

The Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Jeff and Cheryl Jackson

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT LIVING AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON? We've been thinking about this a lot lately, perhaps because the long hard winter offered many opportunities for sitting around the fireplace and talking. Our answers to that question are likely different now that we live at the Lake full time than during the seven years we were "weekend" residents. During those years we would escape city life for weekends with our kids spent playing games, taking group floats, fishing and hiking the area. While we still enjoy all of these activities, being full time residents also makes the lake a sanctuary from the busyness of town.

We know Lake residents have their own reasons for living here. For some it may mean searching for that elusive 5- pound walleye. For others it is the camaraderie at the Gables during breakfast. Boating, biking, al fresco dining with friends, bird watching and running are local favorites. Whatever your favorite reason may be, it is likely closely connected to the peacefulness and quiet beauty of our surroundings. The LBA Board will be surveying residents on this and other issues as the Board prepares its strategic plan for the coming years. The Board functions to serve the diverse viewpoints of our residents, so it is important we hear from you.

One of our neighbors on Nighthawk once remarked that "Lake Bloomington is Bloomington-Normal's best kept secret." Implicit in this remark is recognition that life at Lake Bloomington is special. As co-presidents our goal is to keep it that way.

Enjoy the Spring weather and the coming Summer.

Jeff and Cheryl Jackson



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.



News and Views Around the Lake

Lake Clean Up Day

Spring is slowly prying winter's icy cold fingers from the landscape. The melting snow was great when it filled up the lake, but not so great when it revealed lots of trash in the roadside ditches.

The LBA is hosting a clean-up party on **Saturday, May 10 at 9a.m.** We will be meeting at the Gables for doughnuts and coffee, then dividing the inner and outer loop roadside ditches. Trash bags will be supplied, and filled bags can be left at any intersection for City pick up. More volunteers means less distance for each person to cover, so bring your neighbors and have some fun sprucing up the area.

Lake Bloomington Resident Survey

The LBA Board will be conducting a survey of residents in May in advance of the Board's long-term, strategic planning. While the Board intends to carry on the traditional events and activities that so many of us enjoy, the Board is also looking to identify where we can make a difference in the quality of our Lake community. Therefore, the survey will ask you about both what you appreciate about living on the lake and any concerns you might have. The survey will also ask you to rate different Lake resources, activities and local government services. We will share the collective (statistical) results of the survey with everyone who responds but please be assured that individual answers will not be distributed. Please take time to complete the survey and help shape the Board's strategic priorities.

Baumgart

We are sad to report the loss of long time resident Phil Baumgart. His wife Nancy has asked that we include the following:
 "On behalf of the Baumgart family, we would like to thank all those who sent memorials in his name".

Timber Pointe Selected National Comcast Cares Day Project Partner

Timber Pointe Outdoor Center has been selected as a National Comcast Cares Day Project Partner for April 26, 2014. This is an incredible opportunity for Timber Pointe! We are inviting as many people in the area as possible to come, participate, join this national effort to maximize volunteer participation across the nation, and to prepare Timber Pointe Outdoor Center for the summer camping season

Comcast Cares Day began in 2001 and is the culmination of our company's year-round volunteer activities. As a company, giving back is in our DNA. Every day we roll up our sleeves, reach out to our neighbors, and work hard to make a difference in the communities we serve. Comcast Cares Day brings together our employees, their families, friends, and our community partners and public officials around the world to volunteer and make change happen in local communities. Comcast has provided over \$12 million in Comcast Foundation grants to local partner organizations since 2001, with more to be awarded later this year to our 2014 project partners.

Winter Social Gatherings

The bitter weather this winter didn't stop area residents from gathering and enjoying some fellowship. A large group met at the Green Gables on January 26.



On March 16 another large group met at Lake Road Inn.



Friends of EverBloom

Friends of EverBloom’s mission is to positively contribute to the overall health and function of Lake Bloomington and Evergreen Lake and their associated watersheds while using 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 as guiding principles.

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 Chuck McGuire – 1 year term
 Jackie Kraft – 2 year term
 Rick Twait – 1 year term
 Mike Steffa – 2 year term
 Kathryn Foster – 3 year term

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

For more information click on the F.O.E. link below to visit the Friends of EverBloom page.



They're here!!



White Pelicans



American Coot



Wood Duck



Bufflehead

Nature Near You

The Eagles

A record setting number of bald eagles was recently reported during the annual Illinois Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey coordinated by the Illinois Audubon Society. Extremely cold temperatures in Minnesota and Wisconsin caused a surge in the numbers of birds along Illinois waterways.

If you stayed at the Lake during this long, snowy winter, you may have noticed at least four different eagles in the area. The accompanying photos reveal two mature and two juvenile eagles have appeared this year.

Adult eagles have a white head, neck and tail; and yellow feet and beak. Juveniles, on the other hand, have darker head feathers and black beak. They reach maturity in five years when their heads become white. Some eagles have lived more than 30 years.

Next time you see an eagle, you may want to estimate it's age by looking at the feather and beak coloring. The photo I took this winter indicate one of our eagles is one to two years old, another closer to four, while two clearly have matured fully.



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 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 Saturday May 3rd

The first Lake Run, a loop around Lake Bloomington, was held in 1982 and had 224 finishers. The race became an annual event, added a shorter loop and continues to grow each year (1,100 participants in 2012). 2013 marked the 32nd anniversary of this local favorite running event. In addition to the standard age group classifications, the race has foot-pounder classes for men over 220 lb and women over 190 lb, as well as footpounder light: 190-219 lb (men) and 150lb – 179lb (women).

New for 2014, is the addition of the 1/2 Marathon distance. The 1/2 marathon course will feature the best of both inner and outer loop courses.

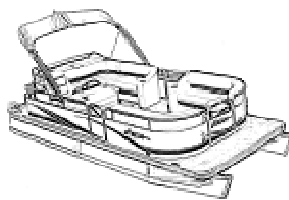
New Start time!!!!: 12k and 1/2 Marathon 8:30 am 7K (4.37 Mile) and 3 mile walk 9:00 AM

- Half Marathon (\$35.00)
- Half Marathon Foot Pounder (\$35.00)
- Half Marathon Foot Pounder Light (\$35.00)
- 12K Race (\$25.00)
- 12K Foot Pounder (\$25.00)
- 12K Foot Pounder Light (\$25.00)
- 4.37 Mile Race (\$25.00)
- 4.37 Mile Foot Pounder (\$25.00)
- 4.37 Mile Foot Pounder Light (\$25.00)
- 3 Mile Walk (\$25.00)



[Register Online](#)

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 8th

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, pop water

BYOB wine, beer and glasses

\$16 per person

Make your reservations by May 5th

Complete the following form and send it to

Connie Bankes, 25130 Arrowhead Ln., Hudson, IL 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 Bill Yowell PO Box 223, Hudson, 61748

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Upcoming Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Lake Run	May 3rd	8:30 am
Spring Dinner Reservation Deadline	May 5th	
LBA Annual Spring Dinner	May 8th	5:30 pm
Lake Area Clean UP	May 10th	9:00 am

In The Rearview Mirror...

Never Underestimate The Power Of A Committee

Excerpt from the Summer 1959 Timber Cruiser, published occasionally by East Bay Camp

The first public meeting to consider the necessity of impounding water for domestic and individual use for the City of Bloomington was held in 1857. A committee was appointed and instructed to consider several sites and report back. Thus it all began:

The Lake was completed in 1929
 It filled and over ran the spillway in Spring 1930
 The spillway was raised five feet in 1958
 The Lake filled to the new level in February 1959

The Lake Breeze

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