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4th of July

At The Lake

President's Letter

Jeff and Cheryl Jackson

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Living at Lake Bloomington is special. As we noted in our last letter, Lake residents have many reasons to enjoy life on the lake. We are in the early phases of reviewing your survey responses, but a couple of things seem clear. You like your neighbors and the friendships of those living in a special place. You also want more service from our local government. As we noted in our last update, we will take your survey responses and figure out how we can make the most of our upcoming strategic planning discussions. Thanks for your candid input!

As we write this letter from our deck overlooking the Hickory Basin no wake zone (No Wake!), we are reminded of the importance of being safe while experiencing the Lake, especially as we approach the heaviest time of lake access...the Fourth of July. One of our LBA neighbors kindly reminded us that it's important to watch our children and friends on water toys, such as trampolines, flat swim mats, or other water devices. Boaters, we need your help to keep a watchful eye on swimmers, rafters, kayakers, and others enjoying the best kept secret in Bloomington/Normal.

The Fourth of July holiday reminds us of family, friends, and the beauty of calling Lake Bloomington home. Enjoy the summer-be safe-and thanks for your support of the LBA.

Jeff and Cheryl



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.



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Fireworks and Boat Parade

With the arrival of Summer comes the long standing tradition of **Fireworks at the Lake** and the **Lake Bloomington Boat 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 Friday 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 5th at the same time.

While on the lake, if you have a need for assistance from the Lake Bloomington Patrol, the office phone number is 434-2161, and the Cell number is 275-0574.



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



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Let's light up the lake and show our patriotism!

It's time again to help create a festive atmosphere on the 4th of July. As has become a tradition, the LBA is selling luminary sets and American flags.

Place your orders with your Area Captain(s) who will deliver your order once it is packaged. Donations for the fireworks display can be included with your payment. Make checks payable to LBA.

Luminary sets of 12 bags and 12 candles—\$9.00
Sand will be available near the city maintenance shed
the week before the fourth.

12" by 18" flags on 30" sticks 12 for \$12.00



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
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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)

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Water Safety and No Wake Zones

Boating at Lake Bloomington

- Boats operating on the Lake must carry all State required equipment -- Personal Flotation Devices for each passenger, a fire extinguisher, whistle or horn, etc. -- and obey all State of Illinois regulations.
- Maximum 40 horsepower limit.
- Maximum speed of 25 mph.
- All boats must obey all posted **NO WAKE** areas. The entire lake is **NO WAKE** from 1/2 hour after sunset until 7 am. A wake is defined as movement of water created by a boat underway that is great enough to disturb a boat at rest. More simply put, if you are moving fast enough that the wave coming from your boat makes another boat in the area bounce or move, you are going too fast and are violating the **NO WAKE** area. **NO WAKE** areas are marked by orange and white buoys. **NO WAKE** zones are marked as such in smaller areas like coves, where there is little to no shoreline protection. When boats speed through these areas they create wakes that erode the unprotected shoreline and contribute to the silt build up in the Lake. At no time can your speed in a **NO WAKE** area exceed 5 mph. Please be aware of the **NO WAKE** areas and do not speed through them.
- Racing is prohibited.
- During skiing hours (noon - 7pm), all boats operating in the area open to skiing shall operate in a counter clockwise pattern and shall make all turns counter clockwise. See skiing below.
- All motorized boats must yield to any sail-powered or muscle-powered craft.
- All passengers must be properly seated when underway. No one should be outside of the gated area of the boat or standing.
- All passengers under age 13 must wear approved Personal Flotation Device while the boat is underway.
- Operating a boat while UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS IS PROHIBITED.
- Careless or reckless operation of any type will not be tolerated.
- No jet skis, jet-propelled, or air driven craft of any type are allowed.
- Swimming from boats is prohibited.

Skiing at Lake Bloomington (Including tubing or related activity)

- Skiing is allowed from noon to 7 pm only.
- Skiers must wear approved jacket type Personal Flotation Device.
- At least two people qualified to operate the boat must be aboard while pulling a skier. One to act as an observer.
- Skiing within 100 feet of any dock, shore, raft, buoy, or other watercraft is prohibited.
- Boats may pull only one person at a time.
- Skiers must start from the water, not from the shore or docks.
- Only the person actually skiing or preparing to ski shall be in the water at any time.



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Thank you for your donation!

The LBA would like to thank the following individuals who have generously donated to the Fireworks fund. Without their support, the fireworks display would not be possible.

Jim & Gaye Aaberg
 Mike & Claire Alexander
 Finn & Laura Amble
 Shirley Armstrong
 Joel & Connie Bankes
 Darrell & Alyce Beernink
 Steven & Michele Bell
 Terry & Barb Beverage
 John & Elizabeth Binning
 Kurt & Stephanie Bowers
 Nancy Brady
 David & Susan Brockmann
 Ray & Sherrie Carmichael
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 Ed & Anne Colloton
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 Luther & Barbara Dearborn
 Jeffrey & Lezlee Dillon
 Bob & Julie Dobski
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 Eric & Kelly Ekstam
 Shirley & Joe Elble
 Marilyn Elvidge
 Ralph & Elsa Endress
 Rick & Karen Estes
 Ray & Rosemary Falk
 Michael Fincham
 Harold & Betty Frobish

Nancy Froelich
 Mark & Lisa Galliard
 Martha Giacobassi
 Kevin & Laura Haas
 John Haushalter
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 Mike & Sandy Holder
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 Kevin & Toni Huette
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 George & Marlene Kahlfeldt
 Lois Kelsey
 Qazi & Karen Khusro
 Dennis Killian
 Ian & Dana King
 Beth & Mike Krotiak
 Brian & Lisa Lockenvitz
 Emil & Pam Ludy
 Donna Lutkehaus
 Jim & Elaine Malay
 Richard & Lynette Mehall
 Trent S Milliken
 Larry & Susan Mizell
 Larry & Nancy Morgan
 Don & Shari Morkin
 Doug & Bev Nelson
 Dan O'Brien
 Greg & Doug Oberlander
 Gary & Sue Oehler
 Shellie Oehler

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 Don & Diane Parks
 Jack Penn
 Peter & Beth Printz
 Dean Puyear
 Fran & Joan Quinn
 Jim & Pam Raymond
 Scott & Deb Rolfs
 Bill & Pat Rotz
 Julie Smith & Sandy Schroeder
 Ed & Jane Schweinberg
 Leroy & Diane Shouse
 Jon & Janet Slater
 Patrick & Tracy Sokol
 Joe & Patty Solberg
 Jim & Lisa Spachman
 Tim & Cathy Strader
 Dale & Carol Strassheim
 Tobein Tegard
 Linda Thorson
 David & Laura Tick
 David & Eileen Voigts
 Barbara Wahls
 Steve & Peggy Whelan
 Jerry Wince
 Judy Wince
 Pam Yerkes
 Roger & Beth Yoder
 Paul & Linda Young
 Bill & Lynne Yowell
 Kurt & Wendy Zimmer

**If you would like to
 make a donation
 please do so using the
 donation form on
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Results of the LBA Survey

LBA 2014 Survey of Residents: Preliminary Results

The LBA Board mailed a resident survey at the end of May to solicit input to the Board's strategic plan. To date 132 surveys have been returned representing a very positive response rate of 60% - indicative of the passion residents have for our Lake community. While a full report of survey results will be provided to residents later this summer, we are pleased to provide these preliminary results:

- Two out of three responding residents report their lake residence is year round (33% report a second or seasonal residence)
- 40% of respondents have enjoyed living on the lake for *over* 20 years; one in five respondents has lived on the lake for *less than* five years
- The most frequently-cited, positive features of lake living included good friends and neighbors, serenity, wildlife and recreational opportunities. Residents also praised snow removal during the winter, Fourth of July fireworks, the recycling bin and the new Facebook group
- The most frequently cited resident concerns were lack of compliance with lake rules, danger posed by runners and bike-riders sharing the road with vehicles, the condition of lake roads, accumulated debris and the upkeep of common areas
- Residents were equally divided between those who wish to receive Board communications by mail and those who prefer email or other electronic media
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A number of respondents thanked the Board for issuing the survey and encouraged the Board to share the results with residents and city officials. Thank you for lending your voice to the Board's strategic planning efforts.

—Joel Bankes



This is a first year male summer tanager. as an adult, he will turn all red. The Summer Tanager migrates as far as the middle of South America each winter. They will depart our area by early Autumn. They eat bees and wasps, catching them on their wings to avoid getting stung. — Jeff Jackson



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LBA Spring Dinner



President Cheryl Jackson addresses the group.



Craig Cummings and Rick Twait report on upcoming projects at the Lake and answer residents questions.

LBA Spring Dinner

On May 8, over 100 Lake residents gathered at Timber Point for the annual Spring Dinner. The start of the summer season was celebrated with a dinner catered by Famous Dave's. In a break from the past this dinner was BYOB, which many people appreciated. Corkscrews and glasses were made available for a small donation to the fireworks fund. Committee members Connie Bankes, Elizabeth Binning and Patty Solberg gave us a fun evening to start summer.



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You Are Invited!



Billy's Boats at the Lake
July 4 & 5, 2014 from 9:30 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!

Roadside clean-up

A beautiful early May Saturday brought out several residents to help clean trash out of the Lake area roadside ditches. The sunshine and pleasant temperatures made the clean-up seem much easier this year. Many thanks to the following residents who gave up part of their Saturday morning to help beautify our neighborhood:

Nancy Brady

Dale and Carol Strassheim

Joe Solberg

Pam Yerkes

Connie Bankes

Jay Edmunson

Jeff, Cheryl & Kristy Jackson

Jim Malay

Brian Lockenvitz