

The Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Jim and Gaye Aaberg

With the cold days in our rear view mirror and before we say good bye to winter I would like to review some of the results/changes.

Working with the City of Bloomington, more specifically, Assistant City Manager Steve Rassmussen, Water Department Director Bob Yehl and attorney Leslie Yocum, we believe we have a relationship that will be a conduit for any concerns in the future. They are producing a much needed, hand book for lake residents that will give detailed access to City officials and/or departments when you are planning any project. Specifically, a who's who for when you are building a dock, constructing an addition, septic concerns etc. The LBA will make it available as soon as it becomes available to us.

Additionally, they are working towards a new method of assessing our lease rates. Although they are still undecided, the city is moving towards no longer including the assessed value of the improvements (home) in the lease. They are suggesting, only assessed value of the land because, in actuality that is what we are leasing. For 75% of lease holders this will not affect them until 2131.

Our garbage rates are going up. It has always been a part of the lease that the City would pass on the charge to us as rates go up. (They have been up for the past several years) As for the recycling issue, the LBA solicited feedback and because there were strong feelings on both sides, we chose to only pass on the feedback we were receiving. We have not heard a decision. *continued page 2*



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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The City Council approved \$50,000.00 to update a previous engineering study regarding sewer options for Lake Residents. They hope to work with the county tax board for funding, but it will be years before anything moves forward.

The City of Bloomington will no longer contribute to the fireworks show. In the past they contributed \$3,000.00 towards the \$12,500.00 cost. So please, help continue this tradition by donating to the fireworks fund. You can do this on our website utilizing our new PayPal feature. Along with donations, this feature can be used to pay dues and eventually purchase Lake Bloomington paraphernalia.

May 12th is our Spring Dinner at Timber Pointe beginning with a Social hour at 5:30. In the last newsletter you read about the new dock system being installed for campers and Deb has agreed to make available a hay wagon to give tours of the new set up. We look forward to seeing you there.

Enjoy the Lake!

Jim and Gaye

Fireworks Donations

The City of Bloomington is no longer contributing to the cost of the display so your help is needed to make sure we can meet. Please complete the form below to help support and continue this great tradition at the Lake!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Amount enclosed _____

Send to Lisa Lockenvitz, PO Box 223, Hudson, 61748



Fishing at Lake Bloomington is open to the public year round.

A cooperative effort between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the City of Bloomington, the Lake Bloomington Association, as well as local fishing clubs, have helped turn Lake Bloomington into one of Central Illinois' best kept fishing secrets. This ongoing fish stocking and management process provides an opportunity for anglers to test their skills on an abundance of a wide variety of game fish. Walleye, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass, Northern Pike, Crappie, Bluegill, and Catfish can all be caught in Lake Bloomington.

Free fishing pole rental program courtesy of [Friends of EverBloom](#).

Available to all ages. Stop in at Parks Office for checkout or call ahead at (309) 434-2161.

When fishing Lake Bloomington anglers must comply with the following rules and regulations:

1. Anyone 16 years of age or older must have a valid Illinois Fishing License.
2. 2 Pole and line fishing only. No Jugs or Trot lines.
3. Fish size and creel limits listed below.
4. Fishing from a boat around private docks is prohibited when swimmers are present and between sunset and sunrise.
5. No littering!

FISH SIZE	CREEL LIMITS
Large and Smallmouth Bass	Minimum 15" 6 per day
Walleye	Minimum 14" 6 per day
Northern Pike	Minimum 24" 3 per day
Hybrid Striped Bass	Minimum 17" 3 per day
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	No Minimum Length 25 per day
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	No Minimum Length 25 per day

FYI

The 4th of July fireworks display will be conducted on Sunday evening July 3rd.





Boating Registration

Boating at Lake Bloomington

Recreational boating is permitted at Lake Bloomington. The boat ramp is located in Hubbard Park and can be reached by taking County Road 1750 East to Park View Lane. Turn East on Park View which will take you directly to the boat ramp and parking.

Boaters must comply with the following provisions:

All boats must have a current State and City of Bloomington License.

[Boat License Application](#)

To obtain a City of Bloomington Boat License all applicants are required to show proof of watercraft liability insurance, in the amount of at least \$100,000.00, and evidence of current State Registration. License may be purchased through the mail by downloading the Application from this site and following the instructions on the bottom of the form. A copy of this application will then serve as a temporary license. A City of Bloomington License sticker will be mailed in return. City of Bloomington License are also available by using a self registration box located at the Lake Bloomington Park Office next to Davis Lodge.

Boating and Skiing Rules

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. 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.

SPRING 2016



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35th Annual Lake Run Saturday May 7th 8:30AM

Four distances:

4.37 mile run (7K)

7.44 mile run (12k)

1/2 marathon (13.1 mile)

3 mile walk

New this year:

Pump and Grind 4.37 mile run (curl and bench press and run)

Number of reps deducts time from 4.37 mile finish time

Team marathon – 6 person team, 4.37 mile course

\$25 for 4.37, 12k 3m,

\$40 for 1/2.

After 4/15 prices increase

Lake Run Social Club Breakfast



Hickory Basin neighbors and friends gather at the end of Lisa and Brian Lockenvitz's drive annually for the Lake Run. Along with cheering on the runners and walkers, they enjoy, food, beverages and the musical styling's of **DJ B-LOCK**.

If the course runs by your home, consider going out to your drive to support the Lake Run Club and the Lake Run event.



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On The Trail . . .

The mission of the Lake Bloomington Association is “To Improve the Lake and Surrounding Community” and one of our strategic goals is to promote “A safe recreational resource” (LBA 2015 Strategic Plan). In the LBA Survey of Residents (Final Report September 2014), on the subject of lake activities, residents expressed the following views on biking, running, and walking around Lake Bloomington:

“Walking and biking on the roads are unsafe because of the poor condition of the roads and the speed at which cars and motorcycles drive around the curves”

“We need walking paths”

“We need to create a bicycle path for safety”

“It’s dangerous to all - including drivers - when narrow lake roads are shared by cars and those exercising”

“...too many blind curves”

“It would be great to see a running/bike path”

All of us are aware of shining examples of biking/jogging/walking/cross-country skiing trails – one of the very best examples of course is the Constitution Trail in Bloomington-Normal.

There are also examples of highly-valued trails encircling shared-use lakes or waterways – on a grand scale such as Lake Tahoe, CA/NV and Lake Geneva, WI and, on a smaller scale the Struble Trail in Chester County, PA that follows Brandywine Creek. The Struble trail was completed in 1979 and dedicated to Chester County Commissioner Robert G. Struble. While a sewer line was being designed to run along Brandywine Creek, Struble championed the idea for a hiking and biking trail over the sewer line so the public could take advantage of the construction.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that both grand and not-so-grand scale biking trails improve local property values - or at least increase property selling points by one. More importantly, we are very interested in the prospect of safer biking, running, and walking here at Lake Bloomington.

Lake Bloomington has at one time or another been up for discussion during the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal’s collaborative planning for the expansion of the Constitution Trail – however there is not a plan to expand the trail out to and/or around Lake Bloomington.

An Indian treaty signed in 1833 guarantees public access to the Lake Geneva Shore Path in perpetuity. There is no such Indian treaty applicable to Lake Bloomington - despite the names of our roads perhaps suggesting that possibility.

What we do have is the City of Bloomington’s present reexamination of the feasibility of building a sewer system on the Lake to mitigate environmental problems associated with residential septic systems. The Farnsworth Group is presently conducting a study of sewer options that should shed light on whether the notion of constructing a recreation path on top of a sewer line around Lake Bloomington should be entertained further.

Please address your thoughts about this topic to j.bankes@comcast.net and remember to exercise caution and practice safety measures as you navigate Lake Bloomington - by water or land.

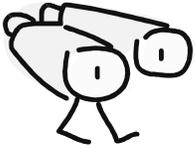
—Joel Bankes



The Lake Bloomington Homeowners Association and Advantage Lawn and Landscape Inc are looking for help by filling up the 8 lake signs we are responsible for. If anyone has perennials or bulbs that need thinned or removed we will gladly take them and plant around the signs. Please call Chris Holderly at 309-275-9641 or email at chris@growingadvantage.com to make arrangements if you can help us out. Thanks.

Nancy Brady





News and Views Around the Lake

Spring is around the corner and it looks like the Marina survived another winter. We had a little wind damage to some of the piers and slips, but nothing we can't handle and all should be right with the world come time to put boats in, which will be the first week in May.

We are happy to report a full house again with, unfortunately, a few folks still stuck on the waiting list. We (and by we I mostly mean Erik) have had a busy winter. You will see some improvements to the piers and slips this year, particularly the one the furthest to the East that we inherited with the most damage. We will be adding another twenty or so floats and have completely renovated the building. Please, come by and take a look.

Also a big thank you to Willie Martin and his guys for their hard work (again) in helping us keep the stuff floating that needs to stay floating.

Perhaps most importantly for LBA folks, we are putting in a couple of "parking spots" for pontoons who want to come up, browse around, maybe get some ice, bait or whatever wares we have that you would like to buy. It has been quite a while since the Marina was a "real" retail business. We started a little bit last year, but let's face it, we didn't get nearly as far as we wanted. We will be opening the retail part by mid May and will offer soft drinks, prepackaged snacks, ice, bait, hopefully have propane tanks to swap out, fishing supplies, those little orange flags that everybody has to have to tow tubers and, of course, everybody will want to be the first person in their cove to be sporting fashion forward

Mucky Duck Wear. And yes, I would love to have soft serve ice cream, but there is that little food license thing that we need to figure out first.

We also offer boat rentals—pontoons, a nice fishing boat, canoes and kayaks. Reserving them in advance, especially the pontoons, is a good idea. We hope to start some projects, maybe even bring in a farmer's market, some kind of classes or programs and will be proudly supporting Timberpointe in its weekly pontoon rides.

If any of you amazing wild life photographers would like to display any of your art we would be thrilled to put it on our walls. Maybe even do some consignment artisan stuff to class the place up a little! If anybody has any thoughts on things that they would like to see or do at the Marina, again, please let us know.

We have been on the lake for about twenty years and every summer we thought that it would be a really great thing for the home owners, fisher people and slip renters alike if there could be a nice place where folks who enjoy the lake could stop and pick up a few things that would make their lake day better without having to get in a car and drive somewhere. That is what we are trying to do and we really would appreciate your feedback and support. (and no, we can't sell gas, I wish we could!)

This year we plan to be open for sure Fridays through Sundays, probably Thursdays. Hopefully demand will push us to maintaining hours during the week too.

Once again, Craig Hanson has been kind enough to assure me that the Lake Road Inn will deliver to the Marina if you call in an order from your boat. What's wrong with a sunset pizza? More information will be available on the website and, now that the Marina is a card carrying member of the LBA, hopefully we will be regular posters of activities and updates. As we continue to improve the rental boats and facilities, rebuild the retaining wall on the Davis Lodge side of the building, paint and paint and paint and, hopefully take more steps to turning this thing into a really nice little marina, we would appreciate your thoughts and feed back.

We are having our Grand Reopening on June 18th from 3 to 6 pm. Erik, Grace and I will be flipping burgers and serving soft drinks, if you want to bring anything else feel free but please come. We will be featuring music by Chicago Farmer who is a really great singer song writer that some of you may have seen at Kemps or at the Castle in Bloomington. We were lucky to get him and hope you all come and enjoy. If anybody has any ideas of what they would like to see available please let us know and if we can do it we will!

Thank you all and See you all in the Sunshine
Mike and Cheryl Philippi

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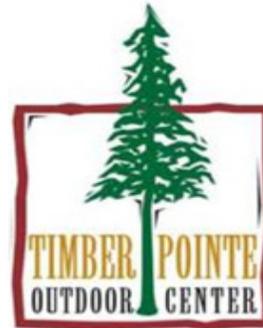
The City of Bloomington has purchased 23 new buoys. They will replace some of the old buoys by the spillway, protect the de-stratifier and the curve around Mucky Duck Marina. The City also ordered 6 new "No Wake" buoys, which will be put halfway down Money and Hickory Creek as a reminder. It should take 4-6 weeks for delivery.



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**Comcast
Cares.**



Timber Pointe Outdoor Center is honored to have been selected as a National Comcast Cares Day partner
a spectacular day of volunteerism on the largest single day volunteer effort in the United States
#ComcastCaresDay

Come help us get ready for the 2016 Summer Season

**Brush clearing and landscaping * Painting
Building Projects * Marina Decking
Pavilion Raising * Preparing the stable and barnyard**

15th Annual Comcast Cares Day is
Saturday, April 30, 2016

7:45 a.m. - Registration and Refreshments
8:15 a.m. - Project Kick-Off

Morning refreshments, lunch, snacks, and beverages provided.
All volunteers receive a Comcast Cares Day T-Shirt.

**VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
IS REQUIRED**

Do you want to volunteer or need more information?
Contact the Timber Pointe Outdoor Center Staff
at tpoc@ci.easterseals.com or 309-365-8021

Timber Pointe Outdoor Center 20 Timber Pointe Lane Hudson, IL 61748

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2016 LBA Annual Spring Dinner

Thursday, May 12th—At Timber Pointe

5:30—6:30 PM Social Hour, 6:30 PM Dinner

Meal catered by Lake Road Inn

BBQ Ribs, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad & Cole Slaw

\$18 per person

BYOB wine, beer, & glasses



Make your reservations by May 10th

Complete the form below & send it to
Lake Bloomington Association —
Lisa Lockenvitz, Treasurer, PO Box 223,
Hudson, IL 61748

Name(s) _____

of people _____

2016 Dues or Firework Donation _____

Amount Enclosed _____

