

the Lake Breeze



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President's Letter *Jim and Gaye Aaberg*

For months, your LBA board has been reporting on several issues which there has been progress. These include:

- Building guidelines for docks, sea walls, home additions etc.
- Water safety
- City Services
- Sewer Systems
- Property Taxes

Regarding the above items there have been two issue pertaining to Lake Bloomington that were brought before the City Council. The first was on 1/23/2017 which addressed two issues regarding lake safety violations. The first issue was illegal drug consumption while operating a boat would be a punishable offense and the second change was to increase the fines to match similar violations in other parks within the city.

The second appearance was on 2/13/2017 and addressed changes to Chapter 23 as it pertains to dock construction. Although the vote was delayed pending a public open forum for Lake Residence the changes have nothing to do with the dock construction violations discussed previously. Specifically, the changes to the code are to try and prevent confusion in the future. The LBA is not taking a position on the individuals who have

been cited for possessing an illegal dock but support the changes requested by the City. Steve Rasmussen and Bob Yehl would appreciate any written support, to the city council, from anyone who agrees with the changes.

As mentioned above the City Council recommended an open forum meeting regarding the dock rule changes so that has been scheduled for May 3rd from 6-8 pm at the Davis Lodge and everyone is welcome.

Moving forward, we will report any significant changes on the above topics and hope to improve our forum for communication. In addition to solving our email problems by updating our data base we hope to hold an open forum meeting once a year.

The LBA bi-laws require that the board meet 10 times during the year and both the Fall and Spring dinners were counted towards that requirement. It has been repeatedly suggested that the Spring and Fall Dinners be more social than business. So, to better communicate issues we want to hold an open meeting once a year to both listen and share ideas. We will announce the date of that meeting once a date has been agreed to.

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Your board members continue to meet with City officials once a month to discuss everything from their expense concerns to our services concerns. Currently, we are pulling data and comparing our property tax data for Lake Bloomington. Our concern is that the land multiplier is 3-4 times what you would find elsewhere in the county. Once we have the data we will share it collectively with lake residence and suggest options. Our hope is to have this completed before the property tax appeal period in the fall.

Please enjoy what should be a beautiful spring and watch the web site for new forms provided by the city to address building permits, alcohol fines and safety rules. ■

Membership Renewal

Your 2017 LBA membership renewals are now due. If you have not paid these yet, please visit the website at www.lakebloomington.com and go to the LBA Info page; click on the the LBA application form.

New Email

The Lake Breeze Newsletter has a brand new email address:

lakebreeze.editor@gmail.com

The newsletter will continue to be published on a quarterly basis and sent by email to all registered members of the Lake Bloomington Association. If you have any articles, photos, and items of interest for future newsletters, please send them to this new email address.

Boating Registration

Recreational boating is permitted at Lake Bloomington. The boat ramp is located in Hubbard Park. Boaters must comply with the following provisions:

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 \$100,000.00, and evidence of current State Registration. License may be purchased through the mail by downloading the Application at www.cityblm.org/government/departments/lake-bloomington/boating 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.



Lake Run 2017

This year, the 36th Annual Lake Run will be held on Saturday, May 6th at 8:30 am. Come out and cheer on the runners that morning. The run will feature four distances:

- 4.37 mile run (7K)
- 7.44 mile run (12k)
- 1/2 marathon (13.1 mile)
- 3 mile walk

More information about the Lake Run can be found on

www.lakerunclub.org



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Winter Social 2017

photos by *Tim Strader*

Our annual LBA Winter Social took place at Green Gables on Sunday, March 5th.

A great time was had by all in attendance as we celebrated "bye-bye winter blues!"

Thank you Tim Strader for the pictures of our 2017 Winter Social.

Also, a reminder we have our Annual Spring Dinner coming up in May. More details are found on page 7.





Spring is approaching and each year the Mucky Duck likes to start the season with something new. Last year we renovated the whole inside of the Marina, added new slips, added a parking spot for folks in their boat, delivery service with Lake Road Inn, Ice, Propane, and worms! This year we will continue with adding something new this season. We have a new cleaning service for your boats, new slips, new merchandise, and a brand new totem pole. Come on down and check it out.

This year we have a new service of Boat Cleaning. This year we have two services, Quick Clean and Deep Detailing. Both services are available for anyone. If you would like to make an appointment, please email through the website or call Grace to schedule an appointment. We are eager to get this service started!

We still offer boat rentals, pontoons, canoe, kayaks, fishing boat. This year we really suggest reserving your rental in advance. We picked up business last year and expect to be getting more this year. If you are a photographer we would love to display your pictures of Lake Bloomington at the Marina. If you didn't have the chance to come down last year and get some Mucky Duck gear, no worries there's still time. This year we are even adding some new clothing options! Come down and exchange propane and get some ice!



We also are introducing our newest members of the Mucky Duck Crew, Meredith King and Mike Brammer. Erik, Mike, and Grace are thrilled for the them to join. We are hoping for a busier summer than last year! Our Mucky Day is June 3rd from 3-6pm. We will be serving food and soft drinks, if you want to bring something, feel free. Unfortunately Chicago Farmer is too busy this year, but we have an amazing band to play this year who are slip renters, Tommy and Breann Neal. We hope to see you stop by this summer!

Check out our website and Facebook page for updates.

See you in the sunshine,
-Mucky Duck Marina Crew

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BOATING, SKIING, & FISHING RULES AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON

Boating Rules

1. All boats must have a current State and City of Bloomington License. *(Information on obtaining Licenses on page 2)*
2. Boats operating on the Lake must carry all State required equipment. *(PFD's, fire extinguisher, whistle or horn, etc.)* And obey all State of Illinois regulations.
3. Maximum 40 horsepower limit.
4. Maximum speed limit of 25 mph.
5. All boats must obey all posted "NO WAKE" areas. The entire Lake is "NO WAKE" from ½ hour after sunset until 7:00 am.
6. Racing is prohibited.
7. During Skiing hours (noon - 7:00pm) all boats operating in the area open to skiing shall operate in a counter clockwise pattern and shall make all turns counter clockwise.
8. All motorized boats must yield to any sail-powered or muscle-powered craft.
9. All passengers must be properly seated when underway.
10. All passengers under age 13 must wear approved PFD while the boat is underway.
11. Operating a boat while UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS PROHIBITED.
12. Careless or reckless operation of any type will not be tolerated.
13. No jet skis, jet-propelled, or air driven craft of any type are allowed.
14. Swimming from boats is prohibited.

Skiing Rules

(includes tubing or related activities)

1. Skiing is allowed from noon to 7:00pm only.
2. Skiers must wear approved jacket type PFD.
3. At least 2 people qualified to operate the boat must be aboard while pulling a skier. One to act as an observer.
4. Skiing within 100 ft of any dock, shore, raft, buoy, or other watercraft is prohibited.
5. Boats may pull only 1 person at a time.
6. Skiers must start from the water and not from the shore or docks.
7. Only the person actually skiing or preparing to ski shall be in the water at any time.

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.



Fishing Rules

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

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 in chart 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 |



Fourth of July

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

AT DUSK

BOAT PARADE AT 3PM

line up located near the Mucky Duck

**PLEASE HELP
OUR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY TRADITION
CONTINUE BY DONATING.
MORE INFO ON PAGE 7**

2017 LBA ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

Thursday, May 11, 2017

Social hour 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Timber Pointe

Dinner catered by Famous Daves. Menu will be BBQ brisket, roasted chicken, Wilbur beans, potato salad, coleslaw, corn bread muffins and dessert. BYOB and glass. Tea, Lemonade, and water will be provided. Dinner is **\$18.00 per person. Make reservations by May 4th.**

NAME(S): _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

x \$18.00 = Total \$ _____

Please send this form by May 4th with checks payable to:
LBA
P.O. Box 223
Hudson, IL 61748

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: _____

PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please send this form & checks payable to:
LBA
P.O. Box 223
Hudson, IL 61748



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.