



The Lake of the Oaks

Property Owners Association

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June, 2014 Newsletter

The rain has the lake filled to capacity... warm temperatures call kids out for a swim... pontoons out for an evening spin... kayaks out for a peaceful glide into the quiet coves...and fishermen out for a chance to catch the "big one" that got away last year. Ahh, summer... the best time of the year at the Lake!

Thank you to all property owners who attended the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Lake of the Oaks Property Owners Association Inc. on April 26th. At that meeting we reviewed the 2013 year. The election of Board of Directors members was completed with Mark Bigelow, Kent Stevenson and Beth Davis being selected for three-year terms. The entire Board for 2014 consists of:

Mark Bigelow (elected through 2017) – **President** – 217-242-9031

Beth Davis (elected through 2017) – **Vice President** – 573-288-0324

Kent Stevenson (elected through 2017) – **Secretary** – 217-228-0477

Doug Ammer (elected through 2016) – **Road Committee** – 309-221-0928

Bill Wechback (elected through 2016) – **Lake Committee and Building Committee** – 217-885-3335

Gary Hetzel (elected through 2015) – 573-288-3051

Bob Bergman (elected through 2015) – **Treasurer** – 217-257-9982

OPENING DAY OF OUR RENOVATED BEACH AREA

Saturday, May 24th was a **GREAT** day at the Lake of the Oaks. The weather was perfect to for the official kick-off of the beach season at the Lake!

There was fresh sand, new safety buoys, up-to-date & attractive signs, bright, colorful beach tables, a matching bench under the hillside tree overlooking the beach, a Canada-geese deterrent system, and a great little picnic area atop the hill (complete with a permanent BBQ grill)!

To celebrate, Tom and Maria Hornstein hosted an "Opening of the Beach" Hot Dog Roast at the newly created beach picnic area to mark the culmination of their ten-month long effort to raise funds and implement a complete beach overhaul. Thanks go out for the generosity of some 50+ Lake property owners and "Friends of the Lake" who helped this project become a reality through their contributions of funds, through their physical help in completing the project and/or through loan of tools and machines to help with installation of equipment.

The finished product looks **GREAT** and has already been used/enjoyed by many people over the past month. **"Thank you" Tom and Maria ...and everybody who helped out in any way, shape or form!** Enjoy our new beach and picnic area all summer long!

Please go to our website (lakeoftheoaks.net) for a complete listing of donors, monies spent, and equipment installed as part of this project.

Property Owner News

since our last newsletter

We share with you the passing of **Ron Wellman** on May 11th. Ron and Brenda were long-time property owners and residents here at the lake, from the mid 1990s until 2013. Ron was a terrific supporter and promoter of the Lake of the Oaks as well as being a familiar face to everyone around the lake. Ron worked tirelessly to help the buy-out process from the LLC in 2008, to help develop and enact revised **Covenants and By-Laws** in 2010, to aid and encourage the construction of our long-awaited community clubhouse, to sell some 50+ lots after the Association became the owner of the unsold lots around the lake ... and countless other tasks and efforts to improve and "grow" the Lake! Most importantly, Ron worked hard to help make the Lake a more attractive, vibrant, friendly place. Our sympathy goes out to Brenda and their children.

Welcome to **Deanne Shoup**, new owner of the home at 265 Sequoyan Drive; farewell to Ruth Lovell West, previous owner of the property.

Welcome to **Joey & Sarah Fryer** who recently purchased the building site at 322-323 Iowa; farewell to Steve & Cinda Dow, previous owners of these lots.

In May, **Jim & Gail Fleming** purchased the lakeside mobile home at 528 West Lakeshore Drive from Bob & June Spencer. The purchase of this property allowed Jim & Gail to expand their previous lake property (located just south of this property). The Spencers continue to be owners of undeveloped lots 531 & 532.

We have a "lost" Lake property owner: **Robert Nichols**, owner of lots #416 & 417, has a PO Box address in La Grange MO on file but we have neither physical (street) address nor telephone contact number for him. We need to be in touch with him but have had no response from him through mailings at the PO address. Can you help? If you know **where** Robert Nichols resides or how we might get in **phone contact** with him....please let a Board member know.

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 newly appointed 2014 volunteer 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.

Speaking of improvements around the lake: In recent weeks we have had a number of property owners make great upgrades to their property. Some three or four owners have completely reconditioned their docks (new decking, new floats, improved bracing) and a couple of others have plans to do the same type of rehab to their docks in the near future. Additionally, Dan and Sandy Clinton are finishing up a nice garage next to their home at 183 Lakeshore Drive (across the road from the clubhouse parking lot entrance). Be sure to compliment these property owners on their improvements and let them know that you like what you see! When property owners spend time, energy & money improving their property it benefits EVERYBODY at the Lake of the Oaks!

The 4th of July Weekend at the Lake

With the holiday falling on a Friday we will have an exciting, fun-filled, action-filled three-day weekend awaiting us at the Lake of the Oaks. Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!

Fireworks: Please be sure that safety comes first; don't let an accident ruin your family's holiday.

Property owners are reminded that "Quiet time" at the Lake starts at **10 p.m.**; please be sure that all fireworks and outside noise end at that time. YOU are responsible for any and all guests you have at the Lake; be sure that they know the rules and follow them.

The 4th of July weekend will "tax" our trash dumpsters to the max. Please be sure that you **do not load the dumpsters down with bulky items** that should be placed on the burn pile just north of the dumpsters. Fireworks debris can be especially bulky; please **bag up or box up the packaging/cardboard/fireworks remnants** and place them on the burn pile instead of in the dumpsters!

Planned Weekend Activities

The Social Committee has added some new activities to this year's agenda **for property owners and their guests!** Please feel free to take part in any or all of these fun and social opportunities!

Saturday, July 5: **Complimentary breakfast** for anyone and everyone from 7:00 AM – 9 PM at the clubhouse; No charge, no reservations needed....just show up hungry & enjoy breakfast and an opportunity to chat with a few of your neighbors or Lake guests.

Kids Fishing Derby: 9:00 AM – 10:30 at the dam. Have your kids, grandkids, relatives or neighbors bring their fishing poles and bait to test their fishing skills and luck!. Open to kids through age 16. Prizes awarded per different age groups!

Carry-in Dinner: Starting at 5 PM at the clubhouse; No charge, no reservations needed. No formal program...just a great time to get together to eat a good meal & to greet old friends and meet new friends! Fried fish, hot dogs, paper items and eating utensils, tea and lemonade provided. Bring a covered dish/dessert to share. A fundraiser raffle will be held and Lake of the Oaks clothing items and cookbooks will be available for sale. (Note: the fish served will not just be any ordinary fishIt will be prime "Lake of the Oaks" fish caught by the finest fishermen at the Lake, cleaned by the most skilled Lake craftsmen and fried to perfection by a team of the finest cooks around!)

FOUND and RESCUED: Last week's heavy rains washed a green, flat-bottom boat up dangerously close to the spillway. License: IL4520E. If this is your boat please retrieve it from the dam...and tie it up securely at your dock!

Don't forget to post your favorite fishing photos (world-record size or not) in the Clubhouse on the Fishing Bulletin Board for everybody to enjoy!

Lake 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 small share of the legal/sales-related expenses.

Have you misplaced your copy of the 2010 **Covenants**? You can obtain a copy of the **Covenants** (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.

Have you visited our website lately? Keep current with what's happening around the lake, obtain documents needed and view some amazing photography & videos! www.lakeoftheoaks.net

Put these future Lake social events on your calendar:

Saturday, August 30st Labor Day/End-of-Summer
Carry-in dinner in the PM; Tentative plans are for a pontoon/boat parade around the lake; details will be announced later; start thinking & planning your decorations now!

Saturday, October 25 Annual Chili Fest in the PM



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