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What's Up?

APRIL / MAY

EXERCISE CLASS every Tues. & Thurs. 6 - 6:45 pm, at the Comm. Bldg.

SKIP-BO every Wed. from 1 - 4 pm at the Comm. Bldg.

FREE FOOD at Chinn - call Dale Lightfoot for dates/times at 816-225-1046.

Apr 26-27, 8 am - 5 pm, Lake Waukomis Garage Sale, sponsored by the Women's Club

Apr 28, 4 - 5:30 pm, New Resident Get-together at 141 North Shore Dr.

May 1, 6:30 pm, Men's Club Meeting, at Comm. Bldg.

May 1, 7 pm, HOA meeting with residents affected by the 300 block stormwater project, at the Comm. Bldg.

May 4, 9 am - 2 pm, Spring Clean-up (see flyer insert)

May 6, noon, Retirees' Potluck & Mtng., at Comm. Bldg.

May 8, 7 pm, City Council Mtng., at the Comm. Bldg. (livestreamed on City's Facebook page)

May 11, Sophie's Run @ Lake Waukomis (dam closes 8 am, race starts 9 am)

May 13, Women's Club Crumb Crawl starts 6 pm at 847

May 14, 7 pm, HOA Board Mtng, at Comm. Bldg.

May 15, 6:30 pm, 4th of July Planning Committee meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

May 17, 1 - 5 pm, Blood Drive at the Comm. Bldg., sponsored by the Women's Club

May 18, 4 - 8 pm, Summer Kickoff at South Park, sponsored by the Men's Club (see flyer insert)

May 18, NEWS Submissions due

May 20, 6:30 pm, Women's Club Board Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.



Top left photo: this year's Easter Egg Hunt also included a Petting Zoo, with the kids petting the kids! And chicks! And bunnies!
Top right photo: these youngsters scored a big basketful of Easter Eggs!



Middle left photo: the Gardeners put the finishing touches on the new fence around the Garden.
Middle right photo: the Scavenger Hunt's winning team, L-R: Barbara Martin, Justine Leconte-Alvarez, Janie Zelfer, and Katy Stevick, with their prizes - Andy's Custard gift cards!



Bottom photo: Nancy Jones and Greg Hollenbeck put on their eclipse glasses before viewing the Solar Eclipse on April 8th (photo courtesy of Nancy Jones).

Banner photo: Chris Tartaglia's granddaughter, 1-yr-old Luciana, conducted a stare-down with a blow-up Easter Bunny at the South Park Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th.

OFFICIALS



The President's Corner

By Steve Koch, Association President

Association Directors

Executive Board

- Steve Koch, President, (582-4010)
- Art Kellogg - Exec. Vice-President (520-0254)
- Teddi Wolff, Vice-President/Sgt. At Arms, (654-5830)
- Laura Church, Secretary/Treasurer (587-9281)
- Admin. Coordinator, Ashley Davidson (741-4706)

Committee Responsibilities

- Cell Tower - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Community Building - Art Kellogg (520-0254)
- Conservation - Corey Schmidt (806-8476)
- Deed of Restrictions - Laura Church (587-9281), Doug Day (281-203-2103)
- Dock Placement - Melissa DiPeri (404-323-9324)
- 4th of July Liaison - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- North and South Parks - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Parkway, Unplatted - Terry Morton (896-8494)
- Rental Consents - Doug Day (281-203-2103)
- Silt Management - Dale Crouch (389-9984)
- Social Media Liaison - Cindy Law (746-4565)
- Stormwater - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Trailer Park - Ann Veith (587-1956)
- Zebra Mussel Prevention - Cindy Law (746-4565)
- Water Quality - Cindy Law (746-4565)

City Officials

- Rick Zelfer, Mayor (365-0525)
- Merinda Anthony, City Clerk (741-2079);
Email address: waukomiscityclerk@kc.rr.com
- Mike Gibbany, Operations Manager / Maintenance (316-6262)
- Frances Davidson - Treasurer
- Larry Marsh, Alderman, Ward 1 (746-4573) - Administration
- Bob Shinogle, Alderman, Ward 1 (223-0797) - Liaison for HOA, Lake Waukomis Clubs and Committees
- Laurie Barrow, Alderwoman, Ward 2 (213-2484) - Mayor ProTem / Police
- Clarence Matthews, Alderman, Ward 2 - (500-4375) - Dam

Newsletter Staff

- Teddi Wolff, Editor/Photographer/Distribution (654-5830)
- Email address: teddi.wolff@gmail.com
- Lake Waukomis City Website - www.lakewaukomis.org
- ZEBRA MUSSEL INFO - www.lkwkinfo.org

EDITOR'S NOTE: Articles submitted by residents & published in the *Lake Waukomis News* are not necessarily the views & opinions of the Lake Waukomis Association.

Digital copies of each month's NEWS can be found on the lakewaukomis.org website.

A reminder that is the responsibility of homeowners to maintain ditches, driveway grates, and any waterways in front of their property. This includes the removal of leaves and debris. Maintaining the ditches and waterways is an important part of preserving roadways, preventing impromptu flooding, and overall waterflow to the lake.

As stated in the Deed of Restrictions, no residence on a Lot shall be leased or rented without the written consent of the Association. A signed agreement between the lessor and the Association must be completed prior to renter occupancy. This Agreement does exist and must be adhered to as stated. Contact the Association Administrative Clerk or City Clerk for further details.

The time for severe weather is upon us. Please do your best to properly secure docks, boats, and all items on both.

The Canada goose egg addling is now occurring. Please respect the individuals who will be performing this task and understand it is an important part of keeping the resident goose population in check.

The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Guests are always welcome and if you have any business to bring forth to the Board, we ask that you contact Admin. Clerk Ashley Davidson a week prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda.

A reminder to renew your Zebra Mussel Prevention Training. This is a very important program to the preservation of our Lake. Be sure to discuss this important issue with your neighbors in case they are not familiar with the program. The website for training and to submit your information is www.lkwkinfo.org.



ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE

by Cindy Law, HOA Social Media Liaison

Your Lake Waukomis Association now has its own Facebook page. Search Facebook for "Lake Waukomis Association". Look for the familiar entry sign photo (pictured left) to know you've found our page. Follow us for updates.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

When scheduling ANY event at South Park or the Community Building, please contact Ashley Davidson, Admin. Coordinator, to make reservations and ensure there are no conflicts.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 5-7 pm

Admin. Coordinator - Ashley Davidson

741-4706 (Office) / 305-6607 (Cell) / waukomishoaclerk@gmail.com

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

City Clerk - Merinda Anthony, Assistant Lisa Bohm

741-2079 (Office) / waukomiscityclerk@kc.rr.com

Mayor's Message

by Mayor Rick Zelfer

May is upon us and it is so great to see everyone working in their yards and the flowers blooming. This is also a time of the year where the City is changing. I would like to welcome Bob Shinogle to the board. His addition will open the door for some fresh thoughts and ideas. A special thanks to Jack Williams who served on the board for six years. His expertise helped our community. I want to welcome back Clarence Matthews for another term. It takes a commitment to consider being an alderperson. I would also like to thank Guy Groves for stepping up and running.

I know most of the residents have seen the work that has been or is being done in the 900 block. After the siphon line was finished between the 800 and 900 block, we videoed the remaining areas of the 900 block to check for any additional sewer issues. If we had not done that video, we would have missed half a dozen areas. We are now working on those areas. Once we have finished, we should only have a couple more smaller areas to video and sleeve. Then I can say we will have completed all of the first tier on the South Shore side!

We have plans to work on the water pits and roads for the remainder of the year. Our plans are to keep moving forward to better our community.

Get out and enjoy our slice of heaven and your neighbors.

STAY INFORMED WITH TEXTCASTER

The City and HOA are now using TextCaster as the primary method for notifications. This is a free opt in service provided by the Platte County Sheriff. Nixle has been phased out and is no longer being used.

You have a choice of text and / or email notifications from the Platte County Sheriff for National Weather Service alerts, and county public safety events. You are encouraged to choose both.

Be sure to check Lake Waukomis Police and Lake Waukomis Civic Events, along with Lake Waukomis Homes Association. Other notifications you wish to receive can be checked at your discretion.

TextCaster is more versatile than NIXLE and also provides the HOA a method for a change of events or information.

Go to Plattesherriff.org and click on the Services tab

Go to the submenu (top of page) and click on Platte County Connection

Then scroll down, click on Sign-Up Now, and complete the form

Questions? Contact Jeff Libby, 816-863-6987



A reception was held by the City on Wednesday, April 10th, to thank Jack Williams for his multiple years of service as an Alderman.



Photo top left: City Council, L-R: Attorney Scott Sullivan, Alderwoman Laurie Barrow, Alderman Clarence Matthews, Alderman Larry Marsh, City Clerk Merinda Anthony, Mayor Rick Zelfer, outgoing Alderman Jack Williams, Treasurer Fran Davidson, and incoming Alderman Bob Shinogle.

Photo bottom left: City Clerk Merinda Anthony administers the Oath of Office to Mayor Rick Zelfer. Photo bottom right: Aldermen Clarence Matthews and Bob Shinogle wait their turn to be sworn in.

Photos courtesy of Barb Marsh and Mike Gibbany

Want Ads/For Sale/Services

Services rendered: Goeden's Dock Service. New Dock Construction / All Dock Repair / Removal. Flotation Installation. Prompt and Courteous Service. Work Guaranteed. Steve Goeden 816-308-1789.

Services rendered: Elite One KC. Headquarters at Lake Waukomis! Decks, Windows, Siding, Entry & Patio Doors, Interior/Exterior Remodeling and MORE. Call (816) 355-4600 or visit www.EliteOneKC.com today to schedule a FREE ESTIMATE.

Services rendered: In need of **foundation repair** (settlement, waterproofing, or wall movement)? We do it all. Call Curtis Bramble - lake resident, 816-918-6963 or email curt4533@gmail.com.

Services rendered: General Contractor and Disaster Relief Company, www.globalresponseteam.com; Painting, Flooring, Roofing, Mold Damage, Water Damage, Fire Damage, Foundation Repair, All Other Repairs. 816-986-0149 / 913-375-5086.

Services rendered: I am a Northland resident (a few blocks north of Lake Waukomis) who spent 25 years fixing people's computers at the Kansas City Star. I still enjoy that work in retirement. Give me a call. You'll get an honest repair assessment and reasonable rates. **KC TechFriend**, Rob Perschau, 816-516-9693.

Services rendered: Custom T-Shirts and Printing Services! Offering Full Color Design, Embroidery, Screen Printing, Signs, Banners, Yard Signs, Business Cards & more! Contact **4HourTees** at 816-468-1301 or at www.4hourtees.com. No minimums & always FREE Shipping on all orders.

Services rendered: I have a cleaning service called **Aminda's Custom Cleaning**. I have been in business for 12 years. I clean anywhere, from move out to move in. Service customized to your cleaning needs. 816-863-7519.

Services rendered: WAYPRO Cleaning Services. House Cleaning, Home Services/Organization, Laundry Service, Carpet Cleaning/Stain Removal. www.wayprocleaningservices.com. Call for a free quote: 1-754-610-6829.

Services rendered: MOBILE BOAT CLEANING. Let **LAKE LIFE BOAT CLEANING** do the hard work of cleaning your boat so you have more time for fun. Complete cleaning packages starting at \$9 per foot. www.LakeLifeBoatCleaning.com | 913-210-2382.

Services rendered: PEST & TERMITE CONTROL, EVER-READY PEST CONTROL, INC. Pest Control Treatments. Termite Inspections/Treatments. Exclusive Pricing \$\$ for Lake Waukomis Residents. John & Candi Nation, Lake residents since 1984. Call our Office Today: 816 / 468-4002.

Services rendered: KANSAS CITY LAWN SPRINKLERS. Backflow Inspections. Service Calls. Winterizations. Call Tony McBroom at (816) 459-0351. KansasCityLawnSprinklers.com.

Services rendered: Want to rejuvenate and refresh your home for a minimum cost? Maybe you saw our home #1141 on the June 2022 Homes Tour and asked about my services. A **Get Fresh** consultation includes a survey, home tour and recommendations. **Please contact Nancy Jones at 816-678-3147 or tigrenj@aol.com for an appointment.**

Services rendered: Real Estate agent. Resident Zac Morton. **816-210-8257 www.WaukomisHomes.com** Service for buying, selling and evaluating property values.

Services rendered: Award-winning solar company **The Solar Guys** is offering \$100 Amazon gift card just for sitting in a prequalified appointment with us to see what you will save on your electric bill. **Please contact Lake Waukomis resident Cassie Oslin at 602-882-5124** today for an appointment.



Captain's Corner

Dispatcher (non-emergency): Call 816-858-3521
Emergency: Call 911

Greetings,

Online scammers continue to be a significant threat to your assets. Scammers try to trick you into giving them your personal information. They pose as organizations you know well such as Amazon, Fedex, the Postal Service, or law enforcement. Do not share personal information, especially over the phone. A request for you to obtain gift cards to render payment is a tactic commonly used by scammers. If you encounter this, the likelihood that you are dealing with a scam is extremely high. If you do suspect a scammer, end the conversation immediately and do not try to talk to the caller.

Thank you,

Captain Woodrow Painter; Operations Bureau Commander
Platte County Sheriff's Office 816-858-3449
woodrowpainter@plattesherriff.org

ACTIVITIES	MARCH 2024	YR-TO-DATE
Patrol Time Logged*	170.36 hrs	358.48 hrs
Traffic Stops	6	9
Calls for Service	11	17
Reports Taken	3	4
Designated Area Checks	374	828

*BREAKOUT BY SHIFT	HRS WORKED
Day Shift	61.22
Midnight Shift	68.10
Evening Shift	41.28

HOW TO SET UP A RESIDENCE CHECK

Residence checks can be requested by going to https://www.plattesherriff.org/services/residence_check.php and answering a few short questions.

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Retirees' Club News **Back in Time at Lake Waukomis**

by Steve Burger, President

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Historian

Eighteen Retirees attended our April potluck lunch and meeting. Gardening was our theme, with speakers Terry Morton and Roxanne Armstrong, who are leaders in the LW Community Garden. We learned lots about the Garden as well as many Garden tips. Some good advice for new gardeners is to start small and then expand your garden as you learn. It's also recommended to send a soil sample (2 cups of soil 4-6 inches deep) to the U of MO Extension Service for pH testing - tell them what you want to grow and they will tell you how to amend your soil for the best result. Seeds were distributed as well as garden-related handouts. Afterwards, we had a brief business meeting, followed by a drawing for some tasty prizes. Lucky winners of Andy's Custard gift cards were Donna Rhodus, Sandy Massock, Steve Burger and Ila Greenlee. Following the meeting, the Retirees set up the voting booths and tables for the next day's Municipal Election.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes....Can anything stop the increases? We will be good listeners at our May Retirees' potluck lunch and meeting. Our speaker is Platte County Commissioner Dagmar Wood, who will discuss the Platte County Property Tax Freeze for Seniors. Our May DATE has changed. It is Tuesday, May 7th, instead of the normal Monday, due to the speaker's busy schedule. Be sure to invite other seniors who might be interested or have questions to attend our May meeting.



Terry Morton and Roxanne Armstrong were the featured speakers for the April Retirees' meeting.

Now that the Kansas City Royals' season has started, this is a fun bit of history. In April 1996, the Lake Waukomis Police Department participated in a Kansas City Royals baseball card program. The program was sponsored by the Kansas City Life Insurance Company and every week for the 1996 season, a different Royals card was distributed by our policemen to the kids on the Lake. The program was to "foster positive relationships between young people and the police." The front of the card featured a full-color photo of a player; the reverse side showed player stats plus helpful tips relating to crime, safety and drugs.

Hilariously Relatable Quotes about Birthdays from INSPIRINGQUOTES.COM

You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.
--Bob Hope

I see birthdays as a reward for having shown up 365 days in a row. It's like getting a badge for attendance. ---Gina Barreca

When I turned 2 I was really anxious, because I'd doubled my age in a year. I thought, if this keeps up, by the time I'm 6 I'll be 90.
--Steven Wright

When a man has a birthday, he takes a day off. When a woman has a birthday, she takes at least three years off. --Joan Rivers

Pie can't compete with cake. Put candles in a cake, it's a birthday cake. Put candles in a pie, and somebody's drunk in the kitchen. --Jim Gaffigan

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest. --Larry Lorenzoni

Marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgets [them]. --Ogden Nash

I know I'm getting old. My last birthday cake looked like a prairie fire.
--Rodney Dangerfield

For all the advances in medicine, there is still no cure for the common birthday. --John Glenn

Why is a birthday cake the only food you can blow on and spit on and everybody rushes to get a piece? --Bobby Kelton

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age. --Robert Frost

Men's Club

by President Randy Gerard

Well, I for One Am Going Through Withdrawals

The NFL season has been over for a couple of months, March Madness was last month and suddenly my weeknights and weekends are almost totally without any sports! The Royals are off to a great start and are exciting to watch so far, but MLB nor the PGA are not on my "gotta watch" sports, lol! To be honest, though, my golf season starts this month! FORE!

The Men's Club is excited to announce that plans for a May event, dubbed the "Summer Kickoff" are well underway and should be a great lead-in to our boating, fishing and recreational season at Lake Waukomis! Currently the plans include a BBQ contest along with cornhole, pickleball, a band (hopefully!) and possibly a 50/50 raffle. South Park will be ours the entire day so we hope everyone can come out and join in the festivities!

The Men's Club will be volunteering to help with the Spring Clean-up on May 4th and all residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to clean out their closets, garages and sheds. Be sure to schedule any curbside pickup items with Teddi Wolff in advance, as described in the green flyer insert in this edition of the NEWS. And don't forget to pick up any debris that's collected lakeside.

As I mentioned last month the Men's Club Facebook page is up and going. The page is restricted to members in good standing and will be used to allow meeting and activity attendance, post club documents and other items to provide better communication with our members and the community.

I am pleased to also announce the HOA has approved the plans for a new bocce ball court that will be installed in the garden area north of the swing sets. The Men's Group will be working on getting this installed as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Your Men's Club is also in the process of organizing plans for this year's boat wash which will be over two full weekends in June instead of 3 consecutive Saturdays as in past years. Plans are also underway to support the activities for our annual 4th of July celebrations.

Please join us for an opportunity to meet other men on the lake and help us with your ideas and energy. Dues are only \$10 a year and you get your choice of a hat or shirt. You don't have to be active all of the time as many of our members work full-time. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month and social time starts at 6:30. If you have any questions, contact me or anyone on our Board and we'll be glad to help!

Randy Gerard-809 - 913/908-5670

Men's Club members and LW residents worked to replenish the crapie beds. Thank you, Chris Wardrip, for supplying the cedar trees.



CONTEST FOR ALL LAKE WAUKOMIS RESIDENTS

by Randy Gerard
(w/ many thanks to John Douglas for the concept)



Everyone watches daily weather forecasts hoping to hear that enough rain is heading our way to fill the lake to normal levels again. We all know it will happen, but WHEN? Rather than just worrying about it, let's have some fun with it. The MEN'S CLUB has created a contest as a fundraiser, and everyone is invited to enter.

To enter this contest, predict the DATE and HOUR you think water will once again flow across the spillway. Enter as many times as you want. **Each entry will be \$5.00. The money will be held in a separate account until the contest ends and a winner is announced. The person with the closest prediction will receive 50% of the money in the pot. The remaining 50% will be contributed to the Men's Club treasury to donate to community enhancement projects.

**Checks should be made payable to the Men's Club, \$5.00 for every prediction. Encourage everyone in your family to make a prediction. Checks may be mailed to Randy Gerard at 809 S. Shore Dr., Lake Waukomis, MO, 64151, Attn: Men's Club. If submitting cash, place the money in an envelope and deliver it to 809 S. Shore Dr., or email me at rsgridrunner@gmail.com, text at 913-908-5670, or Facebook message me so I can make arrangements to swing by and pick it up. All entries MUST include your name, phone number, and predicted date/hour, as well as the \$5.00 per entry fee. Join the fun as we all wait for this extended drought to end.

****The deadline for submitting predictions has been extended indefinitely.** The contest will end when lake water once again flows across and over the spillway. Questions may be directed to Randy Gerard at 913-908-5670 or rsgridrunner@gmail.com. Make your predictions and start your rain dances now!

GOOSE PATROL REPORT 2024 by Clarence Matthews

Your Addling Crew (Men's Club members Bill Massock, Gary Fiddler, Dale Crouch, Jack Williams, and Clarence Matthews) has completed the 3rd tour of the lake on 4/14, looking for nesting geese. Thanks to your help, we are finding quite a few. After we addle the eggs, we leave them on the nest for 3 weeks before removing them. Otherwise, the goose will just lay more eggs.

So far, **we have found nests at 25 different locations** around the lake and **added a total of 115 eggs!** Your reporting of the locations (docks, flower pots, shrubbery) have made our job much easier. It works better if we have the corresponding dock number rather than the house number, as we usually conduct our patrol by boat.

If you have a pair of geese nesting, call or text Clarence Matthews at 816-500-4375 or post on Facebook.



Women's Club

by President Ann Veith

LWWC Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2024

By the numbers:

10 golf carts

Approximately 30 women

11 clues

60 minutes allotted, completed in approximately 40 minutes!

The scavenger hunt started at 6:30, with 11 clues; the women were to go around the lake, take photos of the answers to the clues, and come back to the Community Building at 7:30, whether they solved all the clues or not. The first team arriving back to the Community Building would win. About 40 minutes after the start, several golf carts were seen racing into the parking lot, with women jumping off the carts and running at full speed into the Community Building.

So much fun, thank you, Cindy Pound!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

POKER RUN: Saturday, April 20th
Reach out to Monica House for information.

TIPTOE THRU THE TULIPS TRIP-
Sunday, April 21st See Janie Zelfer for information.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE- Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th. Reach out to Jen Soliz for information.

SPRING CLEAN UP-
Saturday, May 4th. Contact Teddi Wolff for information.

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRUMB CRAWL- Monday 13th, starting at 6pm at Susan Sanderson's house at 847.

MAY BLOOD DRIVE:
Friday, May 17th, 1 - 5 pm, at the Comm. Bldg.

HOMES TOUR- Saturday, June 1st. Watch Facebook for updates.



Candid photos from the April Women's Club meeting and Scavenger Hunt.

Clues for the Scavenger Hunt had the ladies looking for the cherubs, seeking a bear in a tree, pretending to play pickleball, and more. Fortification with the Drinkmaster's rum daiquiris helped (hindered?) the teams as they raced around the lake on their golf carts. See the front page of the NEWS for the Scavenger Hunt's winning team.

Highlights of Association Meeting

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors
April 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Koch at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: Directors Present: Cindy Law, Laura Church, Doug Day, Corey Schmidt, Melissa DiPeri, Terry Morton, Teddi Wolff, Steve Koch, and Ann Veith.

Directors Absent (excused): Art Kellogg and Kyle Carpenter.

Guests President Koch welcomed the following guests: Dale Crouch, Randy Gerard, and Rick Griffin.

Minutes Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Ms. Veith seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report Ms. Church reviewed the financial reports and she submitted a written report. After discussion, she moved to approve the bills for payment. Ms. Law seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Church discussed the proposed mowing contract from Albright Lawn & Landscaping. Ms. Church moved to accept the bid from Albright Lawn & Landscaping for the 2024 year. Ms. DiPeri seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Church reminded the board the annual audit would be coming up in the next couple of months.

Discussion was then had regarding outstanding assessments from 2023 and the procedures for dock placement and rental agreements. A plan of action was discussed on how to proceed with the next steps.

Maintenance Report Mr. Ruckman submitted a written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lake History Book President Koch is trying to secure a lake resident to author the lake history book.

Board Vacancy/Oath of Office Mr. Crouch was in attendance and volunteered to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. Ms. Wolff moved to approve Mr. Crouch to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors. Ms. DiPeri seconded, the motion carried by unanimous vote.

The oath of office was administered by Laura Church to Mr. Crouch and Mr. Crouch was invited to sit with the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Several written reports were received and are on file and available for public review.

Community Appearance Ms. Wolff submitted a written report. She said the Spring Clean-up will be held May 4th.

Community Building President Koch stated the new air conditioner unit would be installed soon and Bill Ruckman would be overseeing the installation.

Conservation/Ecology and Environmental Efforts Discussion was held regarding waterfowl control. Mr. Crouch said 91 goose eggs have been treated to date. Further discussion was had regarding the quote from Wildlife Damage Solutions and the possible goose round-up upon approval from Missouri Conservation. After discussion, Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the quote from Wildlife Damage Solutions for up to \$8000.00 for the round-up. Mr. Morton seconded and the motion carried by eight (8) yes and one (1) no.

Mr. Schmidt said he has received several complaints regarding muskrats around the lake. Discussion followed regarding the level of the problem, when to start trapping, etc. Mr. Schmidt stated he will gather more information from Wildlife Damage Solutions, who also does trapping, and will then report back to the Board.

Rick Griffin – Boat Lift Ms. DiPeri moved to approve a previously agreed upon boat lift that would attach to Mr. Griffin's dock. Certain requirements and rules (available upon request) were discussed and agreed upon by the Board. Mr. Day seconded, and the motion to approve Mr. Griffin's agreed upon boat lift carried by unanimous vote. This approval is a variance, and any future requests will need to be reviewed on a case by case basis.

4th of July Ms. Wolff submitted a written report and stated things are well underway and on schedule.

News Ms. Wolff stated the News deadline is April 13, 2024, for the next newsletter.

Parks President Koch stated the Parks Committee has approved the plan that the Men's Club presented for the Bocce Ball court at South Park. Discussion was had as to who would maintain this court. Men's Club President, Mr. Gerard, stated that the Men's Club would maintain the Court. Ms. Wolff moved to approve the construction of the Bocce Ball Court at South Park at the agreed upon location. Mr. Morton seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

President Koch stated that the repairs to the playground area have begun and are expected to be completed by the end of the week.

President Koch stated another quote was received for the repair work to be done at the entrance of South Park, to repair the driveway and grates to the park. The quote was received from Gold's Concrete Services for \$2,800.00 to complete the concrete work and \$400.00 for the new grates, for a total of \$3,200.00 to fix the damaged area only.

Special Fund accounting was then discussed. A report was given and is available upon request.

The 2024 Stormwater project in the 300 block was then discussed. The grant for this project has been submitted to Platte County.

Mr. Crouch then moved to approve the quote from Gold's Concrete Services for the repair of the driveway to South Park and replacement of damaged grates in the amount of \$3,200.00. Ms. Church reminded the Board that W-9, liability insurance, and workers comp. would need to be requested from the contractor. Mr. Morton seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote, pending the receipt of the required W-9 and insurance documentation.

Parkway Mr. Morton said a resident contacted him re. the removal of some trees on the parkway that had damaged their seawall. This resident is going to be replacing the seawall but cannot do that until the trees are removed. Mr. Morton provided photos (available upon request). Several other trees that are needing to be removed from the parkway were also discussed. Mr. Morton obtained a bid from Family Tree Service in the amount of \$5000.00 to take care of all of the trees that need to be removed. Discussion was had as to whether or not the resident with seawall in disrepair was going to go forward with the seawall work after the removal of the tree. Mr. Morton agreed to confirm with the property owner that the work will move forward on the seawall upon removal of the trees. Mr. Morton moved to approve the Family Tree Service bid, in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Crouch seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion was then had regarding a brush pile that needed to be removed. Mr. Morton obtained a bid from Farage in the amount of \$700.00 to remove this brush pile. Required W-9 and insurance documentation was discussed. The pickup will happen in the month of May. Mr. Morton moved to approve the quote from Farage in the amount of \$700.00 for the removal of the brush pile in May. Mr. Crouch seconded the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rental Agreements Mr. Day received a completed rental agreement from a property owner in good standing. Mr. Day moved to approve the agreement. Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Day stated a second mailing is being prepared for review by all property owners not yet in compliance.

Stormwater President Koch stated the grant has been submitted for 2024 for the 300 block stormwater project. He is still waiting for the final bid from Walter P. Moore Engineers. Mr. Koch stated affected property owners in the 300 block have been invited to a question and answer session at the Community Building on May 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm regarding this project.

Trailer Park Ms. Veith stated they have received one recent request as to an opening in the trailer park. Ms. Veith also inquired as to the speed bump entering into the trailer park and that it is in disrepair. President Koch stated Mr. Ruckman can take a look at it.

Water Quality Ms. Law submitted a written report. Ms. Law also stated that water testing would commence soon and she is looking for volunteers to assist with this. Further discussion was had regarding testing in the 100 block.

Zebra Mussel Prevention Ms. Law submitted a written report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Association Computer President Koch requested approval to spend up to \$1100.00 on a new association computer and the transfer of data from the old system to the new system. Ms. Law moved to approve the expenditure for the new association computer and data transfer as presented, Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

President Koch issued several reminders of upcoming events as follows: Sophies Run will be held on May 11. The Spring Clean Up is on May 4.

President Koch asked that all compliance letters being sent out to property owners should be routed to him or the appropriate Executive Board member for review and also sent to the Administrative Coordinator for proper filing.

President Koch then presented Ms. Law with an Appreciation Award for the time she served as HOA President. This was met with applause, and Ms. Law thanked the Board.

Mr. Koch mentioned that there would need to be some future discussions regarding any electrical that crosses the parkway. This topic will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Koch let the Board know that Kyle Carpenter has resigned from the Board and that the vacancy will need to be filled. If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested, to please let him know.

Adjournment Ms. Wolff moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Day seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Ashley Davidson, Adm. Coordinator.

Your City Government at Work

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS
Board of Aldermen
April 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri was called to order by Mayor Richard Zelfer at 7:00 PM on April 10, 2024, at the community. Building. Alderman Jack Williams, Alderwoman Laurie Barrow, Alderman Larry Marsh and Alderman Clarence Matthews were present. The roll call was taken by Merinda Anthony, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held for those known to be ill, hospitalized and departed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/RESIDENTS:

Fran Davidson, Jeff Libby, Randy Gerard, Dan & Cheryl Bernhardt, David Martin, Bill Massock, Sheri Williams, Mary Matthews, Barbara Marsh, Donna Rhodus, Cletus Hart, Michael Gibbany, Scott Sullivan, Bob Shinogle, and Teddi Wolff.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Minutes of Previous Alderman Meeting March 13, 2024 and Alderman Special Meeting March 29, 2024, were approved unanimously.

ELECTION RESULTS: Mayor Richard E Zelfer, 133 votes, Alderman S Ward 2, Clarence D Matthews, 56 votes, and Alderman N Ward 1, Bob Shinogle, 64 votes.

Motion made by Alderman Clarence Matthews, 2nd by Alderman Jack Williams to accept the Platte County Board of Election Ballot Results for the General Municipal Election held April 2, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderwoman Barrow, 2nd by Alderman Clarence Matthews to adjourn Board of Alderman Regular Meeting at 7:09 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

RECEPTION: Refreshments were served to those in attendance. Jack Williams was presented a plaque in appreciation for his service as Alderman N Ward 1 to the City of Lake Waukomis.

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office was administered by Merinda Anthony, City Clerk to Mayor Richard Zelfer, Alderman Bob Shinogle and Alderman Clarence Matthews.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri was resumed by Mayor Richard Zelfer at 7:21 PM on April 10, 2024, at the Community. Building. Alderman Bob Shinogle, Alderwoman Laurie Barrow, Alderman Larry Marsh and Alderman Clarence Matthews were present. The roll call was taken by Merinda Anthony, City Clerk.

REPORTS:

Mayors' Comments:

Reminded everyone of the upcoming sewer rate hearing being held April 10, 2024. Thanked Alderman Jack Williams for his service to the City of Lake Waukomis.

Treasurer Comments:

US Bank CD's mature on 04/21/2024.
Central Bank CD matured last month and it was moved.

Motion made by Alderman Matthews, 2nd by Alderman Shinogle to accept treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Department:

Reminder, New User fee went into effect April 01, 2024.
Discussed rules for time clock purchased for Maintenance Operations (only City Clerk and the Assistant will have administrative access)

Motion made by Alderwoman Barrow, 2nd by Alderman Marsh to allow 5-minute allowance for clocking in for work. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department:

Water quality satisfactory in March 2024.

Dam & Spillway:

Down to very little water going through the abutment. Weir that was down below the abutment was full of sand, grout, it was taken out (suggestion to put new weir in).
Good work done on dam abutment grouting repair project.

Maintenance/Capital Sewer:

Getting 3 bids for the 900 block (sewer line that goes down some major walls) go in and blow it out and pull solid pipe through so we don't have to tear down the walls.

Possible Grant: in 1000 Block, storm drip water goes under the street, collapsing road and bending the pipe - going to build a cement block around it. Should know if grant is received by June 1st. Hopefully repair this fall.

Emergency Preparedness:

Mayor, Alderman and Clerk signed the Promulgation Statement

Building Inspector:

Received the report of inspections.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Still seeking new code enforcement officer.

Department of Public Safety:

Received report from the Platte County Sheriff.
4 deputies scheduled for Sophie's Run.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

There will be another public hearing in May to renew the Sewer Cap rate.

Need another RFP for roads. Received another \$21,000 from the County. Have approximately \$43,000.00 to go towards curb work. Would like to do digging/cutting of the roads in-house.

Discussed siphon wall damage bids for repair.

Motion made by Alderman Matthews and 2nd by Alderman Shinogle to accept RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS CLOSING ACCOUNTS, OPENING ACCOUNTS AND ADDING FUNDS TO DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderman Matthews to accept the \$6300 portion of the A Handyman and a Greenthumb Bid to do the natural limestone wall and repair to the cap on 800 and 900 Block and 2nd by Alderman Shinogle. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderwoman Barrow, 2nd Alderman Shinogle to refund Mike Gibbany his underpayment of \$668.00 to his Simple IRA account. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussed getting temporary labor for Maintenance Operations department.

Motion made by Alderman Matthews and 2nd by Alderman Shinogle to accept RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS APPROVING BIDDERS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderman Marsh and 2nd by Alderwoman Barrow to adjourn open session at 7:56 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR DOCK

by Melissa DiPeri, Dock Committee Chair

Summer is right around the corner which means dock inspectors are headed out onto the water soon. Please make sure your dock is in tip top shape so you can get a gold star of approval! If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at lakewdocks@gmail.com or 404-323-9324.

CITY STICKER PLACEMENT

	Non-motorized watercraft (kayak, paddleboard, etc.): place on side of watercraft, so it can be seen when on dock.
	Car sticker: place inside front drivers side windshield.
	Golf cart sticker: place on rear left bumper
	Motorized boat sticker: place on boat where it can be seen when docked.
	Motor sticker: place on motor of boat.

STICKER AND REFLECTOR PLACEMENT

Dock should be painted natural color or white

Reflectors placed within 6" from the corners by the lake. 4 reflectors on each dock

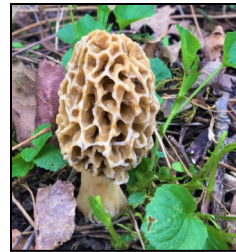
Block letter & lot number facing lake

Green zebra mussel prevention sticker with small bi-annual dated sticker

Stickers with block letter and lot number: to be placed on both sidewalls of all boats and watercraft. Stickers should be contrasting colors to boat and 3-4" tall.

MOREL MUSHROOMS

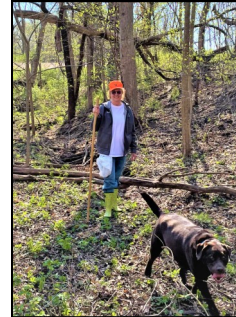
by Kenneth L. Kieser



This is a morel mushroom.

Several of you have expressed the desire to hunt morel mushrooms this spring. I have made these hunts since childhood with my parents when I really didn't want to go. But today I enjoy these treasure hunts that result in a good meal addition.

Here are tips for morel mushroom hunting:



Cat Kieser and Rocketman really dig mushroom hunting!

*Always carry a walking stick to push aside foliage.

*You may not find mushrooms, but the ticks will find you. Always do a complete tick check at days end.

*You will need a good pair of walking boots, light colored clothing to make ticks more visible, and a mesh bag—hopefully two or three bags.

*Start looking for little gray morels

about the first week of April and into May. Go out when air temperature reaches at least a constant 55-degrees overnight. The first morels each season are small grays, and bigger mushrooms will appear a week or two later. Half-grown mayflowers are a good indicator of the required soil warmth when early morels start to appear.

*People look straight at a morel mushroom after hunting a while and don't see it. Sometimes look away and then back at a likely area. Your eyes may focus on a mushroom. Train your eyes and mind to see morels and you will. Otherwise, you will only see acres of vegetation.

*Slow down and look at every spot. Most people move too fast, generally lacking patience. This is not a race, so back off and enjoy the day.

*Did you spot one morel? You are taller than the surrounding forage, so kneel or sit down and study the ground. You will find another mushroom and sometimes several.

Beware of False Morels: According to the Missouri Department of Conservation:

"False morels look can look like true morels but there are rather obvious differences between them and they are poison to humans. The cap surface of false morels has lobes, folds, flaps, or wrinkles, but not pits and ridges like true morels. Their caps appear to bulge outward instead of being pitted inward like true morels. False morels also do not have a hollow center like that found inside a true morel. Size: False morels typically range in size from 2-8 inches. The color may appear reddish or a brownish red and will darken to almost a blackish red as the false morel ages."

FISHING DERBY PLANNED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 2024



The HOA's Conservation Committee is planning a bluegill Fishing Derby for all ages on Memorial Day. More details coming soon via the Lake Waukomis and HOA Facebook pages.

IS IT SUMMER ALREADY? by Larry Marsh

With the sudden arrival of hot weather, it's becoming boat season in a hurry. As a part of the ongoing anti-zebra mussel efforts, our spillway remains secured. Access and egress are limited, requiring one of our crew to inspect incoming boats and unlock the gate. Their names are on the sign on the gate and in this paper. Please remember that we have life obligations like anyone else, so contact us ahead of time to arrange a time. And another thought, if you're bringing a boat in after extended storage, please make sure it will start or arrange for tow from a neighbor to get to your dock. And remember, you must have your required boat and motor stickers on your boat before we can launch it.

And a reminder: **NO GEAR EXCEPT FROM HERE!!** If you've purchased a new paddle board, kayak, floating raft or mat, that's not a problem. But if you've gotten any watercraft that has been in another lake, IT MUST BE CHECKED! I know residents are tired of hearing this but for any newcomers, please heed this. If we lose the battle against zebra mussels, the negatives are too many to print. So take care and we'll see you on the water.

FISHING LIMITS

SPECIES	DAILY #	POSSESSION #	LIMITATIONS
Trout	4	8	None
Bass	6	12	Keep ≤ 12" & ≥ 16"
Channel Catfish	10	20	Keep ≥ 14"
Walleye	4	8	MUST be ≥ 18" to Keep
Crappie	15	30	Only 5 allowed over 9"
Bluegill/Sunfish	No Limit	No Limit	None
Wipers (White Bass / Striped Bass Hybrid)	0	0	Catch & Release ONLY



BOATERS

To make an access appointment for the Spillway, please call:

- Larry Marsh - 746-4573**
- Jack Williams - 913-972-3998**
- Gary Fiddler - 741-5063**
- Art Kellogg - 520-0254**

Note that spillway access is restricted and appointment is required. Please contact one of the spillway volunteers a week ahead if possible to arrange spillway access.

GOOSE PATROL

by Conservation Chair Corey Schmidt

Despite efforts of many residents, the numbers of Resident Canada Geese have remained at a very high number for the size of our lake over the last several years. Last summer there were estimates of 150+. When a recreational lake exceeds 1 to 2 geese per acre of water, the amount of fecal coliform will be beyond acceptable limits. When the geese are in these numbers, it creates a serious health situation for residents and pets, especially people with lower immune systems which also includes children and people over 65. With the number of geese present on many lawns and docks, it is nearly impossible to not step in goose manure and it has become a hazard to enjoy our lake front properties, much less keep a good stand of grass.

According to Penn State University Extension office "An adult Canada Goose produces 2 to 4 pounds of manure a day. This results in one goose producing up to 1,000 pounds of manure a year". Many waterfront properties are receiving as many as 2-3 dozen plus geese on their lawns at a time. Using the more conservative number of 2 lbs. per day, that is about 290 to 500 pounds of manure in only 6 hours in one backyard. Goose manure contains the same dangerous pathogens as any manure, which includes *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, other pathogens such as the parasites *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* that can be passed to humans and our pets and cause serious illnesses. These are easily tracked into homes and on furniture by people and pets. It is also present in the lake water. Goose manure also contains high levels of Phosphorus and Nitrogen that are contributors to algae blooms and slime moss that grows in the lake.

All efforts to keep geese off our properties only work temporarily and, unfortunately, become a tiresome and time-consuming effort in futility as the geese quickly become used to all methods used. While we continue the egg adling program to reduce the number of goslings hatching here at the lake and the lasers/bangers during migratory season, it has been decided to explore additional measures to reduce the adult population. Since the geese are federally protected, it is a bit of a process. We are working with Wildlife Damage Solutions who is submitting the application for permit. Applications are due by March 31st; however, permits are not issued until mid-May. Once the permit has been issued, we will be asking for volunteers to assist in "herding" the geese. This process will happen in June during the molting phase when the geese are unable to fly. The collected birds are processed and donated to food banks.

4TH OF JULY

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
by 4th of July Chair Mindy Beckwith

**April Showers Bring May Flowers
and lots of excitement for
Summer!**



As Summer nears and everyone starts planning for their warm weather events, the Fourth of July Committee has been busy setting up the Lake Waukomis weeklong celebration. Our events begin on Tuesday, July 2 and end on Sunday, July 7. The store will open on June 8 (the second weekend of June) where everyone can get awesome Lake Waukomis swag.

Please see the insert in this month's newsletter for the process of donating or reach out to Sponsor/Donor Chair Michael Hernandez at 816-522-3052.

We need volunteers for the events and will be sending out the Sign-Up Genius in next month's newsletter. Stay tuned for more information or reach out to Mindy Beckwith.

HELP US HELP YOU!



The Women's Club Community Care Team can provide cards, food, run errands, give rides, or supply other assistance to Lake Waukomis families who have a need due to a death, illness, or other hardship. Please call or text Mickie Schroeder at 816-651-5900 or email her at mickieeschroeder@gmail.com if you have a need or know of someone here at Lake Waukomis who might need some assistance. Thanks for helping us help YOU!



Lake Waukomis SPRING CLEAN-UP
Saturday, May 4th, 9 am - 2 pm

See flyer insert in the NEWS for details.



**'IT'S A SHORE THING'
CONTEST**
SAT., MAY 4th,
9 AM—2 PM

**SEE FLYER INSERT FOR
DETAILS**

FISHING CLINIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

by Teddi Wolff

Thirty+ kids and adults attended a Fishing Clinic at the Community Building on Sunday, April 14th, from 2-4 pm. The Fishing Clinic was conducted by Kenny & Cat Kieser, Marvin Lynch, Kyle Carpenter, and Teddi Wolff. Kenny gave a powerpoint presentation geared toward the youngsters, with lots of pictures. He noted that the term 'fisherman' is really a misnomer, as lots of females also enjoy fishing - so he directed his audience to pipe up and shout out 'angler' every time he misspoke during his talk and said 'fisherman'. The 1st person to shout out 'angler' each time, won a prize!

Marvin gave a hands-on demonstration of tying a proper fishing knot to the rapt kids, who were eager to try their hand at doing it. Kyle did his best to demonstrate casting with a rod and reel, considering he was doing so inside the building! Cat handed out shirts and goody bags to the kids. Pitchers of lemonade and Costco cookies rounded out the afternoon's activities. All in all, a fun and educational day!



**GFWC Northland Women's Club Celebrates
Federation Day on April 24**

by Teddi Wolff

The GFWC Northland Women's Club is a local service-oriented Club whose members include several Lake Waukomis women. The Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, headquartered out of Washington, D.C. Founded in 1890, the GFWC's roots can be traced back to 1868, when Jane Cunningham Croly, a professional journalist, attempted to attend a dinner at an all-male press club honoring British novelist Charles Dickens. Croly was denied admittance based upon her gender, and in response, she formed a woman's club - Sorosis. In celebration of Sorosis' 21st anniversary in 1889, Jane Croly invited women's clubs throughout the U.S. to pursue the cause of federation by attending a convention in New York City. On April 24, 1890, 63 clubs officially formed the General Federation of Women's Clubs by ratifying the GFWC constitution (1).

GFWC Northland Women's Club supports various charities, including Missouri Girl's Town, Synergy Services, Feed Northland Kids, Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and more. In October 2023, the Club joined with the Lake Waukomis Women's Club in a collaborative service project, making no-sew fleece blankets for The Linus Project.

GFWC Northland Women's Club is always looking for new members - if you would like to find out more about our Club, please contact Teddi Wolff for information at teddi.wolff@gmail.com or call/text Teddi at 816-654-5830.

(1) <https://www.gfwc.org/gfwc-federation-facts/>