

Spring 2015 Newsletter

Lake Petersburg

April 2015

A Note from the President

Welcome to a new chapter of the Lake Petersburg Association (LPA). When I suggest a new chapter, I am trying to convey that we have a new Board in place. The Board has begun to address the governing of the LPA.

An important goal of the Board's is to make Lake Petersburg a wonderful place to live, raise a family, entertain friends, make new friends, and build the relationships of old friends.

This Board will always try to generate consensus with issues that are brought to the Board and we will always do what is best for the Association as a whole.

I would invite any of the LPA members to join a committee of the Board and please attend our Monthly meeting to join in the decision making process that effects the direction of the place we all call home.

Please enjoy the Spring weather as we prepare to have fun filled activities in, on and around the lake this summer. Please remember that the rules are in place for the protection of not only our members and guests but for the preservation of the lake and the community we call home

Ron Cooley
President,
Lake Petersburg

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Board of Directors

President: Ron Cooley (899-2637)
Vice President: Barb Kyes (899-1942)
Secretary: Dave Swigart (248-5930)
Treasurer: Joe Turek (632-3207)

Lake Office:

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Summer Hours: Mon 1-4; Wed 12-6; Fri 9-2; 1st Sat 9-12
Winter Hours: Wed 12-6; Fri 9-12; 1st Sat of month 9-12

Lake Board Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM
At the Lake Office unless otherwise specified
Agendas and Minutes are eMailed and are also available in the Lake Office

Sewer Emergency:	217-632-0000
Brush Pick-up (1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays - CALL):	217-632-7492
Lake Patrol boat (remove fish):	217-341-4534
Lake Ranger, Andy Withers:	217-652-9112

Treasurer Report

In last summer's newsletter I mentioned that 2014 would be the first year that I could remember that the Lake Petersburg Association (LPA) did not have a balanced budget. I don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but 2015 will be the second year that LPA will not have a balanced budget and this trend will probably continue for the next few years. The main reason for this is the expense of the septic tank abandonment program. Septic tanks create an acid build-up that has been corroding the lift pumps.

Experts have told us eliminating the septic tank will drastically decrease the acid build-up and therefore increase the life of these pumps. LPA has completed some test cases and has found this to be true.

With about 280 septic tanks yet to abandon, we will see more depletion of the Lake Petersburg Association Reserve Funds in the next couple of years. LPA has plans to step up the sewer abandonment project. In 2014 we abandoned 30 septic tanks, and in 2015 we are planning on abandoning 90 septic tanks. At this increased rate we should finish our project in 2017.

Hopefully, upon successful completion of the septic tank abandonment project LPA will be able to once again start building the reserve funds to an acceptable level. I want to once again commend the past Boards of Directors of the Lake Petersburg Association for their foresight in setting up a reserve fund and because of their past savings and careful investments, the LPA is financially prepared for these expenses.

Joe Turek
Treasurer
Lake Petersburg Association

Are you on our eMail List?

Send a note:
lakepeters@
sbcglobal.net

Please supply
your phone
number in case
of emergencies.

Homeowners Dues:
due before May 15.
They are usually
\$250.

Sewer Income vs Expense

Year	Income	Expense
2010	\$95,367.50	\$131,210.74
2011	\$129,261.55	\$95,944.46
2012	\$134,389.97	\$124,755.47
2013	\$125,606.99	\$156,051.86
2014	\$125,247.90	\$176,791.88
Totals	\$609,873.91	\$684,754.41

Fourth of July

The "Fireworks Donation Flyer" will be distributed in early June. As most of you know, our Fireworks display is solely financed by your generous donations. The Fireworks Fund is currently at \$3,246.00. Last year with a small increase in display products, our costs were \$6,500.00. With those costs in mind, we will be looking to collect about \$3,254.00 in additional donations. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this exciting event. The Fireworks are scheduled for between 9 and 9:10 on Saturday July 4th. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday the 5th at approximately the same time.

Boat Safely

Boating safely means having the right equipment on board for all emergencies. The following list is extrapolated from the US Coast Guard website.

- **Basic First Aid:** Maintain a first aid kit stocked with basic supplies (gauze, bandages, alcohol cleaning pads, aspirin, etc.
- **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):** You are required to have an approved PFD (life jackets/life vests) when you are in a boat for each passenger.
- **Signaling Devices:** Signaling Devices are required on a boat. Required sound-making devices include a horn or a whistle.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** It is a great idea to have a fire extinguisher. It depends on the type of boat if it is required.
- **Boat Anchor:** Every boat should have an adequate anchor to keep from running aground in bad weather or as a result of engine failure.
- **Tow Ropes & Dock Lines:** An extra tow rope is handy in case you or another boater is stranded and needs a lift. Dock lines are handy when you need to tie up to someone's pier.
- **Marine VHF Radio & Cell Phone:** A VHF radio can be helpful. Bring along your cell phone.

2015 Boat Stickers:
display before May
15, 2015.

Rules and Regulation Committee

The R&R committee meets on the 4th Friday of each month, at the Lake office, at 9:00. Members are welcome to attend. Barb Kyes chairs the committee of six (6) members: Barb Kyes, Elaine Lipe, Brenda Taylor, Robert Throckmorton, Kathy Turek, and Danis Zinger.

The committee hears and discusses proposed rules or regulations, edits and corrects old rules, and make recommendations to the Lake Board for final decisions regarding the same. The goal of this committee is to openly

work to make good recommendations after research and study of proposals with consideration of safety, members' needs, and liability of the Association.

If you would like to propose a new regulation, or a change of a current regulation, follow the directions in the Rules and Regulations. (**Section 9.2 Procedures for Members to Request Changes**). Your proposal will be discussed at the next meeting. Currently, the

committee is discussing fines and ways of enforcing the current rules.

Call Barb Kyes (899-1942) for clarification or questions; to propose new rules or to update current rules; or to add an item to the Agenda.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations is available at the Lake Association Office or can be eMailed to residents.

Barb Kyes
LPA Board of Directors
Vice President
Rules & Regs Committee Chair

Rule Changes Approved 4/13/15

1.2.2 Election Procedures.

Directorships

A. Effective as of the January 2014 Annual Meeting, the number of Directors on the Board of Directors shall be reduced from twelve (12) to eight (8). The election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted **biennially in even numbered years** by written ballot.

7.2.1 Fines and Penalties

Violation

Failure to display a current boat sticker (by May 15 each year). **Prior to May 15, the previous year's sticker is considered current and must be displayed.** Members who do not have a current boat sticker are also subject to having their boat escorted back to their dock and not allowed use of the lake until a current boat sticker is purchased and displayed.

Boating

Three New Laws Effective January 1, 2015:

Seizure of a Watercraft

New law allows for the seizure of a watercraft used in the commission of certain offenses related to operating under the influence. The new rules bring penalties for boating under the influence more in line with those for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Boater Safety Class

All persons born after Jan. 1, 1998 have to take and pass a boating safety course validated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and hold a valid

boating safety certificate before they can operate a motorboat with an engine over 10 horsepower. Want to take a boater safety class and there just is not enough time? The class can be taken on-line when you have time. Go to

<http://www.boat-ed.com/illinois/>

Flag When Towing

The operator of any watercraft that is towing a person, such as a water skier or tuber, must display a bright orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per side. The flag must be displayed from the time the person to be towed leaves the boat until that person returns to the boat at the conclusion of the activity.

**Lake Speed Limit
40 mph**

NO WAKE AREAS
Are 5 mph. or less

IDLE SPEED
is engaging the motor and running the boat at the lowest rpm.



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Lake Patrol

1. In accordance with DNR, registration and titling, all watercraft operated on the waters within jurisdiction of this state shall be registered and titled. In the past, the only exception was sailboards. DNR now includes canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and paddle boats. These non-motorized watercraft no longer have to be titled/registered; but, instead DNR will issue **Paddle Passes** (Water Usage Stamps) for such craft. These may be purchased any place that sells fishing licenses. They cost \$6.00 plus a \$.50 service charge. Failure to buy one can result in a \$120 fine. Illinois no longer sends notification for registrations so ensure yours are current.

2. All vessels must display lights at night. A quote from DNR regulations: "Sailing vessels less than 7 meters may carry an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light to be displayed in sufficient time to prevent collision. Vessels under oars must have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light to be shown in sufficient time to prevent collision."

3. A **Black Flag** on the dam indicates no wake on the entire lake during high water conditions.

4. A **Red Flag** on the dam indicates **no boating** during severe weather or during emergency conditions.

5. Boating hours will remain the same as in the past. Boating Traffic will be conducted in a counter-clockwise pattern. Skiing/fast boating hours commence at **10:00 a.m. daily**. The NO WAKE requirement will be enforced from 8:00 p.m. or official sunset, whichever occurs first, until 10:00 a.m. the following day.

6. Please remember, a spotter is required for skiing and tubing. A rear view mirror is not sufficient.

7. Swimming off boats is prohibited.

8. Residents may have two boats with gasoline motors, only one of which may be greater than 25 hp. In addition, non-motorized craft must be issued lake stickers.

9. Boat stickers must be displayed by **May 15th (stickers for the previous year are valid and required through May 14th)**. In accordance with lake regulations the stickers must be displayed on vessels, not just purchased. Location of stickers is adjacent to or near the state registration numbers, not on windshields or in other less conspicuous locations.

10. Residents may call the Lake Patrol boat (**341-4534**) for assistance or to remove dead fish.

11. All crappie taken from the lake must be a minimum of nine (9) inches in length. The Alabama or Multi-rig lures will be limited to two (2) baits.

12. Boat length restrictions:
- Motor driven boats-20 feet maximum
 - Hull type deck boats-22 feet maximum
 - Pontoons-28 feet maximum
 - Canoes, paddleboats and rowboats-no restrictions

13. Non-resident boats are not allowed on the lake. The owner will be requested to remove the boat from the lake immediately. Refusal will result in a call to the sheriff and the owner charged with trespassing.

14. All lake residents are encouraged to post their address on their docks.

15. **LIFE JACKETS:** Please remember you must have an appropriate life jacket in the boat for every person on the boat.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable boating season.

Dave Swigart, Lake Patrol Chair
Gary Sumpter, Lake Patrol Coordinator

Welcome New Residents

Date	Resident
Feb '14	Sandra Wineburner
Mar '14	Kyle Hill
April '14	Dennis & Terry Ryan Nick & Katie Schachtsiek Lyndon & Kay Sill
May. '14	Dennis & Terry Willis David & Susan Evers Fletcher Morgan

Date	Resident
June '14	Richard & Charlotte Baker Richard & Amy McMahan David & Carol Connor
July '14	Joe & Emily Kurian Linda Irwin
Aug '14	Ray & Alison Horn
Oct '14	Jobie & Jerry Wilson Richard & Lorraine Youngberg

Date	Resident
Nov. '14	Jeff Hill Austin & Kathleen Shaw
Dec '14	Delmer Dean & Shauncey Knipfer
Feb '15	Melissa Fickas
Mar '15	No new members

Shambolee Golf Course

Shambolee Golf Course is under new ownership. Jeff and Susan Broughton have purchased the 18-hole course. This is truly a family endeavor. Eric, their son, will continue working with the Grounds Dept. as he has for the last several years. Kari, their daughter and her partner Jason, along with Steph, Eric's partner, will be assisting also. Many of you are familiar with Matt Knollenburg, the current Grounds Supt., who will continue to work in that capacity as well as help out with various other tasks.

Jeff's family has lived at the Lake since the mid 70's. He moved to Petersburg in 1976 when his father was hired as Superintendent of Schools at PORTA. Jeff and Susan have been lake members since the early 80's. Jeff began working at Shambolee in the

mid 70's under the direction of Lawrence Hagney. He continued part time while working towards an AAS degree in Turf Management and was eventually hired as an Assistant Superintendent for the Menard Golf Association. During this time, he earned a BA in Management and was hired as the Golf Course Superintendent for the Menard Golf Association in the early 90's. During that time, he was a part of the team that initiated and built the back nine at Shambolee.

Susan will be retiring soon and plans to be involved with the running of the Golf Course along with the rest of her family. She has also worked at the golf course inside the club house in the late 70's. Plans are being made for daily lunches

and Friday/Saturday dinners. Also the golf course and clubhouse are planned to be available for special events. More information is to come when they get settled in. Jeff and Chris Bivens are working together to develop lesson arrangements and setup for the Junior Golf Program. Jeff and Susan realize the course is a valuable asset to the lake as well as the surrounding communities. One of their main goals is to provide an enjoyable atmosphere to all -- golfers as well as non-golfers -- when they visit Shambolee.

Jeff and Susan Broughton

From the Lake Office Manager

Branch Pickup

Branch pick-up will be the same schedule as last year. They will start on, Tuesday, April 7 and continue on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Please call the Office on 632-7492 when you require a pick-up.

Facebook

The Lake Association has a Facebook page. You are welcome to use it to let members know of boats you either have for sale or are looking to buy.

Lake Membership Dues

Don't forget to have your Membership Dues of \$250 paid by May 15. I cannot issue you boat stickers unless the Dues are paid.

Boat Stickers

I'm expecting boat stickers any day. Don't forget to bring your boat registration with you when you stop by to get your boat stickers.

The prices are the same as last year:

- Non-motorized (kayaks, rowboats, paddleboats, etc.) \$10.00
- Motors 25hp and under \$20.00
- Motors over 25hp \$30.00

Flag Required When Towing a Skier or Tuber

There is a new law that requires any boat towing a skier or tuber to have a red flag flying on the boat as a notice to other boaters on the water. You

can pick one up in the office any time during regular business hours. They have been donated by Terry Taylor of the Boat Dock.

Upcoming Events

The annual Triathlon will be held on June 20, 2015. The boat ramp will be closed the morning of the event, so please plan accordingly. And they also like to have several volunteers lining the course on the lake in kayaks and row boats to help in case any of the participants need help.

Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 4 with a rain date of July 5.

Vicki O'Shana
Lake Office Manager

From the Lake Operations Manager

- ✓ **Maintenance:** Brush pick-up; mowing; and sewer access lid fastening and marking has started.
- ✓ **Sewers:** Sewer calls are beginning to pick up. Early notification and minimal water usage after an alarm are key to a quick repair. Sewer pump informational flip books are available for pick up in the Lake Office.
- ✓ **Dam Repairs:** We are going to try diverting the water by the North Entrance to better utilize existing drainage.
- ✓ **Signs:** Prohibited signs will be removed. Call the Lake Office to retrieve them. They will only be held for 30 days.
- ✓ **Wood Chips:** Available at the Boat Parking Lot only until May 15th.

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Board of Directors

NAME	POSITION	HOME TEL #	CELL
Ron Cooley	President	632-3892	899-2637
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David Swigart	Secretary		248-5930
Joe Turek	Treasurer	632-3207	652-1389
Ellen Fliss	Director		652-1875
Heather Karrick	Director		314-0108
Tom Lawton	Director	632-3118	416-3118
Ron Sczurko	Director		494-1411
Lake Petersburg Support Staff			
Andrew Withers	Operations Mgr.	971-2214	652-9112
Vicki O'Shana	Office Manager	632-7006	414-1634

Board Committees – Who Are You Going to Call?



COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
Annual Meeting	Heather Karrick
Aquatic/Fishing	Ron Sczurko
Beautification	Tom Lawton & Margaret Stier Santos
Boat Ramp	Heather Karrick & Mark Albrecht
Dam	Tom Lawton
Election	Heather Karrick
Farm	Bill Umbach
Finance	Joe Turek
Hog Farm	Ellen Fliss & Margaret Stier Santos
Lake Lot Sales	Ellen Fliss
Lake Patrol	David Swigart
Legal	Ron Cooley
Maintenance	Tom Lawton
Newsletter	Barb Kyes
Rules & Regulations	Barb Kyes
Sewer	Ron Cooley & Joe Turek
Tennis Courts	Heather Karrick & Carol Pope

Upcoming Events

May 15, (3-7pm) & May 16, (9-1pm): Lake Petersburg Garage Sale

June 20, 2015: Railsplitter Triathlon
<http://triharderpromotions.com/railsplitter/>

Saturday July 4th (July 5th rain date): Fireworks