



# Lake Waukomis NEWS

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## What's Up?

### APRIL

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

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

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

Apr 1, noon, Retirees' Potluck & Meeting, at Comm. Bldg.

Apr 3, 6:30 pm, Men's Club Meeting, at Comm. Bldg.

**Apr 8, SOLAR ECLIPSE** (see article on p 12 for details and time to view)

Apr 8, 6 pm, Women's Club Hospitality ½-hr, 6:30 pm meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

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

Apr 10, 7 pm, City Council Mtng., at the Comm. Bldg. (livestreamed on City's Facebook page)

Apr 12, 6:30 pm, 4th of July Committee meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

### Apr 13, NEWS Submissions due

Apr 14, 2 - 4 pm, Kenny Kieser's Fishing Class for All Ages, at the Comm. Bldg.

Apr 20, 1 - 4 pm, Poker Run, sponsored by the Women's Club

Apr 22, 6:30 pm, Women's Club Board Meeting, at the Comm. Bldg.

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

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



*Clockwise from top left: the 5 women who presented their personal stories at the LWWC's March Women's History Month meeting, L-R: Mickie Schroeder, Laura Myer, Justine Lorente-Alvarez, Anna Brown, and Katie Stevick; 12 women convened at the Community Building on March 18th to stuff candy in Easter Eggs in preparation for the LWWC's Easter Egg Hunt at South Park on Saturday, March 30th, at 11 am; the Lake Waukomis Snake Saturday Golf Cart Parade participants gathered for a group photo at South Park before heading out around the lake - 43 golf carts were in this year's parade! (photo courtesy of Jim Banes); 3-yr-old Ollie Geren showed some serious skill at hopscotch! Grandma Jill drew the hopscotch but declined to be in the photo. Banner photo: daffodils were early bloomers around the lake this Spring due to the unseasonably warm temperatures.*



**OFFICIALS**



**The President's Corner**

By Steve Koch, Association President

**Association Directors**

Executive Board

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

Committee Responsibilities

- Cell Tower - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Community Building - Art Kellogg (520-0254)
- Conservation - Corey Schmidt (806-8476)
- Deed of Restrictions - Laura Church (587-9281), Doug Day (281-203-2103)
- Dock Placement - Melissa DiPeri (404-323-9324)
- 4th of July Liaison - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (654-5830)
- North and South Parks - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Parkway, Unplatted - Terry Morton (896-8494), Kyle Carpenter (261-2857)
- Rental Consents - Doug Day (281-203-2103)
- Silt Management - Corey Schmidt (806-8476), Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Social Media Liaison - Cindy Law (746-4565)
- Stormwater - Steve Koch (582-4010)
- Trailer Park - Ann Veith (587-1956)
- Zebra Mussel Prevention - Cindy Law (746-4565)
- Water Quality - Cindy Law (746-4565)

**City Officials**

- Rick Zelfer, Mayor (365-0525)
- Merinda Anthony, City Clerk (741-2079);  
Email address: [waukomiscityclerk@kc.rr.com](mailto:waukomiscityclerk@kc.rr.com)
- Mike Gibbany, Operations Manager / Maintenance (316-6262)
- Frances Davidson - Treasurer
- Larry Marsh, Alderman, Ward 1 (746-4573) - Administration
- Jack Williams, Alderman, Ward 1 (913-972-3998) - Liaison for HOA, Lake Waukomis Clubs and Committees
- Laurie Barrow, Alderwoman, Ward 2 (213-2484) - Mayor ProTem / Police
- Clarence Matthews, Alderman, Ward 2 - (500-4375) - Dam

**Newsletter Staff**

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- ZEBRA MUSSEL INFO - [www.lkwkinfo.org](http://www.lkwkinfo.org)

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

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

Many thanks to City personnel for keeping a watchful eye on the overall progress and expenses of the dam abutment grouting project. The Association anticipates receiving the final billing this month for our share of the amount due. Once this expenditure is completed, we can begin reviewing other projects for financial eligibility. One such project is to apply for a Stormwater grant through Platte County for the improvement of drainage issues in the 300 block.

A vacancy has become available on the Association Board of Directors. If you have an interest, please contact Ashley Davidson to have your name placed as a candidate. Her contact information is shown in the box below.

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

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

Zebra Mussel Prevention Training is important for new and existing homeowners in the preservation of our Lake. Discuss this important issue with your neighbors in case they are not familiar with the program. The website for information and training is [www.lkwkinfo.org](http://www.lkwkinfo.org).



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

**See flyer insert in the NEWS for details.**



**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 Jack Williams

Lake Waukomis is a rarity in this day and age. It started shortly after WW2 as a getaway place out in the country for people who liked the peace and quiet and those who wanted a weekend retreat to forget work and enjoy life. The first generation of residents were called pioneers and with good reason. They cleared the lots, built homes, turned the dirt tracks into roads, organized themselves, purchased all the lots and other property from the Lake Development Company which built the dam, formed a Homeowners Association as a form of government, put in a sewer system, installed a water system and when confronted with the possibility of being annexed by Kansas City, became a fourth class City in order to remain as a truly independent community.

All this was done by the Moms and Dads who came before us and gave us the wonderful community we have today. When you think of all they accomplished, you need to keep an important thought in mind. They did it all while working to make a living and raising their children at the same time. There is one additional thing these pioneers created and that is the community spirit it took to turn a retreat and weekend get-away location into the family neighborhood we all enjoy today.

I can't speak for other communities, but at Lake Waukomis you are surrounded by friends. They check on each other, offer help without being asked, volunteer to assist on projects, look for ways to improve our community and above all else they care about each other. This is the spirit that built Lake Waukomis. It is a way of thinking and acting that was established by the first pioneers. And I am glad to say it continues to this day.

Look at what has been accomplished in the last two years alone. The leak in the west abutment has been repaired, the accounting and record keeping processes have been revamped and updated, work is underway on repairing and upgrading our sewer system, curbs are being installed to help maintain our roads, a new siphon line has been installed and plans are in place to replace all the siphon lines to protect our water, snow ordinance warning lights have been installed, and rock is being stockpiled from the sewer work to be used as rip rap to stabilize eroding shorelines and rebuild seawalls. All these things have been made possible by the hard work, dedication and commitment each citizen has made in the planning, organization and funding of these improvements.

As long as we maintain our community spirit, Lake Waukomis will continue to be that little slice of paradise we love far into the future. Congratulations to everyone! Let's keep the spirit rolling!



**STAY INFORMED WITH TEXTCASTER**

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

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

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

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

Go to [Plattesherriff.org](http://Plattesherriff.org) and click on the Services tab

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

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

Questions? Contact Jeff Libby, 816-863-6987

**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 SHINOGL / 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.**

*The new siphon line is installed between the 800 and 900 blocks. Photos courtesy of Jack Williams and Rick Zelfer.*

## Want Ads/For Sale/Services

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

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

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

**Services rendered:** General Contractor and Disaster Relief Company, [www.globalresponseteam.com](http://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.4hourotees.com](http://www.4hourotees.com). No minimums & always FREE Shipping on all orders.

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

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

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

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

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

Effective March 20<sup>th</sup>, our headquarters will be moving from 415 Third Street in Platte City to 11724 NW Plaza Circle in Kansas City. The detention center will remain at the Platte City location. All non-emergency phone numbers will remain the same.

Thank you,  
 Captain Woodrow Painter; Operations Bureau Commander  
 Platte County Sheriff's Office  
 816-858-3449  
[woodrowpainter@plattesherriff.org](mailto:woodrowpainter@plattesherriff.org)

ACTIVITIES	FEBRUARY 2024	YR-TO-DATE
Patrol Time Logged*	186.54 hrs	358.48 hrs
Traffic Stops	6	9
Calls for Service	11	17
Reports Taken	3	4
Designated Area Checks	374	828

*BREAKOUT BY SHIFT	HRS WORKED
Day Shift	66.25
Midnight Shift	65.22
Evening Shift	55.37

### HOW TO SET UP A RESIDENCE CHECK

Residence checks can be requested by going to [https://www.plattesherriff.org/services/residence\\_check.php](https://www.plattesherriff.org/services/residence_check.php) and answering a few short questions.

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

by Steve Burger, President

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Historian

We had 20 attendees at our March 4th potluck lunch and meeting. Our March birthday boy was Jack Williams, and the Shours were married 43 years ago in March! Steve gave us a tough but fun St. Patrick's Day and Easter quiz, with prizes of coffee beans or gift cards from the Friendly Bean Coffee Shop, located at 420 NE Barry Rd., KCMO. Afterwards, a drawing was held for 4 shamrock plants: winners were Mary Matthews, Karen Shepard, Jim Steinbrink, and Barb Marsh (pictured below).

There will be no Foolishness at the Retirees' April 1st meeting, or maybe just a little bit. Our program will be **Gardening Tips with featured speakers and Gardening Experts Terry Morton and Roxanne Armstrong and we will also have a seed exchange.** We begin at noon with a potluck lunch, and we welcome all LW Retirees to attend and enjoy the fellowship and fun!



*Clockwise from top left: Janus Hinson looked festive in her green gear! JoAnn Rennack's t-shirt says it all! The lucky shamrock plant winners!*

In 1971, a group of people organized The Gainers under the motto "Lake Beautification". The name came from initials G.A.I.N. meaning "Get Appearance Improved Now." Sometimes their role had to be clarified. In the LW NEWS in 1973, they had to clarify their role because they were getting calls to work on cleaning up private property, remove shrubs, etc.

## THE BEST ONE-LINER JOKES FROM COMEDY LEGENDS

(from InspiringQuotes.com, Author Nicole Villeneuve)

When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.  
Rodney Dangerfield

I was going to have cosmetic surgery until I noticed that the doctor's office was full of portraits by Picasso.  
Rita Rudner

I saw a bank that said "24-hour banking," but I don't have that much time.  
Steven Wright

My father always used to say, "What doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." Until the accident.  
Jimmy Carr

Adults are always asking kids what they want to be when they grow up because they are looking for ideas.  
Paula Poundstone

A good rule to remember for life is that when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain.  
Graham Norton

If I had a bookstore, I would make all the mystery novels hard to find.  
Demetri Martin

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

Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's almost never for them.  
Norm MacDonald

I'm going to get married again because I'm more mature now, and I need some kitchen stuff.  
Wendy Liebman

I hate housework. You make the beds, you do the dishes, and six months later, you have to start all over again.  
Joan Rivers

My doctor told me that jogging could add years to my life. I think he was right. I feel 10 years older already.  
Milton Berle

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it.  
Groucho Marx

# Men's Club

by President Randy Gerard

The Days Are Getting Looonngger!

*Happy March from your Lake Waukomis Men's Club!*

It won't be long now before the sound of pontoon motors will be increasing on the lake, joining the determined fishermen and women. It was somewhat reassuring to get a little over ½ inch of rain recently, especially since hearing that the dam abutment grouting repair was so successful. Everyone is certainly praying for some significant spring rains to get our lake closer to a full pond.

The Men's Club's March meeting saw a couple of significant changes, starting with the **meeting day being changed to the first Wednesday of the month**. Hopefully this will minimize scheduling conflicts with Monday holidays, NFL games (Go Chiefs! 3-Peat!) and other recurring activities. The other change was the introduction of using a "Consent Agenda" to streamline our meetings. This "agenda" is emailed to members in advance of the regular meeting and contains the previous month's minutes and a treasurer's report to allow corrections/additions. Both items are then accepted and approved as submitted with one vote at the meeting.

Be on the lookout for an improved and informative Men's Club Facebook page. It is our hope that by posting notifications, surveys, activity sign-ups and many other items of importance, we will be able to better estimate function attendance and provide better communication with our members and the community.

The months of March and April will be prepping and planning months as the Men's Club gets ready for the Spring Clean-up, installation of a new bocce ball court, and combined BBQ contest and game day all in May.

The 2024 calendar is almost complete, with just a few dates and activities left to determine. The month of June will be dedicated to our annual boat washing service and providing set-up for the 4th of July events. Come join us for an opportunity to meet other men on the lake and help us with your ideas and energy. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month and social time starts at 6:30. If you have any questions, contact me or anyone on our Board and we'll be glad to help!

Randy Gerard - 809 South Shore Dr / (913) 908-5670

## CONTEST FOR ALL LAKE WAUKOMIS RESIDENTS

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



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

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

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

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



*Doug and Mary Christensen with granddaughter Roslyn, Barry Sanderson, and Bill Ruckman with grandson Hudson, rode the Lake Waukomis fire truck in the NKC Snake Parade (originally published in the Lake Waukomis March 2012 NEWS).*



# Women's Club

by President Ann Veith

In honor of Women's History Month, five of our fabulous Lake Waukomis women were front and center as speakers for the LWWC meeting held March 11<sup>th</sup>.

A wide variety of topics were covered, from growing up in Paris, moving to Canada and then to our lake, to renovating a 6,000 square foot home into a Bed & Breakfast, to starting a candle making company with historical ties. One member spoke about the process of becoming a clairvoyant and another about finding her life's purpose by supporting families dealing with addictions.

Katy Stevick told us how before moving to the lake, she and her husband who is in the military lived in North Carolina. She was looking for a location for her Financial Planning business and found a 6,000 square foot house. She and her husband took on the renovation, turning it into a nationally photographed Bed & Breakfast with 7 guest rooms. They bought the property in March, 2020. So, Katy was not only managing the renovation, running her Financial Planning business, dealing with her husband being deployed at a moment's notice, but also having to do it all through Covid with a 1½-year-old daughter.

Anna Brown spoke of how she started her own candle company, Roots Candle Co. and how it is tied to her family's heritage, Wyandot Nation of Kansas. The fragrances of her candles are custom designed by Anna. She explained how indigenous families supported the underground railroad for runaway slaves and of the historical tours in the area.

Laura Myer described the experience of discovering she a clairvoyant. Laura helps people feel connected to their loved ones who have passed. Her special gift allows her to know or perceive things others cannot. She has been a medium or clairvoyant for several decades with clients coming to her from all over and all by word of mouth.

One of our newest lake residents on the panel, Justine Lorente-Alvarez, told of growing up in Paris with her family, the adventure of moving to Canada for two years to work as an engineer, and then moving to Kansas City and to our lake. She also elaborated on her adventures as a solo traveler from Canada to Florida and Mexico.

Mickie Schroeder presented the details of her non-profit organization PAL, Parents of Addicted Loved Ones. She has developed a 9-week curriculum and presents it during weekly meetings for parents and other family members. She shared how she feels like she has found her life's purpose doing this work.

## Upcoming events-

March 30<sup>th</sup> - Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at South Park.

April 8<sup>th</sup> - monthly LWWC meeting will be a **golf cart scavenger hunt**

April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Spring **Garage Sale**



*Clockwise from top left: our fabulous Hostesses for our March meeting, L-R: Barb Marsh, Susan Rizzo, and Theresa Black; our Drinkmaster Ashley Davidson salutes with her Arnold Palmer; our featured speakers: Katie Stevick, Laura Myer, Mickie Schroeder, Justine Lorente-Alvarez, and Anna Brown.*

# Highlights of Association Meeting

**LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 12, 2024**

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PRAYER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE** - Pam Kellogg

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

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

**Guests** President Koch welcomed the following guests: Bill Ruckman, Rick Griffin, Rita Griffin, Randy Gerard, Fran Davidson, Dale Crouch, Scott Barbour, and Jake Davidson.

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the worker's compensation audit and the expectation of lowering the fees.

**City Report** No report.

**Adm. Coordinator** No report.

**Maintenance Report** Mr. Ruckman submitted a written report.

**Rick Griffin – Boat Lift** Rick Griffin spoke to the Board regarding the installation and use of a boat lift. He provided photos of the different types of lifts available. General discussion was had on the footprint, material, and mechanics of the lift. It was decided that further discussion and investigation would need to be done regarding the lift and if any policy would need to be put in place prior to approving or disapproving the request. This is to be tabled until the next Board meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Authorized Signatures** Mr. Morton moved to authorize the four members of the Executive Board, Art Kellogg, Teddi Wolff, Laura Church, and Steve Koch, to sign checks for the Bank. Mr. Day seconded and the 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.

**Community Appearance** Ms. Wolff submitted a written report. She stated the Spring Clean-up will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Building** Discussion was had regarding damage to the projector. It is unknown what caused the damage. The projector is still in working order. Discussion was had regarding a permanent fixture for the projector.

**Conservation/Ecology and Environmental Efforts** Mr. Schmidt submitted a written report. He welcomed any questions and discussion was held regarding waterfowl control.

**General Information** President Koch reminded the Directors that even if an item was approved in the budget, an invoice would still need to be submitted and approved by the Board before issuing any payments.

**Deed of Restrictions** Ms. Church submitted a written report. Discussion was had regarding updating new property owner information so contact can be made if needed.

**Dock Placement** Nothing to report.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July** Ms. Wolff submitted a written report. She stated there will be a planning meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Newspaper** Ms. Wolff stated the deadline for the next edition of is March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks** Discussion was had to add Dale Crouch to the Parks Committee. Ms. Church moved to add Dale Crouch to the Parks Committee, Ms. DiPeri seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

President Koch discussed the playground improvement project and that the Parks Committee has approved the material being used for the mulch, an Engineered Wood Fiber. This will reduce the amount of the original quote and the project will now total \$32,694.73. Questions arose as to the durability and replenishment needs of the mulch. Mr. Morton moved to approve the Engineered Wood Fiber material for the playground area, pending the inspection of another site currently using the material, and approval of the material from 3 members of the Parks Committee, Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Parkway** Mr. Morton spoke about a tree that a property owner is requesting to remove. It is undetermined at this time if this tree is located on the parkway or on the homeowners property. It was also noted that this tree is close to the patio area of the home and can potentially damage the patio. Questions arose as to if the patio is on the parkway. Mr. Morton stated he would try to determine the boundary lines and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion was also had regarding the walkway in the 200 block. Quotes will be obtained to get this project underway.

Mr. Morton stated he is also working with Mr. Carpenter on the 700 & 800 Block access points.

**Rental Agreements** Mr. Day stated he has received back another signed Agreement with the applicant being in good standing with the Association. Mr. Day moved to approve the new applicant. Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion was had regarding unresponsive property owners, Mr. Day stated he will be sending out a 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing to property owners who have not yet complied.

**Silt Management** No report.

**Stormwater Control** President Koch discussed the 2024 Grant project. It was determined to move forward with the grant proposal. President Koch stated the proposal is due March 29, 2024.

**Trail Park** Ms. Veith discussed adding Randy Gerard to the committee for the Trailer Park. Ms. Veith moved to add Randy Gerard to the Trailer Park Committee, Ms. Wolff seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Zebra Mussel Prevention** Ms. Veith stated that the handling of the Zebra Mussels would be handed over to Cindy Law at the end of the month.

**Water Quality** Ms. Law submitted a written report. She requested \$625.00 for testing supplies. Ms. DiPeri moved to approve \$625.00 for testing supplies. Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS:

President Koch stated Jim Williams has resigned his role on the Board and there is a vacancy to fill. If anyone has any suggestions or knows of someone wanting to serve on the Board, to please bring the information to the next meeting.

President Koch received a memo from a resident regarding the history of Lake Waukomis. The last history book came out in 1997. It was requested that another book that captures the history of the lake be compiled for the years 1998-2022. Suggestions are welcome as to the process of this project and a Committee to undertake it.

Discussion was had regarding books still left from the first publishing to be sold at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July store.

Men's Club President stated a report regarding a Bocce Ball court will be put together and presented at the next Park Committee meeting which will be held on March 28. President Koch let Mr. Gerard know that after the Parks Committee approves the project, it would still need to be approved by the Board at the next Board meeting.

**Adjournment** Ms. Church moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Day seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Ashley Davidson, Adm. Coordinator



# Your City Government at Work

**CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS**

**Board of Aldermen**

**March 13, 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 March 13, 2024, 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 Merinda Anthony, City Clerk. Alderman Clarence Matthews left at 7:42 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED**

Minutes of Previous Alderman Meeting February 14, 2024

Minutes of the Special Meeting: February 27, 2024

Approved Unanimously

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

**SPECIAL GUESTS/RESIDENTS:**

**REPORTS:**

Mayors' Comments:

Sophie's Run will occur May 11, 2024, time to be determined. Will provide reminder in April's Alderman Meeting. Will need extra police presence, additional information will be provided to the Platte County Sheriff's Office by Alderwoman Laurie Barrow.

The Building Permit Committee met on March 11, 2024 and will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

Treasurer Comments:

Mayor Zelfer will be comparing rates for the Central Bank CD that matured on March 11, 2024 for possible rollover.

Administrative Department:

Lead Copper study forms were mailed out March 8, 2024 to all residents. We are receiving the completed forms back already.

Discussed renters on the lake moving owing money for water bills. Per attorney, ordinance 700.110 is in effect since 2003. After 30 days, owner of home is responsible for unpaid water bills.

Water Department:

Water quality satisfactory in February 2024.

MODNR Violation requirements have been satisfied. Attorney suggested in the future we may send an email to verify both water samples have been received.

Jim Banes has volunteered to check resident's homes on the lake for the Lead/Copper study.

Dam & Spillway:

Maintenance/Capital Sewer Project

Per Alderman Clarence Matthews, the Sewer Siphon project went well in the 800-900 blocks.

Videoing 900 block and will restore all spots unearthed once complete.

Bob Cat is leaking hydraulic fluid. Must be repaired and will cost approximately

\$6,000.00 to be fixed.

Emergency Preparedness: Per Frances Davidson, met with MidAmerica Regional Council, the committee will be updating the fire plan.

Building Inspector: Received the report of inspections.

Code Enforcement Officer: Still in need of a new code enforcement officer

Department of Public Safety/Police Review Committee: Received report from the Platte County Sheriff.

HOA: Will be receiving a storm water grant for the 200 Block

Unfinished Business:

RFP Bids for hourly operator/labor, materials and equipment was published next week in Landmark Paper.

Considering bids for pump station generators with North Hills Engineering.

Alderman Jack Williams made a motion to accept RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS APPROVING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND CLEANING OF SEWERS TO BE PROVIDED BY SHEDIGS IT, LLC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Barrow

The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Jack Williams moved and Alderwoman Barrow 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Change Order for the West Abutment Grouting Contract with Drill Tech to increase the sum of the contract not to exceed \$28,133.28 to a total maximum of \$675,978.80 from the original amount of \$647,845.52.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Alderman Jack Williams moved that AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS; ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Barrow.

The motion passed unanimously.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Alderman Jack Williams moved that AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS; ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderwoman Barrow.

The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Jack Williams moved to adjourn open session at 7:56 p.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Larry Marsh.

The motion passed unanimously.

**LAKE WAUKOMIS HOMEOWNERS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Callery Pear Tree (aka Bradford Pear)  
BUYBACK EVENT**

Sponsored by the City of Parkville, Evergy, and Deep Roots KC

Registration is open March 15 – April 15, 2024

**REMOVE A NON-NATIVE CALLERY PEAR TREE AND  
RECEIVE A FREE NATIVE TREE IN RETURN**

Information is available at the following links:

<https://deeproots.org/callery-pear-events/>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/callery-pear-buybackrecall-event-parkville-mo-tickets-858457949837>

Once considered an up-and-coming ornamental shade tree in the 1950s, the invasive Callery pear (often sold as Bradford, Chantecleer, or Cleveland Select) tree has overtaken roadways, woodlands, and grasslands. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, a single wild tree, originating in Asia, can spread quickly by seed and vegetative means, often forming dense thickets within several years and outcompeting native plants. In forested settings, it leafs out earlier than our native trees, effectively shading out spring wildflowers. In addition, how could such a beautiful tree smell like **rotting fish**? The odor isn't the only thing that makes this tree undesirable. The Callery pear has too many upright branches that grow too close together on the trunk. Limb breakage is common due to poor crotch angles, and it is often a very short-lived tree. This tree sustains structural damage frequently from wind or ice and snowstorms.

To continue to spread awareness about how the invasive Callery pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*) causes harm to economics and the environment, **Evergy, Deep Roots, and other partners** are hosting the second Callery Pear Buy-back in the Kansas City area and North-east Kansas.



*Information courtesy of  
Laura Church*

**SAVING FISH**

by Kenneth L. Kieser



*This is NOT how you hold a fish! Photo by Cat Kieser.*

Fish endure a lot of angling pressure at Waukomis. The following are tips on keeping fish alive:

\*Hauling in fish over the side by the line, hanging on a hook, or squeezing it with your hand can cause major internal organ damage. Leave fish in the water while a hook is removed. If that's not possible, use a soft rubber mesh landing net which is less damaging to eyes, fins, scales and the protective membrane.

\*Remove the hooks and gently place the fish back in the water in 30 seconds or less when possible. If you take a photograph, leave the fish in water while setting up, take the shot, then release the fish.

\*Culling or releasing a fish after you catch what you consider to be a 'more quality' fish reduces chances of the original fish's survival. Once you put a fish in your livewell, keep it as part of your daily limit.

\*Wet your hands before handling fish. If you handle a fish with dry hands or dry gloves, you remove the layer of mucous that protects the fish from disease and bacterial infections, which can kill the fish, even long after it has been released.

\*Never hold a fish vertically, by its mouth or tail, as internal organs and tissue can actually tear from their weight. Hold the fish horizontally with one hand near the front, avoiding the gills. Touching fish gills even a little causes damage and the fish can't breathe. Grabbing a fish by the eyes will almost certainly reduce or destroy its vision.

\*Quickly removing fish hooks with as little damage as possible is important. Barbless hooks are the easiest to remove. If you don't have barbless hooks, you can pinch the barb down with pliers. Prolonged attempts to remove the hook often do more harm than good. It may be better to cut the line as closely to the hook as possible and release the fish. Most hooks left in the fish's mouth eventually dissolve.

\*Keep the fish wet. Their natural habitat is in the water, so removing them for too long of a period can be deadly. Gently lower fish into the water instead of throwing. If you need to revive the fish, move him in a figure-eight motion, or in a stream, hold the fish facing upstream to allow current to flow over the gills.



**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, Zebra Mussel & Water Quality Chair

**Zebra Mussel Recertification was due April 1st of LAST YEAR!** 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!

**GOOSE PATROL**

by Conservation Chair Corey Schmidt

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

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

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

**FISHING LIMITS**

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



**BOATERS**

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

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

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

4TH OF JULY

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

by 4th of July Chair Mindy Beckwith



Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. As the Beach Boys Brian Wilson once said, "Summer means happy times and good sunshine...". As everyone gets back outside and starts enjoying the nice weather, we will all be looking to our summer celebrations here at beautiful Lake Waukomis where this year we are "Anchored in Paradise".

The Lake Waukomis Fourth of July Day Chair Committee is working hard on planning events and will be rolling out the volunteer sign-up process in the month of May (stay tuned). Our Day Chairs have awesome events planned and cannot do it without the support of Community volunteers.

Our multi-day Celebration will begin Tuesday, July 2nd with Cornhole under the Tents, and end on Sunday, July 7th with a Disc Golf Tournament and Pickleball Tournament Finals. There will be a TON more information to come once we have confirmed details with the separate event coordinators.

Please check out the **Lake Waukomis 4th of July Facebook page** for the new logo selected and event updates when confirmed and released.

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to those who have volunteered to be on our Day Chair Committee. You are **AWESOME** and I am truly excited for the events this year!

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| Teddi Wolff               | Donna Shour       |
| Aaron and Katie Hackman   | Michael Hernandez |
| Toby Corder               | Barb Marsh        |
| Janie Zelfer              | Ellen Houchen     |
| Joe and Holly Mirani      |                   |
| Thomas and Mindy Beckwith |                   |

Everyone has stepped up to ensure that this is the best Fourth of July Celebration yet! **THANK YOU!**



FISHING CLASS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Sunday, April 14, 2 pm - 4 pm, at the Community Building

Everything you always wanted to know about fishing! LW Resident and Expert Fisherman Kenny Kieser will share a wealth of knowledge about fishing.

Gift bags for all youngsters who attend. Snacks and beverages provided.

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!

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING ON APRIL 8TH!

On April 8th, 2024, scores of people across parts of North America will gather outdoors at the same time to witness this year's most anticipated celestial event: a total solar eclipse that **will turn daylight into darkness for up to 4 minutes, 28 seconds.**

While the eclipse itself isn't that rare — they take place every 18 months or so — being able to witness one is a far less common occurrence. **On average, a total solar eclipse can be seen from some point on the planet only once every 375 years.** Luckily for us, the last one visible from the United States happened just under seven years ago, in 2017.

You don't have to pack your bags to take part in the excitement. NASA will be covering the solar eclipse live from 1-4 p.m. ET on NASA TV, NASA.gov, the NASA app, and YouTube.

If you're watching the eclipse in person, it's crucial that you never look directly at the sun (unless it's during totality), and wear protective eyewear. Unfortunately, simple sunglasses won't cut it. Instead, shield your eyes with certified solar glasses that are equipped with special light filters.

Here at Lake Waukomis, we won't see a total solar eclipse, although it will be close! It will begin Monday, April 8th, at 12:38 pm CDT and be at its maximum at 1:54 pm CDT (see picture). The solar eclipse will end for us at 3:11 pm CDT. Total viewing time will be 2 hours, 33 minutes.

