

# the Lake Breeze



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## President's Letter

**LBA Vision:** *"Lake Bloomington is a jewel of a lake that draws people together and provides a beautiful place to live with safe recreation and enjoyment for residents, neighbors, and the community at large."*

Spring has finally arrived and with it comes all the beauty that accompanies this time of year.

We are happy to announce that we will be holding our LBA Spring Dinner at Timber Pointe Lodge on Thursday, May 12, 2022. You will receive an invitation in the mail to this event. Our speakers that evening will be Lydia Gartner, the new director at Timber Pointe Camp, and Nancy Lane, the director at East Bay Camp. The Social Hour (BYOB) will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Nelson's Catering. We have other fun activities planned for that evening. We hope you can join us for the first LBA Spring dinner in 3 years.

The 41st Annual Lake Run 12K, 4.37-mile run, and 3-mile walk will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The 12K begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 4.37 mile run and the 3-mile untimed run, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Green Gables. Please cheer on the runners for this annual lake event! We know everyone will be respectful of the safety of the runners as they drive around the lake area on that Saturday morning between 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

We would love to have you join us for the Spring Lake Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot across from Green Gables. Julia and Dave Turner will be our leaders for this clean-up.

We learned of the passing of Ann Adams in January. Ana Marie and Art Adams lived on Cherokee Lane. They moved to Spring Ridge in Bloomington. Art died several years ago. Ann had been a "Water Lily" with the East Bay Pool group and was a serious bridge player.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, July 4, 2022, when the LBA will once again sponsor the annual boat parade with prizes for the top 3 winners as well as the fireworks at dusk. Traci and Bob Freitag, the winners of last year's boat decorating contest, will be the judges for this year's best decorated boat. Will



you participate and be a winner in this fun event?

New address boards were recently installed for Iroquois Lane, Navajo Lane, and Thorn Apple Lane. Thank you to Nathan Green for his work and to Mark Csanda and John Hoffman for coordinating this project.

The LBA is going to continue with the chlorine tablet program. Please see article in this edition of the Lake Breeze.

Marshall Kaisner has been looking back at the history of Lake Bloomington and the building of his homes on Eagle Pointe. Please see the article he has written along with some questions and answers about that time 30 years ago when he moved the marina to its current location and the five new homes were built.

Don't forget to renew your LBA membership if you have not already done so. If you need a copy of the form, there is one included in this newsletter. You may also pay online by going to the LBA website. Please mail your \$25 check payable to Lake Bloomington Association to P.O. Box 223, Hudson, IL. 61748.

Thank you to Jeff Jackson for allowing us to use a few of his pictures of some of our lake birds!

Enjoy this beautiful time of year at our beautiful lake!

RICK AND LYNETTE MEHALL  
LBA Co-Presidents



**JULY 1, 2022**

**EAGLES GATHERING**

**LAKE EAGLE POINTE  
BLOOMINGTON**

**5:30pm:** Opening Performance  
**6:00pm - 9:00pm:** THE BOAT DRUNKS

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Dear Residents,

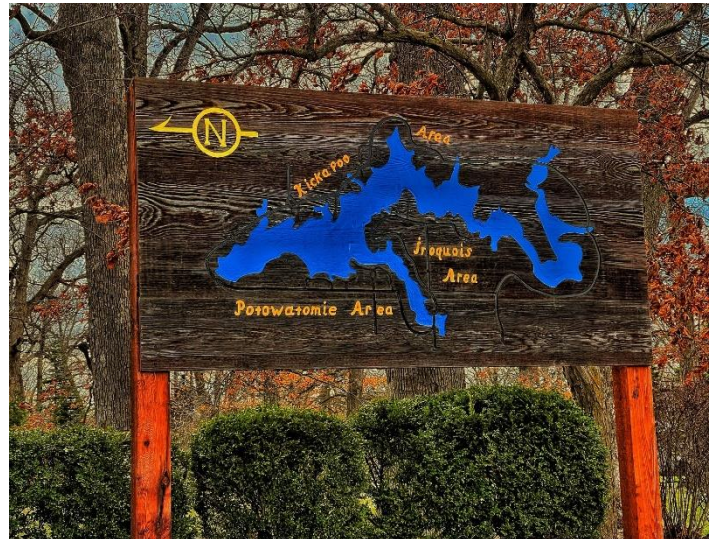
As we prepare for another fun-filled boating season, I wanted to remind everyone of some of the rules and regulations so that all can enjoy the lake peacefully.

Be sure to remember:

- ❖ All wakes zones must be adhered to. Please see the attached map.
- ❖ All boats that pull anyone, must have an observer as well as a twelve-inch by twelve-inch orange flag affixed to the highest point on the boat.
- ❖ All boats must have all safety equipment – appropriate number of life jackets, horn or whistle, Type -IV throwable device, battery connection covers.
- ❖ Skiing is allowed between the hours of 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- ❖ All boats must have a current 2022 registration sticker (if you have submitted your registration, stickers will be mailed out shortly).
- ❖ Please see Chapter 23 of the City of Bloomington Codes and Ordinances for a complete review of all ordinances.

During this long winter, we worked on rehabilitating the old sign across from the Green Gables. I like how the old look of the sign comes through the new paint and clear coats. Hopefully this sign will be able to have a couple of more decades before its retirement.

We had the same company that made the Morkin Meadow sign create new Lake Bloomington signs with the sail boats. They cut the signs to the right size and sand blasted the wood to create the wave effect and used the same technique to route out the words "Lake Bloomington." These two signs and the one across from the Green Gables have been put back up.



I have my fingers crossed that we do not get rained out again (like we have the last 3 years!) to plant the wildflower seeds for North Park and the 6-acre field along Carver Road. Everything is ready and we are waiting for the ground to dry up for the tractor to spread the seeds.

This winter, I purchased a cedar gazebo that is 13-feet wide and 11-feet tall that we will build on a concrete pad in North Park. This will be located on the west side of the Park between the road and the spillway. We will position it so that it is shaded by the big cottonwood trees. Would anyone like to donate some benches for the gazebo? One resident has already agreed to donate one in honor of a family member that recently passed

away which would leave us needing three more benches and whatever other items you think would go well with the benches and gazebo. I think this will be a nice place to unwind and gather while sitting in a field of wildflowers.

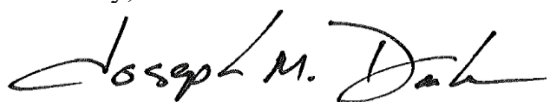
This summer, we will be stabilizing approximately 2,350 feet of shoreline. We will begin with the bank along Starkey Park and the Inner-Drive. For this reach, we will stabilize approximately 1,350 feet towards the southwest. We will also continue the work we started last year along the bank of Timber Pointe. Approximately 750 feet will be riprapped. Due to a seawall collapse by the Water Treatment Plant, we will also use riprap to replace the collapsed seawall. This will account for an additional 250 feet of riprap.

Our department is still waiting to hear the official word from the IEPA regarding our grant application. We have passed the point where they would typically send a denial letter, which is allowing me to feel somewhat optimistic for our application. They will either deny the entire application, approve all of our plans, or approve parts and not others. Once I know for sure, I will let everyone know.

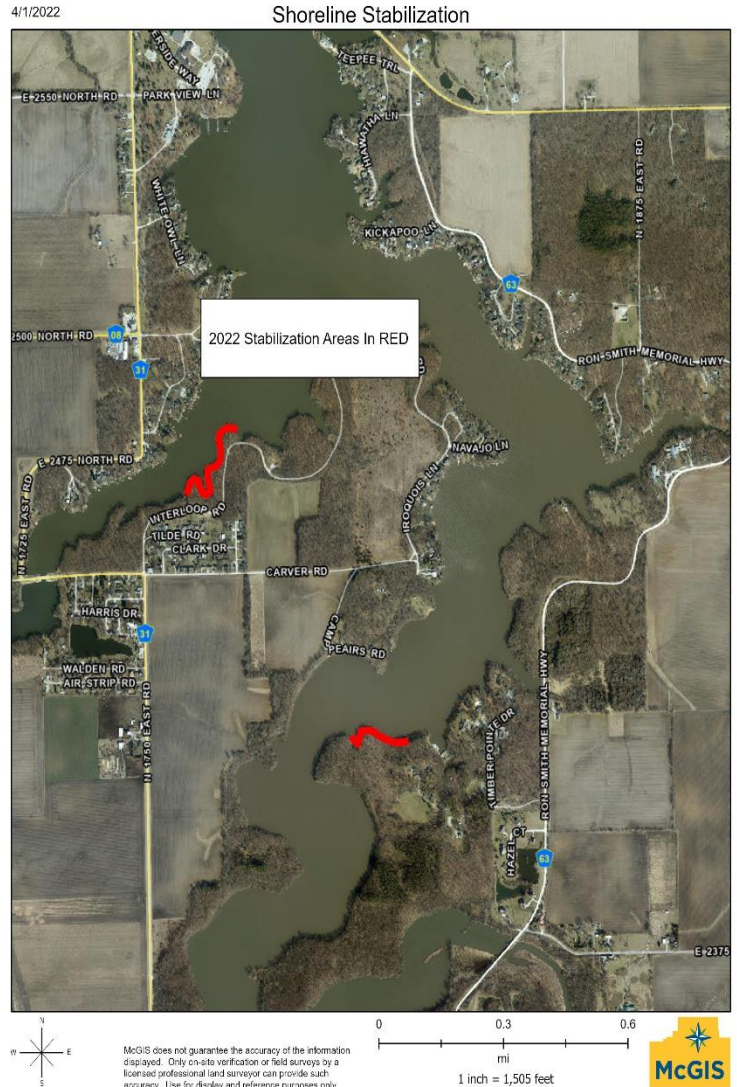
Also, please make sure that your lease payment, boat dock and boat registration applications and payments are submitted. If you need a paper copy, please contact me and I will print one out for you.

Good things are happening around here! See you around the Lake!

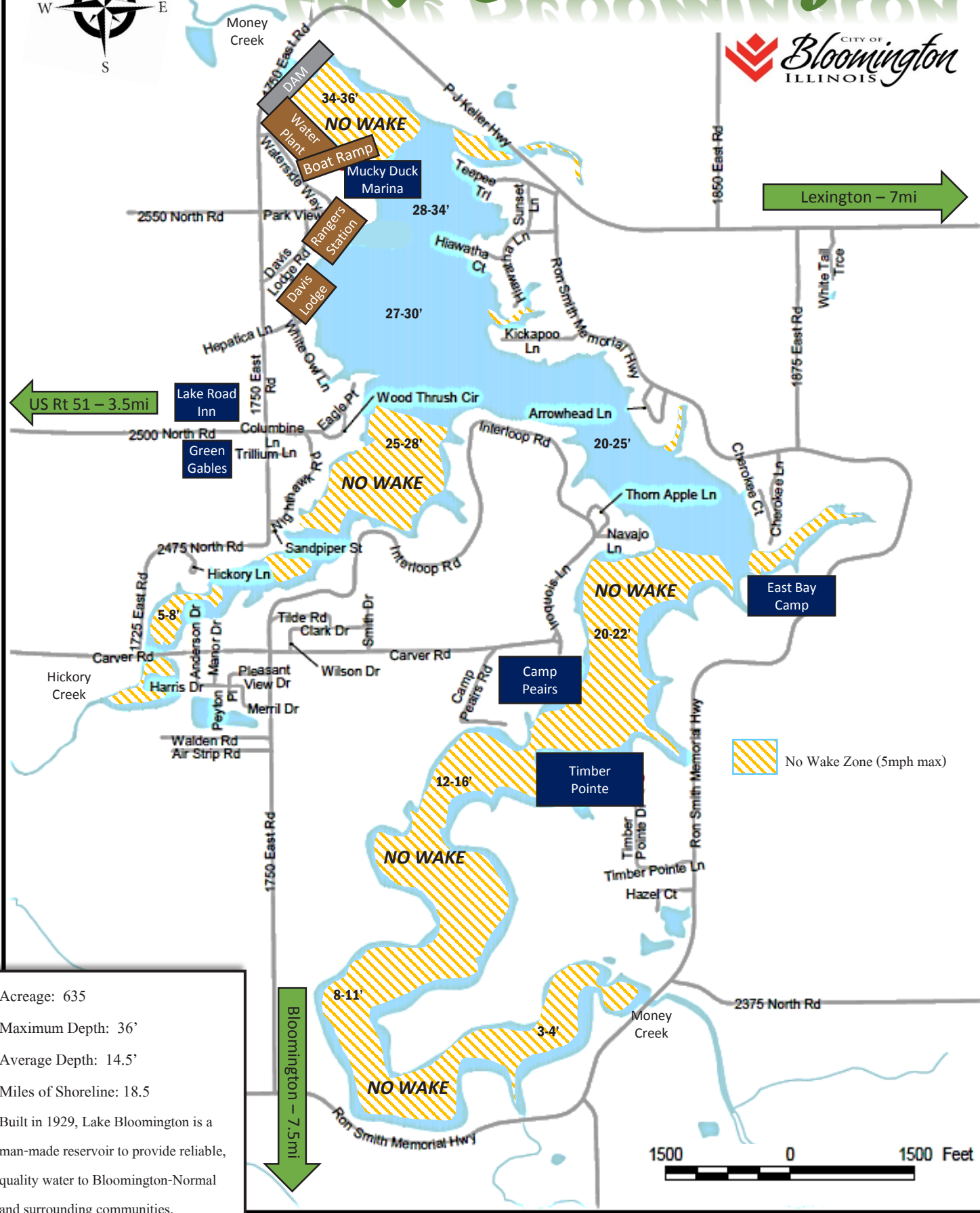
Sincerely,



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# Lake Bloomington



Acreage: 635  
 Maximum Depth: 36'  
 Average Depth: 14.5'  
 Miles of Shoreline: 18.5  
 Built in 1929, Lake Bloomington is a man-made reservoir to provide reliable, quality water to Bloomington-Normal and surrounding communities.

 No Wake Zone (5mph max)

## CHLORINE TABLES AVAILABLE

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 for free to those needing them. The LBA wants to continue providing these tablets, but due to rising costs, we need to charge for them at \$2.00 per tablet. To purchase tablets, please contact John Hoffman via email at hoffee3322@hotmail.com. Chlorine tablets will be available for purchase at the LBA Spring Dinner on May 12.



## PLANTS

From green-thumbed gardeners to novice, indoor growers, and everyone in between, we have exciting news coming to Lake Bloomington and the surrounding area. Craig Hanson is announcing his newest endeavor, Equinox Gardens LLC. For several years, Craig has been sprucing up the Lake Road Inn with a wide variety of tropical and native plants. Through experience, he has learned how to germinate, grow, fertilize, and overwinter exotic plants that bring vibrant colors and texture to our Central Illinois landscape. He plans to share his knowledge and collection through plant sales over the summer of 2022 with a vision for permanent business to follow. With a goal to have existing products available for sale by May 1st, there will be a large shipment of plants arriving in subsequent weeks. Some of the highlights for sale include palm trees, elephant ears, hybrids, petunias, philodendrons, several tropical varieties, and even aquatic plants. Take a look at the new Facebook page: Equinox Garden Tropical Plants and Instagram page: Northern\_Equinox\_Gardener for updates on plant availability and pricing. If you are looking to spruce up your yard or dock this year, look no further than your trusted neighbors at the Lake Road Inn.



# THE BEGINNINGS OF EAGLE POINTE AND THE MUCKY DUCK

By Marshall Kaisner

Years ago, an old timer told me, "You can get anywhere from here. It is the center of the world." I've traveled the world and lived in many different communities. Lake Bloomington has felt the most like home. So, after 40 years of various states, towns, and homes ... I retired at Lake Bloomington.

Now, here is the long version of how I got here and how I put myself into improving it. But first, I would be remiss not to recognize the hundreds of people who created this lake and contributed to its success. People were enjoying it long before Bloomington and Normal had community pools. The sand beach featured a diving tower. Swimming and boat racing in the summer and ice skating in the winter attracted hundreds.

My first sight of Lake Bloomington and a boat ride was as a preschooler. It was 1946. A LB cottage owner needed to have his roof repaired. The owner picked my carpenter father and me up in his boat at the marina. That way we could better see the roof from the lake. It was my first boat ride.

A few years later came my second ride and the first as a 12-year-old boat driver. My crazy uncle, dad's brother, let me drive his ski boat. My uncle was a fearless WWII Navy pilot. Proof was that he let a pre-teen boy drive his boat while he dove off the bow. When he dove off to the right, my job was to steer left and miss him. And, of course, we did this crazy show in front of the girls at the LB beach (beach was before the dam was raised). If that didn't prove his fearlessness . . . how about flying his Navy fighter plan under the Golden Gate Bridge? That's another story.

Camp Heffernan was enjoyed by me, both as a Cub Scout and again as a Boy Scout. Being in and learning about Nature is invaluable. Volumes have been written on how it teaches self-reliance and aids maturity. However, today the scouts are few and gone from LB. Easter Seals now runs the camp's services.

As the next 20 plus years went by, my visits to the lake were sparked by food, boating, and/

or partying. I had never stopped to realize the special feeling that occurred here until a friend who lived on the lake mentioned the "it" factor. That being an internal bodily change occurring when driving through the tree-lined roads and seeing the lake come into view. "It" was a natural spontaneous feeling created because we are mostly made up of water. "It" is one of coming 'home.'

So, in 1989, I bought a fixer-up LB cottage on Kickapoo Lane. At the same time, I also had a nice home and business in Bloomington...this was a summer cottage and a weekend fixer-up project. It led to additional commitments and long-term LB projects.

In 1992 I purchase the lake's marina and received permission from the city to build Eagle Pointe's five homes plus a green space park. Under the park was a unique waste disposal system which treated effluence and protected lake waters. The Eagle Pointe community featured a connecting lakeside boardwalk for easy neighboring. With the help of the previous marina owner, we built a sea wall around Eagle Pointe and restored the eastern point portion that had eroded. This is emphasized on the Eagle Pointe entrance sign I designed.

In 1993 I moved the old marina to North Park. New docks were upgraded to concrete topped structures. A sea wall and a clubhouse/store were added. The humorous name, Mucky Duck, seemed appropriate and proved to help public awareness. The park location was a better fit by being near the parties at Davis Lodge, picnic tables, kid's playground, the city boat ramp and parking.

The Eagle Pointe community was and remains unique to the lake market. Lakeside is considered the front side here. Boats and docks are protected from westerly prevailing winds. Sunrises are unobstructed and beautifully reflected as they shimmer from across the eastern stretch of lake. Sunset glows across the water lighting up homes across the water. Moon rise adds its unique unfolding as well. How do you put a value on these three? In addition, we are a short walk to two restaurants, convenient for us and landmarks/road for visitors and guests to locate us. These values are learned by living here. For me, it is also rewarding hearing it from our neighbors.

As of 2022 the Eagle Pointe homes are about 30 years old. All the original homeowners have moved except for Marianne and me. Current homeowners continue to update interiors, exteriors and dockage. The city continues to pump our (their) lake down for Bloomington water needs. By each Spring, Nature continues to refill the lake and overflow the dam. We continue enjoying the best homesite by a dam site.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT HOW EAGLE POINTE CAME TO BE

By Marshall Kaisner

**Q** Eagle Pointe was the longtime location of the marina. What caused you to change that?

**A** Jerry Grinter, the marine owner, and Billy Anderson

**Q** I know Jerry owned the marina. I know the Andersons are longtime business owners at the lake. How did this impact your building at the marina?

**A** At the time I lived on Kickapoo Lane. I was developing subdivisions and building homes in Bloomington and Normal. In short, a proposal for high density living units at the marina had failed. After that ... Billy suggested that I get involved and propose homes instead.

**Q** So... you went before the city and the Lake Association and received approval?

**A** I wish it had been that easy. There are a lot of politics in Bloomington's new home market that carried over to the lake approvals. Plus, I wanted to move the marina to North Park. I'll spare your readers all the political give and take. Yes, I finally received approval at a Davis Lodge meeting of all involved.

**Q** The city required you to build and sell 5 upscale homes in two years. Our winters didn't help with that, did they?

**A** Once we finished and sold the first one, the public saw the benefits. There were three reasons the marina was there to begin with .... location, location and location

**Q** Finally, why the names Eagle Pointe and Mucky Duck?

**A** Eagle Pointe's land is shaped like an eagle's head. With a name like Mucky Duck you have to start your boat ride with a smile. Enjoy the day!



# SAVE *the* DATE

LBA Spring Dinner  
Timber Pointe Lodge  
May 12, 2022



# SAVE *the* DATE



*Spring* Clean Up  
April 30, 2022

The LBA Beautification Committee will be holding this year's Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Dave Turner to sign up.  
Turner044@comcast.net  
(309) 826-4730

# Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form

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

please print

Name(s) in membership: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lake Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you live at lake full time? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Email Address: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special notes or comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Dues: \$ 25.00

Fireworks Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Please send the above along to:

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P.O. Box 223  
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**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**

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**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<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and festivities
- Lake Bloomington landscaping care and maintenance
- Various service and beautification projects
- Oktoberfest and other 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).