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## What's Up?

### FEBRUARY/MARCH

**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.

Feb 21, 6:30 pm, 4th of July Planning Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Mar 4, noon, Retirees' Potluck & Meeting, at Comm. Bldg.

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

Mar 9, 9 am, Gardeners' Work Day

Mar 10, 6 pm, Women's Club Hospitality ½-hr, 6:30 pm meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Mar 12, 7 pm, HOA Board Mtng, at Comm. Bldg.

Mar 13, 7 pm, City Council Mtng., at the Comm. Bldg. (livestreamed on City's Facebook page)

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

Mar 16, 9 am, Gardeners' Work Day

Mar 16, 10 am, Annual LW Snake Saturday Golf Cart Parade, leave from South Park (pre-parade rally before)

### Mar 16, NEWS Submissions due

Mar 18, 6:30 pm, Stuff candy in Easter Eggs, at Comm. Bldg.

Mar 25, 6:30 pm, Women's Club Board Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

Mar 28, 7 pm, Dam Committee Meeting, at Comm. Bldg.

Mar 30, 11 am, Easter Egg Hunt @ South Park, sponsored by the Women's Club



*Top row of photos, L-R: President Steve Koch with the Association's 2023 Citizen of the Year, Mayor Rick Zeller; President Koch with the 2024 Hall of Fame inductee, Larry Marsh; President Koch with retiring Administrative Coordinator Donna Rhodus - she served our community for 42 years! A thank-you reception for Donna was held following the annual meeting. Bottom row of photos, L-R: Jen Soliz with 2½-yr-old granddaughter, Noemi, at the Chili Cookoff on Feb. 17th; new Lake Waukomis residents Kevin and Lauren Coon (307 N. Shore) were the 1st of the Chili Cookoff contestants to arrive with their chili; Guy Groves, pictured here at last year's annual Lake Waukomis Snake Saturday golf cart parade, reminds everyone that this year's parade on Saturday, March 16, leaves from South Park at 10 am (decorate your carts, pre-parade rally before). Banner photo: Kansas City Chiefs are the Super Bowl LVIII Champions, beating the San Francisco 49'ers by a score of 25-22 in overtime!*

**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)

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- Cell Tower - Steve Koch (582-4010)
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- Dock Placement - Melissa DiPeri (404-323-9324)
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- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
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- Water Quality - Cindy Law (746-4565)

**City Officials**

- Rick Zelfer, Mayor (365-0525)
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- Clarence Matthews, Alderman, Ward 2 - (500-4375) - Dam

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Digital copies of each month's NEWS can be found on the [lakewaukomis.org](http://lakewaukomis.org) website.



*Ashley Davidson (pictured here working at the 4th of July Store) is the Association's new Administrative Coordinator.*

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and the open house for Donna Rhodus. With Donna's retirement, we are very fortunate to have Ashley Davidson take over that position. Ashley is available at the Association Office each Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. If you get a chance, stop in to say hello and meet Ashley.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge thank you to Cory Whitney. Cory served multiple terms as a Board of Director along with his last position as Executive Vice President on the Executive Committee. His knowledge and professionalism have served this community well, and again, we can't thank him enough for all the time he put into the committees and the numerous projects he was involved with.

Filling Cory's position as a Director will be Kyle Carpenter. We welcome Kyle and look forward to having him work in conjunction with Terry Morton on the Parkways Committee.

The Association Board of Directors meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Community Building. Residents are always welcome to attend, and if you have any business to bring forth to the Board, we ask that you contact Administrative Coordinator Ashley Davidson or a 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:waukomiscityclerk@kc.rr.com)

# Mayor's Message

by Alderman Clarence Matthews

As I write this article, we all are jubilant over the Chief's winning the Super Bowl. At the same time very saddened by the events of the incident after the parade and rally at Union Station. We offer all of those affected by the use of a firearm at the event, our prayers.

Business Licenses and Building permits continue to be a vexing issue at Lake Waukomis. The recent discussion at the State of the City event, still available on the City of Lake Waukomis FB page, once again brought into focus how much work we all have to do in understanding and clarifying these 2 facets of living at Lake Waukomis.

To this end, your Aldermen and Alderwoman have appointed a committee of interested members of the community to look at the way it handles the permitting and inspection process and make suggestions on improvements. The committee will be getting itself organized in March and begin to work on suggestions and improvements to the process.

Committee Members are: Larry Marsh, Laurie Barrow, Clarence Matthews, Dale Crouch, Robin Hahlbeck, Joe Miriani, Megan Wheeler and Marilyn Steffens. Their terms are for 1 year.

Also of note, the City has received bids for a replacement sewer siphon line from the 800 to the 900 block. The Aldermen have selected Weidman, Inc. to do the work. This will entail replacing the entire line across the cove. The amount of the bid was just over \$95,000.00. Funds for this will come out of the Capital Sewer Account and be expensed through the 58061 Sewer Capital expense account. This will replace the existing siphon line that is leaking.

If you have any questions about City operations, feel free to contact either the Mayor or your Aldermen and Alderwoman. Contact info is in the Newsletter.

Looking forward to a great Summer on the Lake!

*Photo on left: At the City's Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 3rd, Dam Committee member Aaron Hackman reviewed the progress on the west abutment grouting repair. Photo on right: Lake Waukomis resident Megan Wheeler read a prepared statement concerning the City's permitting process.*

## 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](http://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

## NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City of Lake Waukomis Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 for the following offices:

**Mayor - Two Year Term**  
CANDIDATE: RICHARD E. ZELFER

**Alderman – Ward 1 - Two Year Term**  
CANDIDATES: BOB SHINOGLA / GUY GROVES

**Alderman – Ward 2 - Two Year Term**  
CANDIDATE: CLARENCE MATTHEWS

**POLL IS LOCATED AT THE LAKE WAUKOMIS COMMUNITY BLDG. AND OPEN FROM 6 AM - 7 PM.**



## 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.

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**Services rendered:** KANSAS CITY LAWN SPRINKLERS. Backflow Inspections. Service Calls. Winterizations. Call Tony McBroom at (816) 459-0351. [KansasCityLawnSprinklers.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:thomasbeckwith2004@hotmail.com).**

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



# Captain's Corner

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

Greetings,

As our school resource officers have seen an increase in students experiencing challenges in mental health and behavioral issues, I would like to share some of the possible risk factors to look for as parents/guardians, that may serve as an indicator children may need help. These include a marked fall in school performance, severe worry or anxiety as shown in refusal to go to school, marked changes in sleeping or eating habits, and/or depression shown by sustained and prolonged negative mood and attitude. Although any singular factor may not be indicative of mental health issues, a constellation of factors may be cause for concern.

If a family member is concerned, discussing the issue with another family member, friend, spiritual counselor, family pediatrician, or primary doctor may be appropriate.

Warning Signs (n.d.) youth.gov. <https://youth.gov/youth-topics/youth-mental-health/warning-signs>

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

ACTIVITIES	JANUARY 2024	YR-TO-DATE
Patrol Time Logged*	171.83 hrs	171.83 hrs
Traffic Stops	3	3
Calls for Service	6	6
Reports Taken	1	1
Designated Area Checks	404	404

*BREAKOUT BY SHIFT	HRS WORKED
Day Shift	70.20
Midnight Shift	52.93
Evening Shift	48.70

### HOW TO SET UP A RESIDENCE CHECK

Residence checks can be requested by going to [https://www.plattesherrif.org/services/residence\\_check.php](https://www.plattesherrif.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

Our February meeting had the candidates for Lake Waukomis City Office as our stars. Speaking to us were Mayor Rick Zelfer, running unopposed for Mayor for a 2nd term; Bob Shinogle and Guy Groves, candidates for the open Ward 1 Alderman position; and Clarence Matthews, running unopposed for a 2nd term as Alderman, Ward 2. Lively Q&A followed the presentations. We had 22 Retirees in attendance. Winners of the drawing for \$15 gift cards to Andy's Custard were Donna Shour, Sandy Massock, Dale Crouch, and

Easter will soon be upon us, so at our March meeting on Monday, March 4, it's time for one of our famous Easter Trivia Quizzes. With a quiz comes winners, and prizes. We will have coffee beans and gift cards from the Friendly Bean Coffee Co. on Barry Road. We start

with a great potluck lunch. We invite all retirees to join us.

*Clarence Matthews (photo at left) is running for a 2nd term as Alderman, Ward 2. Mayor Zelfer (middle photo) is*



*running for a 2nd term as Mayor. Below right: Drawing winners for the Andy's Frozen Custard gift cards were Donna Shour, Sandy Massock, Dale Crouch, and Jim Steinbrink. Below: Mary Matthews brought a yummy cranberry topped cheese-cake to the potluck lunch.*



At a City Council meeting on September 19, 1962 a group of men calling themselves "The Citizens Playground Committee" presented their idea to establish playgrounds for the children of the community. The Association donated \$350.00 and the Committee raised more money by holding a trap shoot on nearby land.

## SENIOR FUNNIES FROM READER'S DIGEST

- My mother and father were driving when she was pulled over by the police. Mom was in a hurry and told the officer so. "I understand, ma'am," he said. "But I have to ticket anyone over 55." Mom was beside herself. "That's discrimination!" she shouted. The officer explained calmly, "I meant the speed limit."
- It was a typical noisy dinner at my parents' home, and Dad was having trouble following the conversations. He kept jumping in with off-topic and asking for things to be repeated. I finally told him he needed to get a hearing aid. Looking at me as if I were crazy, he said, "What would I do with a hand grenade?"
- The other day I got carded at the liquor store. While I was taking out my ID, my old Blockbuster card fell out. The clerk shook his head, said "Never mind," and rang me up.
- I asked my 91-year-old father, "Dad, what were your good old days?" His thoughtful reply: "When I wasn't good, and I wasn't old."
- My grandpa hated Budweiser, but he started buying it exclusively when my dad and his siblings were in their late teens and 20's because they also hated Bud, and it meant there was beer in the fridge when he wanted one.
- I was working in a long-term-care facility and there was a celebration for one of the residents. It was her 100th birthday. She was quite somnolent as the party began, so I asked her, "Do you know how old you are today?" "No, how old am I?" "You're 100 years old." "Well, no wonder I'm so tired."
- A commercial boasted that its product could help people live pain-free in their golden years. "Am I in my golden years?" my wife asked. "Not at all," I assured her. "But you are yellowing fast."
- Friday night was Swanson Fried Chicken TV Dinner Night for my grandpa, no exceptions. If grandma wanted to go out for dinner, he would bring along a TV dinner and make the restaurant heat it up.
- Hanging up with my 90-year-old mother, I sighed, then said to my 96-year-old uncle, "She's so stubborn." He shook his head sympathetically and warned, "You're going to have trouble with her when she gets old."

# Men's Club

by President Randy Gerard

Greetings from your Lake Waukomis Men's Club!

I never saw the "official" groundhog prediction, so I was kind of fooled when we had the short blast of spring-like temperatures, then snow! They always keep saying that if you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes and it will change. Here's praying we don't have any more snows large enough to require driveway clearing!

By the time this edition of the newsletter is out, we will have completed another annual Chili Cookoff with over 10 contestants. The results are stated elsewhere in this edition of the NEWS, and a huge thank you to all the contestants, the Women's Club and Men's Club volunteers, and all the attendees who made it a good fundraiser and a lot of fun.

While in a moment of gratitude, I also want to take this opportunity to give a "shout out" to Mayor Zelfer, the City staff and our elected officials, the HOA and all of their committees, for the ongoing efforts in repairing our dam, maintaining and improving our sewer systems and many other activities too numerous to list. These tireless efforts will help maintain our "Slice of Paradise" for many years in the future.

The 2024 calendar is starting to take shape. In addition to our usual service projects, Ryan Pugh and Kyle Carpenter are busy coming up with new monthly activities and meeting ideas. **We've also changed our meeting day of the week to the first Wednesday of the month, starting in March.** Hopefully, this reduces conflicts with Monday holidays, NFL games and more.

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. At each month's meeting, there is some level of food provided and we always have "beverages"! If you have any questions, contact anyone on our Men's Club Board and we'll be glad to address them. 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 [rsgridrunner@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rsgridrunner@gmail.com). Make your predictions and start your rain dances now!



*In 2024, Men's Club meetings have taken on a different look, with tables set up to facilitate eating dinner, the head table reserved for Men's Club Officers, and name tags for each member created by Membership Chair Kyle Carpenter to help members get to know one another. Above: To maintain anonymity of the contestants, Bill Massock carried Chili Cookoff competitor Nathan Wells' chili entry to the main room. On right: Scott Barbour cheerfully volunteered to help clean up post-cookoff by washing dishes.*



# Women's Club

by President Ann Veith

What a fun night we had at the February Women's Club meeting! Janis Kliethermes of Etiquette Kansas City was our entertaining guest speaker. She shared techniques to improve communication skills. She explained that manners aren't just about what fork to use, they're about giving people tools to help them feel comfortable in social situations. Janis also gave insights on how parents and grandparents can prepare their children/grandchildren for success. We all learned some helpful information and tips regarding holding conversations, introducing others, manners & much more. Janis was a dynamic and very refreshing presenter!

Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> was the Annual Lake Waukomis Chili Cookoff Fund-raiser, sponsored by the LW Women's and Men's Clubs. We estimated attendance at approximately 60 people, give or take a few. There were 12 contest entries, with traditional and non-traditional chili categories. The Judge's Panel included Ryan Pugh, Sally Zahner, Robin Hahlbeck, Lela Thompson, and Guy Groves.

### Judge's Choice Award Winners:

- **Traditional Chili Category:**
  - 1st Place - Johnnie Cook (3 Meat Chili);
  - 2nd Place - Andrew Garcia (Just the Tip Chili);
  - 3rd Place - Lynne Lendo (Habanaro Hoe Down Chili).
- **Non-traditional Chili Category:**
  - 1st Place - Connie Tebow (Crack Chicken Chili);
  - 2nd Place - Nathan Wells (Green Chili);
  - 3rd Place - Angel Cuneo (Southwest Turkey & Veggie Chili)

**People's Choice Award Winner:** Chris Davison (Redline Chili).

Winners received either a commemorative apron, kitchen towel or hot pad, courtesy of Teresa Brinkmeyer and Justine Lorente Alvarez.

Two roasters of extra chili were prepared by Teresa Brinkmeyer and Ann Veith and cornbread donated by several Women's Club members to feed attendees. Cookies were available for dessert. Thank you to all Women's Club and Men's Club members who stepped up to make this event successful! **See page 8 of the February NEWS for lots of photos of the event!**

March is Women's History Month - come celebrate our very own Lake Waukomis women and their impactful stories! Meeting starts at 6 pm on Monday, March 11th. Hope to see you there!

Last but not least, March culminates with the Women's Club 's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 am on Saturday, March 30th, at South Park. **We are asking for donations of wrapped candy, small enough to fit in the plastic Easter Eggs.** Please bring your donation to our March 11th meeting or drop your donation off with Lynne Lendo at 1131 S. Shore. **Lynne also needs some helpers at the Easter Egg Hunt** - please text or call her at (321) 750-8550 and let her know if you can help!



Cindy Pounds with the featured speaker for our February meeting, Janis Kliethermes of Etiquette Kansas City.



Photo on left, L-R: Jenny Bolz, Katy Stevick, and Holly Miriani posed for a pic at our February meeting.

Photo below: Janis Kliethermes responded to Joy Walter's question concerning the proper way to introduce someone by having Ann Veith role play examples with Joy. (photo courtesy of Cindy Pounds).



LAKE WAUKOMIS NEWS - CHILI COOKOFF HIGHLIGHTS



Top Row: Chili Cookoff judges Ryan Pugh, Robin Hahlbeck, Lela Thompson, Sally Zahner, and Guy Groves; Jack Williams has a unique tasting method!; check-in table volunteers Tad Hunter, Melissa Sturges, Deborah Young, and Teresa Brinkmeyer.



2nd Row: Judge's Choice, Traditional Chili winners, L-R: 1st Place, Johnnie Cook; 2nd Place, Andrew Garcia; 3rd Place, Lynne Lendo.



3rd Row: Judge's Choice, Nontraditional Chili winners, L-R: 1st Place, Connie Tebow; 2nd Place, Nathan Wells; 3rd Place, Angel Cuneo.



At right: People's Choice winner: Chris Davison.



(Healing Life Choice) gave free CBD samples to all the chili competitors; Heather Wood, with shy daughter Aniston, had fun at the Chili Cookoff.

# In Memory



## WILLIAM (BILL) HOGEWOOD

It is with deep sorrow that the Retired Officers Association is notified of the Death of William "Bill" Hogewood #339.

Bill passed away yesterday surrounded by his family.

Bill's life was one of public service. He began his service to United States serving in the Army as a medic.

On May, 19, 1969 Bill began his service to the citizens of Prince Georges County and continued to serve for over 27 years, retiring on December 31, 1996.

During his career, Bill served in a variety of capacities but he was extremely proud to be a founding member of the Crisis Negotiation Team that to this day, still serves as a model for law enforcement agencies across the United States

Another program that was very important to Bill was the Peer Support Team. Bill provided the training for the founding members of the Department's Peer Support Team.

Upon his retirement Bill continued to train law enforcement agencies across the United States working with ATF and local law enforcement agencies.

There will be a celebration of life held in Maryland at a later date.

When the Association is notified of the arrangements, they will be made available to the membership.

Please keep the Hogewood family in your thoughts and prayers.

*From a Facebook posting shared on 1/23/24. Bill and partner Judy Simmons were Lake Waukomis residents in the 500 block for several years before relocating to Tucson, Arizona in 2022.*



*Bill Ruckman and Kyle Carpenter chipped up the bush honeysuckle branches and other overgrowth that they'd cut down along Chatham Rd. Bush honeysuckle is an invasive plant that the HOA is working to remove from the parkway around our community. To keep it from regrowing, the stumps should be immediately treated with a special chemical.*

## GOOSE PATROL IS NOTHING NEW

by Kenneth L. Kieser

Chasing off geese was practiced before our great grandparents were born. Clouds of geese once inhabited wheat fields in California and other states, picking them clean.



*Maybe our goose spooking tactics are not so bad. Photo by Kenny Kieser.*

The following are ways ranchers tried to get rid of geese. These methods are not legal now, so don't even think about trying these crazy tactics.

**Shooters:** A rancher in 1868 ordered 20,000 cartridges and hired 300 Hispanic and native Americans to shoot geese. It quickly became clear that there were not enough people alive then to eat geese harvested by 300 shooters.

**Watchman's Rattle:** An instrument, used in the 1800's and early 1900's, had a vibrating tongue fixed in a frame that slipped over the teeth of a ratchet wheel and produced a loud raucous sound when whirled around, and was once used by watchmen to warn of danger. The geese were not bothered, but it frightened the horses, throwing many riders.

**The Red Cloth Ploy:** Trappers in the 1800's caught 20 geese and tied a red flag on their legs. The marked geese followed and frightened big flocks. But this only worked until the geese got used to the flags and it was stated that, "They always got used to new tricks."

**The Red Goose Ploy:** More snow and Canada geese were trapped and dyed red, blue and a few red with blue wings. Ornithologists were said to not be thrilled with this. This worked at first, but the big clouds of geese got used to what they must have considered strange relatives.

**Well Dressed Goose:** Someone trapped a Canada goose and somehow slipped a pair of little boy's trousers on the no doubt angry bird. This poor goose was observed for a week before it disappeared. The flocks were not spooked.

**Market Hunters:** Thousands of geese were harvested and shipped to markets during the so-called Market Hunting Days from the early 1800's to about 1912. Waterfowl numbers in the United States drastically dropped. Geese were harvested off long, low-to-the-water sneak boats with a punt gun mounted on the bow. Netting was another means and hunters took huge numbers of birds with shotguns from sink boxes. The geese were shipped in iced-down barrels to large cities for outdoor markets and restaurants.

So, Larry Marsh and company, your methods with "booms" and lasers might be the most effective way to send our goose buddies packing!

# Highlights of Association Meeting

**LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION**  
Board of Directors  
February 22, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Koch at 6:59 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRAYER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE** With concern for Pam Kellogg.

**ROLL CALL:** Directors Present: Ann Veith, Steve Koch, Terry Morton, Teddi Wolff, Laura Church, Doug Day, Corey Schmidt, Kyle Carpenter, Melissa DiPeri.

**Directors Absent (excused):** Cindy Law, Art Kellogg and Jim Williams.

President Koch thanked the following Guests for attending: Alderwoman Laurie Barrows, Bill Massock, Randy Gerard, Dale Crouch, Alderman Clarence Matthews, and Bill Ruckman.

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

**Treasurer's Report** Ms. Church stated that the checks were approved and signed at the regularly scheduled meeting. Three additional checks were presented. Discussion was had regarding these invoices. There were no questions from the Board regarding these payments. Ms. Church moved to approve the bills for payment. Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**City Report** President Koch requested Alderman Matthews and Alderwoman Barrow to discuss the Dam Abutment Project (handout on file). Alderman Matthews stated that the project is going well. Alderwoman Barrow then discussed that additional funding may be required to complete the project. The City is requesting that the HOA match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000.00 each for the remainder of the project if it is needed. President Koch then discussed projects and budget for the 2024 year for the HOA. It was discussed that based on the financials presented the HOA may not be able to address the 300 block storm water improvement project in 2024. President Koch invited questions, none were had. Mr. Morton moved to approve up to \$50,000.00 matching dollar for dollar with the city. Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Adm. Coordinator** Mrs. Davidson stated that we have received renewal applications for the City and Association Property Insurance that needs to be reviewed as soon as possible and returned to the City.

**Maintenance** Mr. Ruckman submitted a written report. Discussion was held regarding the pets in the sport court. Discussion was had regarding tools and equipment needed for maintenance. Estimate of \$777.73 was presented from FRIES for a new pole saw and fuel. Mr. Ruckman noted that by purchasing the premixed fuel it extended the warranty from 1 year to 5 years. Mr. Morton moved to approve up to \$800.00. Ms. DiPeri seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee** On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ms. DiPeri submitted the following Directors to serve on the Executive Board:

The officers are as follows:  
Steve Koch, President  
Art Kellogg, Exec. Vice President  
Teddi Wolff, Vice President and Sgt. at Arms  
Laura Church, Secretary and Treasurer

Mr. Morton moved to approve the slate of officers as presented, Mr. Day seconded. Mr. Morton's motion carried by unanimous vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Cell Tower** Nothing to report.

**Parkway** Nothing to report.

**Community Building** President Koch stated HVAC repairs have been completed, and that Mr. Kellogg is looking into a fire monitoring service and building appraisal review.

**Community Appearance** Nothing to report.

**Conservation** Mr. Schmidt stated that they will be refreshing the brush piles for the fish habitat. Mr. Schmidt requested up to \$500.00 for the cinder blocks and rope to secure the habitats. Mr. Schmidt moved to approve up to \$500.00. Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Deed of Restrictions and By-Laws** Nothing to report.

**Dock Placement** Mrs. DiPeri stated that with the current sewer line repairs, it was noted that a dock was interfering with a sewer line causing wear and tear on the line. It was discussed that there should be a discussion with the City as to sewer line locations and to determine if other docks are causing wear and tear to other sewer lines.

**4th of July** Ms. Wolff stated that the planning is going well for the 2024 year.

**Newspaper** Ms. Wolff said the deadline for the next edition of the NEWS was Feb. 17th.

**Parks** President Koch discussed the proposed upgrades to the playground and swing mulch and playground drainage. The bid from Next Generation for both playground and swing area was \$40,612.00. Next Generation offered a 7% discount if we commit, bringing the total to \$37,769.16. General discussion was had. Mr. Morton moved to approve up to \$40,000.00 for this project. Mr. Schmidt seconded and the motion carried by majority vote.

**Parkway and Unplatted Property** Nothing to report.

**Rental Agreements** Mr. Day stated he had sent out 22 Rental Agreements for signature. He received back 8 signed Agreements with 6 of them being new. Mr. Day stated that the 6 new applicants were in good standing with the Association. Mr. Day moved to approve the 6 new applicants. Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Further discussion was had on how to obtain the signatures on the remaining Rental Agreements and it was suggested to send a second letter, possibly certified.

**Silt Management** Nothing to report.

**Stormwater Control** Nothing to report.

**Trailer Park** Nothing to report.

**Water Quality** Nothing to report.

**Zebra Mussels** Ms. Veith reported that she, with the help of lake resident Holly Miriani, will be sending out letters to those who have not completed their certification. She is also preparing a Zebra Mussel training program for residents. Further discussion was had regarding Zebra Mussel training for both property owners and renters on Rental Agreements as a requirement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Board Member Attendance** President Koch discussed the By-Laws attendance policy regarding 6 or more absences per year, requiring Board majority approval for the absentee Director to remain on the Board. It was noted that due to personal issues, Director Law had missed 7 meetings during 2023. Ms. Veith moved that Ms. Law remain on the Board if she wishes. Ms. DiPeri seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Committee Assignments** President Koch passed out a list of Committee responsibilities for the Directors (handout on file). He stated if there are any questions or concerns with any of the assignments, to contact him directly.

Alderman Matthews stated he would like to commend Bill Ruckman for his excellent service to the upkeep of the community.

**Adjournment** Mr. Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Ashley Davidson  
Adm. Coordinator

# Your City Government at Work

## CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS

### Board of Aldermen

February 14, 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 August 9, 2023, at the Community Building. Alderman Jack Williams, Alderman Clarence Matthews, Alderwoman Laurie Barrow and Alderman Larry Marsh were present. The roll call was taken by Alderwoman Laurie Barrow.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED

Minutes of Previous Alderman Meeting January 10, 2024  
Minutes of the Special Board of Alderman Meeting February 01, 2024  
Minutes of the Board of Alderman Sewer Maintenance fee Public Hearing February 7, 2024  
Minutes of the Special Board of Alderman Meeting February 7, 2024

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

### SPECIAL GUESTS/RESIDENTS:

Pat from Drill Tech announced that contractual Dam Abutment Project/Repair was completed by December 29, 2023. Still have water visible through the weir & on hillside by the salt bin. Inspections identified a large leak in the vicinity of the sewer line. Weir readings have been in the 4.38 to 4.6" range. Drill Tech has exceeded drilling and grouting beyond the contractual agreement. Per Pat, there will be more angled borings from South to North. \$50,000 left in the contract.

### REPORTS:

#### Mayors' Comments:

#### Treasurer Comments:

Dam savings was closed and moved to General Fund checking account to pay for Dam Abutment Project.

#### Administrative Department:

No report

#### Water Department:

Water quality satisfactory in January 2024  
Received violation for DNR only showing one water sample for December 2023. Must publish violation in Landmark paper.

#### Dam & Spillway:

To move \$50,000 reserves to pay for additional fees for Dam Abutment Project to 58030

#### Maintenance

Mike to obtain more bids for Dingo. Meet next month.

#### Emergency Preparedness:

Goal is to purchase two 30-amp generators for pump stations.

#### Building Inspector:

Received the report of inspections. 15 Total inspections, 14 have seen and identified as rentals and 4 have not come forward.

#### Code Enforcement Officer:

William Massock retired as code inspector.

#### Department of Public Safety/Police Review Committee:

Received report from the Platte County Sheriff.  
Flock camera's, table till we hear from Sheriff.

#### HOA: No report.

#### Unfinished Business:

Alderman Williams made motion to accept RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPOINTING A NEW BUILDING PERMIT COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS: Larry Marsh, Laurie Barrow, Clarence Matthews, Dale Crouch, Robin Hahlbeck, Joe Miriani, Megan Wheeler, and Marilyn Steffens. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Marsh. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Matthews made a motion to accept ORDINANCE INCREASING WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FEES AND FEES, INCLUDING CHARGES WHILE WATER NOT USED. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Barrow. Motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business:

Alderman Matthews moved that we accept Wiedenmann Construction's bid for Sewer Siphon Project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Marsh. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Williams moved and Alderman Marsh 2<sup>nd</sup> to conduct a closed session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to:

\*Legal actions, Cause of Action, Litigation or privileged communications between the City's Representatives and its attorneys: 610.021(1)

\*Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting Employees: 610.021(3)

\* Personnel/Records: 610.021(13)

\* Bidding Specifications: 610.021(11)

The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Barrow moved and Alderman Marsh 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn open session at 9:16 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The City of Lake Waukomis Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 for the following offices:

**Mayor - Two Year Term**

**CANDIDATE: RICHARD E. ZELFER**

**Alderman – Ward 1 - Two Year Term**

**CANDIDATES: BOB SHINOGLA / GUY GROVES**

**Alderman – Ward 2 - Two Year Term**

**CANDIDATE: CLARENCE MATTHEWS**

**Candidate for Alderman, Ward 1: Bob Shinogle**



I love this lake and community and will help to improve it. I have lived in Lake Waukomis for 7 years, married to the same beautiful woman 39 years, have 3 grown sons, and 2 grandchildren. I enjoy fishing, boating, hunting, BBQ, and most outdoor activities. Since being here I have continually been a member of the Lake Waukomis Men’s Club, being an officer most of the time and active helping in several activities. (I

organized the Spring Dances, Octoberfest, New Year’s Party, Best Dam Party and more).

I bring to our City experience from other communities I have been involved with: Weatherby Lake, the City and HOA, Lake Viking VVA (HOA), and my experiences here at Lake Waukomis. My goals as Alderman are to work together with HOA, listen to what my neighbors think and work to make our community safer, cleaner, and improve our property values.

**Candidate for Alderman, Ward 2: Clarence Matthews**



I would like to announce that I have filed for the position of Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, for the 2 year term starting April, 2024.

As an incumbent Alderman, I will continue to work on the efforts of the “City” to improve our aging infrastructure. Primary focus will be on the continuing Capital Sewer Improvement Project. Adding to this

will be maintaining the water distribution system, and the streets. By the time of the election, we should have a good handle on how the “grouting” project improved the quality of the water level in the lake.

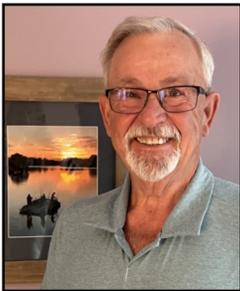
Overriding all of this, is to continue to work toward building the sustainability of Lake Waukomis as we face increasing pressures on your and our limited financial resources. We all have memories of how “lake life” was. By working to make sure Lake Waukomis has a sustainable future, those memories will be available to all our families living at Lake Waukomis and those yet to arrive!



**POLL IS LOCATED AT THE LAKE WAUKOMIS COMMUNITY BLDG. AND IS OPEN FROM 6 AM - 7 PM.**

**THE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION THAT FOLLOWS WAS PROVIDED BY THE LAKE WAUKOMIS MAYOR AND ALDERMEN CANDIDATES**

**Lake Waukomis Mayoral Candidate: Rick Zelfer**



My name is Rick Zelfer and I am running for another term as Mayor of Lake Waukomis. I have lived on the lake for 28 years. Since I retired 9 years ago, I have become more active in the community by being involved with the Men’s Club, 4th of July celebration, and helping the City’s Operations Manager Mike Gibbany with various maintenance duties around the lake.

My goal as the Mayor is to be transparent and work with all of the organizations on the lake such as HOA, Men’s Club, Women’s Club, Retirees and the 4th of July Committee. As a City, we have a lot of work to do, starting with the dam and sewer repairs. My goal is to do what is right for our City and keep the lines of communication open to everyone.

**Candidate for Alderman, Ward 1: Guy Groves**



Hey Lake Waukomians! I’m Guy Groves, your friendly neighbor running for Alderman in Ward 1, North Shore. I’ve called this beautiful place home since 2017 and am thrilled to contribute to its future.

In my 28 years with the State of Missouri Division of Youth Services and now as a Manager/Bartender at Up Down KC, I’ve learned the value of dedication. Family-wise, I’m a proud parent to Shelby and Carter, bringing immense joy to my life.

Engaging with our community brings me fulfillment, from the Men’s Club to contributing to the 4th of July committee. I’ve been your Margarita Contest Champion and a passionate advocate for our lake.

I’m committed to tackling key issues - ensuring our lake stays pristine (free of sewage), fiscal responsibility, transparent communication, and embracing positive change. Let’s shape a brighter future for Lake Waukomis together! Your vote on April 2nd means the world. God Bless America and our beloved Lake Waukomis!

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Every year the mayor, and alderpersons sign on to the Platte County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) with the Promulgation Statement. This statement is how Lake Waukomis will respond and recover from the effects of all-hazards with the LEOP.

In addition, the City has the following plans to address specific conditions:

### Continuity of Operations Plan

Continuing essential functions during a declared emergency. City government can continue without a quorum.

### Dam Emergency Action Plan

Contact information, notifications to local and state authorities in the event of a dam breach.

### Water Emergency Operations Plan

State and federal contacts, alternate potable water suppliers. Boil water orders and advisories.

### Point of Distribution Plan

Loading points or staging areas, volunteers needed, for distributing supplies and commodities (water, meals ready to eat, etc.)

Primary location: graveled area along dam-spillway. One-way vehicular traffic from North Shore to South Shore.

Alternate: Chatham at Four Seasons entrance. One-way vehicular traffic north bound from Hickory Lane.

### Evacuation Plan

The city does not have a mandatory ordinance. If advised by proper authorities to relocate due to a large gas leak, law enforcement operations, etc., and outside of the scene, meet at South Park (conditional). If South Park is not appropriate, the Lake Waukomis Community Building will be opened. This is to ensure residents will receive updates.

If South Park and / or community building are inside the scene perimeter, Chinn Elementary parking lot and St. Therese Church parking lot.

Shelter in Place, an evacuation alternative. Means the act of sealing off a room or building to isolate the occupants from an external threat and staying inside until threat has abated.

*Information courtesy of Jeff Libby.*

## IT IS GOOSE EGG ADDLING TIME!

by Clarence Matthews



We have begun to notice the geese are looking for nesting locations!

The Addling Crew could use your help in locating the nests. Yes, geese typically nest in the same location year after year, but it is always a plus to have more than the Addling Crew's tired eyes locating them.

What do we need from you? **If you find a pair of geese nesting, please create a post on the lake Facebook page or call/text Clarence Matthews at 816-500-4375 and provide the Number of eggs, and the Dock Number (Lot Number, not mailing address) as we do the locating of the nests from the lake.** If you don't know what the dock number is, it should be on your boat and the dock! It should be a letter - A through G - and a number.

We will make a trip around the lake once a week for the next 2-3 months, checking the nests, even the ones we have already checked. If we find a nest with eggs, we 'addle', i.e. shake and then apply PAM cooking oil to, the eggs to destroy the contents. We leave the addled eggs in the nest so the geese don't lay a new batch of eggs, and continue to check the nests for 3 weeks. If no new eggs are found in a nest after 3 weeks, the addled eggs will be removed and destroyed as the Missouri Department of Natural Resources outlines. Please do not attempt to do this yourself. Geese are a protected species and our Addling Crewmembers all had to apply for a special license from the MO Dept. of Natural Resources.

The Addling Crew will create a running tally on the community Facebook page of the docks and number of eggs at each location.

So off we go to Addle the Eggs!



*This is a photo of our lake from a number of years ago, before we had such an intensive egg addling program in place.*

## HOW TO FALL ON THE ICE

A Short Story by Jack Williams

There are certain life skills we all need to acquire as we grow up. These are the basic skills we must have in order to succeed in life. Examples of these skills are learning to crawl, learning to walk, learning to talk, learning about girls or boys depending on whether you zip your pants up in the front or the back, etc.

Most of these skills are acquired in the natural course of growing up. However, as society changes, the basic life skills evolve or fall to the wayside in order to meet the demands of modern life. Some examples of things that have fallen by the wayside are learning to make a fire by rubbing two sticks together, learning to tan hides and make clothes out of animal skins, and how to kill a Mastodon with a rock. Hardly any of us use those skills any more in the course of our daily lives. As a result, other things come along and replace them: things like learning math, learning to read and write, and learning how to drive a car. None of those things were required to be a successful Neanderthal, but come in pretty handy if you are going to become a politician, a used car salesman or any other kind of ne'er-do-well.

However, there are things that we fail to learn, due to current circumstances that we suddenly find are extremely important. Blame it on global warming or whatever the 'cause de jure', humans have either forgotten how or failed to learn how to fall on ice. To be perfectly clear on this, I have to clarify that the skill humanity has failed to keep up on is NOT how to FALL on ice, it's how to LAND on ice.

Unless you are a hockey player, a ski jumper, or a figure skater, knowing how to land on the ice after a fall isn't anywhere near the top of your list of life skills that need to be mastered. But, due to recent climatic changes moving from global warming to the recent ice age we experienced, we find ourselves woefully in need of a crash course (pun intended) on this art form.

The most important thing to remember about landing on the ice after a slip is "Land in such a way that you can get up again without the assistance of an EMT, fireman or an emergency services ambulance." Not everyone understands this. As a result people show up at all hours of the day and night at hospitals across the snow belt with broken wrists, arms, elbows, and other body parts that were never intended to be used as landing gear.

The best course of action is not to fall in the first place, but telling the masses not to slip on the ice and hurt themselves is like telling your children not to get wet when they go swimming. It just isn't possible. That's why parents teach their children how to swim before they let them go to the lake. The same precaution should be taken before letting anyone go outside the house when there is snow and ice on the ground.

Following is my syllabus for teaching a person how to land on the ice after slipping. The best part of this syllabus is it's good for people of any age, race, creed, religion, sexual orientation or zip code. The key

elements appear in numbered form below:

1. Never put your hand(s) down to try and break your fall. Oh, sure you will break something, but it won't be your fall.
2. Never try to save whatever you are holding from hitting the ground before you do. From a strictly cost effective standpoint, the price of replacing a dozen eggs is much cheaper than the price of fixing a broken arm, leg, tail bone, etc.
3. Some things are meant to take a beating some things are not. There is a reason your parents spanked you on the bottom instead of on the back of your head. Apply that rational to your choice of anatomy to land on when you suddenly find your feet have reached an altitude higher than your eyelevel.
4. Regarding items 1 through 3, the same applies if you find your feet have suddenly decided to do a 180 and kick you in the back of the head.
5. Gymnastics are best left to the Olympians. Don't attempt a triple salchow, a double axle or any of the other fancy moves you see at the Winter Olympics figure skating competition. Your landing is not going to be judged by a panel of experts. But, it WILL be judged by the insurance adjusters.
6. It now comes down to HOW SHOULD YOU LAND ON THE ICE?
  - Your mother carried you in the fetal position for nine months for a reason. Remember that when you are about to land. Your mother knew what she was doing.
  - Remember how you used to land when you first slid down the slip'n slide? If landing flat on your butt was good enough for dirt, gravel or mud, it's good enough for ice or snow.
  - Going headfirst into the water is great when the water temperature is 70 degrees or more. That does not apply to water when it is 30 degrees or colder. Let that soak in (pun intended).
  - When the going gets slippery, penguins fall on their belly and slide wherever they want to go. If a bird's brain can figure that out, shouldn't a human's brain be able to do the same?

Well there you go - this is everything you need to know to keep from getting hurt falling on the ice or snow. But, if you choose not to follow these guidelines, do so at your own peril and don't come limping to me looking for sympathy. I'll be too busy trying to learn how to start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.



**BUSINESS ADVERTISING SIGNS**

by Deed of Restrictions Co-chairs Laura Church and Doug Day

Spring and summer months bring an increase of activity to the Lake, including home improvements. Occasionally, contractors place signs advertising their businesses on a homeowner's lot while they are performing work on the property, and/or after they have left. These signs are a violation of the Lake Waukomis Association Deed of Restrictions. **Please inform your contractors, prior to beginning work, that advertising signs are not allowed.**

**ARE YOU OVERDUE?**

by Cindy Law, Water Quality Chair

**Zebra Mussel Recertification was due April 1st**, but we are still missing quite a few. If you haven't already, please go to [www.lkwkinfo.org](http://www.lkwkinfo.org) to complete the training update and submit an "e-verification" form.

Dock and boat inspections are coming soon, so please update your training so we can send your stickers in time for the inspections.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Zebra Mussels OUT of Lake Waukomis!

**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.

## GARDENERS MEETING REPORT

(info courtesy of Pete Godfrey,  
photos courtesy of Shelley Macgee)

Current gardeners with plots in the Lake Waukomis Community Garden, as well as new gardeners interested in obtaining a plot, met at the Community Building for an important planning and organizational meeting on Sunday, February 18th, at 2 PM. Approximate attendance was 30-40 gardeners. Attendees reviewed 2023 accomplishments and set goals for 2024. Priority #1 is to install new water headers and expand locations to improve water distribution for the garden. Priority #2 will be to complete the last leg of the 3-year fencing project. The kestral house is to be cleaned out and located on a pivoting pole. Marten houses will go up 2nd week of March. There was discussion about operation of the water pump for the new gardeners. It was recommended that gardeners procure water wand heads (\$5 each) to improve water control and help keep the pumps in good shape.

**Work days have been scheduled for Saturday, March 9 and March 16, 9 am.**



*Top photo: Community Garden Officers, L-R: Terry Morton, Roxanne Armstrong, and Terry McSparin.*

*Bottom photo: a large group of current and new gardeners met at the Community Building on Sunday, Feb. 18th, to get organized for the upcoming gardening season which is just around the corner!*

## 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](mailto: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!

## Collecting Menstruation Products

by Lake Waukomis resident Mallory Moon



I am collecting feminine hygiene products to be donated to local women's shelters! Please donate anything you can for the cause. Two of the most overlooked products for women in difficult situations are sanitary pads and tampons. Please help

alleviate the stress and financial burden on these women and donate some! A donation bin will be located outside 1112 NW South Shore Dr. Thank you!

## 4TH OF JULY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

by 4th of July Chair Mindy Beckwith



On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we kicked off our monthly 4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning Meetings and had a great turnout! This year is going to be another fabulous fun week packed with family friendly events and contests.

Our theme this year will be "Anchored in Paradise". Festivities will begin on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. All of the Day Chairs are in place and planning each day of activities.

Stay tuned for more information on how you can come out and support our lake community by volunteering and attending the events we are planning. You won't want to miss it!

If you have questions or would like to find out more about volunteering, please reach out to Mindy Beckwith (1053) at [mindybeckwith2008@hotmail.com](mailto:mindybeckwith2008@hotmail.com).

Our next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 6:30 pm, at the Comm. Bldg.

Stay tuned for more information and THANK YOU to everyone who has come out to volunteer!