



The Lake of the Oaks

Property Owners Association

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August, 2014 Newsletter

What a summer it has been at the Lake! Everything remains fresh and green thanks to our regular rain showers.... and the lake remains at its "full" (normal) level! Great temperatures and pleasant breezes have joined to make this a great season at the Lake even as the heat and humidity have begun to creep back into the final weeks of August. Be sure to enjoy the final month of summer at the Lake!

Labor Day Weekend at the Lake

Labor Day weekend is quickly approaching! The Lake community will observe this "unofficial" end-of-summer three-day weekend with our annual community pot-luck carry-in dinner on **Saturday, August 30th** starting at 5:00 PM in the clubhouse. Pork loin and hot dogs will be provided by the Social Committee. Attendees are asked to bring a culinary creation in the form of a salad, side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Tea, lemonade and plates and utensils are also provided.

The usual fundraiser raffle of donated items will also take place; Lake cookbooks and wearing apparel will also be available for purchase. The Social Committee is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with the clubhouse clean-up at the end of the dinner after the crowd disperses; 30-45 minutes of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Rescheduled Kayak and Pedal Boat Races: Inclement weather forced the cancellation of what promised to be a fun challenge to earn bragging rights at kayak and pedal boat races on the Lake on the 4th of July. Organizer Beth Davis is positive that the weather will be more cooperative on **Saturday, August 30th** so she has rescheduled the kayak and pedal boats races for that afternoon starting at 2:00 PM at the boat ramp/beach area. Call her at 573-288-0324 for information.

Have you visited our website recently? Webmaster Tom keeps our site current and filled with interesting information and photos of life at the Lake of the Oaks. Please be sure to encourage your family and friends to check us out when they are on the internet: lakeoftheoaks.net!

Recently long-time property owner **Stanley Varner** gave us an interesting aerial photo of the lake taken very soon after the construction of the dam and formation of the lake (1965?). We have this photo in the clubhouse and Tom Hornstein has added it to our website under a new section entitled "History". We would like to develop a collection of photos from the early days of the lake so if you "old timers" have any stashed somewhere safe....we would love for you to dig them out and share them with us!

Property Owners: Your clubhouse is available for your use on a first-come, first-serve basis. If interested in reserving the clubhouse please contact Malinda Poulter (573-288-5334) to see what dates are available. The clubhouse is offered only to property owners for their use; no outside groups or individuals may rent the facility. It's a great facility for family get-togethers, parties and gatherings too large for your lake house/cabin. Those using the facility are expected to fully supervise its use and to clean up afterwards. No fees are assigned for its use but donations from our ever-generous property owners are always appreciated to help with our clubhouse operating expenses!

Property Owner News

Welcome to Bennie & Shirley Jarvis who recently purchased lots 131, 132, 133, 154, 155, 156 from the Association and are finalizing the completion and installation of a new home on the site. Their hope is to have everything ready for their permanent, full-time relocation to the Lake of the Oaks by early fall.

FOUND, FOUND, FOUND ... A blue & white 16' "**Sun Fisher**" **pontoon**....found afloat on the lake last week; this "lost" boat has been towed to the Association's boat dock for safekeeping.

... An aqua/dark green & white **pedal boat** was pulled from the lake a month ago before it clogged the spillway; this boat has been hauled up to the dumpster area awaiting its owner to come and claim it.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.... Be sure that your pontoons, fishing boats, pedal boats kayaks, etc. are all securely tied to your dock/property. We have a real problem each year retrieving "run-away" boats before they clog the spillway or damage the dam. The power of a 3-4 inch rainfall is immense...and can quickly carry away an untied or loosely tied boat. This is doubly important to remember as you get ready to pull your boats out of the water at the end of the boating season; just pulling a boat up onto your lot can't guarantee that strong winds and pounding rain won't carry it away. **TIE** it up securely!

Mark your calendars now...

The annual **Lake Chili Fest** is scheduled for **Saturday evening, October 25th** starting at 5 PM at the clubhouse. Chili, soup and pork loin sandwiches will be provided; property owners and their guests are invited to bring a dessert or tray of munchies to share as we get together to celebrate autumn at the lake!

As always, a raffle will be held and cookbooks and wearing apparel will be available for sale (remember ...Christmas will be just around the corner by that time and Lake items make great gifts and stocking stuffers!)

Volunteer Work Day – this Saturday, August 30th from 10 AM – approximately noon. Gather at the clubhouse ready to lend a hand in doing some brush trimming, culvert clearing, and other jobs needing a little of your time and volunteering effort!

Reminder: As a safety precaution all motorized golf carts, four-wheelers, etc. that travel our Lake of the Oaks roads are to have some sort of orange/warning flag attached to it (one that extends into the air at least three feet above the vehicle) to aid in visibility for on-coming vehicles. We would ask that as you travel our hilly byways please in keep in mind that smaller and slower moving vehicles are sometimes difficult to see; SLOWER speeds and keeping a careful eye open will keep everyone safe!

Property owners are responsible for knowing what the **CCERs (“Covenants, Conditions, Easements & Restrictions”)** contain and are expected to follow them. If you have lost, misplaced or never have received one you can obtain a copy (as well as the **By-Laws** of the Association) in a number of ways:

1. Go to lakeoftheoaks.net website and click on “News/Information” and go to the bottom of the page to the **“LOTO Covenants, Conditions, Easements & Restrictions.”**
2. The next time you are at the clubhouse, pick up a copy (copies available on the desk).
3. Phone, write or ask any Board member...and they will pass your request on and see to it that you get a copy.

Likewise, it is the responsibility of the property owners to see to it that all of their invited guests “follow the rules” while they are guests here at the lake. The best way to do this - especially when your guests are of the younger generation - is to lay down expectations for them when they are here with you, especially when they are using the beach, on the water, or travelling the lake roads.

When everyone cooperates and keeps common courtesy in mind then everyone enjoys the lake as a pleasant, safe, peaceful place!

BUILDING PERMITS

Remember the construction of any structure (house, outbuilding or dock) or any exterior expansion of any such existing structure requires a building permit. Obtaining a building permit is an easy process...but it does take time. The **Building Committee** has the responsibility of checking out all submitted plans to be sure that they comply with Lake **Covenants**, and forwarding their recommendations to the Board of Directors for action at their next regularly-scheduled Board meeting.

Our 2014 Board Building Committee members are:

Bill Wechback (217-885-3335), **Carson Noble** (660-341-2677) & **Bill Davis** (573-288-0324)

Contact any of these volunteers to discuss preliminary plans...or to submit drawings and information.

Lake lots for sale

The Association has approximately 209 lots that are available for purchase. If you – or someone you know might be interested - please contact Bob Bergman (217-257-9982). Most of these wooded lots are grouped for sale in four-lot units, though there are several instances where one or two lot packages exist randomly around the development.

Purchase cost is \$2000 per lot plus a small share of the legal/sales-related expenses.

Let's Talk Trash...Again

There's no need or excuse for having unsightly trash laying around on your lake property to be an eyesore for your neighbors and lake visitors. Trash, debris and vegetation **from your property at the Lake of the Oaks** can be disposed of easily:

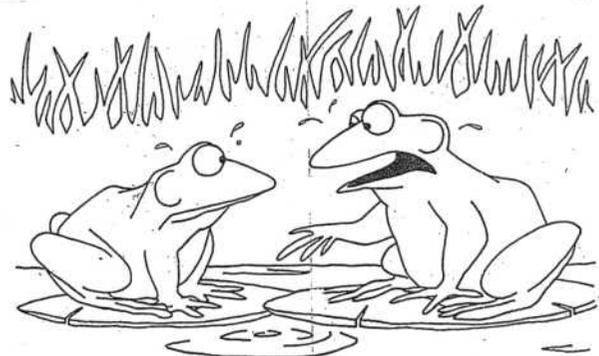
GARBAGE AND SMALL ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL are to be placed **IN** the dumpsters (please be sure that the lid is closed on the dumpsters).

LARGE BURNABLE ITEMS such as cardboard boxes, old carpeting, building materials, scarp wood, furniture, lumber, large plastic items are to be taken to the **burn pile north of the dumpsters**. PLEASE do not put leaves, branches or other vegetation on this burn pile...and please no small items that will be blow around when a breeze comes up.

LARGE METAL "JUNK" ITEMS may be placed **behind** the dumpsters/under the sign.

TREES, BRANCHES, LEAVES (no bags, no lumber or wood scraps...just vegetation) are to be taken to the **vegetation burn pile** west of the "Welcome" sign/mailboxes.

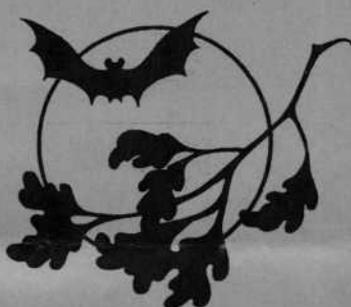
Lake property owners have done a great job cooperating with this trash/garbage/debris disposal program over the past few years....and the Lake of the Oaks is a much cleaner, neater place because of it!
Thank you for doing your part. Volunteers faithfully see to it that the burn piles are properly disposed of...but when people place items in locations where they don't belong it causes extra time, effort and energy to keep the disposal areas neat and clean.



"I can take this humidity, but I can't stand the heat."

The Lake of the Oaks
...Building
...Growing
...Going Strong!

Will you be looking for something fun and different to do with your kids/grandkids this fall as you try to squeeze in just one more weekend get-away to the Lake of the Oaks?



When October arrives it may be great fall weather to be outdoors but it generally puts an end to a great deal of the “water time” that your younger family members like when they are at the Lake...so sometimes fall outings can need “something to do” other than evening bonfires and wiener roasts.

This year our neighbors at the church of St. Patrick have created a CORN MAZE in the field immediately south of the church. The maze will be open and operating each weekend of October.

**Times will be Friday evenings from 5 – 9 PM,
Saturdays from Noon – 9 PM,
Sundays from Noon – 4 PM**

Cost will be \$5 per person (age 5 and older).

Sandwiches/snacks/cold and hot drinks will be available for sale at the concession shed located on the south end of the church parking lot at the entrance to the maze.

This might be a great family “to-do” outing and should be fun for those in your family who are young....or young-at heart.

Hand-painted decorated pumpkins created by our own Darlene Mondon will also be available for sale at the Corn Maze for your Halloween/fall decorating needs.

