

The Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Nancy Brady

As I write this, I am looking out at our beautiful full lake and feeling so blessed to live up here. We have had another good winter with not many bad days... another blessing. We are all looking forward to a great spring and summer filled with wonderful lake activities with friends and family.

The annual spring dinner will be on May 2 at Timber Pointe this year. The social hour is 5:30-6:30 with dinner at 6:30. This year's cost will be \$16.00 per person. The meal will be catered by Famous Daves. This event is such a fun time to see friends that we have missed over the winter. **Please try and come.**

We had a nice time at Green Gables on January 27 for our first Winter Social. We welcomed some new neighbors; Dr. Jeff and Diane Lowe, Tim and Cathy Strafers. We will miss the Masters and Wiley's. Also Fran and Joanie Quinn are moving into the Elble home from their White Owl lane home. We all wish the Elbles the best.

I want to say thanks to Pam Yerkes for her diligence in collecting our LBA dues. If you haven't paid, please send your dues to Pam Yerkes as soon as possible. We are also accepting fireworks donations. Thanks for always being so generous. The Fourth will be here sooner than we think.

Our lake arborist, Craig Hanson, really needs your help. A lot of us who have been helping for years have bum knees and can't help as much, so we need to get some younger members to come and assist. We all love the beautiful flower beds, so please give Craig your support. His email address is chanson@beneplanning.com.

We, as a lake association, are taking on a project, and have adopted a cabin at Timber Pointe. Jim and Gaye Aaberg have graciously volunteered to head this project. This should be a fun and rewarding project, but we will need your help. More information will be forthcoming.

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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.

President's Letter *continued*

We do hope the lake water level will remain good all through spring and summer. Given the fast approaching "water activities" season, I would like to personally remind everyone of the importance of safety and respect for the rules of the lake. Also, remember to renew your boat license(s). You will receive e-mail notifications on other upcoming events, including the Fourth of July activities.

Please let us know if you have any concerns or ideas for the Lake Association to address.

Hope you enjoy the Lake Breeze by e-mail.

Your friend and neighbor.

LBA Octoberfest

The Lake Bloomington Association hosted an Octoberfest for lake residents Saturday October 21st at the Davis Lodge. Approximately fifty folks enjoyed brats and hotdogs provided by the LBA. Lots of catching up with neighbors occurred while listening to the music provided by the Orange Whips. Children in attendance were able to participate in various arts and crafts projects. A rousing "Bags" competition highlighted the days events. Thanks to all who helped make the social possible. And a big thanks to all who attended.



The Orange Whips perform at Octoberfest





News and Views Around the Lake

AABERG DOCK FIRE

Lake Bloomington Homeowners are a diverse group of both full and part time residences. Some properties are vacant for months at a time leaving them susceptible to vandalism and/or misuse.

As part time residents we learned last summer the value of communicating with our neighbors and more importantly learned why we should have done a better job of informing our neighbors of who has access.

Last spring, with permission, our son took a group of friends to the lake one evening for burgers and swimming. After that (and this is where the facts become fuzzy) one of the individuals, without our son, came back with a different group of friends and someone from that group became a regular on our deck throughout the summer. We even ran into them once but they acted as if they were just hiking around the lake.

One night in July they came back and the next morning, while fishing, Don Wey witnessed 25 foot flames coming from our wooden deck. Don was able to get the attention of Ray and Rosemary Faulk who called the fire department, then fought the fire with a garden hose until the fire department arrived.

The resulting damage cost \$4,000 to repair. The State Fire Marshall couldn't rule out that this wasn't just an electrical fire but after talking with Rosemary and Ray we learned that our deck was the location of several parties throughout the summer that we had not been invited to. Our boys were with us the night before the fire, so that ruled them out, but we were able to get enough of a description of the vehicles to recognize who was there.

They may or may not have been responsible for the fire but they now know they are not welcome unless they are invited.

Additionally, now our neighbors know that if we are going to allow our college aged son to be at the lake without us we will call them first, otherwise they will assume that these individuals are trespassing. We don't want our part time status to be a burden on our full time neighbors but if we communicate with each other it will be safer for everyone.

I think we are lucky to have such great neighbors. I know we are each responsible for our own properties, but, obviously, I can use all the help I can get. **Thank you Rosemary, Ray and Don - you saved our house.** —Gaye and Jim Aaberg



CHANGE OF SCENERY

Welcome New Residents:

Jeffery & Diane Lowe 18373 Kickapoo Ln.

Tim & Kathy Strader 25105 White Owl Ln.

Mark & Holly Houskas bought Margaret Wolf's home on Hiawatha Lane.

Fran and Joan Quinn, who moved from White Owl Lane to the Elbles.

Also welcome to the pair of **bald eagles** who have built a new home just off the lake. On days of open water, they can be seen soaring over the coves, fishing. Their nest is located just west of the Clothiers on 2450 North Rd. A picture of their new construction is shown below.

Moving on:

Joe & Shirley Elble moved to town

Art Kuchan now lives in Peoria at Grandview Alzheimer's Care.

John & Cindy Esch are living in South Carolina.

Ken & Carol Browning have a home in town now, in addition to their lake home.

Phil & Nancy Baumgart are now living in town.

We wish all of our friends and neighbors well!



Photo by Jeff and Cheryl Jackson

Friends of EverBloom by Terry Brown

The Power of Teamwork

Whether you like to run, boat, fish, hike, camp, bicycle or just enjoy nature by sitting along the shoreline at our local parks, outdoors groups pulling the rope in the same direction and working together gets more done. Being able to pull all outdoors people together for the betterment of Lake Evergreen and Lake Bloomington is the goal of the Friends of EverBloom.

Friends of EverBloom's organizational purpose is to positively contribute to the overall health and function of Lake Bloomington and Lake Evergreen and associated watersheds for each. Enhancement, restoration and protection of fish and aquatic species, sustainability plans for these ecosystems and associated watersheds, and enhanced public awareness of conservation issues surrounding these lakes will provide all local users a better recreational experience, better water quality and allow managing agencies to be lighter on their feet and do more at both locations.

This group will be part of the national organization, Friends of Reservoirs. A

national initiative called the Reservoir Habitat Partnership, established in 2009 with many state fisheries management groups providing leadership, has a goal is to pull people together that includes managing agencies, clubs and organizations, private industries, landowners and other groups to fund programs and projects for the betterment of our lakes and surrounding areas. Fish habitat is a primary concern but enabling organizations like the Friends of EverBloom to raise money, tax free, as a 501(c) not for profit means improvement projects can get a major shot in the arm and not rely solely on city or county budgets. Operational and financial aspects blended and working together combined with potential regional and local matching funds make this a very strong program. Simply put, this program has the potential to generate more funds to make local lakes better and more accessible.

Funds raised by the Friends of EverBloom will be used for reservoir-based fishery conservation projects. Generation of funds in the form of grants will allow for better public recrea-

tional opportunities.

The Prairieland Anglers, a multi-species fishing club in Bloomington, has established a sister "Friends of Reservoirs" program for Dawson Lake and has already begun a project to enhance lake habitat with brush planting at that location. Feel free to contact Jim Zoerb at jimzoerb@gmail.com if you want to work with Dawson Lake.

This is your opportunity to get involved and make our area lakes better for everyone who enjoys them. We look forward to seeing you there.

Feel free to email mike.garthaus@illinois.gov with any questions.

www.facebook.com/friendsofeverbloom

Friends of EverBloom
2024 Eagle Rd B2
Normal, Illinois 61761

Link to the Membership Application
<http://mcleancountyswcd.com/mcleanwatersheds/friends-of-everbloom/membership-application/>

Nature Near You



As the snow melts away and the temperatures begin to warm ever so slightly, our migrating visitors are beginning to arrive. Toward the end of February several Robins were sighted in the area. Toward the middle of March we began to see the Blue Herons return to the lake.

A group of Hooded Mergansers have made a pit stop to feed on their way through to

Wisconsin, Minnesota or points farther north. The Merganser is in the duck family and dives for aquatic insects and small fish.

Making a quick stop at the lake are the Pied-billed Grebes. Grebes are group of medium-sized freshwater diving birds not a duck. Grebes are skilled swimmers and excellent divers. They

have lobed toes, as opposed to webbed feet.

A longer term visitor that is among us is the American Coot. You'll find coots eating aquatic plants on almost any body of water. When swimming they look like small ducks (and often dive), but on land they look more chicken like, walking rather than waddling. An awkward and often clumsy flier, the American Coot requires long running takeoffs to get airborne.



SPRING CLEANUP AND PLANTING DAYS

Flower Bed Cleaning Day

It's time for the annual Flower Bed Clean Up. Each year it is necessary to clean up all of the beds located around the lake. It takes a great deal of time and effort to make them ready for planting. As the old saying goes "Many hands make light work" so lend a hand and any gardening tools you may have. If you are interested in helping out please email Craig Hanson chan-son@beneplanning.com so he will know how many volunteers to plan for. The Spring Clean Up day is scheduled for:

Saturday April 27 at 9:00 am
Rain date is Sunday April 28 at 1:00 pm

Lake Clean Up Day

As spring approaches there is a great deal of trash and debris that has been deposited by the howling winter winds. Volunteers are needed to help spruce up lakeside areas and get them ready for a busy summer season. To get the job done we need as many volunteers as we can muster. Coffee and donuts will be provided along with trash bags. The water department crew pick up the full bags. If you are interested in helping meet at Green Gables.

Saturday April 27 at 8:00 am

Flower Bed Planting Day

After cleaning all of the beds, volunteers will be needed to help plant and refurbish them. This is a great family activity. So please plan on joining your neighbors and friends to help Craig with this project. Again please contact Craig if you are interested in helping. No experience necessary but tools are a plus. The Flower Bed Planting Day is scheduled for:

Saturday May 18 at 9:00 am
Rain date is Sunday May 19 at 1:00 pm



By Rick Twait

Streets Projects

Nighthawk and Davis Lodge Road are expected to be among the first projects to start as soon as the asphalt plant starts up in the spring. Also we are planning on using some of the millings on stretches of a gravel lane or two if there is sufficient quantities. The depth of millings that can be applied in a given year has a maximum level that should not be exceeded. Otherwise, uneven surfaces can result.

Recycling

I am trying to arrange for a recycling roll off (like the ones located at Wal-Mart and Unit #5 schools) to be located somewhere near the boat ramp/Lake Parks Maintenance area. The town of Normal appears to be moving away from roll offs so an arrangement with a commercial company may be necessary.

As part of the Friends of EverBloom organization, The McLean County Sportsman's Club and Delta Waterfowl have provided two wooden containers that will be placed near the boat ramp for placing used fishing line and other plastics for recycling.

Lake Projects

Delta Waterfowl will also be placing some Wood Duck nest houses at the Lake. We are working with the Friends of

EverBloom on dock improvements at the boat ramp. A professor and some students from Illinois State University will perform bathymetric mapping on Lake Bloomington and Evergreen. Bathymetric mapping is a process to map the lake depth in order to calculate the water storage capacity. Last time this was done was in 1999.



Photo by Bill Yowell

Boating Registration

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

You can purchase a license from the Lake Patrol office located near Davis Lodge, or they may be purchased through the mail by downloading the Application 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 to you. City of Bloomington Licenses 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 to 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.

Lake Run May 4, 9:00 am-Noon

4.37 Mile (inner loop)
12k 7.44 Mile (Lake)



Lake Run History

1982, the first Lake Run, a 7.5 mile lap around the lake, was held and had 224 finishers. The race became an annual event and continues to grow each year. This year will mark the 32nd anniversary of this local favorite running event. Last year over 1100 runners participated. In addition to the standard age group classifications, we also have Foot Pounder classes for those over 220 lbs., Foot Pounder light 190-219 lb. (Men) and 150lb to 179lb footpounder light for women and footpounder over 190lb. (new for 2013)

LAKE RUN REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION <https://register.itsracetime.com/Register/?event=18893>

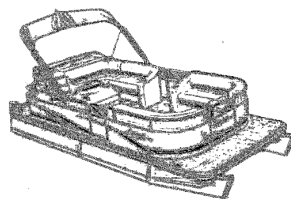
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RACE DAY REGISTRATION ACROSS FROM GREEN GABLES AT 7:15AM-8:15AM \$35.00

COST: \$25.00 BEFORE APRIL 15TH (DISCOUNTS TO LRC MEMBERS \$2.00 AND \$1.00 OFF TO LOCAL RUNNING CLUBS)

COST: \$30.00 AFTER APRIL 15TH

Timber Pointe



Yacht Club

Timber Pointe Yacht Club is Welcoming New Members

Summer is just around the corner and we are making plans to again support the Timber Pointe Easter Seals camp by providing pontoon boat rides on Wednesday evenings through the summer camp sessions. Lake residents have been wonderful and faithful supporters of this activity for 20 plus years now and we are most grateful for what you have done. If you are already a member of the Yacht Club, you will be receiving my regular email with the summer schedule in May. If you are not already a member but would want to help out on one or

more of the Wednesday night rides, please contact me by phone (309) 726-1758 or by email to jmalay1126@aol.com. I send out a weekly solicitation email during the summer, and we will add you to the recipient list.

Thanks.
Commodore Jim Malay
Timber Pointe Yacht Club

LBA Annual Spring Dinner

Thursday May 2nd

At Timber Pointe

5:30-6:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner

Meal catered by Famous Daves

Roasted Chicken and Pork, Slaw, Baked Potato, Corn Muffins, Brownies

\$16 per person

Make your reservations by April 25th

Complete the following form and send it to

Pam Yerkes at 25446 Arrowhead Lane, Hudson, 61748

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Name(s) _____

of people _____

Amount enclosed _____

Fireworks Donations

We will once again ask for your donations to pay for the annual fireworks display. Without your donations, it cannot happen. Please complete the form below to help support and continue this great tradition at the Lake!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Amount enclosed _____

Send to Pam Yerkes at 25446 Arrowhead Lane, Hudson, 61748

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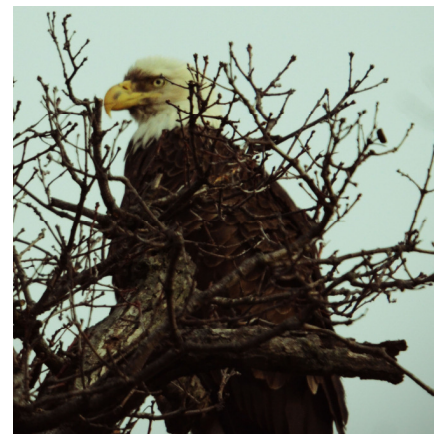


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Photo by Jan Modine

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
Spring Dinner Reservation Deadline	April 25	
Lake Area Clean UP	April 27	8:00 am
Flower Bed Cleaning Day	April 27	9:00 am
Flower Bed Cleaning Rain Date	April 28	1:00 pm
LBA Annual Spring Dinner	May 2nd	5:30 pm
Lake Run	May 4th	9:00 am
Flower Bed Planting Day	May 18	9:00 am
Flower Bed Planting Rain Date	May 19	1:00 pm



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