



Leisure Lake Properties Owners' Association **NEWSLETTER**

SPRING 2024



Welcome Spring!

Our summer will be filled with lots of fun activities, new people, and so many memories. There are more festivities planned for the second half of the year too.

Check Us Out!

Facebook page of Leisure Lake Property Owners Association
www.facebook.com/leisurelakepropertyownersassociation

Website of Leisure Lake Property Owners Association
www.llpoa-ia.com

Contact Us!

Feel free to contact any LLPOA Officer or Precinct Director with questions or concerns!

Notice

All precinct meetings dates, times and locations can be found on the LLPOA website.

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Meet the Board

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Any member who would like to address the board with questions, comments, or concerns can contact their precinct director.

Message from the President:

As we step into the 2024 season, I'm filled with gratitude reflecting on the achievements of the past year. Our community's strength lies in the collective efforts of our dedicated volunteers and the generous support of donors! In 2023, we witnessed memorable events like the pancake breakfast, the Kid's Carnival, and the GREAT 4th of July fireworks. We filled potholes, paved thousands of feet of road, made enhancements to a new pavilion! Looking ahead, the 2024 season holds promise of continued progress, with plans for further infrastructure improvements and community engagement initiatives. I extend my thanks to each member for their unwavering support and look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Damien Miller LLPOA President
563-590-4391

Committees

Zoning, Sanitation, Security & Assessments

Director: Shannon Leppert
Chair:

Bldg Grounds | Maint. | Pavilion

Director: Dave Merrill
Chair: Lynn Hillard

Fireworks

Director: Missy Frazier
Chair: Rick Pfeiler

Road*

Director: Sheila Rooney
Chair: Shawn Frazier, Wayne Loeffelholz

Beach

Director: Dave Merrill
Chair: Dan Ring, Rod Miller

By-Law

Director: Shannon Leppert
Chair: Margie Loeffelholz

History*

Director: Perry Gettings

Budget

Director: Missy Frazier (Treasurer)
Financial Oversight Committee

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Entertainment

Director: Joyce Jarding
Chair: Michel Thiesen, Aubrianna Jarding

Lake Management

Director: Dave Merrill
Chair: Scott DeYoung, Doug Wells, Kevin Thiesen

Financial Oversight Committee

Director: Missy Frazier
Chair: Lorin Ahlers, Kevin Bohach, Dave Merrill, Gary Runde, Ray Phelps, Rick Thompson

*In need of volunteers to join the above committees

*Anyone interested in joining a committee please contact the corresponding director

Dues

2023-2024 Dues were due Dec 31st, 2023. As a reminder, the 23-24 Dues have increased to \$370, the Road Assessment is \$100 and the NLV's and Boat tags have increased to \$10 per tag. Also, as passed at the Spring 2023 membership meeting, all Powersport vehicles must have a tag. Dues should be mailed or can be dropped in the drop box at the old building on Pear Street in between the Women's bathroom and the Boardroom.

LLPOA
PO BOX 8
Bernard, IA 52032

Dues may be paid in person from (11:30) A.M. to (12:30) P.M at the Spring General Membership Meeting May 19th. We will stop at 12:30 P.M. to get ready for the Meeting.

Security

- **Lake wide speed limit is 15 mph**
- Property owners have the responsibility to ensure that manufacturers capacity ratings are enforced when any Golf Carts, NLV's or boats are operated on LLPOA property.
- All NLV's (Golf Cart, Side by Side, Quad, etc.) must be registered yearly and **display an LLPOA Tag on the rear of the vehicle in plain sight**, to operate on LLPOA property.
- All NLV's must have a visible day glow flag on their vehicle at a minimum height of 5 feet.
- All Electric Motorboats must be registered yearly and display an **LLPOA Tag placed on one side of the front of the watercraft** to operate on LLPOA property.

We all love the freedom at the lake so please be respectful of others when operating any vehicles or NLV's. It is a privilege to use Leisure Lake roads and facilities, so be mindful of others.

Garbage / Recycling

- Acceptable items include household trash only
- An average of 3 - 35-gallon bags per week are allowed
- No unbagged recyclables (cardboard boxes or large plastic items)
- Recyclables are no longer accepted in the LLPOA dumpsters. They must be taken to the Otter Creek recycling dumpsters at 183rd Avenue
- Visit the website for information on where to take unacceptable items

Farmers Markets



Every Saturday from May 11th through October 19th
9 A.M – 11 A.M (weather permitting)
Selling baked goods, crafts, and more.
Open to any LLPOA member to sell items.

LLPOA Spring General Membership Meeting

Sunday May 19th at 1:00 P.M. at the Pear Street Complex

LLPOA BID REQUEST BATHROOM CLEANING

We are currently taking bids for Bathroom Cleaning. If you are interested, please either submit a bid in writing to the president or present your bid at the spring membership meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRECINCT DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Contact any board member about open Precinct and Committee positions, open positions are shown on previous page of this newsletter. We would welcome new ideas, labor, and input from members.

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE FOR DUES/ASSESSMENTS

Payment plans are available to members to assist in paying dues/assessments. Be advised that if a signed payment plan agreement is not in place, a \$10 late fee will continue to incur. Contact an FOC member or LLPOA Treasurer for details.

CREDIT CARDS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AS PAYMENTS

We have added this option to be able to pay dues/assessments with credit or debit cards. A convenience fee is added, but it is minimal.

2024 Summer & Fall Festivities (IMPORTANT DATES)

Mark your calendars!

Pancake Breakfast | Pavilion 8am-11am May 19th All proceeds go to our Fireworks

Memorial Weekend Music | Saturday May 25th | Johnnie Walker from 7pm-10pm at the pavilion.
Concessions will be open.

Garage Sales | Memorial Day Weekend | Suggested time Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday 8AM – 3PM | All members are encouraged to host a garage sale.

Fireworks | Saturday June 29th Daisy Beach | Approximately 30 min after Sunset

4th Annual Kids Carnival | Saturday June 29th 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Pear Street Pavilion

4th of July Parade | Sunday, June 30th | Theme: Favorite Sport or Favorite Team | Line up at Gate 2 by 10:30am

Bean Bag Tournament Fundraiser | Saturday August 31st | Time is to be determined | All proceeds from this tournament will go toward the 2025 Kid's Carnival.

Live Music | Saturday August 31st | Pear Street Complex | 7PM – 11PM | Nixon Band – Dubuque based power trio band playing rock, classics, and originals | Concessions available.

Soup-a-Palooza | Saturday October 5th | 5:00-7:00 P.M | \$10.00 to sample all soups | \$5.00 for kids 12 and under | \$5.00 entry fee for Soup Tasting | At Pear Street Complex | Deserts will be served | Anyone entering a soup will only pay the entry fee.

Additional Events with details to follow:

- Taste of the Lake
- Italian Pasta Night
- WingFest

All events and activities are tentative and may be subject to change at any time. **Updates will be posted on the Leisure Lake website and/or Facebook page.**

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Perry Gittings Interview
(One of the longest/kindest/wisest residents of Leisure Lake)
Submitted by Ray Estrada and Heidi Montgomery Nov. 19, 2023



Please introduce yourself, age, profession, and how long at the lake?

My name is Perry Gittings, 89 years old in November. My profession was a carpenter, I have owned properties (6 lots) at leisure lake for 60 years. I bought my current property in 1976 with 2 other people who have passed away. I have owned it since 1985, and built my current home by myself in 2001.

When was the lake built and how?

A farmer in Maquoketa bought 2- 400 acres farms in the leisure lake area to build a lake. He started building the dam in 1957 and used WWII road building equipment to build it. His name was Don Schwenker. He got permits from state to stop a waterway to build the dam, after that, nature created the lake.

How large is the lake?

The lake is approximately 35 acres plus 10 acres when it rises.

How deep is the lake?

The deepest area is the bottom of the creek before the dam which is 35 feet deep.

What kind of fish?

The lake is stocked with Bluegill, Crappie, Catfish, Largemouth Bass, Grass Carp, Walleye were added about 15 years ago.

Describe the residents then and now?

People came to Leisure Lake area to camp because it was advertised as a camp. The first house was built in 1964 by Leroy Hull. It was a yellow house, but he didn't live in it and used it as a vacation house.

When did they form the association?

A group had meetings in the Black Hawk Hotel in Davenport in 1964. They went to Des Moines to learn how to form a community. The Association started in 1964 with over 600 property owners. The association fee at that time was \$3/year.

Who owns the lake and where do properties begin?

The Kirchoff family (Robert) owns the lake. They continue making donations for example to fix the leak in the dam. There are 4 commercial lots with 10 feet easement.

What percent of residents are year around?

About 50 percent.

What feeds the lake water level?

The 50 thousand acres of farmland drain into the lake. The rain that doesn't soak into the ground, drains into the lake.

What makes it so dirty and then so clean?

Heat increases the Algae in the lake. The bottom has a turnover, rain brings mud (silt). The islands were later made from the silts brought in by rainwater.

Where is the sewage and how is it structured?

There are square ponds near gate 2. The plastic tubes take sewage from properties to those ponds using lift stations at each home or each full-time trailer located at leisure lake. The first well was built at the pavilion in 1967 or 1968.

Describe the spillway and its history?

The spillway which was built in 1968 controls the levels of the lake. Water can get 3 feet high at the entry into the spillway.

What positions did you hold at the lake and what decisions were made?

I was vice president in 1965 for 2 years. Then became president in 1967 for 2 years. Later became the treasurer in 2004. I have been the head of security, building committee and always a lifeguard at the lake. I was involved in raising dues to \$20/year which was not voted by members. I made a motion in 2004 to build the ramp by the beach. I made suggestions to raise ground up for Blue Herron boat ramp. I resigned from the association board around 2006.