

# 2023 Little Swan Lake Summer Newsletter



## Welcome to the Lake

We are all looking forward to a year of fun and sun at Little Swan Lake. Below is information regarding your board members and their committees. We have many ongoing board discussions that we will discuss in October at our annual Meeting. Have a safe summer on the lake with us!

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July at LSL

We encourage owners who plan to light fireworks off this holiday weekend to share the word on what night they're planning on having a display! It is always an enjoyable experience on the lake to watch! The Facebook page "Little Swan Lake. Love Lake Living" has been a very popular page to catch up on local news around the lake! The Annual Band that puts on a concert will be playing on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm in the No Wake.

### **Out-lot boat parking docks**

The lake board is discussing the purchase of new aluminum docks to place at the 2 outlots where boats park overnight. If you park at one of these outlots we would like to hear your thoughts on an effective process of parking and renting docks to lake members in the future.

### **Boat ramp parking**

We are reminding members to please be courteous of other trucks and trailers in the ramp area and please park trailers in an efficient and polite manner! Please be sure boat trailers are parked at the ramp area rather than at the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is often reserved for other functions and the parking spaces are needed. One or two trailers can take up a lot of parking spots. We realize at times additional trailer parking could be used and we are considering options in the Long Range Planning Committee. Anyone interested in working on the project, please contact a Board Member.

Reminder: All forms, lake rules & regulations, meeting minutes & other important information is available on our website at [www.littleswanlake.net](http://www.littleswanlake.net)

## **2022 Officers and Board Members**

**President - Chrisa Anderson** (309) 696-7148

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**Little Swan Lake Sanitary District** - Bob Breen – 309-335-5971

*Please note the Little Swan Lake Sanitary District is a separate legal entity from the Little Swan Lake Club. Any questions about the water supply should be directed to the Sanitary District Board members.*

All LSL club members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. First Monday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.



## Committees

**Boating - Danny Mahr 309-255-9517; Boat Patrol -Jerome Stenger – 309-256-2580**



### Boat Registration News

Boat stickers are required before boats go in the water. If you operate a boat without a sticker, you will be subject to a \$25 fine. To get a boat sticker, first **PRINT OUT** a Boat Registration Form located on our website at [www.littleswanlake.net](http://www.littleswanlake.net).

1. **COMPLETE THE BOAT FORM.**
2. **MAKE A COPY OF YOUR ILLINOIS BOAT REGISTRATION (REQUIRED FOR ALL MOTORIZED BOATS).**
3. **ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR THE BOAT FEES.**
4. **SEND TO THE LITTLE SWAN LAKE CLUB, PO BOX 341, AVON, IL 61415**

Many boat registration forms that been received but do not have a copy of the current IL State Board Registration Card attached. Very often the reason given is because the boat is still in storage and the State Board card is in the boat. The suggestion is: Whenever you get a new State registration card, make 3 or 4 copies of it before you put the original in your boat and keep the copies in your house. That way you will always have a copy handy to send in to us every year. Another problem people have is that they have applied to the State for a renewal but have not yet received their new card. We realize the State sometimes can take a long time to send out your new card. In that case, you can just send a copy of the receipt you received from the State showing that you have applied for a renewal.

### **NO-WAKE ZONE – Watch Out for the Buoys! SLOW DOWN!**

Please be careful when boating. The no-wake buoys are in place for a reason – they warn boaters to lower their boat speed so there is no wake behind their boat when traveling past the marker buoys. It's very SHALLOW at that end of the lake. PLUS, lots of waves from boats will erode the shoreline over time.



### **NO-WAKE ZONE - Swimming Safety**


The following lake rules apply when swimming off your boat in the no-wake zone past the no-wake buoys. These rules will be strictly enforced with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense. Repeated offenses could lead to the loss of your lake privileges.

1. **YOUR BOAT MUST BE ANCHORED WITH THE MOTOR TURNED OFF.**
2. **BOATS MUST ANCHOR IN THE CENTER OF THE NO WAKE ZONE, NOT IN THE TRAFFIC LANES**
3. **HOURS: SWIMMING IS ALLOWED FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET**
4. **SWIMMERS MUST STAY WITHIN 30 FT. OF THEIR BOAT.**
5. **A RESPONSIBLE PERSON, 18 YEARS OR OLDER, MUST STAY IN OR BE TETHERED TO THE BOAT.**
6. **NO DIVING ALLOWED**

## **Building Alex Batson-309-255-4437**

### **Building Permit Reminder**

LSL has rules concerning any new or improved construction on your property. Be aware. Any building project such as a house, boathouse or storage shed, dock, boat lift, deck, garage, home addition, etc. requires a permit and approval by the LSL Building Committee. Building forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.littleswanlake.net](http://www.littleswanlake.net).

 **Storage Sheds** - The storage shed rules have been updated to accommodate a larger size shed. The new changes are: a storage shed can now be a maximum of 196 square feet with wall sides not to exceed 8 feet and the peak not to exceed 11 feet. If the lot owner wishes a larger shed, the structure will need to follow the permanent garage rules which include a foundation.

### **Solar Panel Guidelines**

While there is no fee for the installation of solar panels on any property, the same process of applying for a building permit is required before installation can begin. Only flush mounted roof panels are to be used and the panels must match the existing roofing material. Ground mounted panels systems area prohibited from use.

## **Clubhouse Rental - Chrisa Anderson - (309) 696-7148 – [chrisa@avonillinoiscpa.com](mailto:chrisa@avonillinoiscpa.com)**

### **Renting the LSL Clubhouse**

Cost is \$50. Only LSL Club members can reserve the clubhouse for an event. The reservation form as well as a list of rules for using the clubhouse is available online. See [www.littleswanlake.net](http://www.littleswanlake.net) and [Rules of Use for LSL Clubhouse](#).

**Fishing - Tom Unruh** - 309-945-5658

**Kevin Curless** - 309-251-7869

**Bob Andersen** - 309-648-0469

 **2023 LSL Fishing Regulations**

Welcome! Please read and obey all size and creel limits. Current boat sticker and fishing license are required.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Limit</b>
<b>Bass</b>	<b>10"-15"</b>	<b>Catch and Release</b>
<b>Bass</b>	<b>Over 15"</b>	<b>Catch and Release</b>
<b>Catfish</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>6 per day</b>
<b>Bluegill/Sunfish</b>	<b>Under 8"</b>	<b>25 per day</b>
<b>Bluegill/Sunfish</b>	<b>8" and over</b>	<b>5 per day</b>
<b>Crappie</b>	<b>Under 10"</b>	<b>No limit</b>
<b>Crappie</b>	<b>10" and over</b>	<b>No limit</b>
<b>Walleye</b>	<b>15" or larger</b>	<b>3 per day</b>
<b>Northern Pike/Muskie</b>	<b>Catch and Release</b>	
<i>please dispose of any Carp or Green sunfish (rock bass) caught. *Please do not put them back in the lake.</i>		

**Lake Level/Dam** - **Joe Russell** -- 309-465-3033; **Bob Andersen** - 309-775-9008; 217-649-1304

**Lake Operations** – **Jerome Stenger** – 309-256-2580; **Chad Lopez** - 309-648-0468

 **Keep our Lake Area Clean**

Please watch out for loose items or trash on the road. As we all know, the wind can be fierce out here! Garbage cans that tip over or get pushed into the road or ditch can attract unwanted animals. Help retrieve neighbor's trash can if it blows over. If you see pieces of trash, empty bottles, cans etc. when you are on your walk or bike ride, please pick it up & dispose of it or recycle it.


***Thanks for keeping Little Swan Lake areas clean.***

**Long Range Planning - Chrisa Anderson** (309) 696-7148; **Bob Andersen** - 309-775-9008; 217-649-1304.

**Mowing - Kevin Curless** - 309-251-7869

**Publicity – Spencer Cooper** – 309-255-2566

**Roads – James Carnes** - 309-368-0518

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**Send in Your Photos for the LSL Website** - Bob Andersen at [r-andersen@wiu.edu](mailto:r-andersen@wiu.edu)

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### **\$\$ Membership Fees**

All LSL Membership Fees, including \$150 Membership Fee plus \$35 per lot Maintenance Fee were due by March 1, 2022. If fees are delinquent, late fees will be charged starting May 1, 2022.

## **Ladies of the Lake Club News**



### **Ladies of the Lake**

The Ladies of the Lake is a group of women who occasionally get together, for a brown bag luncheon, the second Wednesday of the month. All LSL women, and their guests, are invited to attend and this is a great way to meet the Little Swan Lake community. We meet at the LSL Clubhouse for lunch and sometimes have a program. In addition, we have an annual Christmas luncheon held at a different location. The memorial garden, by the clubhouse, is a project we maintain to honor those who helped build this community we call Little Swan Lake. If you are interested in attending please contact Patty Anderson at [andpatti@gmail.com](mailto:andpatti@gmail.com) or Kay McKinley at [kayfnp@grics.net](mailto:kayfnp@grics.net) for more information.

**Little Swan Lake Sanitary District** - **Bob Breen** – 309-335-5971



### **Water News**

The annual EPA Consumer Confidence Report for the water quality is posted on the LSL website under the Sanitary District pages. Both wells are operating as expected and we continue to look for long term alternate water sources. The Board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM located at the clubhouse and the public is always welcome.

## Little Swan Lake Fishing News 2023

Fishing is GREAT at Little Swan Lake!  
Please help us keep it that way.



In May 2023 a fish survey was completed by Austin Bennett  
– Fisheries Biologist with Herman Brothers Fisheries, Inc.

Species of fish from most to least: Gizzard shad 6-8" long  
introduced 8-12 yrs ago; Bluegill; Black & White Crappie 6-  
8.5"; Largemouth Bass 3-5 lb.; Catfish; Walleye; Carp.

Some facts & recommendations...

∞ Crappie population is mostly older fish. The large fish  
compete with young bass & young crappie for food. So we  
can help by...  
REMOVING ALL CRAPPIE FOR THE NEXT 3 YRS.!

∞ Bass numbers are low with bass under 10" + too skinny.  
So we can help by ...ALL OF US USING CATCH & RELEASE  
FOR ALL BASS FOR THE NEXT 3 YRS. TAKE A PICTURE &  
THROW IT BACK! LSL WILL STOCK MORE BASS FOR NEXT 3  
YRS. TO HELP INCREASE POPULATION FOR THE FUTURE!

∞ Bluegill population is declining as gizzard shad  
population growing because of competition for food.

∞ Catfish young growing quickly to very large.

∞ Walleye not thriving partly caused by spillway  
situation – young fish get sucked out.

∞ Carp are very large – population is lower but need  
to keep in check + harvest some of the biggest.

Suggestion: Construct some fishing reefs in 10-15 ft. of water  
around shore to help create fish habitat.

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of the BEST IN ILLINOIS!

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