



The Lake of the Oaks

Property Owners Association

April, 2014 Newsletter

Finally!! Spring is here! Let the opening up of winterized lake cabins, the checking-out of fishing poles and equipment, and the sprucing up of lake property begin in earnest! Enjoy the start of "Lake of the Oaks" season the best time of the year at the Lake!

Please be reminded that the **Lake of the Oaks Property Owners Association Corporation** will hold its **Annual Meeting of the Members** on Saturday, April 26th, 2014 starting at 1:00 PM at the clubhouse. The purpose of this By-law-required annual gathering is for the Board of Directors to share with the members information relative to the physical and financial operation and condition of the Association. Additionally, the election for filling open positions on the Board of Directors will be concluded and results announced at this meeting.

Please come and enjoy socializing and relaxing with your fellow-property owners on Saturday, April 26th. Bring an appetizer, snack, dessert or finger-food to share as we gather to chat, greet old friends and meet new friends after the business portion of the meeting. Coffee, tea, lemonade, paper products, plastic ware will be provided by the Social Committee.

A fund-raising raffle will again be held in conjunction with the annual meeting; donated craft and other raffle prizes are always appreciated. Lake of the Oaks hats & attire as well as cookbooks will be available for purchase.

THANK YOU to the property owners who remembered to get their 2014 annual dues assessment paid by April 1st. The vast majority of members have been very faithful in making these payments on time. Those few "forgetful" members who have failed to pay their dues will be actively reminded until they do so.

Property Owner News

We share with you the passing **Joan Bosman**, Joan and her husband **Pat** have been lake property owners for the past three or four years of the property at 205 Lake Shore Drive on the east side of the lake..

Our sympathy goes out to Pat and the Bosman family on the loss of their loved one.

Gerald & Malinda Poulter have grown their Lake investment by recently adding lot 291A to their "southern" garage property on Chippewa.

2014 dates to remember for upcoming Lake of the Oaks events:

Saturday, July 5 th	Independence Day Weekend Celebration at the Lake: (Community breakfast, Fishing Derby, Carry-in Dinner)
Saturday, August 30 st	Labor Day Carry-in dinner
Saturday, October 25 th	Annual Chili Fest gathering

LOST AND FOUND:

...One 4' x 6' floating wooden dock section – in Mondon's cove

...One light tan/dark green pedal boat – by the spillway

Both of these items were found floating loose on the lake; if any of these three items are yours, please inquire about retrieving them. Items not recovered by May 1st will be disposed of.

Is it time to start thinking and planning improvements to your lake house and property? **Remember:** obtaining a building permit for construction or expansion of lake cabins, outbuildings and docks is an easy process...but it does take time; please do not wait until the last minute. The **Building Committee** has the responsibility of providing preliminary approval to any member's building plans prior to it being approved by the Board of Directors.

Our current volunteer Building Committee members are:

Pete Henson (573-288-5837), Bill Davis (573-228-0324) and Gary Hetzel (573-217-3051)

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

Speaking of improvements around the lake: We have had a number of property owners who have made significant changes, additions and improvements to their lake property in the past year...and a number of others are scheduled for this spring. We would particularly like to point out the significant improvements John and Becky Sherbon have made to their lake A-frame on the west side of the lake (346 West Washita). They completely revitalized the outside of their structure last year ...and have additional plans for this year. Be sure to let the Sherbons know how great their A-frame looks! When property owners spend time, energy and money (as well as blood, sweat and tears sometimes) improving their property EVERYBODY AT THE LAKE OF THE OAKS benefits, not just the property owner!

Lake of the Oaks undeveloped lots FOR SALE

The Association has approximately 215 lots that are available for purchase. If you – or someone you know is interested - please contact Bob Bergman (217-257-9982). Most of the 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 share of the legal and other sales related expenses.

BEACH Renovation Plans

The beach renovation project continues to be “on the front burner” of Tom Hornstein as he finalizes plans that have been in the works for the past six months or so. THANK YOU to the many property owners and several “Friends of the Lake” for their generous voluntary financial support of this project. Several property owners have sent in contributions just since the last newsletter...and are much appreciated as this project moves into the implementation phase.

The goal of this effort is to create and maintain a beautiful, revitalized beach area for members and their invited guests to enjoy all “swimming season” long! Hopefully, all components will be in place for the “opening” of the beach on Memorial Day.

- Plans include:
1. All new heavy-duty, commercial-grade picnic tables that will require no regular, on-going maintenance.
 2. Expanding the beach dimensions somewhat – back to what it was years ago before it was “shrunk” by encroaching grass and erosion.
 3. Adding lots of good-quality beach sand.
 4. Doing a little “sculpting” of the hillside and drainage paths behind the sand area to help keep erosion of the sand to a minimum.
 5. All new, correct, current, easy-to-read signs.
 6. Something to help “deter” the Canada Geese from becoming beach bums...and leaving their undesirable “deposits” on the beach.

Every year we like to issue several important general reminders to new property owners, as well as to remind “old” owners.

1. Have you paid your 2014 Wayland Volunteer Fire Protection Association dues? This \$40 annual fee paid to the Fire District covers you for fire protection should you ever need it for your lake property. Please inquire if you did not receive a mailed renewal form from the WVFPA.
2. Please remember (and remind all of your invited guests): Our lake has a 10 horsepower maximum on all boat motors being used on the lake. No Exceptions.
3. Our bridge has a 3 ton load limit posted. If you have gravel, building materials, concrete, etc.. being delivered to your place on the lake please be sure that the delivery truck knows how to get to your place without running into load limit problems at the bridge.
4. “Quiet time” at the lake begins each evening at 10 PM. Please respect your neighbors and other lake owners.
5. Our Covenants limit to four years the amount of time that a lot may be used for temporary campers, motor homes and pull-behind units. By the time four years have elapsed owners have had ample time to get approval and to be underway with a permanent structure.
6. Fishing on the lake is limited to pole/rod and reel fishing only; (no trout lines/jug fishing).
7. Owners are responsible for their invited guest knowing and following the rules and regulations associated with the lake.
8. **The Lake of the Oaks is designed to be a fun, relaxing, friendly place. Please do everything you can to help it be and to stay that way!**

Lets' Talk Trash....

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 coms 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.

Remember our **Fishing Bragging Bulletin Board** on the north wall of the clubhouse. Even if your "catch" isn't a world-record catch, your photos added to this bulletin board will be enjoyed by all clubhouse visitors. Be sure to share your fishing photos with us!

www.lakeoftheoaks.net

This website should be certainly one of your "favorites" and most-frequently visited sites when you are on the internet. Tell your kids, grandchildren, and friends about this terrific information spot, too. If you know of someone who is even remotely interested in owning property at Lake of the Oaks, this would be a great place for them to visit. It contains a wealth of material, information, documents, and photos!

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