

the Lake Breeze

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President's Letter

Our lake is full! Our lake is full! The excitement of seeing the water go over the spillway is indescribable! It makes us appreciate this beautiful place where we live even more and anticipate the fun summer we have ahead of us. We are certainly excited to see our members returning. There is a great deal happening on our lake and with our Lake Bloomington Association.

Thank you to all that attended our wonderful Winter Social at Green Gables in February! The Gables crew did such a wonderful job making our appetizers and keeping up with our thirst. We estimated that about 60 of our LBA members were able to join in the festivities.

We have a few spring activities coming up quickly. Our Spring Clean Up day is occurring on Saturday, April 25 th . We will meet at East Bay dining hall, (located by the camp's main office), at 8:30 AM for a pancake breakfast. We will then divide up the roadways around the lake and compete to find out this year's discarded beer can of choice. Thank you to East Bay and Cassie for providing sustenance for our day. I hope you will join us!

Our LBA spring dinner is Thursday, May 14 th at the Lexington Community Center, 207 W. Main St. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner catered by Annie's Eats at 6:30. You should have received your invitation in the mail. Please RSVP by April 30 th . We are looking forward to a presentation by the Illinois Raptor Center on Owls.

Summer is coming up quickly! Please let us know if you and your neighbors will be sponsoring any dock concerts. The Freitags are working on sponsoring a band in late July. We will communicate a date when it is finalized. Our dock concerts continue to be a highlight to many on our lake. I hope you will consider hosting one and attending many. Also the fireworks show is confirmed for Saturday, July 4 th ! And of course, now is the time to start brainstorming your pontoon parade ideas. It is our country's 250th anniversary, so it would be amazing to have a record number of participants in the parade! Maybe you might be inspired by the patriotic ambiance of our Semiquincentennial anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence.



Our new Lake Bloomington Association website should be going live very soon. On this site you will be able to read past newsletters, read our bylaws, see our meeting minutes, find contact information, plus additional important information that will be at your finger tips.



The LBA board has been in the preliminary stages of building a pickleball court! We are so excited by the interest this has created in our membership. We have some tasks and requirements to fulfill with the city, and then we can begin raising funds to pay for this fun project. One fundraiser sponsored by your LBA is selling some new Lake Bloomington wear! Our Lake Bloomington gear online store will open on May 1 st and close on May 31 st . Each item will raise \$5 that will go towards our pickleball court.



A link with a QR code will be emailed to you and also put on our Facebook page. We will also have the QR code available at the spring dinner in May. You will receive any orders you purchased in mid-June. It will be fun to see all the new spirit wear around the lake.

Finally, a membership form is included in this newsletter. If you have not returned your membership form, dues, and fireworks donation, please consider sending that in today to help us defray the costs of all our initiatives.

Enjoy the longer days and the warm breezes! See you around the lake.

Traci & Bob Freitag!



Mark your calendars for our annual spring clean-up around the lake.
April 25, 2026
Meet at East Bay dining hall for pancakes at 8:30 AM

Dear Residents,

“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs. I am haunted by waters.” — Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It and Other Stories*

We are not haunted by waters right now!

Lake Bloomington Project Updates:

A very big thank you to Lake resident, Neil Finlen for agreeing to help the City put a bid package together for residential road repair. Our plan is to go out for bid in May. Depending on the costs, my goal is to start with White Owl, Hepatica, Tee Pee and Hiawatha. However, with the price of oil due to the war with Iran, we are confident that the pricing will preclude us from doing all four roads. But the main part is that progress is being made. I will be using every nickel from the lease income to pay for this, so some of my other projects may have to wait. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to work our way through this process.

I will let everyone know when the bids will be opened. The City opens all bids live on YouTube and you will be able to watch it.

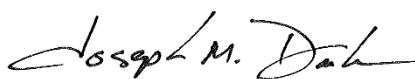
Boating season is right around the corner. Here are some reminders:

Be sure to remember:

- No wakes 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 2026 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. The best way to contact me is 309-251-5401.

Thanks!



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2026 Lake Bloomington Association Membership Form

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: \$ 40.00

Fireworks Donation: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send the above form along with your payment 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**

The \$ 40.00 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
- Social events
- LBA Membership Directory

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

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Water Aerobics at East Bay!

Mondays and Wednesdays

from 9:00-10:00 AM through May,

& beginning June 1st from 8:00-9:00 AM

Please call Adam to sign up: 865-518-1247

We hope you'll join in the fun!



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**The Benefits of
Water Aerobics:
A Low-Impact
Workout for
All Ages**

ParkLands Foundation



100 Year Celebration

ParkLands Lexington Preserve Open House
2 Douglas Dr Lexington, IL 61753

May 2, 2026 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Lexington Preserve

Nature Hikes & Scavenger Hunt

- ◆ **Wildflower Hikes:** About 1 hour, 1/2 mile long. Enjoy looking for wildflowers, plus "hug" a 200 year old Sycamore Tree.
- ◆ **Prairie Hikes:** About 1.5- 2 hours, 1 mile long. Take a leisurely hike along the prairie and savanna.
- ◆ **Sights:** See beaver activity and learn about tree planting and land stewardship activities.
- ◆ **Register:** Explore the Lexington Preserve on your own or, to join a guided hike, please visit: Parklandsfoundation.org to reserve your spot.



*Start at the ParkLands Booth or at
The Lexington Preserve*



www.parklandsfoundation.org



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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.