

the Lake Breeze



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President's Letter

Happy New Year! Although January has been colder and snowier than most of us like, we hope you've had a chance to pause to enjoy the beauty of the lake in winter. The snow in our woods creates a silent blanket for the wildlife and it reminds us to reflect on our life and our blessings. The lake has seen whitecaps and waves that have given way to frozen shades of blue, silver and white.



January's light comes sooner and stays a little longer to heighten our anticipation of spring.

This issue has some information about what's in store for the year ahead. The LBA Board met in early January to do some strategic planning and created a set of initiatives that we hope to accomplish during the coming year. We've included the mission, vision and goals for our association. We have an ambitious plan and hopefully you'll start to see some signs of how the LBA is making a difference in your neighborhoods, our parks, and the areas around the lake.

Many of these initiatives will be accomplished in collaboration with the City of Bloomington. Please take some time to review this information. We'd love to have your help with these initiatives, and have included the names and emails of the LBA Board members who are leading that particular project.

By now, you've received a letter asking for your 2019 membership dues. We think an annual solicitation for dues will be more efficient for us and should eliminate some of the confusion created by multiple solicitations. Please consider a fireworks donation as well. We hope to have another memorable fireworks display in 2019.

Please join us for the winter social on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Lake Road Inn. We'd love to see you there – it's a great opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends and to meet some new ones.

Stay warm this winter, spring is on its way!

Carol and Mark Osanda



2019 LBA Strategic Plan

On January 5, 2019, the LBA Board met at Timber Pointe Lodge for a Strategic Planning session. Our vision, mission, and goals are below, along with a listing of initiatives that we hope to accomplish during 2019. We welcome your input and help with these initiatives. Please feel free to contact the initiative leader if you would like to help us accomplish these projects in 2019.

Vision

Lake Bloomington is a jewel of a lake that draws people together and provides a beautiful place to live with safe recreation and enjoyment for residents, neighbors and the community at large.

Mission

Lake Bloomington Association's mission is to work together to improve the quality of life of the residents, the environment of the lake and relationships with the surrounding community.

Goals

- The Lake Bloomington Association (LBA) will contribute to the ongoing development of a vibrant community spirit by hosting social events and conducting communication activities.
- The LBA will engage existing membership and encourage new members to join
- The LBA will participate in the protection and improvement of the quality of the Lake's ecosystem.
- The LBA will improve the physical surroundings of the Lake and support the investment made by homeowners of the Lake community.
- The LBA will foster a strong, collaborative relationship with Lake Bloomington stakeholders including the City of Bloomington, the McLean County Board, Friends of Everbloom and the Lake Camps.

Initiative/Activity	LBA Board Member Owner
<i>Fireworks and Fourth of July Activities</i>	Carol and Mark Csanda carol.csanda@gmail.com
<i>Winter Social (2/21/19)</i>	Neil and Lynn Finlen nlrs@msn.com
<i>Spring Dinner (5/9/2019)</i>	Craig and Tria Bouas tria.bouas@yahoo.com
<i>Fall Dinner/Annual Meeting (9/12/19)</i>	Ryan and Lisa Esposito ryanesposito1981@gmail.com
<i>Develop Area Captain Program to welcome new residents</i>	Lezlee Dillon Lzb1530@yahoo.com
<i>Conduct member survey in the fall</i>	John Larkin larkinmail@yahoo.com
<i>New Address Signs</i>	Mark Csanda mark.csanda@gmail.com
<i>Spring clean-up and North Park work Day</i>	Cathy Strader Straderca5@hotmail.com
<i>Develop a Chlorine Tablet program to help residents maintain their septic systems</i>	Neil Finlen nfinlen@f-w.com
<i>Develop a dog park at North Park and provide improvements to Association Park</i>	Ryan Esposito Ryanesposito1981@gmail.com
<i>City of Bloomington Liaison</i>	Dale Strassheim dcstrass@yahoo.com
<i>Develop a Relationship with McLean County Board</i>	Neil Finlen nfinlen@f-w.com
<i>Update the LBA Board Bylaws</i>	Helen Ogar Hogarlaw@hotmail.com

January 31, 2019

Dear Residents,

I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that the year has been great so far!

The deadline to submit the boat dock application is rapidly approaching. Boat dock applications are due to me by February 28, 2019. Please see my address below.

- ❖ The fee is \$50.00 if submitted by the end of February.
- ❖ If the boat dock application is submitted March 1, 2019 or after, the fee is \$250.00.
- ❖ Currently, we have processed 103 boat dock applications.

If you have any questions or concerns about the boat dock application and its requirements, please feel to contact me directly.



Staff has been working on repainting and in some cases, replacing the park signs around Lake Bloomington. This is part of a larger project of finding areas around the Lake that we can improve on and refurbish. Staff will be placing the signs back out when the weather warms up.

The City of Bloomington is also looking forward to working with the Lake Bloomington Association on various other projects around the Lake. So far, the LBA and the City will collaborate on refurbishing the pavilions in the parks, gates and possibly work towards creating a dog park in North Park.

Speaking of North Park Nature Area, the City was approved for a control burn permit. When the weather is optimal for the controlled burn, the Water Department and a crew from the Parks and Recreation Department will conduct the burn in North Park and will be planting pollinating and wildflower seeds throughout the park.

Take care!

Joseph M. Darter

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Ron Smith Memorial Highway Construction Projects

The McLean County Highway Department is planning two construction projects on Ron Smith Memorial Highway (CH 63) in 2019 & 2020. The first project is the replacement of the bridge just south of 2375 North Road on the southeast side of the lake. This project is similar to the project completed in 2012 on the west side of the lake. Construction will begin after July 7, 2019 with completion by mid-November 2019.



The second project is the resurfacing of Ron Smith Memorial Highway from Pipeline Road (CH 31) to PJ Keller Highway (CH 8). For this project, a process called Cold-in-Place Recycling (CIR) will be used to remove the significant cracking in the roadway. The CIR process is an in-place rehabilitation method that consists of pulverizing of the existing pavement to a depth of approximately four inches. During the pulverization, an asphalt agent is added. This mixture is used as the new base for the road. A hot-mix surface will be placed on the cured CIR pavement. The Highway Department is also planning to widen and pave the shoulders three feet on each side of the road.

The Ron Smith Memorial Highway resurfacing project will occur during the summer of 2020. Additional maintenance, including replacing cross road culverts and trimming trees in the County right-of-way, will take place in 2019 & 2020 to prepare for the CIR.

Submitted by:
 Jerry Stokes
 County Engineer
 McLean County Highway Department

Initiatives Underway

This winter, Nate Green has been working on our neighborhood signage project that was delayed by water main construction on White Owl and Nighthawk. We are excited to share that the project has turned the corner and we hope to see the new signs installed shortly. This is the first phase of a three phase initiative to improve residential signage for all our access roads over the next two years.

The LBA developed this initiative as part of our 2018 strategic plan. The project specifically addressed our goal to improve the lake surroundings. It is our hope that these signs will be both welcoming and informational for our residents and guests.



Happy Hour

LBA WINTER SOCIAL

**FEBRUARY 21, 2019
5:30PM**

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Lake Bloomington

**Come join us for a fun time and meet some
new people!**

APPETIZERS WILL BE PROVIDED



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: _____

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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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.