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What's Up?

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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.

Jan 27, 11 am, 4th of July Planning Meeting & Pizza Lunch

Feb 2, 7 pm, Association Annual Meeting, followed by Donna Rhodus Open House

Feb 3, 2 pm, City Town Hall Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 5, noon, Retirees' Potluck & Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 5, 6:30 pm, Men's Club Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 11, 5:30 pm, SUPER BOWL

Feb 12, 6 pm, Women's Club Hospitality ½-hr, 6:30 pm meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 13, 7 pm, HOA Board Mtng, at Comm. Bldg.

Feb 14, 7 pm, City Council Mtng., at the Comm. Bldg. (livestreamed on City's Facebook page)

Feb 15, 7 pm, Chili Cook-off Planning Committee Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 17, 5 - 7:30 pm, Chili Cook-off Contest at the Comm. Bldg.

Feb 17, NEWS Submissions due

Feb 18, 2 pm, Gardener's Meeting at Comm. Bldg.



Clockwise from top left: the Geren family posed with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Christmas morning; a doe greeted Mike Gibbany with a quizzical look as Mike returned from plowing our roads the morning of our 1st big snow (photo courtesy of Mike Gibbany); what goes up, must come down: Men's Club members, L-R: Tad Hunter, Kyle Carpenter, Gary Fiddler, and Gary Tebow teamed up to take down the Christmas lights from the dam and box them up until next year; family and friends of Donna Rhodus threw her a surprise 85th birthday party at the Community Building on Saturday, Jan. 6th; this youngster braved the frigid temperature to go sledding down the dam. Banner photo: Sheryl Rafferty and her pup, Finley, were out for a stroll on Christmas morn.

OFFICIALS**The President's Corner**

By Steve Koch, Association President

Association Directors**Executive Board**

Steve Koch, President, (582-4010)
 Cory Whitney, Exec. Vice-President (913-522-0613)
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 Laura Church, Secretary/Treasurer (587-9281)

Committee Responsibilities

- Cell Tower - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (654-5830), Melissa DiPeri (404-323-9324)
- 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 - Ann Veith (587-1956), Melissa DiPeri (404-323-9324)
- 4th of July Liaison - Teddi Wolff (654-5830), Corey Schmidt (806-8476)
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- North and South Parks - Steve Koch (582-4010), Cory Whitney (913-522-0613)
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- Silt Management - Cory Whitney (913-522-0613), Corey Schmidt (806-8476)
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- Stormwater - Cory Whitney (913-522-0613), Steve Koch (582-4010)
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- Zebra Mussel Prevention - Cindy Law (746-4565)
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Digital copies of each month's NEWS can be found on the lakewaukomis.org website.

If you haven't heard, Donna Rhodus announced her retirement as Clerk for the Association. This Community owes Donna so much gratitude for her roles within the City and Association over the past 42 years. Her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed, but all the best to her future retirement.

You can personally thank Donna by attending the Annual Meeting being held at the Community Building on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm. We are planning to have an Open House immediately following the meeting with snacks and refreshments. I hope you will be able to attend.

We had six vacant positions for the Board of Directors, and we received six applicants to fill those positions. Each of them will be installed at the Annual Meeting.

When the expenditure on the dam grouting project becomes finalized, we will have a better understanding of what projects your Association Board can accomplish in 2024.

The Association Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Residents are always welcome and if you have any business to bring forth to the Board, we ask that you contact me or the appropriate Director a week prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda.

**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 Donna Rhodus, Admin. Coordinator, to make reservations and ensure there are no conflicts.

ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 5-7 pm

Admin. Coordinator - Donna Rhodus
 741-4706 (Office) / 896-4025 (Cell)

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

Well, we made it through another glorious year at Lake Waukomis! I am so pleased with all of the things that were accomplished by the City. It could not have been done without the support from the City Council and with the hard work of our employees. They made things go smoothly. I would like to thank them all for their dedication.

As I look back, we lost a number of residents this past year in our community. Some of these residents were here for a short time, while others have spent the majority of their lives here. With the loss of these individuals, the City takes a small step backwards. I wish I could name all of those who have passed but honestly, I would omit someone by accident and I would feel bad. My prayers are with all of the families.

We also had a few new residents who were born in 2023. As was mentioned in the Lion King, The Circle of Life has occurred. Welcome to our community!

We just had our first big snow and the new signs have been put into place to let everyone know when we are under a snow ordinance. When the yellow lights are flashing, that means no cars are to be parked on the street. A Textcaster text and email are also sent out to notify residents when we're under a snow ordinance. See the instructions on this page on how to sign up to receive Textcaster messages if you have not already done so. Mike said this was the first time he had very little problem. Thank you to everyone for cooperating.

Sledding and playing on the hill on the back of the dam is so much fun and a lot of people were enjoying this activity. **Please remember if the snow ordinance is in effect, you cannot park on either side of the dam.**

The City is putting on its second Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm. We are going to have it on Zoom if you are unable to make the actual meeting. We want to show you what our goals are for the coming year and some long term ideas.

Stay warm and safe these winter months!

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 Plattessheriff.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

TOWN HALL MEETING

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3RD, 2:00 PM,
at the Community Bldg.**

**UPDATE ON DAM, SEWERS, POLICE DEPT,
TRASH SERVICES, WATER and More!**

**The meeting will be Zoomed if you aren't able to
attend in person.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NO PARKING ON DAM ON SNOW DAYS!

**TO FACILITATE SNOW REMOVAL, PLEASE
DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET ON SNOW
DAYS OR RISK GETTING TOWED/TICKETED.**



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: 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: Affordable DJ services for your event! Lake Waukomis resident. Call or email for free Quote! **240-863-1858 or thomasbeckwith2004@hotmail.com.**



Captain's Corner

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

Greetings,

As we have already experienced hazardous road conditions as a result of snow and ice, it is a good time to share some simple driving tips to help you arrive at your destination safely. First of all, make sure you have properly inflated tires that are in good condition. Avoid any jerky or abrupt control of the vehicle. Try to accelerate, brake, and steer smoothly. Don't just concentrate on the road directly in front of you and be aware of what is down the road so that you can appropriately slow down for turns or any hazards ahead. Also, most late-model vehicles offer a stability control indicator on your instrument cluster in your dash. This is an amber light with squiggly lines. This will illuminate when your vehicle has compromised traction and will let you know in advance that your tires are slipping on the wet or icy pavement. I have provided the link from *Car and Driver* that offers more detail, if interested.

Also, be mindful of the Lake Waukomis Snow ordinance (240.050). There are signs posted throughout the lake and warning lights that warn residents that the ordinance is in effect. When the ordinance is in effect, your vehicle may be subject to being towed if parked in violation of the ordinance.

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a25350719/how-to-drive-in-winter-snow-safely/>

Thank you,
 Captain Woodrow Painter; Operations Bureau Commander
 Platte County Sheriff's Office
 816-858-3449

| ACTIVITIES | DECEMBER 2023 | YR-TO-DATE |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Patrol Time Logged* | 172.60 hrs | 2161.09 hrs |
| Traffic Stops | 5 | 71 |
| Calls for Service | 5 | 168 |
| Reports Taken | 3 | 41 |
| Designated Area Checks | 426 | 5490 |

| *BREAKOUT BY SHIFT | HRS WORKED |
|--------------------|------------|
| Day Shift | 38.50 |
| Midnight Shift | 51.22 |
| Evening Shift | 82.88 |

HOW TO SET UP A RESIDENCE CHECK

Residence checks can be requested by going to https://www.plattemsheriff.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

Our January Retirees' meeting was well attended, with 19 Retirees present plus Mike Gibbany. Our featured speaker was fellow Retiree Larry Marsh, who has a background in Banking and Finance: His subject was Scammers, Scammers, Everywhere (and what we can do about it). The take home message was to be very, very cautious - if something smells a little fishy, well then, it is probably a scam. After Larry's talk, we had a drawing for some yummy King Bee jams. The lucky winners were Mary Matthews, Sheri Williams, Donna Shour, and Barb Marsh. Our next potluck and meeting is Monday, Feb. 5th, at noon. We plan to have the candidates for City Council come talk to us about why they are running for elected office and entertain some Q&A. All Retirees are invited to attend this informative meeting.



Clockwise from top left: the ladies dressed warmly for the January Retirees meeting. L-R: Mary Matthews, Fran Rohloff, Sheri Williams, Karen Shepard, Nancy Morrison, and Barb Marsh; Jack Williams and our fearless leader, Steve Burger, posed for a photo; the lucky winners of the drawing for King Bee jams, L-R: Mary Matthews, Sheri Williams, Donna Shour, and Barb Marsh; L-R: our featured speaker Larry Marsh, with Clarence Matthews, and Mike Gibbany.

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Historian

In June of 2015, Lee & Jackie Williams spoke to the Retiree's Club about early life at Lake Waukomis. They moved here in 1952. They said that in 1947 (when our community was established), the dirt for the dam was taken from what is now known as South Park, leaving just dirt, rocks and no grass. When Lake Waukomis children went out to play, they would say "we're going to the desert". We have come a long way since then!

Jackie passed away this past December 31st, and she was preceded in death by Lee. With their passing, a lot of Lake Waukomis knowledge was lost. They will be missed by our community.

READER'S DIGEST WINTER FUNNIES

On a wintry day, my 90-year-old father was in the supermarket trying to pay for his groceries. Bundled up against the cold, his gloved hands were having trouble retrieving and counting the exact change. The transaction evidently took too long for the man behind him in line, who muttered a curse. Dad stopped counting, turned around, and warned, "Be quiet or I'll write a check."

An elderly woman lived in Canada, near the North Dakota border. One day, her son ran into the house holding a letter. "Mom," he said, "the government has decided that our land is really part of the United States. We can choose whether we're Americans or Canadians!" "We'll say we're Americans," his mother said. "I couldn't stand another one of those Canadian winters."

Clearing the roads after it snows is a big hassle, but the Scots have found a way to make it more fun. They name their plows. Among those reporting for duty:

Buzz Iceclear

Lord Coldemort

License to Chill

William Wall-Ice

Megameltasaurus

Creedence Clear-Road Revival

On Her Majesty's Slippery Surface

Men's Club

by President Randy Gerard

Welcome to 2024 from your Lake Waukomis Men's Club!

As I write my first letter as President of the Men's Club, it is certain that winter is upon us as we experience single-digit temps, wintry precipitation and high winds. Please take the necessary precautions during this season and take note of the warnings and informational notices provided by TextCaster.

Before I delve into 2024, I want to thank my predecessor, Thomas Beckwith, for his enthusiasm and energy during this last year as our 2023 President. He stepped up in service and provided the guidance and leadership our club needed - Thank you, Thomas!

The 2024 Men's Club Board was announced in December's newsletter and I am very excited to see what we can accomplish for our club and the community this year. As an example, we have already selected an additional Board member, Ryan Pugh, who will serve as our Program Chair to identify and help implement new, exciting activities and programs. He and Kyle Carpenter, your Membership Chair, have already begun to generate new ideas for increasing membership and enhancing our meeting times.

I will be honored to present our club's Man of the Year Award to Kyle Boggs at the HOA Annual Meeting. Kyle was exceptional in his service to our community and it will be great to acknowledge him.

Men of Lake Waukomis - Come join us each month for an opportunity to meet your neighbors, learn about the workings of our lake community, and participate when and where you can to help us maintain this "Slice of Paradise" we call home. We currently meet at 6:30 pm the first Monday of the month at the Community Bldg., beverages and food provided.

Let's have a great 2024!

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 rsgroadrunner@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 rsgroadrunner@gmail.com. Make your predictions and start your rain dances now!

SNOW REMOVAL ASSISTANCE

The Men's Club provides driveway shoveling for those on the lake who:

- Are physically unable to shovel their driveway due to age, injury, other.
- Are financially limited to hire the service completed.



The Men's Club responded early on Tuesday, Jan. 9th as our community experienced a pretty nasty wintry mix of snow in the neighborhood of 6 inches total. With the snow still falling during the day, our effort began around 9 am on North Shore. Jack Williams, Kyle Carpenter, Johnnie Cook, Scott Barbour, and Bob Shinogle (plus a son of one of the men!) worked diligently in the windy, snowy conditions, clearing all the North Shore homes on our list plus several on the South Shore list as daytime volunteers were short-staffed. A total of over 2 dozen homes were cleared over a two-day period! Our thanks to these dedicated, selfless men in helping keep our neighbors safe and accessible during the winter season. Please check the following list of homes and update us by contacting Randy Gerard at 913-908-5670, or rsgroadrunner@gmail.com.

North Shore: 134, 145, 165, 309, 335, 341, 353, 408, 516, 631.

South Shore: 741, 756, 769, 773, 807, 810, 843, 866, 875, 894, 916, 947, 957, 1004, 1009, 1040, 1081.



Newest Men's Club members, L-R: Johnnie Cook, Ryan Pugh, Jonathon Light, and Ryan Ensign. Welcome to the Men's Club, gentlemen!

Women's Club

by VP Cindy Pounds

On Jan. 8th (despite the snowy, cold weather), we kicked off 2024 with a fabulous game night! A big shout out to our hostesses; Dominique Spini, Barbara Martin, Teresa Brinkmeyer and Cindy Todd, who contributed and/or helped with the wonderful food and drinks to keep us warm and satisfied.

We played a combination of "minute to win it" games as well as a few new interactive games like "It's Bananas! The Monkey Tail Game, and the "Who's The Dude" charades game where you have to use the big blow-up dude to act out the charade. Needless to say, we laughed, giggled, made jokes, and smiled big all night! Thanks to those who were able to join us.

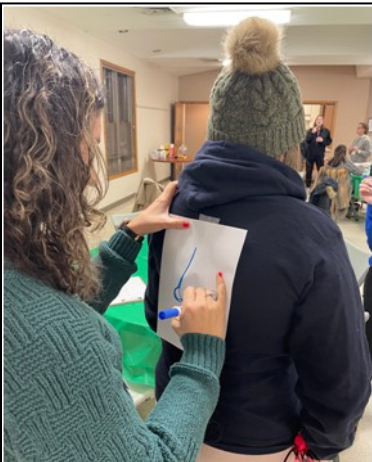
Our next meeting will be Mon., Feb. 12th, with a 6 pm Happy ½ Hour followed by an entertaining guest speaker, Janis Kliethermes of 'Etiquette Kansas City'. She has provided companies, associations, organizations, executive teams and businesses of all sizes practical techniques to improve communication skills. She will address what parents can do and the role grandparents play in preparing their children/grandchildren for success. Manners aren't just about what fork to use, they're about giving people tools to help them feel comfortable in social situations. If people appear confident, then they are perceived as credible. Be sure to come and enjoy this informational, entertaining, and humorous presentation.



Top photo: Teresa Brinkmeyer greeted Women's Club members and guests with a welcoming smile as they arrived at our January meeting. 2nd row: Katy Stevick manhandled the Dude; Barbara Martin tried to arrange the boxes of bells from fewest bells to the most. Photo at left: Holly Miriani and Melissa DiPeri competed in the Monkey Tail game. Bottom photo: Melissa DiPeri brought first time attendees Cassie Oslin, Leah Hutchinson, and Justine Lorente Alvarez to Game Night. Welcome, ladies!



Photos far left, clockwise from top left: Katy Stevick tried to guess what Melissa DiPeri was drawing on her back; Mary Davidson tried to manipulate the Dude's limbs; Barbara Martin and Holly Miriani squared off in the 'scoop the marshmallows' contest; Leah Hutchinson, Cassie Oslin, and Holly Miriani competed in stacking the Solo cups using an inflated balloon.



These 4 photos were taken by Cindy Pounds

In Memory



JACQUELYN (JACKIE) WILLIAMS

Jacquelyn (Jackie) Williams passed away Sunday December 31st at St. Luke's North Hospital. Her children were with her at the time of her passing. She was preceded in death by her father William (Shorty) Matthew Leedy, her mother Lucy Leedy (Shepard) and her granddaughter Meridie Burger (Williams). Jackie was born February 9th 1927 in Ness City Kansas where she grew up and attended school. Jackie was extremely active during her formative years. She was a gifted musician and artist, drum major of the Ness City High School Marching band and headed the youth scrap drive to aid the war effort during WW II. Jackie grew up on the family farm and helped her parents with all the farm chores including feeding the livestock, driving the farm machinery and delivering grain to the local elevator. After completing her farm chores and school work she worked in her parent's restaurant waiting tables, cleaning and doing dishes. Jackie was extremely busy and not afraid of hard work, which she demonstrated all her life. After graduating from high school, Jackie attended Wichita State University for her freshman and sophomore years, laid out one year to earn enough money to continue her education, and completed college at the University of Kansas with a BFA in Fashion Illustration in 1951.

In addition to her studies while at KU, Jackie made time to participate in the Women's Rifle team where she earned a much coveted KU athletic letter, becoming one of the few women in the nation to letter in sports at a major college during that era. Between all her other activities Jackie met, fell in love with and married Walter L. (Lee) Williams at the Danforth Chapel on the KU campus June 6th 1951. They were married for 67 years and resided at Lake Waukomis their entire married lives.

Out of this union four children were born, Jack Matthew Williams (Sheri), Leanne Corlette (Charles), Laura Jean Seckington (Mark) and Christopher Edward Williams (Patricia). Jackie was blessed with 10 grandchildren, Meridie Anne Burger, Keith Edward Williams, David Lee Corlette, Scott Edward Corlette, Michelle Jacquelyn Corlette, Theron Seckington, Hanna Clair Seckington, Luke Seckington, Colby Williams and McKenna Williams. She was also blessed with five great grandchildren, Avelyn Marie Burger, Allison Renae Burger, Corbin Mae Williams, Genesee Anne Corlette and Maybell Joy Corlette.

Professionally Jackie taught art for a semester at the Park Hill School District and performed the clerical work and daily book work for Lee's architectural company. In addition to her professional work, Jackie was extremely active in the community. She served as an election worker at Lake Waukomis for over 50 years, served as president of the Lake Waukomis Garden Club which continues to this day as the Lake Waukomis Women's Club, and served as leader of the Momette's, a women's singing group that performed in the Northland area. Using her talents as an artist, she painted banners for the Parkville Jay Cee's, designed and sewed the scout neckerchiefs for Boy Scout Troop 314 which was based at Lake Waukomis, and did logo designs for many organizations and companies throughout the area and as far north as Iowa.

Jackie was a very good athlete. According to her children, she was the best athlete in the family. Besides being a KU Letterman, she bowled in several leagues where she maintained an average above 200 for several years. She continued to bowl with her friends until physically unable to do so.

A visitation was held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at the Meyers Northland Chapel in Parkville. A funeral service celebrating Jackie's life was held Saturday, January 6, at the chapel. Entombment followed at the White Chapel Cemetery.

Obituary adapted from the Meyers Northland Funeral Chapel website.

WALKING AND WILDLIFE

by Kenneth L. Kieser



Waukomis has a lot of wildlife. Pay attention and you might enjoy a good show. Photo by Kenny Kieser.

Walking several miles every day around Waukomis is one of my great pleasures. Over the past several months, I've observed unusual and sometimes amusing wildlife activities.

For example, while walking down a steep hill on North Shore, loud "squawks" of alarm filled the air. I looked towards the lake and a giant Canada goose and its mate were flying low and making desperate sounds.

Behind them was a black house cat totally stretched out in a full sprint.

Kitty would have had a bad day had it actually caught one of the geese. Goose wings are exceptionally strong and being flogged by one can cause great pain. I found this out years ago when a goose my buddy shot came alive in the blind. The darned thing apparently was only knocked out and gave us a good flogging before jumping out of the blind and flying away. Hopefully the cat did not catch either goose.

Months before I was walking alongside a woodlot on the lake where a young deer stepped out of the woods and walked towards me. The yearling was barely past its spots. Eventually it got close enough to realize I was the wrong species, let out a pitiful bawling sound and ran back in the woods.

On another walk I heard a lone "honk" and a snow goose went flying over with a mature bald eagle in hot pursuit. The goose was flapping its wings in a blur while the big pursuer stayed close on its tail. I was surprised to not see feathers dropping from the goose, the eagle was that close. They made a huge turn and flew back over me, and by then the goose had stopped honking, probably sucking wind.

The chase must have lasted about ten minutes before the little snow dropped down and landed in the middle of some Canada geese. The frustrated eagle continued flying, proving there is strength in numbers.

Last spring, I watched a red-tailed hawk flying with a snake in its talons. The good-sized snake was striking at the hawk while flipping and flopping, trying to escape a horrible fate of becoming dinner. The hawk was at least 100 feet high and I wondered if the snake would survive that fall, but I'll never know. They soon flew out of sight.

You never know what is going to happen next in the world of wildlife.

Highlights of Association Meeting

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

January 9, 2024

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE - In memory of Jackie Williams.

ROLL CALL: Directors Present: Steve Koch, Teddi Wolff, Laura Church, Doug Day, Jim Williams, Terry Morton, Cory Whitney, Corey Schmidt, Melissa DiPeri, and Art Kellogg. Directors Absent: Ann Veith (excused), Cindy Law (excused). In the absence of Adm. Coor. Donna Rhodus, Ms. Wolff took the minutes.

Guests President Koch welcomed the following guests: Aaron Floyd, Bill Ruckman, and Jacob & Ashley Davidson.

Minutes Mr. Schmidt said there was a correction to the Conservation section of the Dec. minutes. The amended sentence should read as follows: In his report was information regarding the number of fish and the size that is allowed effective June 1st January 1st. Mr. Williams moved to accept the amended minutes, Mr. Schmidt seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report Ms. Church reviewed the financial reports. After discussion, Ms. Church moved to approve the bills for payment, Mr. Williams seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

2024 Budget Ms. Church submitted a final budget for review. Discussion followed. Ms. Church moved to accept both the General and Special Fund budgets for 2024. Mr. Williams seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

City Report Concerning the abutment leak repair, President Koch reported that another pocket approximately 36-38 feet down has been found and needs to be grouted. This will be addressed as soon as the weather allows.

Adm. Coordinator President Koch announced that Adm. Coor. Donna Rhodus will be retiring after 42 years of service to the City and Association. There will be an Open House honoring Ms. Rhodus on Feb. 2nd following the Annual Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Aaron Floyd – Fence at 1084 Mr. Day said the current placement of Mr. Floyd's privacy fence is in violation of the Deed of Restrictions. The privacy fence was built to hide Mr. Floyd's pool equipment from view. Mr. Floyd stated that he had the fence and concrete pad built in good faith according to City specs but didn't realize at the time that the placement did not meet the Association's Deed of Restriction requirements for privacy fences. Mr. Floyd showed the board the plan and photos of the fence. After discussion, Mr. Floyd agreed to reduce the height of his fence to 4 ft. from its current 6 ft. to meet the height requirements for a regular fence that would comply with Deed placement requirements, and the board agreed to waive the requirement for a regular fence of 3 inch spacing between fence slats. Ms. Church moved to accept Mr. Floyd's proposal to reduce the height of his fence from 6 ft. to 4 ft. and otherwise keep the current construction and configuration, with the work to be completed within 60 days. Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting President Koch reminded board members to send their material for the powerpoint presentation to Ms. Wolff as soon as possible. There will be an Open House for Donna Rhodus following the Annual Meeting. Ms. Wolff will coordinate the refreshments for the Annual Meeting and the preparation for the Open House. Ms. Wolff moved to purchase a \$200 gift card for Ms. Rhodus, Ms. Church seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Cell Tower Nothing to report.

Community Appearance Nothing to report.

Community Building Mr. Kellogg submitted a written report. Electrical work by Moses will take two full days - working on a schedule to perform the task. A lease was signed by the City of Lake Waukomis for space usage of the Community Bldg. A lease was also signed by LWWC for space usage of the Comm. Bldg.

Conservation Nothing to report.

Deed of Restrictions Nothing to report.

Dock Placement Report submitted.

4th of July Ms. Wolff submitted a written report. She stated that the 1st planning meeting for the 2024 4th of July celebration will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 11 pm, at the Community Bldg., with a pizza lunch to follow. Ms. Wolff said she is still looking for a volunteer to co-chair the 4th of July with Mindy Beckwith.

Parks President Koch submitted a written report. He received a bid from NextGen Recreations for new drainage, layout and rubber mulch for the playground and swing area. The quote was \$25,970.18 for the playground area and \$14,642.80 for the swing set area. This will be put into the budget for 2024.

The next Parks Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25th, 7 pm, at the Community Bldg.

Maintenance Mr. Ruckman submitted a written report.

Newspaper The deadline for the next edition of the NEWS is Saturday, Jan. 13th.

Parkways/Unplatted Property Mr. Morton said the 2024 Community Garden Agreement is the same as last year. Mr. Morton moved to accept the 2024 Community Garden Agreement, Ms. Church seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

Silt Management/Stormwater Control Mr. Whitney submitted a report. He stated he has gotten a bid from Metzger Contracting for replacement of the stormwater trench at the South Shore entrance to South Park. The contractor proposed we extend our concrete at the entrance to meet the asphalt driveway of 1050 South Shore to reduce vehicles dropping into the ditch while turning into the entrance and damaging the grate. There will also be a bigger U channel to meet the City's specs. The bid did not include the cost of the new and larger grate. After discussion, Mr. Ruckman will investigate grate cost and look for someone who can do both the concrete and grate as part of the job. The work would not begin until Spring.

President Koch reported he has submitted documentation to Platte County for reimbursement on the 2023 Stormwater Grant for \$9,500.00.

Trailer Park Nothing to report.

Water Quality/Zebra Mussel Prevention Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee for Exec Board President Koch suggested the following board members for the Nominating Committee for the Exec Board: Ms. DiPeri, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Schmidt. Ms. Church moved that these individuals comprise the Nominating Committee for the Exec Board, Mr. Day seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Rental Consents President Koch stated that Mr. Day will chair the Rental Committee. Mr. Day will send Rental Agreement forms to those individuals who have not yet signed one. Going forward, the City has said it would not move forward on rentals until the Association's Rental Agreement form has been signed.

Adjournment Mr. Whitney moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Williams seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:30 PM.

Your City Government at Work

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS
Board of Aldermen
January 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 January 10, 2024, at the Community. Building. Alderman Jack Williams, Alderwoman Laurie Barrow and Alderman Clarence Matthews were present. The roll call was taken by Merinda Anthony, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Minutes of Previous Alderman Meeting December 13, 2023, were approved unanimously.

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

SPECIAL GUESTS/RESIDENTS: Pat with Drill Tech.

REPORTS:

Mayors' Comments:

Sending letters to 2023 contractors to renew their business licenses for 2024. Need four more blue signs ordered for Snow Ordinance. No one can park on the dam if lights are blinking. Provided reminder that Snow Ordinance is in effect. Citizens and City representatives can take pictures of tags on cars that are parked in areas in violation of the snow ordinance and report them but do not approach them.

Treasurer Comments:

Bank of Weston Dam Savings was closed, and money moved to General Checking for Dam Abutment. Other Bank of Weston Savings will be used to purchase a CD at Bank of Weston. Central Bank \$143k CD that matured on 12/08/2023 has been renewed. US Bank CD matures on 01/21/2024.

Administrative Department:

Stickers and Tags are in for 2024. Reminder: must provide SASE if residents would like their stickers or tags mailed to them and Personal Property Tax receipts from residents.

Water Department:

Water quality satisfactory in December 2023. At 235, if resident takes out deck and patio, City will replace that sewer line.

Dam & Spillway:

Pat with Drill Tech provided presentation on Dam Abutment project and progress. Drill Tech will provide presentation on Zoom at Town Hall Meeting 02/03/2024.

Maintenance:

Syphon line bid is out for 800-900 Block. City will take care of residents' grass during the syphon line project. Bid opening for syphon line project is February 2, 2024. At the February 14th meeting, will vote on bids. (Have 5 days to open and evaluate bids). Pre-Bid meeting mandatory. Begin syphon project in March tentatively for approximately 2-3 weeks.

Emergency Preparedness:

Goal for 2024 is to get generators in the pump stations.

Building Inspector:

Received the report of inspections. Need list of those rentals that have not been completed, attorney will send letter to landlord that inspection has to be completed. It's up to the owner to have renter allow the inspection to take place. February 1, 2024, citations will be issued to owners for renting without a permit.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Still have materials from building project on property at 703. Code inspector to address and their retaining wall is on their water line.

Department of Public Safety:

Received report from the Platte County Sheriff. Sheriff's Department has used cameras and has had some success. Note: camera will just take a picture of car and license plate.

Unfinished Business:

Motion made by Alderman Matthews and 2nd by Alderman Williams to approve ORDINANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION D OF SECTION 215.010 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SUBSECTION D OF SECTION 215.010 AND REPEALING SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 215.100 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 215.100. Motion passed unanimously.

On the 2nd reading, Motion made by Alderman Matthews and 2nd by Alderman Williams to approve ORDINANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION D OF SECTION 215.010 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SUBSECTION D OF SECTION 215.010 AND REPEALING SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 215.100 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SUBSECTION C OF SECTION 215.100. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderman Williams and 2nd by Alderman Matthews to approve ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 240.050 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SECTION 240.050. Motion passed unanimously.

On the 2nd reading, Motion made by Alderman Williams and 2nd by Alderwoman Barrow to approve ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 240.050 AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SECTION 240.050. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Alderman Williams and 2nd by Alderwoman Barrow to approve RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS MISSOURI AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR RICK ZELFER AND ALDERMAN CLARENCE MATTHEWS TO ROLL US BANK CD TO A ONE YEAR CD AT 1ST FEDERAL BANK. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed 1000 Block on probation for violation of ordinance, will be resolved next week.

New Business:

Motion made by Alderwoman Barrow and 2nd by Alderman Williams to approve RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS MISSOURI AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR RICK ZELFER AND ALDERMAN CLARENCE MATTHEWS TO CLOSE THE BANK OF WESTON SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE A CD. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed security cameras on front/rear entrances to City Hall and HOA.

Discussed establishing a citizen security patrol.

Motion made by Alderman Williams and 2nd by Alderwoman Barrow to close open session at 8:36 pm. Motion passed unanimously.



Bill Ruckman, Terry Hoog, Kyle Carpenter, and Laura Church addressed a large stand of invasive bush honeysuckle near the lake entrance at 72nd St. Stumps must be immediately painted with a special chemical mixture to keep the bush honeysuckle from growing back.



BE CAUTIOUS WHEN WALKING AROUND WAUKOMIS

by Kenneth L. Kieser

Many of us added a few inches to our midsections over the holidays. So now it's time to exercise. I enjoy walking around the lake several days a week and have lost weight doing so. However, this can be dangerous, and a gym is much safer. But for those who choose to walk on our roads, here are some tips:

The first thing to consider before walking around the lake is don't—that is, until you have a complete checkup. The outside loop here is about 3.2 miles with 28 hills, including grades. This can be a strenuous walk, especially if you have any kind of heart or cardio problems.

Once you have been cleared by the doctor, it's time to consider safety. Most of our residents drive carefully, but some don't. Even worse, some of the delivery or construction trucks exceed the speed limit, including around blind curves.

But if you still want to do it, here are some tips to help you survive this sometimes-dangerous walk:

*South Park is a great place to start, it's flat and three laps around the trail are about a mile.

*Never assume an approaching driver can see you. Sadly, people sometimes play with their phones or are otherwise distracted when driving. Be prepared to get off the road.

*Avoid walking on blind curves. Recently, I saw a person walking on a blind curve when I was driving. Someone driving too fast would have likely hit her. A day later, I watched a delivery van flying around that blind curve that likely would have killed the person walking there two days before. There were bushes and she likely could not have escaped.

*Walk facing approaching traffic so you can watch them. The exception is on a blind curve or other areas not safe.

*Don't hesitate to step off the road, especially when vehicles are coming from both directions. I do it all the time.

*Listening to music is common, yet not recommended. But if you must, only use one ear plug so you can hear traffic coming. Listen for approaching vehicles, especially over hills.

*Wear light colored clothing and reflective clothing after dark. Dark clothing will sometimes blend in the shadows, making it impossible to be seen, especially by a driver not totally paying attention to the road. People walking in dark clothing here at night is unfortunately common.

Walking around this lake is great exercise, but be careful. The dangers are definitely present.

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
 Stan Widau – 507-3638
 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.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING, FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN HOUSE FOR DONNA RHODUS

Friday, Feb. 2nd, 2024 at 7 PM,
at the Community Bldg.

See flyer insert in this edition of the NEWS for details

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 mickieschroeder@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!



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Current gardeners with plots in the Lake Waukomis Community Garden are requested to clear their calendars for an important planning and organizational meeting to be held **Sunday, February 18th, at 2 PM**. The meeting will take about one hour and will be held at the Community Building. Residents interested in securing a plot are also welcome.



Sat., Feb. 17, 5 - 7:30 pm,
at the Comm. Bldg.

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Men's & Women's Clubs

See flyer insert in this edition of the NEWS for details and how to register to compete

At right: Lamont & Heather Wood with daughter Aniston, out for a walk on a chilly but still snow-free afternoon. Quite the difference in the photos below!



Below, L-R: Men's Club members Johnnie Cook, Bob Shinogle, Kyle Carpenter, Scott Barbour, and Jack Williams were hard at work shoveling snow after our 1st big snowfall. Dennis Disselhoff used his snow tractor, and Jon Hart and Rick Zelfer used their snowblowers to tackle their neighbors' driveways.

4TH OF JULY 2024 PLANNING MEETING & PIZZA LUNCH

4th of July Chair Mindy Beckwith is seeking a volunteer to co-chair the 4th of July 2024. Here's your chance to shine! Come to our 4th of July Kick-off Planning Meeting & Pizza Lunch on **Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 am, at the Comm. Bldg.**, to learn more and to see how you might get involved.

