

the Lake Breeze



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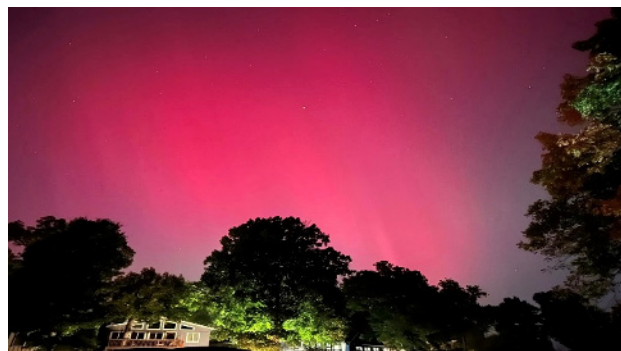
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President's Letter

Another summer season has ended at our beautiful lake. We have loved the excitement of all the lake activities the past couple months, but now are welcoming the calmness and beauty of fall that surrounds us. It is a bit sad to see all the boats beginning to exit the water. However, the color abounds all around us. It was even amazing to see the Northern Lights on full spectacle in our own backyard!



Thank you to those that attended our Fall dinner. A huge thank you to Helen Ogar, Paul Lawrence, Matt Stuckel, & Shannon Duvendack for organizing the fall dinner at El Paso Golf Course. A copy of the annual report that was given at the meeting is

attached below. We were disappointed that the mayor of Lexington, Spencer Johansen, was unable to join us. Thank you for your understanding with the last-minute substitution of Bob Freitag, and his presentation of his time in Iraq. Everyone was very kind with their words of appreciation for Bob.

We are so grateful to the board members who have served this past year. We give a big round of applause to the following board members who are stepping off the board after several years of service. Thank you to Cathy & Brad Wallace, and Leroy Shouse. We are also pleased to welcome some new faces to the board: Tom Carey & Megan Dortenzo, and Angie & Carey Davis. We are beyond grateful that they are willing to volunteer their time to help make our lake community more amazing.

Our summer season ended with some fun dock concerts! Thank you for hosting: Rick Hemwell & Lisa Molter who hosted Kyle Yap on August 3rd, The Mucky Duck who hosted Chicago Farmer on August 11th, Julia & Dave Turner who hosted the Illinois Symphony Brass Quintet on August 29th, and the Hamms, Parks, & Houskas who hosted Highway J on September 15th.



This music filled our lake with so much joy and fun. We are already anticipating the fun of next summer's dock concerts!

Finally, we are getting ready to start working on the next LBA phone directory. If you have any corrections, please let us know. Look for your new directory at our spring dinner. Mark your calendars now for our spring dinner which is tentatively scheduled for May 8th. We will let you know details as they are solidified.



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LBA ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, September 12, 2024
El Paso Golf Club

LBA BOARD: The LBA Board held 8 monthly board meetings, hosted by various board members in their respective homes around the lake. The board also maintained our LBA website and Facebook page; produced and distributed 4 issues of the Lake Breeze, our organization newsletter; and hosted a number of social events, including our Winter Social Hour at Lake Road Inn in February and our Spring Dinner which was held at Timber Pointe in May. The board continued its work on the many initiatives and activities which help to support the LBA's Mission of enhancing the quality of life for all of our members and lake residents.

DOCK CONCERTS: The board helps to coordinate dock concerts throughout the summer season. This summer was again a huge success, as a number of residents stepped up to host various bands and musicians on their docks who performed concerts for all to enjoy. Thank you to the residents who hosted concerts this summer:

- (1) Marshall and Marianne Kaisner, who hosted our very own lake community resident Lisa Galliard and her band "Lisa G and the Good Reasons" on July 6th
- (2) Rick Hemwall and Lisa Molter, who hosted guitarist and vocalist Kyle Yap on August 3rd
- (3) Julia and Dave Turner, who hosted the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet on August 29th
- (4) Rick & Betty Hamm, Mark & Holly Houska, and Dan & Diana Parks hosted Highway J on September 15th. Saturday, September 15th.

What a wonderful and fun gift each of these residents has given to our lake community by hosting these dock concerts! If anyone is interested in hosting a dock concert next year, please contact us and the LBA will be more than happy to help promote your event!

SPRING AND FALL CLEAN-UP: 2 lake clean-up days were held in the past year, one last fall and again this past spring. On each of those days, LBA volunteers gathered together to walk around our lake perimeter roads and pick up trash. We'd like to thank all of those who came out to help, and a huge thank you to Cassie Leitzen and the East Bay Camp staff who provided a wonderful hot breakfast for all the volunteers who came out for our Clean Up days!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: The LBA continues to work with Advantage Lawn & Landscaping to supply and spread mulch in our landscaping areas around the lake. Thank you to Shannon Duvendack & Matt Stuckel and lake resident Janet Wisner who help coordinate this initiative for the LBA. And we are so grateful for all of the residents who volunteer their time

to plant flowers and plants in these areas, as well as all the other beautiful wildflower gardens that grace the various neighborhoods around our lake!

In addition, the LBA and the City lake staff worked together to improve and beautify the entrance signage at Association Park on the inner loop this year. A big thank you to those who helped select and plant flowers there, and of course to Joe Darter and his staff who created the raised stone flower bed.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION: This year, Mother Nature kept us guessing and even brought a tiny bit of rain into the picture in the morning, but then came through for us in the end and gave us a beautiful afternoon and evening. The LBA continues to sponsor the annual pontoon boat parade, and it was once again a fun event. We had 11 boats participate in the contest this year, and it was evident that our judges, Tom Carey and Megan Dortenzo who presented themselves and their friends on a pontoon filled with mythical gods, had a difficult task choosing a winner given the creative and fun decorations that were on display. This year, thanks to a donation from one of our board members, your LBA increased the cash award for 1st place from \$100.00 to \$200, and also chose to award a second-place cash award of \$50.00. The big winners of the \$200.00 and the annual Ranney Traveling Trophy were the Parker and Osenga families, with their amazing Mucky Duck Tub Club entry. Second place went to the Baumgart and Benner families with their Dog Days of Summer entry. Thank you to all those who worked hard at decorating their pontoons and participating in the parade, and to our City Lake Patrol for leading the parade this year! Our fireworks display that night was once again the perfect way to demonstrate our patriotism and pride in our country, and of course a great way to end our big day at the lake. Thanks to the Gridley Fire Department for providing safety and fire protection for the show, and to the City staff for making sure everything worked out at the site. We can't wait to see everyone come out again to celebrate next year – start thinking of some great pontoon boat ideas now – it's never too early!

CHLORINE TABLETS PROGRAM: The LBA continues to offer our residents chlorine tablets for your septic systems. This is such an easy and important way that you can help keep our lake water clean. We have tablets available here tonight, as we do at the Spring Dinner as well. The LBA subsidizes the cost of those tablets, so they are much more affordable than they would be if you purchase them on your own. Lake resident and past board member John Hoffman continues to coordinate the sale of these tablets. Tablets can be purchased – 5 for only \$10

CAMP PARTNERSHIPS: The board has enjoyed working with our camp neighbors at East Bay and Timber Pointe on behalf of the LBA. Cassie Leitzen and Nancy Lane at East Bay and Lydia Gartner and her staff at Timber Pointe have been so supportive of working with and supporting the LBA and our lake community. The LBA returned the favor at East Bay this year by sponsoring a garage sale with all proceeds donated to the camp. Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers, the sale netted over \$800 for the camp. East Bay continues to open up their indoor pickleball court for free use by lake residents when there is not a camp in session

and invites residents to many camp activities like their fall cookout and winter solstice hike and campfire. Watch our Facebook page for these activity announcements. The Timber Pointe Yacht Club, headed up by LBA Board Member Commodore Paul Lawrence, continued this year to provide Wednesday evening boat rides to camp participants. What a great way to showcase our beautiful lake to these campers and their counselors! Thank you to all the boat captains who make this possible each week during the summer camp season. And we think it is fitting at this point to recognize a longtime previous Commodore of the Yacht Club, Mr. Bob Lipic. Bob enthusiastically served in that position for many years and did so joyfully. As most of you know, Bob passed away this summer, and he is missed by many.

Finally, we want to close our annual President's Report by thanking our outgoing board members. We are so grateful for the willingness of these folks to volunteer their time, effort and passion to making our lake community a better place for all of us. Thank you to our outgoing Board Secretaries: Cathy and Brad Wallace, and to board member Leroy Shouse. Cathy, Brad and Leroy served the board well, and you will be missed! It has been a pleasure to serve with each of you.

Nomination and election of new LBA Board members was then addressed. The nominating committee, made up of Traci & Bob Freitag, Rick Hamm and Matt Stuckel, presented a recommended slate of officers. The nominations were:

Traci & Bob Freitag for a second 2 year term as president
Shannon Duvendack & Matt Stuckel for a second 2 year term as vice-president
Kathy & Darryl Oncken for the remaining 1 year term as secretary
Rick Hamm for a second 3 year term as director
Tom Carey & Megan Dortenzo for a 3 year term as director
Angie & Carey Davis for the remaining 2 years of a 3 year term as director

There were no other nominations from the floor.

Motion to approve and elect the slate of officers was made and seconded. Motion carried. Congratulations and welcome to our new board members!

There was no additional business presented.

Motion to adjourn the 2024 Annual meeting made and seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

CLEAN UP CREW

A huge thank you to those that helped with our fall clean-up around the lake. This group worked hard to make our community look its best! There were many large bags of garbage collected. Thank you to the Clarks that supplied donuts for us! We appreciate everyone with a big shoutout to: the Miller family, Deb Caldwell, Neil Finlen, Rick Mehall, Kathy & Darryl Oncken, Ross & Angel Clark, and Ryan Esposito.





EAST BAY

CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming events

 <p>Oct 12</p>	<p>Fall work day Share your skills and help with projects around camp. Projects may include: landscaping, painting, splitting firewood, grounds clean up, and more. 9am-4pm, lunch provided!</p>
<p>Oct 20</p>	<p>Fall cookout Celebrate the colors of fall at camp! Bring your family and enjoy activities, games, campfire, and a cookout! 4-7pm in Maples!</p> 
 <p>Dec 21</p>	<p>Winter solstice hike Adventure along a candlelit trail and experience camp after dark. The hike leads to a campfire with s'mores, hot chocolate, and apple cider. 4:30-6:30pm</p>

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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.