

the Lake Breeze



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Thank you to Pamela Cather for the photos for this Winter Lake Breeze edition!



President's Letter

As we write this letter, we are looking out the window at a beautiful snow scene and a frozen lake. The ice fishermen, the geese, and the eagles appear to be enjoying this frigid winter weather here at Lake Bloomington.

The LBA Board wants to welcome Rick Hamm as a First Year Director. He replaces Debbie and Steve Bennett who were no longer able to serve on the board.

As we get into 2022, we are thankful that Covid did not prevent us from having last year's Fourth of July Festivities, our Annual Fall Dinner, and other activities. We are hopeful that we will have the LBA Spring Dinner on May 12 at Timber Pointe and many other of our "normal" activities.

Thank you to the "elves" who decorated the inner loop for the holidays. The red, green, silver, and gold bulbs sparkled in the sunlight. At one count there were at least 67 decorations. There were also two "fake deer" near Riley Starkey Park with four smaller decorative bulbs near them. It was also reported that another elf decorated near the Hiawatha sign. This definitely brightened the spirit of those who saw the decorations.

The LBA Board held the 2022 Strategic Planning Meeting on January 15 at Timber Pointe Lodge. Several new initiatives were added to the 2022 Strategic Plan:

- Coordinate Dock Concerts (June, July, & August) – one has already been organized by Marshall and Marianne Kaisner on July 1 featuring the Boat Drunks.
- Establish a "Meet Up" group through Facebook that would show people activities that were happening around the lake (some of which could be organized on short notice, for example, going on walks or hikes, etc.).
- Fall Lake Clean Up – in addition to the Spring Lake Clean Up.
- Establish beautification/gardens guidelines and ownership.
- Explore use of the East Bay and Timber Pointe Camps' recreational facilities.
- Explore creation of recreational facilities (for example, pickleball courts/



tennis courts) at North Park and the former Girl Scout Camp.

Nate Green is finishing the work on the address signs for Iroquois, Thorn Apple, and Navajo Lanes. These will be installed once the ground thaws.

Rev. Nancy Lane, Coordinator of Camping and Retreat Ministries, attended our November LBA Board meeting. Nancy and her family live in Bloomington but will reside part-time at East Bay Camp. Please see Nancy's article in this Lake Breeze.

We are sad to report that Allen McBride has left his position at Timber Pointe to return to Texas to take a position where he and his family will be closer to their families. The LBA enjoyed working with Allen and wish him the best in his new position.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of James "Jay" Edmondson on December 9, 2021. He was a longtime Lake Bloomington resident and purchased the first house on Eagle Point from Marshall Kaisner. We want to send our sympathies to his family.

Please stay safe and healthy this winter! We look forward to spring, which we hope is just around the corner!

RICK AND LYNETTE MEHALL
LBA Co-Presidents



JULY 1, 2022

**EAGLE POINTE
BOAT PARTY**

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

Their music can be found on CD Baby, iTunes,
www.boatdrunks.com, YouTube, Facebook.

EAST BAY CAMP NEWS

By Rev. Nancy Lane*

Greetings from East Bay! – Entering this new year, please know East Bay is here for you. Our site team brings a rich heritage of camp life at East Bay, and we are committed to being a respected neighbor and friend on the lake now, and into the future.

Stories have been told since the 1930s about how East Bay served as a community center for the Lake Bloomington community. Perhaps you've heard those stories, too. I am told up to 600 people would gather in Denham Hall (the site of our current basketball court) for area school programs, potlucks, and musical performances. Similarly, I have heard play by play of some intense ball games which took place on the East Bay field or courts.

Regrettably, Denham Hall was lost to fire decades ago and our practices with our site resources have had to change due to insurance requirements and our American Camping Association Accreditation. Nonetheless, we welcome everyone to our grounds, and we are looking for new ways to better serve our community. While we need to know who is on our property for safety purposes, we are open to scheduling play through advanced communication/permission. We would love for our neighbors to frequent our indoor pool and gym (private indoor pool and gym rentals start at \$200 for a two-hour session) or use our softball field or our basketball courts. If it is in your wheelhouse to serve as a volunteer coordinator for casual league play on our ball field or on the courts, please give me a call and let's talk.

We also want to welcome your local place of worship to schedule a time to gather on the grounds of East Bay, whether it be for a time or worship or an evening of smores and fellowship. We are committed to serving as an extension of places of worship in the area, so that all might enjoy our slice of creation and experience the shores of Lake Bloomington.

Have you wondered what construction was going on at our historic chape during 2021? Area racoons had a party in the attic last winter which ended with them falling through the ceiling, followed by insurance claims and repairs. That said, we are anxious to use this space again. If you know of a bride looking for a wedding venue near the lake, we are looking to exchange the use of our chapel

for permission to use her wedding photos to update our marketing materials. For more information, contact: Rev. Nancy Folsom Lane @ 404-667-2707 or nlane@igrc.org

Another way we can be neighborly is by offering our spare rooms to your overnight guests. From vintage camping cabins to our 'glamping' options that feel like an airbnb near the lake, please ask! If we have availability, we are happy to accommodate your need. Prices range from a donation to a modest fee based upon the season and accommodations. Contact Lea Schuler @ 309-365-7531 or lschuler@igrc.org for a preview or to schedule.

Save the date! May 7 will be our Spring Open House at East Bay! Whether you are considering overnight camp for a child or grandchild, or you need daily childcare/day camp while you go to work, or you just want to check out what is inside one of the buildings you drive by regularly, we will look forward to welcoming you! Watch for more details to come.

In 2022 our summer camp registration is open. Day Camp will be based out of The Maples section of camp with a theme every week, in addition to traditional camp activities like hiking, crafts, swimming, boating, and games. Cost is \$225 weekly or \$55 daily, with day camp being open from 8 am – 6 pm (early drop off and extend stay available by arrangement). To register and learn more about our day and overnight camps, go: <https://igrc.campbrainregistration.com/>

As we prepare for summer, we also want you to know we are hiring! East Bay Camp is currently hiring summer staff. 15 yr. olds + are being sought for lifeguard positions and as kitchen and maintenance assistants. Day camp and Overnight Camp Counselor positions are open for those 18 yrs. of age +. Apply online at: <https://igrc.campbrainstaff.com/>

We extend our thanks to the City of Bloomington, and our lake neighbors who recognize our mission of connecting people, nature, and Christ. Your volunteer hours, and monetary and in-kind donations allow us to improve our appearance and most importantly, further extend hospitality to all people. THANK YOU!

*Rev. Nancy Folsom Lane is the Coordinator of Camping and Retreat Ministries for the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. She offices at East Bay, and you will see Nancy and her family at home seasonally in the "The Brick House" on East Bay's shore or walking around the lake with their goldendoodle, Abby. Nancy welcomes your calls regarding East Bay @ 404-667-2707.

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

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 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 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
- Oktoberfest and other social events
- LBA Membership Directory

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

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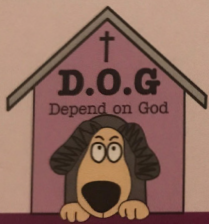
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The Lake Bloomington Association is made up of residents and anyone else who enjoys the Lake and works to improve the lake and surrounding community. Anyone can join the LBA; you don't have to live at the Lake. It's a great way to meet new people who also enjoy Lake Bloomington. If you are interested in joining the LBA, or have questions or comments, please email us at lakebloomingtonassociation@gmail.com.