

# Twin Lakes Association Newsletter



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## Happy Spring!

Hello Twin Lakes Neighbors! We look forward to seeing everyone out on their beaches and decks enjoying the lake this Spring and Summer. Please read through the newsletter for important info and dates.



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## Annual Twin Lakes Association Dues

**\$ AVE—\$150 if paid by June 15, \$175 after**

Association Dues are \$175. If dues are paid by June 15, they are discounted \$25 and will only be \$150. After June 15 pay \$175. Many thanks as 100% of homeowners pay dues!

**Make check payable to *Cherry Hills Lake Association***

**And mail to: Cherry Hills Lake Association**

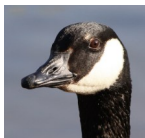
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## Geese Update

New egg addling permits are obtained each year from the IDNR—**4 nests** were treated this Spring. Thank you to the Corapi family for organizing the volunteers! **18 eggs** were oiled, and after several weeks were removed from the nests, which were then destroyed. One nest of eggs was destroyed by a predator. That will be 18 less geese on our lake trying to hatch their own future families! Jim Long diligently runs his radio controlled boat around the lake to irritate the geese, to keep them on the run and off our lake. Thank you to those who help keep geese numbers low and thus the lake cleaner.



## Report on Annual Lake Association Meeting

Our annual meeting was held on Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. at Mary & Jim Long's home. We enjoyed a delicious brunch as we met, and then cleaned up the outlet on the northeast side.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Sam said we carry a balance around \$3,000, which pays for insurance and lake treatments. We may try to save a little more each year for larger projects, such as drainage pipe repairs or a "rainy day" fund. Linda Tortorelli checked with a lawyer friend and found out there is no penalty for carrying a larger balance unless we exceed \$100K. She will also check on possibly applying for tax exempt status. Sam also got a business credit card which can be used for purchases of lake chemicals or for our lake socials.
- **Lake Website:** Sam volunteered to set up a website for our association so news and info is always available for homeowners to find. *Thanks, Sam!*
- **Lake 40th:** 2027 will be our 40th anniversary as a Lake Association. We discussed ways we might commemorate 40 yrs, including the idea of constructing a bridge across the narrow channel between our twin lakes. More discussion will follow.
- **\*\*Lakeshore Weed Treatment: After discussing rock shoreline treatment with aquatic-safe herbicide, we voted to provide this service as a lake association. We have purchased the herbicide and very soon volunteers will spray along the rock shoreline all around the lake, so you will not need to treat your shoreline except to pull up unsightly dead weeds. We hope this will be a service all will appreciate!\*\***
- **Fish count:** We discussed asking the IDNR to do a fish count since it has been a few years. They send a mild electric shock through the water to **stun** fish in a certain area, and then count them when they float to the surface to get an idea of our fish population. It does not harm the fish. Anthony will pursue this with IDNR. We ask anyone who fishes the lake to let Anthony know what kinds of fish they are catching to get an idea of our population. We can restock if needed. We have catfish, bluegill and bass. There are no longer any large grass carp, but IDNR does not recommend having them in ponds.

We welcome you to visit and borrow books from the **Little Free Library on Woodhaven Drive**, shown here with visitors enjoying nice weather browsing the books. You can also donate books here.



**Muskrat update:** 3 muskrats were live-trapped and removed to a different watershed to alleviate the damage they were doing to the shoreline.

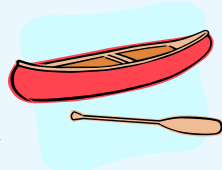
### LOL (Ladies of the Lake) Book Club

The LOL Book Club meets on several times a year, but is taking a summer break. In August we will send out a message with the next book and meeting date. We hope you will join us even if you haven't read the book! It is always a lovely social time.



### Boats, Beaches, Lake Regulations

- Boat owners are encouraged to put their **lot number, name and address** on their boats so that they can be returned if they float away.
- White angular limestone rock should cover your shoreline to the grass line, no black tarp showing, and weeds pulled from the rocks. According to Lake Regulations rock must be between 3-5 inches in size, although 1.5 inch is also acceptable. Mainly it is important that the rock is white limestone of the same color as all the beaches on the lake. Limestone rock can be found at "Vulcan Materials" at 2906 N. Oak St, off of N. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana. Delivery is extra and you will need to hire someone to spread the rock if you do not want to do it yourself.
- The **By-laws** state that anything put into the lake or on the commons area (fish, plants, structures) needs Board approval. No unauthorized shoreline aquatic plants, such as lily pads, may be put in the lake, because they can spread and become invasive.
- Please clean any debris, trash, and dead fish along your shoreline.
- Nothing can block the commons area around the lake shore, no fencing or plantings. Anything blocking the commons makes it difficult to apply water treatments or to stroll around the lake.



Jill Corapi helps bury the oiled goose eggs in the commons area.

### Lake Treatment on our 4.6 acre Lake

We are so grateful to those who help the lake look great!

- Jim Long has twice added **beneficial bacteria** to the lake to reduce the amount of bottom muck which will reduce the lake's nutrient load. He also twice added **Aquashade** blue dye and will monitor the need for more **Aquashade and bacteria** to inhibit photosynthesis in order to deter the growth of pond weeds.
- We are grateful to Jim and Michael Mrozik who apply herbicides **Cutrine Plus** and **Diquat** as needed if they see blooms of algae or weeds. We will alert you by email when they apply it so that you can keep yourselves, children, and pets out of the water for a short time after application. The water is safe to the skin immediately after application, but you would not want to ingest the water or use it to water plants (which would be against our Lake Covenant anyway!).
- Homeowners are reminded not to fertilize close to the lake. At a minimum, keep all fertilizer applications at least ten feet away from the lake shore. Also, do not use fertilizer containing phosphorus because it is a major growth factor for algae. Be sure to use only aquatic-safe herbicides such as **HI-YIELD KILLZALL AQUATIC HERBICIDE** available in concentrated form.
- NEW: Reminder that our Lake Association volunteers will treat the shoreline rocks with aquatic-safe herbicide. We will alert you when that is done.**
- Please minimize the amount of organic matter released into the lake (e.g., grass clippings, leaves). The more nutrients in the lake mean more algae treatments and more work and expense.

**Township Recycling:** Because our lake neighborhood is not in the city of Champaign but Champaign township, it is good to know that we can use the township site on Kearns to recycle yard waste AND electronics! Visit them at 3900 Kearns Dr and check out what they take.

### Celebrate the Summer Solstice on the Lake!

Happy Summer! Summer officially begins June 21. To celebrate the beginning of Summer, we invite EVERYONE to join in our fun with a Solstice Theme

**at the Mansfield's home  
2404 Lakewood  
Wednesday, June 21  
7:30pm to dark**

We invite you to bring summer solstice related treats/snacks such as moon pies, milky way bars, star cookies, heavenly snacks, crescent cookies, *moonshine*, etc. It will be fun to see what you come up with! We hope you'll join us!



Mark your calendars: **End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social**  
Sunday, Sept. 10, 6pm at the Whippo's  
2801 Woodhaven Dr.



Many flavors of ice cream provided. Bring a dessert or snack to share.

Enjoy some pictures over the past year of our beautiful lake. If you have pictures you have taken, we would love you to share them!



12-12-22



1-25-23



1-27-23



March 2023 sunrise



4-4-23 Goosebusters at work oiling eggs in a nest! Even the chair barricade couldn't prevent a determined goose couple from nesting and laying eggs! Multiple people have to protect the egg oiler from irate geese who try to attack and protect the nest.



5-16-23 Mallards are welcome residents on our lake!

We all want to share this beautiful lake setting with our friends. Lake policy states that **you must be home when your friends use the lake**. But you do not have to be with them on or around the lake. Just use the Guest Pass below and have them carry it with them.

### **Twin Lakes Guest Pass**

I \_\_\_\_\_ [homeowner's name]  
am aware that my guests \_\_\_\_\_ [guests' names]  
are using the common areas of the Twin Lakes Association on \_\_\_\_\_ [date].  
For verification purposes, I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ [home telephone number].

Please remind your guests of the Association rules and that they should be prepared to show the above form when asked by any of our home owners.

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