

# the Lake Breeze



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## President's Letter

Is there anything better than the sounds of summer on our lake? Laughter, motors, splashing, and music. What joy these sounds bring throughout these months. These sounds are most evident on the Fourth of July. We find this day to be the highlight of the entire summer.

The annual pontoon parade was quite a success, with 9 boats joining in the decorating competition. The big winners were Tom Carey and Megan Dortenzo with their amazing pirate boat. We certainly loved seeing all the other entries. The time and enthusiasm put into decorating all the boats was obvious. It made the parade so fun to watch. A big thank you to the Baumgart/Keller family for judging the entrants. We know that it was not an easy decision. Also, thank you to Pam Cather for taking such wonderful photos of our parade. More pictures are located on our Facebook page. And finally, thank you to Joe Darter for arranging to have our lake patrol boat leading the way for the parade.



Our fireworks were exceptional again this year thanks to your donations. We have heard so many great compliments about the display. And of course, what a joy it was to once again have such a wonderful “warm-up” fireworks show before the main event! Many thanks to our generous neighbors who allow all of us to participate in their patriotic displays as well. We hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July as much as we did.



Music has become a big part of our summer on the lake! We kicked off the 3rd of July with the amazing talent of Dom and Matt Matigian. What fun to hear such beautiful and diverse music. The Endress family had “The Golden Embers” play to a group in their beautiful yard. Rick & Betty Hamm and Don & Diana Parks also hosted a fun dock concert with music provided by “Highway J”. Coming up quickly on August 3rd, is the dock concert at Ross and Angel Clark’s home, sponsored by the Freitags. This concert is by our very own lake resident “Lisa G and The Good Reasons” which is a 6 piece 70’s show band with live horns! And the next concert will be August 12th at the home of Rick Hemwall and Lisa Molter on Nighthawk from 4-7. It will feature “Justin Brown”. How amazing is it to have such great events happening at our lake?

The LBA would like to extend our condolences to the family of Nancy Baumgart who passed away this summer. Please keep us informed of any other lake residents that should be acknowledged in our Lake Breeze. We would also like to welcome Zach Holder, Sharon Hoffman, and the Schweinberg/Meyer family to the lake.

Stay safe and enjoy the rest of your summer on this beautiful lake. We look forward to getting together with you in September for our LBA Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner.

TRACI AND BOB FREITAG,  
your LBA Co-Presidents

## DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE LBA BOARD?



The Lake Bloomington Association's mission is to work together to improve the quality of life of the residents, the environment of the lake, and the relationships with the surrounding community.

Contact Traci Freitag if you are interested in being a part of this social and educational group.

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## MOON PRESERVE HIKE WITH A NATURALIST

On July 2, the Parklands Foundation hosted a "Hike with a Naturalist" event for Lake Bloomington Association (LBA) members at the Moon Preserve, which is bordered by Iroquois Lane and Carvers Road.

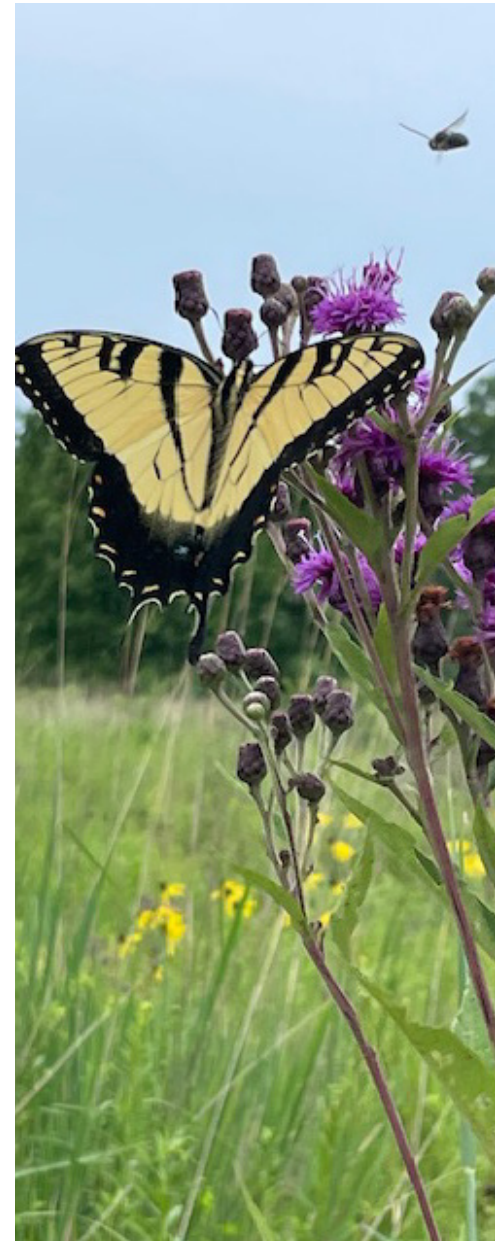
Frank Sanders, Parklands Foundation Board President, gave a brief overview of Parklands mission which includes the protection, restoration and management of 3600 acres of habitat along the Mackinaw River in McLean and Woodford Counties.

A special moment of recognition was given to the late Dorothy Moon and Finn Amble who were both LBA members. Moon donated the 42 acre Moon Tract to the Parklands Foundation in 1988 and Amble served as a member of the Parklands Foundation Board and actively contributed to the restoration of the Moon Preserve.

The hike was led by naturalists Craig Lutes, Mary Jo Adams and Janet Wisler. It was a wonderful opportunity to see stunning native flowers, such as Rattlesnake Master, Compass Plant and White False Indigo, which once blanketed Illinois' 22 million-acre Grand Prairie. We also discussed the importance the prairie ecosystem plays in preserving biological diversity.

If you are interested in a group hike at one of the Parklands preserves, please contact the Parklands Foundation at:

[volunteer@parklandsfoundation.org](mailto:volunteer@parklandsfoundation.org)



## PARKLANDS FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LAKE BLOOMINGTON

Are you interested in helping to preserve and restore ecological diversity at Lake Bloomington? Do you enjoy spending time outdoors? Team up with likeminded individuals and volunteer your time to the Parklands Foundation - Prairie Restoration project that's in our own backyard.

On Saturday, August 26th, join Parklands stewards at the Moon Preserve to help remove invasive plant species that threaten the efforts to restore the prairie with native plants. We will meet at the Moon Preserve sign on Carvers Road at 8:30 A.M. It is located across the road from the former Girl Scout Camp. No experience is needed!

We plan to work from 8:30 – 12:00. Join us for an hour or for the morning, we would greatly appreciate any amount of time you have to offer. Please plan to wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeve shirts and bring work gloves, sunscreen/bug spray. Tools will be provided.

Hope to see you on August 26th!

Registration and additional information:

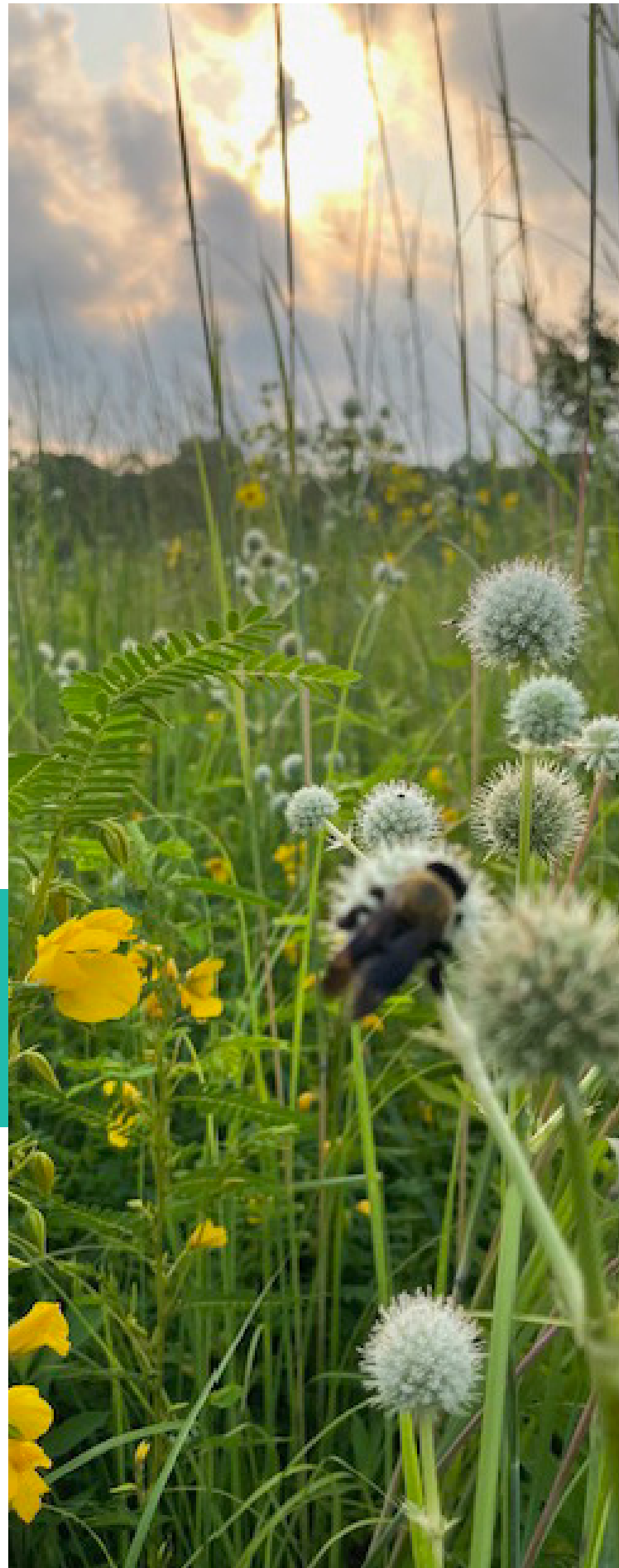
### Event Information Page:

<https://www.parklandsfoundation.org/volunteer>

### Event Registration:

<https://parklandsfoundation.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/parklandsfoundation/projectList.jsp>

Additional questions, please call or email Janet Wiser at 309-532-4652  
[jjpwiser@yahoo.com](mailto:jjpwiser@yahoo.com).





# FALL DINNER

*Please Join Your Neighbors and Friends For the LBA Annual*  
**FALL DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING**

**DATE:**

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:30 p.m Social Hour      6:30 p.m. Dinner

**LOCATION:**

El Paso Golf Club

2860 County Road 600 North, El Paso, Illinois

**MENU:**

Filet, Salad, Potato, Rolls, Dessert and Coffee

**PRICE:**

\$35.00 Per Person



*Please complete the form below and return it with your check to:*

**LBA Treasurer, PO Box 223, Hudson, Illinois 61748**

**RSVP by September 1, 2023**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Persons Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fireworks Donation (optional): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to Lake Bloomington Association*

# 2023 Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form

[www.LakeBloomington.com](http://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:

Lake Bloomington Association  
P.O. Box 223  
Hudson, IL 61748

**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 & Directory.**

Please make checks payable to: **Lake Bloomington Association**

OR: Pay online with Pay Pal on our website [www.lakebloomington.com](http://www.lakebloomington.com) (click on buttons). **If paying online, be sure to email [lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com](mailto: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
- 4 th 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](mailto:lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com).