

# the Lake Breeze



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## President's Letter

We hope all of you have been enjoying our steamy summer and the wonderful opportunities our lake offers us to stay cool! Our treasure is living in this beautiful Lake Bloomington setting!

The rain let up just in time on July 1 for all of us to enjoy an evening of delightful entertainment from the band, the Boat Drunks. A huge thank you to Marshall and Marianne Kaisner for hosting this wonderful concert at their home on July 1. There were at least 50 boats with lake residents and guests enjoying the wonderful music. Keith Ranney also delighted the crowd at intermission with his song *Living Life Large in the No Wake Zone*. Please see a copy of the lyrics in this newsletter. We appreciate the generosity of Marshall and Marianne to share this with all of us at the lake.

We were happy to be able to hold our annual July 4th Boat Parade. Thank you to the following families for decorating their boats and participating in our annual Boat Parade:

- Drury-Batty families – theme: USA
- Parker family – theme: USA
- Wolfe family – theme: Ugly Duckling
- Lipic family – theme: Nifty 50's
- Baumgart-Keller family - theme: Green Gables
- Schupbach family – theme: We Bought the Lake House for the Dog
- Finlen family – theme: Ice Cream Truck
- Kinsella family – theme: The 80's: Let's Boogie"
- Dillon family – theme: USA

Thank you to the Freitag family for serving as the judges! They took the role seriously and dressed in traditional judge attire! Thank you to Pam Cather for taking the pictures of the parade that are included in this issue.

Congratulations to Nancy Baumgart's family (Katie Baumgart Keller, etc.) for winning first place with their Green Gables entry. They won \$100 (which they donated to the Green Gables Go Fund Me), the Ranney trophy, and the privilege to be judges of next year's parade.

Thank you to those who contributed to our beautiful display of fireworks



on July 4. Our Lake Bloomington fireworks display cost \$16,000 this year, and we had contributions of \$11,000. We anticipate the cost of fireworks increasing dramatically for next year. Any increases in donations would be greatly appreciated since our annual dues of \$25 only cover the basic operations of the LBA.

Thank you to Timber Pointe Camp for sharing the fireworks on Friday, July 22, sponsored by the Association of Horizons. The fireworks were in honor of the return to camping after two years. Thank you to Lydia Gartner, the camp director, for extending an invitation to all of us.

Please welcome our new neighbors at Lake Bloomington: BJ Armstrong and family are new owners on Hiawatha and Brian Stenger and family are new residents on Thorn Apple.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spring Clean-up on April 30. This effort is greatly appreciated. We will have another clean-up scheduled for this fall.

Thank you to Nancy Lane for inviting all of us to the 11:00 a.m. church services at East Bay Camp this summer!

Thank you to Joe Darter in his role as property manager for his continued help here at the lake. He is always willing to answer questions and if he doesn't know the answer, he tries to find it for us. He also responds quickly to questions posted on the LBA Facebook page. Thank you to Joe's crew that maintains the area around our lake.

Please join us for our Fall LBA Dinner with the Annual Meeting at El Paso Golf Club on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Please see the form in this issue of the Lake Breeze.

Enjoy the rest of summer, and we hope to see you at the LBA Fall Dinner!

RICK AND LYNETTE MEHALL  
LBA Co-Presidents

## LIVIN LIFE LARGE IN THE NO WAKE ZONE

Woke up this morning not a care in the world	I've got kids that I'm proud of and their kids as well
Got my house on the lake that I share with my girl	My life's been one proud story to tell
I hear the birds chirpin and the breeze in the trees	But now it's time to sit back and reflect
As I start another day with my mind at ease	And maybe sip a cold one on my favorite deck
Pontoons and fishing boats go idling by	I put on my flip flops and take a little walk
Out on the main lake the boats race by	I run into neighbors and we share some idle talk
They have to go fast but I don't know why	Don't need an I-Pad, don't carry my phone
I'd rather relax neath the calm blue sky	I'm livin life large in the no wake zone
I put on my flip flops and take a little walk	I'm livin life large in the no wake zone
I run into neighbors and we share some idle talk	SLOW DOWN! Take it easy in the no wake zone
Don't need an I-Pad, don't carry my phone	<i>Keith Ranney, Summer of 2022</i>
I'm living life large in the no wake zone	

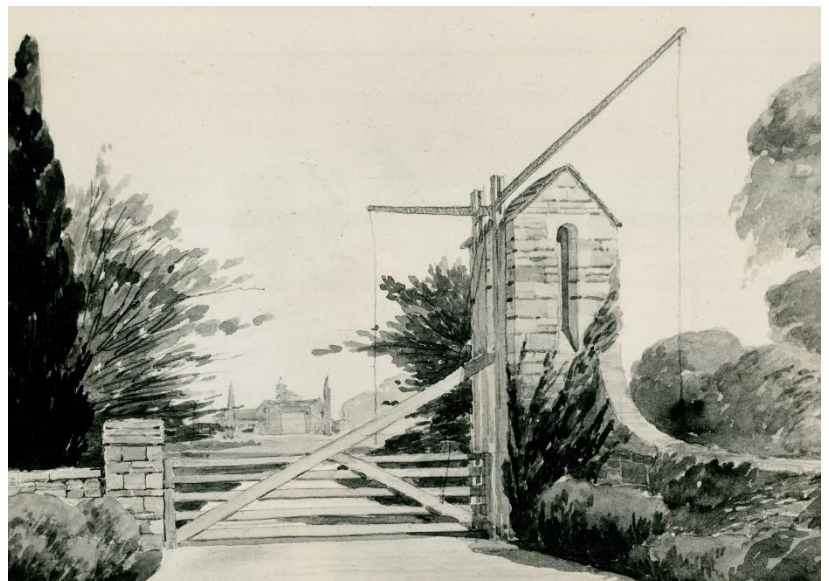
Dear Residents,

I hope all are doing well and everyone is enjoying another great summer at Lake Bloomington! Our courtesy patrol staff member, Thomas, recently left to pursue his career. While I am sad that Thomas has left our employment, I am thrilled that he is able to start his career in a field that he is passionate about. As a reminder, please ensure to follow the following rules for safe boating:

- ❖ All no-wake zones must be adhered to.
- ❖ 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.

We have recently completed the installation of our annual shoreline stabilization projects. This year, we concentrated on three areas. The longest stretch is along the east bank of Hickory Creek starting from Riley Starkey Park and extending almost 1,350 feet towards the Carver Road bridge. The second section was a little over 850 feet along the east bank near and around Timber Pointe Camp. The final 250 feet replaced the collapsed seawall by the Water Treatment Plant. For this section, we have planted new grass seed and will plant some nice trees and bushes to spruce that area up. As it stands, we have at least one, possibly two years, of shoreline projects remaining for Lake Bloomington. Once we have completed the areas that the Army Corps of Engineers are requiring for Lake Bloomington, we will start completing the required projects at Evergreen Lake. Our permit from the Army Corps of Engineers is for 10 years and I am hoping to finish a year early.

We recently removed the dying evergreen trees that blocked the old stone wall that is at the intersection of Park View Lane and N. 1750 E. Road. We have been able to find a drawing that shows that the wall was in existence when the Water Treatment Plant was built in 1929 and I think it predates that construction by quite some time. There is a nice little bronze plate that honors Dr. Silas Hubbard on the stone wall that is now visible. This coming winter, we are going to recreate the original (to the best of our knowledge) wooden gate and next spring, we will plant wildflowers and sunflowers on the backside of the stone wall. We are also going to clean the stone bench that is behind the wall and will plant new plants around that as well.

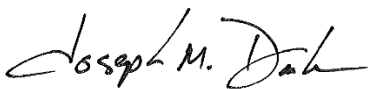


Morkin's Meadow continues to take shape and I am loving how it looks with all of the colorful wildflowers in bloom! I think I drive by three times a day just to look at it! I want to thank everyone that has helped to plant flowers and shrubs and for all of the ideas that everyone has come up with! I love it when we can all work together. Arrowhead Lane has recently gone through a transformation as well and will look great when the lilacs and other bushes start to grow. In my opinion, this is the best the Lake has looked in my 9 years with the City. I cannot thank all of you enough for everything. It means a great deal to me to be able to work together as partners to beautify where we all live and work.



North Park is progressing as planned as well. This summer there will not be any color but next spring we should have yellow flowers that transition to white and then yellow again in the fall. We will start to build the gazebo in the next coming weeks behind the playground equipment down by the lake and clear out the brush to open up a nice view of the Lake and the Water Treatment Plant. We will plant tall grasses like those in the above photograph for a little privacy.

See you around the Lake!



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## 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 - \$10 for 5 tablets.

To purchase tablets, please contact John Hoffman via email at [hoffee3322@hotmail.com](mailto:hoffee3322@hotmail.com). Chlorine tablets will be available for purchase at the LBA Fall Dinner on September 15.



CONCERT  
FUN





## FALL DINNER

Please Join Your Neighbors and Friends  
For The LBA Annual  
Fall Dinner & Business Meeting

### DATE:

Thursday, September 15, 2022  
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:

\$30.00 Per Person

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

LBA Treasurer, PO Box 223, Hudson, Illinois 61748

RSVP by September 8, 2022

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

No. of persons attending: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Make check payable to Lake Bloomington Association

*Congratulations!*



**WINNERS!!!**



# Boat Parade 2022!!!



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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Dues: \$ 25.00

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

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

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Please send the above along 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 <http://www.lakebloomington.com> (click on buttons).** If paying on line, be sure to email [lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com](mailto:lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com) with your membership information or changes, if any.

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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).