that morning.

Mark your calendars now for our LBA Spring Dinner on Thursday, May 11th! Members will be receiving an invitation in the mail. At the dinner, Dr. Travis Wilcoxon from the Illinois Raptor Center in Decatur will speak to us about eagle and other raptor research. We know you will not want to miss this event!

There have been many improvements made to the boat ramp by the city of Bloomington. We are grateful that the ramp is now free of any potholes from the top of the ramp to the end. The city has repaired the broken gutter on the dock side. They also cut out the broken concrete in the parking lot and fixed large holes to make launching our boats safer and easier. A big thank you to Joe Darter and the city workers who completed this project!

There may still be some snow on our shores and ice in our coves, but summer will be upon us before you know it. So, it is not too early to be thinking about our annual 4th of July Pontoon Parade! We encourage our neighbors to get those creative ideas developing and hope to see many of you out on the water with your boats decorated. And as always, the winner will be taking home not only a huge cash prize of \$100.00 but will also be presented



with the coveted Ranney Traveling Trophy, and have bragging rights for the entire next year!

We would like to welcome several new residents to our lake community: Thomas DeWeert on Arrowhead Lane, Steve and Melinda May on Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Jeff Coulter on Kickapoo Lane, and Rick Hemwall on Nighthawk Road. We also fondly remember some longtime lake residents who have recently passed away, including John “Jack” Penn, Finn Amble and Craig Hart.

Finally, just a friendly reminder to please send in your annual LBA dues if you have not already done so. Your modest annual dues go toward helping support all of our LBA social activities, as well as the many initiatives in our strategic plan designed to beautify, preserve and improve our incredible lake community. We would also thank you in advance for any and all donations toward our annual 4th of July fireworks and other lake improvement projects, which you can submit along with your annual dues payment. Like everything else, we anticipate that the cost of our fireworks show will increase significantly this year, so your generosity will allow us to continue to provide a quality entertainment event to celebrate our nation’s founding here at our beautiful lake. Your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated!

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!

GREEN GABLES PLANS TO BREAK GROUND THIS SPRING. Kyle and Amy Tague want to thank all of you for your support! The fundraisers had great turn outs and the generous donations were remarkable. Green Gables will be back and better than ever with the some welcome changes.

There will be expanded seating, two grills, two fryers, expanded bathrooms, more staff, and most importantly, a beer garden! You are the first to see a photo of the tentative building plan, as there could still be some changes while we work with an architect and civil engineer. The zoning board graciously approved our variances in order to fit the building on our small lot and still have room for our septic. Although the lot looks large, it really isn't all that big.

The building will be the same size as it was before, but you will notice a reduction in grocery items. They will have one aisle of necessities for those moments when you run out of some essential items and still include camping, boating, and fishing supplies. Packaged liquor, drinks and ice will be sold as well. Green Gables will offer a private gaming room with six machines to try your luck on. There will be a pool table with more space to play. The arcade games will also still be available for the kids. Another exciting addition is a host/hostess stand where you can put your name in for a table to help accommodate the busy rush periods. The host will also answer the phone! Green Gables is ready to be back and give you the best experience yet.

Kyle, Amy and the staff have missed seeing everyone and cannot wait to be back open.

CPR TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OUR LBA MEMBERS



CPR training will take place at the Davis Lodge
on May 20th free of charge to our LBA members.
We will have a sign up for this event in April.





CHLORINE TABLET PROGRAM

Once again, we want to remind property owners with sand filter septic systems of the importance of adding chlorine tablets to the chlorinator once a month. Over the past several years the LBA has emphasized the importance of proper septic system maintenance and have provided chlorine tablets at no cost to those needing them. The LBA wants to continue providing these tablets, but due to the rising costs, we need to charge \$2 per tablet.

To purchase tablets, please contact John Hoffman via email at hoffee3322@hotmail.com. Chlorine tablets will be available at the Spring Dinner on May 11, 2023.

2023 Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form

www.LakeBloomington.com

Please print

Name(s) in membership: (1) _____ (2) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # (1) _____ Cell #(2) _____

Lake 911 Address (if different from above): _____

Lake Phone#: _____ Do you live at lake full time? Yes ___ No ___

Email Address: (1) _____

(2) _____

Please include your Email address if you want to be informed of LBA events and receive the LBA Newsletter.

Special notes or comments: _____

Annual Dues: \$ 25.00

Fireworks Donation: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send the above form along with your payment to:

Lake Bloomington Association
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**

OR: Pay online with Pay Pal on our website www.lakebloomington.com (click on buttons). **If paying online, be sure to email lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com with your membership information or changes, if any.**

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 th of July fireworks and festivities
- Lake Bloomington landscaping care and maintenance
- Various service and beautification projects
- Social events
- LBA Membership Directory

– Annual Membership Dues payment is requested in January of each year –

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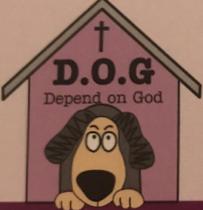
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The Lake Bloomington Association is made up of residents and anyone else who enjoys the Lake and works to improve the lake and surrounding community. Anyone can join the LBA; you don't have to live at the Lake. It's a great way to meet new people who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