Lake of the Oaks

March 2019 Newsletter

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It's hard to believe the first day of spring is just a few days away! The Lake was hit pretty hard this winter and our roads have suffered immensely from the long-lasting effects of ice, snow and cold. Budget increases for road work are a must.

We cannot thank <u>Daryl Herron</u> enough for his diligence and care of our roads with the tractor, blade and rock this winter. He was continually challenged with clearing snow, battled ice at every turn, pulled many of us out of ditches (to include a FedEx truck buried at the bottom of Sequoyan Court near Zinn Corner) and sweet talked our fading tractor into starting and giving it's all, every time. Thank you, Thank you, Daryl.

<u>It's LOTO Board Election time again</u>. There will be two positions open on the board for 2019 as Doug Ammer and Daryl Herron will be completing their term. Enclosed with this Newsletter you will find an envelope and ballot for voting. Elections will be finalized at the Annual Owners' Meeting on April 6th. If you can't attend, please be sure to send your ballot in ASAP! Thank you!

The Annual Owners' Meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2019 at 1PM. Topics to be discussed will include:

A review of 2018 at the Lake along with details of our revenues and expenses. Board elections will be finalized at this meeting. Hopefully you filled out a ballot to become a board member to continue the great work of keeping Lake of the Oaks alive and well.

Memorial Day weekend May 25th, 4th of July celebration scheduled for July 6th and Labor Day, August 31st will be brought up, so bring your calendars to mark them for participation and make our summer another great one!

If you see <u>Beth Davis</u> please thank her for her tireless work as our fearless President. She keeps us all on track at the board meetings, holds our feet to the fire to make sure things are getting done in the best interest of LOTO and still gets us out of the meetings on time and with a smile on our faces!!!! Thanks Beth!!

By The Way Do you know who does our raffle ticket drawings EVERY year? David and Doris Sowell! You will see them at our 4th of July Fish Fry diligently rolling the raffle tumbler, pulling lucky winner names and letting you choose your prize!!!

What???? A LOTO YARD SALE!!! A lakewide LOTO Yard Sale is in the works. Jane and Monte Morris are heading up this event which is scheduled to take place Friday, May 17th, noon to 5pm and Saturday, May 18th, 8am to 2pm. The specifics have not yet been ironed out: will it be held at each participating home (with a map and signs for buyers to find us), or at the clubhouse or ball field. It offers a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful lake and let people know it exists, promoting sales of lots and properties. Jane and Monte welcome your input and questions and ask that you contact them at montejane@gmail.com. They also hope to be at the Annual meeting and will be available then for discussing the yard sale. Thanks to Jane and Monte for taking this on!

<u>Beach Season Kick Off</u> Memorial Day weekend will be our kick off for opening the beach. Tom and Maria Hornstein will be hosting their Annual Hot Dog Extravaganza at the beach on Saturday, <u>May</u> 25th. If the weather doesn't support this activity on Saturday, they will try for Sunday! Get your favorite swimsuits out and grab some sunscreen!

<u>Boat Slips</u> At this time all the Lake of the Oak's boat slips have been rented. Two more boat slips are scheduled to be built this summer. Point of contact is Daryl Herron: 217-491-2258. Call him for availability and boat slip rental costs. This activity remains very popular and is serviced as first-come, first-served.

LAKE WORK DAY is ongoing. They are always held on the second Thursday of the month from 8am-noon. The next one will be on March 14th. It has been a challenge to shame coerce convince you that we need you to help even once a month. Please know that all the beautiful trimmed trees, cleared ditches and roadways are as a result of a **very few unpaid volunteers** from over 125 Lake of the Oaks' owners. The notice is posted monthly on our LOTO Facebook page and physically posted on our LOTO bulletin board. The main goal of Lake Work Day is to keep the roads cleared of the encroaching brush, tree branches and debris. Please consider coming out to help. If you have a small chain saw or loppers, bring them along. Questions about this monthly project or suggestions on how more owners could help out, should be directed to Doug Ammer at 309-221-0928.

<u>Newsletter</u> A small handful of owners asked for the newsletter to be emailed to them and this will happen soon. <u>This</u> newsletter is being mailed to facilitate getting the ballots delivered to you. If you are interested in receiving the <u>LOTO</u> <u>newsletters via email</u>, please send your email address to Terry Hughes at <u>rthughes01@yahoo.com</u>. Any opportunity to cut expenses like stamps, printer ink, paper and envelopes is a good one for our budget!

Recycling and Trash! Dan and Sandy Clinton continue to recycle cans and have a bin for easy drop off near their driveway, across from the clubhouse. We **really** appreciate them. They do this quietly, in the background with no fanfare or recognition. Yet, we so enjoy the money they provide the clubhouse from their diligence with the cans. Thank you Dan and Sandy. <3

Doug Ammer, our Vice President **AND** the man in charge of Roads Upkeep (**AND** spearheading the volunteers monthly Work Day), **continues** to handle all other recyclables for us, bringing in much needed extra money for our clubhouse expenses. <u>Please consider</u> separating your recyclables, placing glass and cans in a bag outside the dumpsters is a great start. He picks them up (almost daily), sorts them and turns them in for money for the clubhouse.

Also, please remember the dumpsters are for garbage. Not the rusty grill you no longer want, nor the concrete pavers you decided not to keep, and especially not the microwave you think doesn't work. These items can be taken, by YOU, to a dump. The garbage pickup you pay for in your dues is simply that, garbage pickup. Not household items you no longer want. And the company we pay to take our garbage have specifically told us what they will NOT pick up. Please don't jeopardize the good will we have with our contractors.

If you are not sure about something, please ASK. We are all willing to help. Can you believe all the exciting plans we have for 2019 at the Lake???

Please get involved and be a part of our incredible community!

MANY, MANY THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO DILIGENTLY DO SO

MUCH TO KEEP OUR LAKE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND OUR

PROPERTY LOOKING SO BEAUTIFUL.

GENTLE REMINDERS

Perhaps you'd like to post this page on your refrigerator at the lake?

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Clubhouse and shelter reservations: contact Beth Davis 573-629-9425 or Sandy Clinton 319-520-5553.
- Quiet time is 10:00PM. Speed limit is 20mph.
- Please, only garbage in the trash dumpsters. NO furniture, appliances, etc. DO NOT DUMP TIRES OR ANY OTHER UNWANTED ITEMS IN OR AROUND THE DUMPSTERS. IF YOU SEE ANYONE DOING THIS, PLEASE STOP THEM.
- IN CASE OF A FIRE: Wayland Fire Department 660-754-6650 or 911
- Air Evac out of Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL CALL AN AMBULANCE FIRST. They will decide if Blessings Air Evac is necessary. As a member of LOTO, you and your guests are covered in the event a life-threatening emergency occurs while on LOTO property.
- Please remember that Lake lots may be used for camping/recreational vehicles for a maximum of four years; by the end of that period it is expected that further use of any lot will result in the construction of a permanent structure with a state approved septic system.
- Please take care of the roadside in front of **your property** by clearing limbs, debris and leaves and cutting the grass. This is very important and is part of each owner's responsibility.
- In an attempt at **keeping the geese at a minimum at LOTO**, we ask that everyone try to keep them stirred up. Don't let them settle in your yards, beach areas or even meandering in the water. Do what you can to scare them off and make them uncomfortable.
- The Board meets the last Thursday of the month at 6pm at the LOTO clubhouse and all members are invited to attend.

Board of Directors for 2018

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