

# the Lake Breeze



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## President's Letter

Summer days are in full swing on our beautiful lake. It is always so wonderful to see and hear everyone boating, floating, and laughing out on the water. How blessed are we to have this gem in our backyards?

The 4th of July turned out to be another fun-filled day despite the threat of rain that had been forecasted. A huge congratulations to all the participants of our boat parade. Everyone was thrilled to see 11 participants in the parade this year. It appeared that everyone had a great time during the parade. We believe it is the first time we've had a floating excavator in the parade! Thank you to our lake patrol, Jeremy, for leading the parade. And a big thank you to the mythical gods, I mean, judges, and last year's winner: Tom Carey and Megan Dortenzo.



Our winners: The Parker & Osenga family

1st Runner Up  
The  
Baumgart/Benner  
Family





The LBA would like to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed to the 4th of July fireworks display. The night ended up being perfect for the spectacular display. Our neighbors who go above and beyond in their “preshow” fireworks did another amazing job. We are so lucky to have such extraordinary shows for our viewing over the reflections of our lake.



Our dock concerts continue to be a great addition to our fun at the lake. Thank you to Marshall and Marianne Kaisner for hosting the first concert of the summer. Lisa G and the Good Reasons didn't disappoint! The music was awesome and the friends dancing and laughing were such a fun sight.

There are several additional dock concerts coming up this summer. Make sure these are on your calendars.

### **AUGUST 3**

Kyle yap will be performing on the Hemwell dock.  
4 – 7 PM.

### **AUGUST 29**

The Illinois Symphony is sending a brass quintet to perform at the Turner dock.  
7 PM.

### **SEPTEMBER 14**

Highway J will be performing at the Houska/Hamm/Park dock area.  
Time to be announced.

**LET US KNOW IF MAYBE YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS MIGHT CONSIDER HOSTING  
A DOCK CONCERT NEXT SUMMER!**

Lastly,

The LBA board is looking for new members who would like to be involved with decisions and activities that we host throughout the year. We truly would like to have you join us. If you are interested in being on the LBA board, please contact Traci at 309-825-1002 as soon as possible.

Stay safe out there and enjoy the rest of the summer on our beautiful lake!

TRACI AND BOB FREITAG,  
your LBA Co-Presidents


# Save the Date!

## LBA Fall Dinner

### at El Paso Golf Course

# September 12, 2024





Mark your calendars for our  
annual fall clean-up around the  
lake.

**October 5, 2024**

Watch our Facebook page for future  
details.

**AUGUST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT  
PARKLANDS MOON PRESERVE**

Come make a difference at Parklands Moon Preserve (Lake Bloomington inner loop, parking on Carver Rd.) by helping to remove invasive autumn olive, honeysuckle and catalpa trees.

There are four work mornings scheduled in August. Thursday, August 1 and 8 and Wednesday 14 and 28. Start time is 8:30-11:30 A.M. Come for an hour or more, depending on your schedule.

Tools are provided, but come dressed to work in the woods and prairie.

If you are interested in joining us, or if you have any questions, please contact Janet Wisner.

Look forward to seeing you!  
Thank you.

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## NEW GARDENS AROUND THE LAKE

By Carol Csanda

Joe asked me to help him design a few new gardens around the lake. One is the shade garden by Morkin's Meadow, one is under the Association Park sign, and the third is under the sign at the water treatment plant. We planted low maintenance perennials that are deer resistant. In the sunny spots we planted Millennium Allium, Black Eyed Susan, Russian Sage, Coneflower, Coreopsis, Baptiste, Dianthus. For the shade garden we included Brunnera, Huchera, Astilbe and a Bottlebrush Buckeye Bush. The plants and bushes are scrawny this year, but hopefully as the years go by, they will be as beautiful as the other gardens around the lake. Take a stroll through any of the wildflower areas planted and you'll see beautiful Larkspur, Milkweed, Foxglove, Coreopsis, Coneflower and Black-Eyed Susan as well as many pollinators who love the gardens too! Thanks to my planting helpers Janet Wiser, Barb Beverage and Lisa Larkin and to Joe's ace crew for digging, mulching and watering. Grateful to live in such a beautiful place!





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