

the Lake Breeze



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President's Letter

Happy Fall here at our beautiful lake! What a breathtaking panoramic view we have with the brilliant colors of the changing leaves reflecting off our waters! Even the Pantagraph recently acknowledged our spectacular views on the front page! And while the hummingbirds are beginning to leave, the Great Egrets and the Great White Pelicans are still here enjoying our lake with the cooler temperatures. We hope you can get out and drink in the sights and sounds of fall at Lake Bloomington.

Thank you to all who came out to our Fall Dinner and Annual Meeting of the LBA on September 7th. El Paso Golf Club did not disappoint in providing a delicious steak dinner. Thank you to Helen Ogar/Paul Lawrence & Shannon Duvendack/Matt Stuckel for organizing the wonderful dinner. The speaker, Dr. Matt Fraker, did a wonderful job explaining the ParkLands Foundation and how it affects our lake and nearby area. We have a new appreciation for several hiking areas that are right here in our own backyards!

Our Annual Meeting concluded with the election of several new LBA board members. We would first like to recognize and give a much-deserved round of applause to those neighbors who are stepping off the board after many years of service. Thank you to departing members Tria and Craig Bouas, who served as board members and our board secretary, and to Terry and John Hoffman, who have completed their term as board members. We would also like to welcome our new board members: Cathy and Brad Wallace, who are moving from their position as board members to take on the secretary role; and to new board members Kathy and Darryl Oncken and Julia Davis and Robert McDonald. We look forward to working with each of you in the coming years. Please see the chart below in the newsletter for the full roster of your 2023-2024 LBA Board members.

Speaking of ParkLands, the LBA helped to achieve a successful workday on August 26 at our Moon Preserve. According to Janet Wiser, "Seventeen people came out to help! The group included LBA members, local master naturalists and Parkland volunteers. They made a big dent in the removal of invasive shrubs and gave the native plants some room to thrive. They were a tenacious (and fun) group, who accomplished a lot despite two wasp stings,



black locust scratches and high humidity!” Thank you to Janet for helping to organize this effort.

Your new board will be getting right to work planning for a number of events coming up soon. Watch our Facebook page and your e-mail for information on events throughout the fall and winter, including an opportunity to help out with our Fall Clean-Up Day on October 28th at 8:30 am, as well as a return of our popular Winter Social to be held in February 2024. And while we are anticipating slowing down to enjoy the peace and quiet of fall and winter here at the lake, it is never too soon to start looking ahead to spring – so save the date for our annual Spring Dinner, tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2024. Watch for details to come!

2023-2024 LBA BOARD MEMBERS

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CHLORINE TABLET PROGRAM

Once again, we want to remind property owners with sand filter septic systems of the importance of adding chlorine tablets to the chlorinator once a month. Over the past several years the LBA has emphasized the importance of proper septic system maintenance and have provided chlorine tablets at no cost to those needing them. The LBA wants to continue providing these tablets, but due to the rising costs, we need to charge \$2 per tablet. To purchase tablets, please contact John Hoffman via email hoffee3322@hotmail.com

ART CLASS AT THE DAVIS LODGE

Every Tuesday in June was a “find your inner artist” for eight adventurist lake residents. The class was held at Davis Lodge and was led by well known local artist Deana Schoolcraft. All the basics were covered, shading, blending, mixing colors to create another color, layout and perspective. Students completed several projects (the medium used was oil) starting with an exercise of shading to a final landscape/clouds painting as seen in the photo.

Our thanks to Joe Darter for allowing us access to Davis Lodge and Deana Schoolcraft for her patient teaching style. Deana has indicated that she would be interested in a second class next summer if there’s interest. Judging from the feedback from this years participants I believe that will happen!

Rick Hamm



WHAT HAPPENS AT EAST BAY IN THE FALL AND WINTER?

That is a question we hear often. With the changing of the leaves, our guests shift to retreat groups. Churches, schools, scouts, families, and birthday parties fill our cabins as people continue to utilize camp to connect with each other and spend time in the beauty of creation. October is one of our busiest fall months and the perfect time to enjoy an evening around the campfire singing, laughing, and roasting s'mores. We have some great opportunities for you to join us at camp this fall:

October 14

9am

Bird Banding with Travis from the Illinois Raptor Center
Meet by the gym

October 22

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Fall Cookout

Maples area of camp

Join us for hot dogs, a hayride, pumpkin painting, and fellowship

November 4

Work day

9am - 3pm

Lunch provided

Meet at the office

December 21

Winter Solstice Hike

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Start in Maples and enjoy a candlelight hike to the beach for s'mores, hot chocolate, and cider.

Be on the lookout for information coming soon about our Summer 2024 schedule!

See you at camp!


Cassie Leitzen

Site Manager

East Bay United Methodist Camp

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Fall Clean-up
at Lake Bloomington
Please join us on
October 28th at 8:30 AM
We will meet across from
Green Gables for coffee
and donuts prior to our
clean-up effort.

Bring your own gloves and we will provide
bags and grabbers.

2024 Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form

www.LakeBloomington.com

Please print

Name(s) in membership: (1) _____

(2) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # (1) _____

Cell #(2) _____

Lake 911 Address (if different from above):

Lake Phone#: _____ Do you live at lake full time? Yes ___ No ___

Email Address:

(1) _____

(2) _____

Please include your Email address if you want to be informed of LBA events and receive the LBA Newsletter.

Special notes or comments:

Annual Dues: \$ 25.00

Fireworks Donation: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send the above form along with your payment to:

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P.O. Box 223
Hudson, IL 61748
Directory.

Note: Each family or individual in a multi-ownership property should sign up for their own membership if they wish to receive their own Lake Breeze &

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OR: Pay online with Pay Pal on our website www.lakebloomington.com (click on buttons). **If paying online, be sure to**

email lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com with your membership information or changes, if any.

The \$ 25.00 annual Lake Bloomington Association (LBA) membership dues are used to further the primary objective of the LBA, which is the improvement of Lake Bloomington and the surrounding community. Your dues pay for:

- Lake Breeze Newsletter Subscription
- 4th of July fireworks and festivities
- Lake Bloomington landscaping care and maintenance
- Various service and beautification projects
- Social events
- LBA Membership Directory

– Annual Membership Dues payment is requested in January of each year –

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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.