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What's Up?

APRIL

Apr 1, ZEBRA MUSSEL CERTIFICATION DUE

Apr 1, 12 noon, Retiree's Meeting at Comm. Bldg.

Apr 1, 7 pm, Men's Club Meeting at Comm. Bldg.

Apr 2, 6 am - 7 pm, POLLS OPEN FOR VOTING

Apr 3, 1 - 4 pm, Skip-Bo at Community Building

Apr 4, 6 pm, Green Day at Lake Waukomis planning meeting at Community Building

Apr 8, 7 pm, Women's Club Mtng. at Comm. Bldg.

Apr 9, 7 pm, HOA Board Mtng. at the Comm. Bldg.

Apr 10, 1 - 4 pm, Skip-Bo at Community Building

Apr 10, 7 pm, City Council Mtng. at Comm. Bldg.

Apr 13, 9 am, Gardeners Work Day

Apr 13, 10 am, Lenora Larson presentation on Milkweeds & Butterflies, at the Community Bldg., sponsored by the HOA

Apr 17, 1 - 4 pm, Skip-Bo at Community Building

Apr 19, 12:30 pm, Ladies Luncheon Group dine at Granite City in Zona Rosa

Apr 20, 8 am until gone, FREE FOOD at Chinn

Apr 20, 10 am - 2 pm, Community Blood Drive, sponsored by the Women's Club

Apr 20, 10:30 am - noon, Kids' Easter Egg Hunt at South Park, sponsored by the Women's Club

Apr 20, NEWS Submissions due

Apr 22, 6:30 pm, Women's Club Board Meeting at Community Building

Apr 24, 1 - 4 pm, Skip-Bo at Community Building

Apr 27, GREEN DAY AT LAKE WAUKOMIS, 9 am - noon, at South Park, sponsored by HOA



SNEAK PEEK MAY

May 4, 9 am - 2 pm, SPRING CLEAN-UP

May 11, 9 am, Sophie's Run at Lake Waukomis



Clockwise from top left: Missy Beatty wasn't deterred by February's cold weather and snow in her training for an upcoming marathon; Jaes Overlay & 3-yr-old daughter Amara attended the Coffee and Cake with Cops event at the Community Building on March 2nd (Amara's favorite thing was the OJ!); Men's Club members Jack Williams and Dale Crouch erected solar lights to illuminate the steps to the spillway and the walkway from the dam to the parking lot; Terry Morton (center) and Roxanne Armstrong (on left) helped the Beasleys with their garden contract, while Debora Hankinson looked on. Banner photo: Always thoughtful, Ryland Brown took some goodies home from the Coffee and Cake with Cops get-together to give to his grandma Louisa Libby, who was under the weather and couldn't attend.

OFFICIALS

The President's Corner

By Jim Hopper, Association President

Association Directors

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Jim Hopper, President, (741-2467)
 Dale Crouch, Exec. Vice-President (389-9984)
 Terry Hoog, Vice-President/Sgt. At Arms, (728-3523)
 Laura Church, Secretary/Treasurer (587-9281)

- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Community Building - Terry Hoog (728-3523)
- Conservation - Ed Landis (741-0600)
- Deed of Restrictions/By-laws - Laura Church (587-9281) & Art Kellogg (520-0254)
- Dock Placement - Dale Crouch (389-9984) & Gale Fisher (760-908-6300)
- Ecology/Environment Efforts - Sandi Garrison (694-5474)
- 4th of July Oversight - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Parkways/Unplatted Property - Bill Ruckman (726-3299)
- Silt Management - Frank Ellis (741-3697)
- Stormwater - Jim Hopper (741-2467)
- Trailer Park - Dale Crouch (389-9984) & Sandi Garrison (694-5474)
- Water Quality/Zebra Mussels - Cindy Law (868-2912) & Art Kellogg (520-0254)
- Admin. Coordinator, Donna Rhodus (741-2079)

City Officials

Dennis Todd, Mayor/Administration (587-1923)
 Jim Kerns, Platte Woods Chief of Police (741-2071)
 Jennifer Miller, City Clerk (741-2079)
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 Bill Ruckman, Maintenance (726-3299)
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This winter has been quite the ordeal! However, it looks as if the old maxim about March coming "in like a lion and out like a lamb" may be holding true as winter has relaxed its grip a bit. By mid-March, temperatures routinely ranged above the freezing mark, snow turned into rain, and our lake level raised to just one foot under full pool at the time of this writing. Of course, with the lake level on the rise, thoughts naturally turn towards the September 2018 Hot Dam full pool fundraiser contest. For \$5.00 per chance, people estimated the date and time lake water would flow across the spillway. Last September, 62 people submitted 117 predictions as to when the lake would crest. As of March 15, 2019, 16 people have had their predicted date pass leaving 46 people still in the hunt. With the short-term weather forecast in mind, March and April are looking pretty good. However, this is Missouri and weather forecasts can be unreliable.

Regardless, this is typically the rainy season for this area and a time for second tier residents to ensure ditches in front of their houses are clean and free-flowing. Driveway drains need to be cleaned along with any other restrictions in ditches. Landscaping in ditches should be removed or designed to allow free-flowing water. Failure to maintain the ditches in a free-flowing condition endangers the road bed and puts first tier houses at risk. Parking in the ditches or driving off the road, especially when the earth is saturated, destroys the integrity of the roadway shoulder or ditch. Sometime, walk or drive around the road and you will see the damage vehicles have made along our roads. The Association's ongoing plan to upgrade roadway shoulders and ditches with our newly acquired equipment will continue starting in Spring through Fall. The upgrades may require the relocation of mailboxes or landscaping from ditches.

At the last board meeting, the Association Directors' responsibilities were set for the 2019 season. Changes are: Art Kellogg will assist Laura Church with Deed of Restrictions and Cindy Law with Water Quality/Zebra Mussels; Gale Fisher will join Dale Crouch with Dock Placement; and Sandy Garrison will help Dale Crouch with the Trailer Park. A list of all the directors with their assignments and contact info is published on the second page of the newsletter. Please refer to any board member with your concerns or suggestions.

CITY AND ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

City Office Hours
 (City Clerk - Jennifer Miller)
 Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm
 Friday - Closed

Association Office Hours
 (Admin. Coordinator - Donna Rhodus)
 Tuesday - 5 pm to 7 pm / Friday - 9 am to 12 noon

Mayor's Message

by Mayor Dennis Todd

From snow to rain. At this rate, our lake will be full in no time. It is, however, great to see the warmer temperatures and that the snow and icy weather have finally subsided. But now, the rain and high winds are taking their toll on the area.

A few updates for you from City Hall...

First, we are on pace to start our second road repaving project. My thanks for the time put in by our Board and our Operations Manager, Mike Gibbany. We will be coordinating with the paving contractor to begin work on the 800 Block, Hickory, and Chatham sections this spring. Our goal is to have the work started after Sophie's Run in early May, but before the Memorial Day weekend. This will be dependent on our contractor's schedule as well as the weather allowing us to complete the work.

Second, we were informed of another annual increase in sewer rates from Kansas City, which provides the Sewer Treatment Service for Lake Waukomis. I know that this has been an annual event, but unfortunately, Lake Waukomis does not have any control over these increased costs, and Kansas City is still under its mandate to get its sewer system upgraded to current government requirements. Please note that there will be an increase on your May 2019 water bill statements.

Third, we are still awaiting grant approval from Platte County for the crack repairs to our tennis court in South Park. We are hopeful that Lake Waukomis will once again be successful in receiving Park Grant Funds to further improve this area of South Park.

Fourth, there have been several sewer line and water line breaks in our underground system over the past few months. Our Operations Manager, Mike Gibbany, and his team have done a great job to minimize the down time to residents. However, it does point out that our 60+ year-old infrastructure is showing its age. I, along with our Board, will continue to look at continued improvements to our sewer system like the *insituform lining project* that was completed in the 800 block last year. We also are looking at installation of new shut off valves and fire hydrants prior to the 800 block paving project, so as to minimize the impact to an area when there is a water line break as well as provide the necessary protection to property in the case of a fire.

Fifth, last month, I mentioned that I am planning to put together a survey regarding the first 6 months of our agreement with Platte Woods for police service. I had asked that any residents who would like to be involved in providing answers to that survey, to please contact our City Clerk, Jennifer Miller. Unfortunately, I received only one response for inclusion in this survey. So, I am asking again for any interested residents to please contact Jennifer and we will be sure to include you in the mailing which will now be scheduled to go out in April.

In conclusion, please remember that we have an election in April to fill two Board of Aldermen positions. I hope that you will take the time to vote for those who have expressed interest to take on these duties of helping your City. I would also like to express my thanks to Alderman Libby and Alderman Douglas in their willingness to fill the one-year segments of the two board seats that were vacated last April. Thanks for their concerted efforts to keep our City on the road to a bright future. We are better as a City for the time they have served and if you see them, please thank them for their service.

Please be safe as you travel, wave to all as you pass by, and remember to say hello to your neighbor.

WHERE CAN I DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Lake Waukomis is a participating member of the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) Household Hazardous Waste Collection program.

This program includes paint products, household cleaners, automotive fluids, pesticides, batteries, lawn and garden products, fluorescent lights, and similar materials.

HOURS:	
Saturday	9AM-4PM
Sunday	Closed
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9AM-6PM
Friday	9AM-6PM

The nearest facility is at 4707 Deramus, Kansas City, MO. Contact number for questions, 816-784-2080.

The City of Lake Waukomis encourages use of this program by our residents, as \$989.69 of your tax dollars has been paid to participate this year.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND!
POLL IS OPEN AT COMMUNITY BLDG. FROM
6 AM TO 7 PM. VOTE FOR NORTH AND SOUTH
SHORE ALDERMEN.**



Officer Tom Noon visits with Bill Ruckman, Bob Shinogle and Steven Wahl at the Coffee and Cake with Cops event on March 2nd at the Community Building. A number of residents showed up to enjoy refreshments and meet our law enforcement personnel. Police Chief Jim Kerns indicated he plans to have more of these events in the future.

Police Report - February 2019

Total Calls for Service	103
Call Type	
911 Hang Up	1
Assist EMS	1
Building Check	3
Burglary - PAST	1
Code Violation Complaint	2
Harassing Phone Call	1
Informational Report	1
Littering	1
Lake Waukomis Business	13
Motorist Assist	1
Open Door	5
Outside Agency Warranty Arrest	1
Parking Complaint	8
Residence Check	2
Admin at Station	2
Suspicious Auto	2
Traffic Enforcement	27
Vacation Check*	31

*change in reporting in late Feb - will begin to see increase in this category



Cop's Corner

by Platte Woods Chief of Police Jim Kerns

Office: Call 816-741-2071
Dispatcher (non-emergency): Call 816-858-3521
Emergency: Call 911
Email – police@cityofplattewoods.org

Spring is in the air – well, at least it seems to be today. It has been a long winter, but now the promise of sunshine, boating and hopefully a full lake will bring smiles to all.

We want to thank all who came to the first annual Coffee and Cake with Cops. The weather still wasn't what we were hoping for. We enjoyed the great conversation with old friends and meeting new friends. The smiles on the kids' faces when they could have more than one cupcake was priceless! Stay tuned for more community events coming very soon.

Again, I will remind you that City Stickers for 2019 were to be affixed to each resident's vehicle, corporate or private, no later than January 31st. By the time this column is published, we will have already conducted City Sticker checkpoints.

While you are driving, be sure to keep your eyes on the road. With the warmer weather, we will have lots of children out playing, walkers and runners. Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of accidents today. Take advantage of technology that will keep your cell phone from receiving a phone call or text message while you are moving. These apps will typically auto-respond to the caller/texter that you are driving and will return the text or call when safely parked.

Want Ads/For Sale/Services

Services rendered: Briar Clippery Dog Grooming - 305 N. Shore Drive. Small and medium dogs. Lake Waukomis resident. Also, need thick used bath towels - will pay up to \$2 per towel. 587-7393.

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: Lawn care and labor services - cheap reliable adult. Call 816-695-2901 or 816-315-0119.

Services rendered: Need a night out or a day off? I'm a babysitter you can trust with Red Cross Babysitting and AHA CPR certifications. Shawn Walden 816-225-3588. References available on request.

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: Professional automotive, residential and commercial window tinting. Call Liz (lake resident) at Tintsmith 816-436-4333.

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: Start the New Year by helping yourself. Feel Better Affordably. Great Self Help Articles Based On Nearly 40 Years Experience - go to physicianholistic.com. Email your questions to Lisa at physholistic@gmail.com for a FREE consultation.

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. I customize each house to your cleaning needs. Call 816-863-7519.

Be sensible and be sure your cars are locked and garage doors are secured. Even during the daylight hours, it only takes a minute for someone with ill intent to grab that power tool or bicycle.

And as always, if you see something, say something. **Emergencies, always call 9-1-1.** Do not second-guess yourself. We would rather you call 9-1-1 if any doubt. This will allow us to get all resources to you quicker, the correct questions asked, and provide instructions until emergency services arrive. You can reach the Duty Officer by calling 816-741-2071 and selecting Option 1. If the officer is unavailable for a phone call at that time, your call will be routed to the dispatch center. If it is something they can't answer, they may have the Duty Officer return the call or may have you call back later. General voicemail can be reached with Option 3 for vacation checks or questions not requiring an immediate answer.

Always be kind

Want Ads/For Sale/Services

Services rendered: Handyman Repair. Free estimates on any repair or project you may have! Specializing in small jobs around the house. Exterior and interior painting. Annoying fixes you don't want to mess with or have gone on too long. Text or call Jay at 816-721-3396. Lake resident for 30+ years. Licensed and insured. References and pics available on request.

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 and always FREE Shipping on all orders.

For sale: Boat for sale on Lake Waukomis. 18 ft Lake Raider pontoon boat with Nissan motor, runs good. \$2800 OBO. Call Mark 817-368-2923 or email marks1206@yahoo.com.

Retirees' Club News

by Steve Burger, President

Debra Shultz, Wealth Consultant with LPL Financial, spoke to 19 retirees on a very cold and snowy Monday, March 4th. Her message for seniors was planning, reviewing, and sharing with family your plans relating to estate, income situation, hospital care and funeral arrangements. Reviewing your investments and your will should be done on a regular basis. She also suggested the use of an estate attorney and a financial adviser. Concerning asset allocation, her advice: "Diversify - don't put all your eggs in one basket!"

Our April meeting is Monday, April 1, beginning at noon with our outstanding Potluck. We have invited the candidates for the Board of Aldermen to share their vision and concerns for Lake Waukomis. They are Jack Williams (North Shore) and Gary Fisher and Kris Kulsrud (South Shore). Following the presentations, there will be opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

Now let's Swing into Spring with Ida Clayton's humor:

If you think only a woman's work is never done, you know very little about highway construction.

Riding on a bus, a passenger was reading a newspaper article about life-expectancy statistics. Turning to the man beside her, she asked, "Do you know that every time I breathe, someone dies?" "That's interesting," he answered, "Have you ever tried mouthwash?"

An elderly man was sitting on a park bench, in tears. A police officer came up and asked him what was wrong. "I'm 75 years old," sobbed the man. "I have a 25-year-old wife at home. She is beautiful, charming and madly in love with me." Said the officer, "So what's the problem?" Replied the elderly man, "I can't remember where I live."

"It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues."---Abraham Lincoln

"We never repent of having eaten too little."---Thomas Jefferson

"Great eaters and great sleepers are incapable of anything else great."---Henry IV of France

If you smile when everything's going wrong, you're either a nitwit or a repairman.

Two men were waiting in a doctor's office. "What are you in here for?" asked one. "Circumcision," came the reply. "I had one of those done the day after I was born," the first man commented. "Afterward I couldn't walk for a year."

Back in Time at Lake Waukomis

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Waukomis Historian

In 1962, discussion was held with regard to City action on building of bomb shelters by Lake residents. City codes are held to cover such cases. Note: The missile crisis with the Soviet Union created a feeling of alarm among many people during that era.



Photo on left: Jack & Sheri Williams celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in March; Steve Burger, with the Retirees' featured speaker for our March meeting, Debra Shultz, Wealth Consultant with LPL Financial.

Ida's humor, continued:

An interviewer wanted to know how Robert Redford would most like to be remembered. Replied Redford, "In somebody's will."

It's scary when you start making the same sounds as your coffee pot.

The Sensibility Prayer: Grant me the sensibility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Never lie about passing gas. If you do, people might think it's your regular smell.

Platte AARP Chapter 1390

The Platte AARP Chapter 1390 meeting is held at 12:00 noon every second Tuesday of every month in the Stratford Room at *Wexford Place, 6500 N. Cosby Ave., Kansas City, MO, 64151*. Persons age 50 and over are welcome. We have hot lunches, entertainment, and door prizes. We focus on keeping Social Security, Medicare and Health Care safe, secure, and strong, preserving our life answers. Call early for reservations at 816-455-0135 or 816-808-0991. See you soon!

Men's Club

by Jack Williams, President

Well, March came in like a lion! By the time you read this, we will know whether it went out like a lamb or continued to bless (?) us with more snow to help raise the Lake level. The last I checked, the Lake appeared to be about a foot to a foot and a half from being at full pool (hurray)! The big question now is who will win the contest for the date the water goes over the spillway? Let's hope it is sooner than later.

The Men's Club has been busy with projects. We appreciate all the kind words and thoughts for shoveling snow from driveways. That is what neighbors do for neighbors, no thanks or donations are necessary, but they are appreciated and the money will go to good use on safety and improvement projects around the Lake.

If you happen to be out and about after dark, you will notice the Men's Club has installed solar lights over the east end of the foot bridge and the new concrete steps at the spillway. Depending on how March goes out, the signs with the name of each cove will be up and on display. Hopefully that will help us all when giving directions around the Lake.

The April Men's Club meeting will be held April 1st - this meeting will be membership recruitment. The guest speaker will be our own nationally recognized outdoor writer, western author, and Lake resident, Kenny Kieser, talking about 'The Bucket List' for the fisherman. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the community building, with a meal served prior to the start of the meeting. Everyone is welcome whether you are a Men's Club member or not. And ladies, if you wish to hear Kenny, please know that you are welcome also. Call Bob Shingole at 816-223-0797 with any questions.

Membership in the Lake Waukomis Men's Club is open to all adult male residents on the Lake. Please come out and join us, the more the merrier.

Upcoming Men's Club activities and activities the Men's Club helps support include:

April

- 1 - Monthly Meeting; guest speaker Kenny Kieser
- 20 - Boulevard Brewery tour

May

- 4 - Spring Clean-up
- 6 - Monthly Meeting - making and tying jigs
- 8 - Parking lot clean-up
- 11 - Sophie's Run

June

- 1 - Spring Dance
- 3 - Monthly Meeting - Beer tasting and cigar rolling demo
- 8, 15, 22 - Spring boatwash & lube and electric golf cart servicing
- 17 - Monthly Meeting (early July)
- 26 - 4th of July banners go up
- 28 - 4th of July set up

SOPHIE'S RUN at LAKE WAUKOMIS

by Rebecca Hart



Sophie's Run at Lake Waukomis is happening on Saturday, May 11th this year. On behalf of the Sophie's Run Board of Directors and the Jim and Theresa Edwards family, we would like to thank the community of Lake Waukomis for their continued support of our charity over the years. Lake Waukomis residents make it happen every year! Any lake residents that are interested in volunteering, please be on the lookout in the next lake newsletter and on Facebook for more information about how to sign up to participate or volunteer on the day of the race.

For those new to the lake or those that might want more information, we would love for you to visit our website, www.runsophies5k.com, Facebook page, or Instagram account @sophiesrun to learn more about the great things we are doing. To date we have awarded 92 communication devices and various scholarships totaling more than \$65,000! Sophie's Run is an organization created to honor the life of Sophie Edwards, a citizen of Lake Waukomis and student in the Park Hill School District. Proceeds from our road race and other fundraisers are used to benefit children in surrounding Park Hill communities to assist them in obtaining technology to provide them with alternative communication devices. Typically these devices are ipads to help nonverbal children "speak" through special software loaded on the devices. This technology allows nonverbal students to have a voice, independence, and the opportunity to advocate for themselves and live a meaningful, purposeful life.

Additionally, the board is very proud this year to find out that Jim and Theresa Edwards (at right) are being honored by the Missouri Governor's Council on Disabilities by receiving an honorable mention for their annual Inclusion Award.



Again, thank you to the Lake Waukomis community for the continued support. We hope to see you all running, volunteering, or cheering on May 11th!



Men's Club members dealt with more snow on March 3rd. Dale Crouch and Jack Williams are shown hard at work. Also helping, Rick Zelfer and Bill Massock.

Women's Club

by Theresa Edwards, President

Jen Hutchins shared her visual journaling skills with us at our March 11th meeting. She taught us how to visually express ourselves to help us meditate and center ourselves. Jen has created hundreds of visual journals and shared her wonderful creative spirit with us. Some of our members are quite gifted in visual journaling as well, so it was fun to hear how others find different ways to express themselves.

Our April meeting will introduce us to the slightly risqué fun of Burlesque! Join us for this fun evening and learn about the Beauty of Burlesque!

April will also offer two community service projects sponsored by the Lake Waukomis Women's Club. **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at South Park from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon, and the Blood Drive will take place at the Community Center from 10 AM to 2 PM.** Bring the kids to visit the Easter Bunny & then give a gift of life! It will be a day of giving any way you look at it!

Looking forward to seeing everyone after this long, tedious Winter!



Clockwise from top: Ila Greenlee looked festive and happy-go-lucky in her green bowler hat (photo courtesy of Alice Kenney); Mickie Schroeder with our featured speaker, Jen Hutchins; Jen gave instructions on visual journaling to attentive Women's Club members; Jen's business card with contact information (photos courtesy of Louisa Libby).

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM CINDY LAW, ZEBRA MUSSEL/ WATER QUALITY CO-CHAIR

ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION

Lake season is upon us. If you have not yet renewed your Zebra Mussel Prevention Training certification, now is the time to do so. **Due date is April 1.** Training is available at www.lkwkinfo.org, or call Cindy at 816-746-4565.

Reminder that we ask for **ALL HOUSEHOLDS** to participate in the training, even if you don't own a boat or dock. It is really important that everyone be aware of how zebra mussels travel, and what we must do to prevent them. Prevention is our only option – there is no way to get rid of them once they enter a lake.

The most important step is to prevent “outside gear” from entering the lake – it could harbor zebra mussels or their microscopic larvae, especially during the spring & summer breeding season. Don't take any chances! Also a reminder, fishing and swimming are permitted only for Lake Waukomis residents and their accompanied guests. Non-residents attempting to use the lake are trespassing, and the police should be called.

KEEP the LAKE SAFE!

What are some things that can ruin a good lake?

Fertilizer and yard chemicals – Fertilizers can lead to harmful algae formation in lakes. The stuff that makes the grass grow can also make algae grow. Cyanobacteria, also known as “toxic algae”, are tied to high phosphorous/phosphate levels in lakes and nearby soil. Some yard chemicals, such as pesticides and fungicides, are toxic to fish and aquatic animals. Avoid using fertilizers and chemicals if you can. If you must use them, read the labels carefully. Choose products that are safe for the watershed, and use the smallest quantity possible.

Detergents – some detergents contain phosphates, which is linked to “toxic algae” formation.

Goose Poop – that's right, goose poop is bad for the lake. There will always be some goose poop around, but high quantities cause an increase in fecal coliform levels in the lake. That's one reason why we have an ordinance prohibiting feeding the geese. **If you're wondering – yes, dog poop does the same thing – always pick up after your pet.**

Remember, everything runs down hill eventually. So protect our watershed and protect our lake!

TIPS FOR FINDING MOREL MUSHROOMS

by Kenneth L. Kieser



*Morel season is almost here!
Photo by Kenny Kieser.*

Ooh baby, morel mushroom season is almost here. Remember all that snow and rain we endured this winter? That will be a big help in producing these tasty morsels that don't do well in extremely dry conditions or bone-dry ground. Here are some tips:

Adjust your eyes to identifying morel mushrooms. Some people actually study pictures of morel mushrooms every day before the hunting begins. Carry a walking stick to push away brush or foliage and my mother claims to push away sneaky snakes.

Start looking for morel mushrooms when the air/ground temperature reaches a constant 45-60 degrees, especially on southern slopes. The first morels of each season are small grays, and the bigger yellow mushrooms will come along a week or two later. Morels have about a three-week growing season, so don't miss your opportunity.



Morels make for some really good eating! Photo by Kenny Kieser.

Try looking after a warm spring rain when conditions are right.

Look for morel mushrooms in April when woodlot plants appear. Half-grown mayflowers are a good indicator of the required soil warmth when early morels start to pop up.

Many experienced hunters search by dying elms. Sandy soil around creek bottoms are possible areas to check.

Dying elm trees are said to produce a rotting root system that feeds morels. You may not find morels in the same spot after the roots are rotted away. The darn things could pop up anywhere. Apple trees are possibilities because constantly rotting fruit can help produce morel mushrooms. Look, too, around ash, aspen and oak trees.

Areas with good leaf matting, typically under trees that drop their leaves and bark earlier in the fall and have longer to decay consistently produce. Light-colored barked trees like birch, sycamore and cottonwoods are good examples while the earlier mentioned dying elm trees may only produce morels for a year or two.

Northern spots are best when air temperatures heat up at the end of morel season.

Warning: Fortunately, only one toxic mushroom resembles a morel. Morels have a wrinkly cap and false mushrooms are not hollow like the versions you are looking for. Avoid these false mushrooms that can make you violently ill or even cause death.

You will need a good pair of walking boots, light colored clothing and adequate tick repellent, a mesh bag, a good walking stick and your best pair of eyes.

Highlights of Association Meeting

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

March 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: Directors Present: Terry Hoog, Dale Crouch, Ed Landis, Cindy Law, Jim Hopper, Bill Ruckman, Sandi Garrison, Teddi Wolff, Frank Ellis, Laura Church, Art Kellogg, Donna Rhodus, Adm. Coor.
Directors Absent: Gale Fisher (excused)

Guests President Hopper welcomed the following guests: Alderman Libby and Bill Massock.

Minutes Ms. Wolff moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Mr. Ruckman seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

President Hopper appointed the following Committee Chairpersons:

Community Appearance – Teddi Wolff

Community Building – Terry Hoog

Conservation - Ed Landis

Deed of Restrictions & By-Laws – Laura Church and Art Kellogg

Dock Placement – Dale Crouch and Gale Fisher

Ecology/Environmental – Sandi Garrison

4th of July Liaison – Teddi Wolff

Parkway/Unplatted Property – Bill Ruckman

Silt Management – Frank Ellis

Stormwater Control – Jim Hopper

Trailer Park – Dale Crouch and Sandi Garrison

Water Quality/Zebra Mussel Prevention – Cindy Law and Art Kellogg

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

North Lakes Property President Hopper reported that he met with representatives of the North Lakes Homes Association regarding the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to our North Shore. He said North Lakes residents would probably not want to sell the property in question but would probably agree to a permanent easement, which would allow us to put in a silt basin and shore up the roadway in the area. Further they agreed to allow our attorney to write the easement agreement. After discussion, Mr. Crouch moved to have President Hopper negotiate an agreement with North Lakes and that the proposed agreement be presented to the full Board for approval. Mr. Landis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Present Hopper said the representatives from the North Lakes' Board want to address our Board at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Several written reports were submitted and are on file and available for public review. President Hopper asked the Directors if they had something to bring before the Board.

Community Appearance Ms. Wolff submitted a written report.

Community Building Mr. Hoog recommended the parking lot be re-surfaced. The estimated cost was discussed. Mr. Hoog said Mr. Gibbany will get a quote from the contractor that will be working on the roadway. When a quote is received, Mr. Hoog will contact the Board by email for approval. Mr. Hoog said he is also getting bids to replace the sliding doors on the kitchen windows.

Conservation Mr. Landis said they will begin working on the waterfowl control during the nesting season.

Deed of Restrictions No report.

Dock Placement At the last meeting Mr. Crouch showed photos of a dock structure in the 300 block. The dock structure is similar to two or three others that have been approved in the past. After discussion, Mr. Crouch moved to classify the structure at 385 North Shore, B-43, as an extended seawall as long as the structure is maintained in good condition as determined by the codes' inspector. If the unit is not maintained it must be torn down at the owner's expense. Mr. Ellis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ecology/Environmental Efforts Ms. Garrison said she wants to have an "Arbor Day" or "Earth Day" planning meeting April 4th.

Liaison City: Alderman Libby reported on an emergency preparedness plan for Lake Waukomis. As part of that plan the Association will be asked to sign a Right of Entry Agreement so that in the event of a catastrophic incident the City can go on Association property to clear debris.

Newspaper The deadline for the next edition of the NEWS is March 16th. Mr. Landis suggested an article be placed in the paper regarding ditch maintenance. President Hopper said he will address the issue in his article.

Parkway/Unplatted Property No report.

Silt Management Mr. Ellis submitted a written report.

Stormwater Control President Hopper submitted a written report. He said the deadline to submit the application for the 2019 grant is March 15th.

Trailer Park Mr. Crouch said the trailer part is fully occupied.

Water Quality/Zebra Mussel Prevention Ms. Law submitted a written report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pet Waste Dispenser President Hopper said the City wants to install a pet waste dispenser at the Four Seasons area of Dry Creek Park. During the discussion that followed, it was suggested an additional dispenser be placed at the other end of Dry Creek Park. Mr. Crouch moved to approve \$150.00 for the second dispenser, Mr. Hoog seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Tracks for the skid loader After discussion, Mr. Crouch moved to authorize Mike Gibbany to purchase a set of replacement tracks not to exceed \$1350.00 per track. Ms. Law seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Judges Bench Mr. Hoog suggested the Judge's Bench be removed from the Community Building. The Board agreed for Mr. Hoog to determine the disposal of the bench as he sees fit.

Adjournment Mr. Crouch moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Landis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Your City Government at Work

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS
Board of Aldermen
March 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem John Douglas at 7:00 PM, on March 13, 2019 at the Community Building. Alderman Jeff Libby and Alderman John Wurzer were present as the roll call was taken by Jennifer Miller the City Clerk. Alderwoman Debora Hankinson resigned at the end of February. Mayor Dennis Todd was in travel mode.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held to honor the 157 persons killed in the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines plane this past week.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Mayor pro tem John Douglas expressed appreciation to Jeff Libby for his work the past year filling the vacant alderman position for North Shore. Jeff served as the Board liaison with the police department during the transition to a trial merger with Platte Woods. In addition, he has spent considerable time coordinating with County Officials to update our emergency planning procedures. The audience expressed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Guests: Mayor Pro Tem John Douglas welcomed the following guests: Officer Chris Skidmore, Officer Tom Noon, Bill & Sandy Massock, Marcia Douglas, Dale Crouch, Jack Williams, Kris & Theresa Kulsrud, Louisa Libby and Mike Gibbany.

Consent Agenda: The following topics were on the consent agenda to be acted upon with one motion: Minutes of the Previous Meeting / Accounts Payable

Alderman Libby moved to approve the consent agenda, Alderman Douglas seconded and the motion carried by the following vote: Alderman Wurzer – Abstained, Alderman Douglas – Aye, Alderman Libby - Aye.

Reports: The following written reports were submitted and are on file at the City Office: Financial/Collector, Water Department, Building Inspector, and Police Department.

Parks/IT: Alderman Wurzer discussed striping the tennis courts to be used for pickleball. Alderman Douglas stated that this had been brought up before and he did not see any reason that could not be done once the tennis courts have been fixed if that is what the Board decides. The 2019 Park Grant was submitted to Platte County for the patching of the cracks on the tennis courts, and we should hear soon on whether we will receive the grant or not.

Discussion was held about the ball fields at South Park and the status of finishing the improvements. With all the snow we received and the rain we are now getting, we are on hold until everything dries out. The teams that have rented the fields have been notified.

Dam/Spillway: Nothing to report.

Maintenance: Mike Gibbany submitted a 2019 maintenance equipment needs request. His list included a new Gator (\$13,000 to \$15,000), salt/sand spreader (\$5,500), a truck to replace the 1989 truck (\$43,700 with bed liner), and a sewer camera/jetter (\$13,000 to \$14,000). Alderman Douglas suggested the salt/sand spreader can wait since hopefully we will not need it again until next winter. The Gator is something that is used often when the weather gets warmer and saves on gas. Mike pointed out that the sewer camera would allow us to check our own sewer lines for spots that need repaired, and we would not have to pay for H&H Septic to come out every time. Funds for a replacement truck would likely have to come from reserves. Alderman Douglas said the Board and Mike would need to determine which are the highest priorities and review the budget to make a decision.

Mike submitted a sheet of bids that he received for the road paving project in the 800 block, Chatham and Hickory. After a short discussion, further clarification on some of the bids was needed. This will be addressed in a special meeting on March 15th, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the Community Building.

Alderman Libby stated he authorized Mike Gibbany to make an emergency purchase last week. Alderman Libby made a motion to approve the emergency expense for a smoothing bucket for sewer repair in the amount of \$540 to come from account 54011 (sewer). Alderman Wurzer seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

Department of Public Safety: Officer Noon stated that the number of calls regarding parking complaints went up. That is likely due to all of the snow we have had and the snow ordinance going into effect which states you cannot park on the street. Alderman Douglas pointed out the snow ordinance gives the responsibility for enacting the emergency declaration to the Chief of Police. This decision should be coordinated with the Operations Manager in order to get the signs posted. It was also stated that there will be a meeting with Mayor Todd, Mayor Smedley, Bill Massock, Jeff Libby, and Chief Kerns on April 10th at 8:00 AM.

HOA: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 239 Park Grant 2019: Alderman Douglas moved to approve Resolution No. 239 which provides for adoption of a new employee handbook for the City of Lake Waukomis. Alderman Libby seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote. (Resolution 239 will be changed to No. 240.)

Policy regarding parking on the dam during sledding: Alderman Douglas reported that he had heard back from the City attorney who stated we do not need an ordinance to prevent temporary parking on the lakeside of the dam during special events, we just need a written policy. There were questions and comments from the audience regarding whether it would be easier to just permanently put up no parking signs on the lakeside all year round. Alderman Douglas said he would report the comments to Mayor Todd.

Cost to upgrade street and stop signs: This was tabled until the April 10 meeting. Two different designs are being considered. Mike Gibbany will be getting cost estimates. All or part of the profit from the band concert/dance sponsored by the Men's Club on June 1 will be applied to this project to beautify our community.

Approval for pet waste dispenser at Four Seasons: Alderman Douglas discussed the need for a pet waste dispenser at the Four Seasons parking area for the convenience of residents walking their dogs. The HOA asked if we would also be willing to install one close to the bulletin board at Chatham and Hickory if they paid for it. Alderman Douglas made a motion to install two pet waste dispensers and two supplies of pet waste bags for \$300 with an HOA reimbursement of \$150 from account number 57030 (Parks Gen Maint). Alderman Libby seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion on forming a Police Committee: Alderman Libby presented an overview of questions regarding the forming of a Police Committee and how that could be addressed. The Police Committee would be responsible for reporting to the Board as to whether they feel the contract with Platte Woods is working out, if there are areas to improve on, or if things are working well. Bill Massock suggested that the committee should consist of one or two residents and an Alderman from North and South Shore. If formed, the members of the committee would be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board. Further discussion will need to be held with Mayor Todd once he returns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delinquent tax reports for 2018: Alderman Douglas provided a report to the Board from Platte County regarding residents who still have not paid their real estate and property taxes for 2018.

Renewal of mowing contract: Alderman Douglas made a motion to renew the mowing contract with All Wright Lawn Services in the amount of \$25,735 from account 53013 (temp labor) subject to the HOA agreeing to continue paying for 50%. Alderman Wurzer seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Renewal of liability insurance: Alderman Douglas made a motion to renew our liability insurance with Mike Keith Insurance in the amount of \$17,021 from account 57020 (insurance). Alderman Libby seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: Alderman Libby moved to adjourn the meeting, Alderman Wurzer seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

GREEN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR LAKE WAUKOMIS



Green Day at Lake Waukomis

by Sandi Garrison, Environmental and Ecology Efforts Committee Chair

“He that plants trees loves others beside himself.”

Please join in the fun for a full morning of activities at South Park on **Saturday, April 27th, 9 am to 12 noon**. We are combining Earth Day and Arbor Day here at Lake Waukomis and want residents to be a part. Kids’ activities for all ages to participate in! Learn to help keep our lake community healthy, clean and environmentally friendly!

Parents grab your kids...Kids grab your friends... Grandparents grab your grandkids...help **Celebrate our Beautiful Community and Mother Earth!**

- Learn to cast a fishing line with our lake angler, Kenny Kieser, who is an expert at teaching about all types of nature. Fishing gear freebies will be available.
- Crafty items available for kids to make their moms an earthy Mother’s Day card.
- Kids enter a contest and make an Earth Day poster. Bring it to be on display and win a prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. (Posters made at school are perfect!)
- Plant seeds in a natural pot to grow your own flowers.
- Take some photo selfies in our awesome Green Day frame!
- Enjoy edible Earth Day treats.
- Information available on Missouri native plants, recycling, rain gardens and rain barrels, etc.
- Compost soil will be available free to residents- bring bags, boxes or buckets.
- Sign up to help plant and take care of tree saplings we are purchasing from the Missouri Department of Conservation so one day they will provide shade in our community.
- Sign up to be on a team that will take “lake shore cleanup” seriously year round. Parents with kids are highly welcomed.
- Enter a raffle and win prizes.

Come on down! It will be great fun and Spring will be sprung! Rain or Shine!!! Event will be at Community Building if rainy.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR WATERCRAFT OWNERS

by Dale Crouch, Dock Placement Co-Chair

ALL WATERCRAFT including kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, paddleboats, boats and pontoon boats must have **LOT NUMBERS** for identification and **ZEBRA MUSSEL STICKERS**. The Lot Number must match your residence’s Lot Number. All watercraft must be registered at the City Office to acquire a Zebra Mussel Sticker from the Association. We will start checking for compliance on April 1st.

HEY WAUKOMIS!

by Kenny Kieser

I will have a booth during Green Day at Lake Waukomis giving fishing tips on how to take your kids fishing! We plan to have a casting area set up to teach kids how to cast and then reel in their fish. We may even have a couple of goodies for the kids! We’ll be happy to answer any questions you might have. Hope to see you then!

GREEN DAY POSTER/ART CONTEST!

by Cindy Law, Zebra Mussel/Water Quality Co-Chair

Let’s get creative as we Reduce/Reuse/Recycle/RePurpose!

We will celebrate “Green Day” at Lake Waukomis including a fun Poster & Art Contest for ALL AGES. **With 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes!** *We encourage you to create your art with materials that are re-used, re-purposed, or “recycled” instead of buying new materials. The theme should be related to taking care of our planet and our lake.* Maximum size for posters is 18”x24”. Plan to drop off your artwork at my house (965 South Shore) from April 15th to April 24. Call/text me at 816-746-4565 for details or to arrange a drop-off time.

THINGS YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS!

FREE HOME ENERGY AUDITS, KCP&L SPONSORED. CALL 855-527-5123 TO SCHEDULE!

FREE ORGANIC MULCH under tarp behind small diamond in South Park, courtesy of your HOA. LW residents, help yourselves (recover with tarp).

LENORA LARSON “Got Milk?” PRESENTATION on milkweed and butterflies. Saturday, April 13, 10 am, at Community Building. HOA sponsored. **See flyer insert in this edition of the NEWS for details.**

GREEN DAY AT LAKE WAUKOMIS - bring your family to South Park from 9 am - noon on Saturday, April 27th, for an Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration. Activities and treats for the kiddos. HOA sponsored.

GREEN TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND TACO LUNCH

by Teddi Wolff, Community Appearance Committee Chair

Please plan to attend the Green Team’s 2019 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING and TACO LUNCH on Sunday, March 31, 1 - 3 PM, at the Community Building. **Bring your calendars** so we can look at possible work dates. Bring family members and neighbors. New members welcomed. Call or text Teddi 816-654-5830 if you have questions.

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SKIP-BO® LADIES / MEN'S CARD GAME by Sheryl Gassman

Try something fun and different! Get in the competitive spirit with the **Skip-Bo** card game where players skillfully build their own stacks of sequentially numbered, ascending cards. Be the first to use all your cards by creating sequential stacks, and you ace the game! **We meet every Wednesday from 1-4 pm at the Community Building. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Call Sheryl at 417-230-6332 if you have any questions.**

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 Toni Wyrick at 816-665-6409 or email her at toniwyrick.rf@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!

WAUKOMIS LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP



The April Ladies Luncheon Group will dine on Friday, April 19th, at 12:30 pm, at Granite City in Zona Rosa. Call or text Sheryl Gassman at 417-230-6332 or email Sheryl at sherylgassman@yahoo.com to reserve a spot. Please call/text/email by April 12th!

GARDENER WORK DAYS



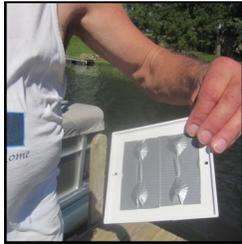
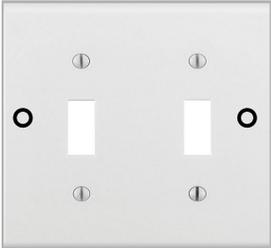
Scheduled work days for the Community Garden below the dam (weather permitting) are as follows.

Saturday, March 30 - 9:00 AM
Saturday, April 13 - 9:00 AM

Gardeners, please plan on participating in one or both work days. A good turnout will help make the work load much more manageable.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP: SAT., MAY 4, 9 AM - 2 PM.
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS.**

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MY ZEBRA MUSSEL STICKER WON'T STICK TO MY DOCK!



Resourceful Lake Waukomis resident Pete Godfrey came up with a creative idea for affixing our Zebra Mussel stickers to our docks. Buy a 2-gang nylon (flexible, won't crack or break) switch plate from the hardware store and drill a screw hole on each side as shown. Cover the back of the switch plate with duct tape. Remove the backing on the Zebra Mussel sticker and center it on the front of the switch plate. Screw the switch plate to the dock (lakeside). If desired, a resident could purchase a 4-gang switch plate and affix the Zebra Mussel sticker and his/her Block/Lot number (also required to be on our docks) to the switch plate. If you want to power-wash or stain your deck, simply unscrew the switch plate and replace when you're finished. Thanks for the great tip, Pete!



NEXT 4TH OF JULY PLANNING MEETING IS SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 3 PM, AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. CALL/TEXT MELANIE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT 913-207-6392.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL WHEN YOU WANT TO FLOAT YOUR BOAT?

by Larry Marsh, Spillway Volunteer

At last! A lot of boats that have been sitting on dirt or encased in ice are now floating (including, apparently, some strays). And I got my first call to launch a boat. SPRING!! So just as a reminder, access to our launch area, the spillway, is restricted in order to keep our lake free of the plague of zebra mussels. Any boat (including the trailer) to be launched into our lake must be inspected by one of the five volunteers listed below. And remember, no boat or ANY equipment may be put in our lake if it's coming from another river, lake or pond. As the signs say: **NO GEAR EXCEPT FROM HERE!** This includes fishing equipment, bait carriers, life vests, floats, noodles, and/or anything that's been in other waters. So if you need to launch a boat, please call me or one of the others ahead of time to be sure that someone can get you in. And remember, we're all volunteers who have schedules to deal with. So please be flexible.



BOATERS

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

Larry Marsh - 746-4573
Dale Crouch - 389-9984
Bill Massock - 536-2754
Stan Widau - 507-3638
Gary Fiddler - 741-5063

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.