

# June 2021 Little Swan Lake Newsletter



## Welcome to the Lake

After the year we've had with the COVID situation, we hope everyone can get out and start seeing friends, family and neighbors again. There have been some new homes built plus some older homes are getting additions or a facelift. Please say "Hi" to any new neighbors and welcome them to the lake!

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



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\*In 1963, Ralph Wilkins was in the hospital with a broken leg and visualized a lake on his mother's farm where families could enjoy outdoor living all year long. So, in 1964, a feasibility study was made, soil samples were taken, and when 22 natural springs were found, that dream for a family recreational area started to become a reality.

\*The first lot at Little Swan Lake was sold on April 1, 1967.

\*The Little Swan Board was organized in **2002** and continues to oversee management of the lake.

Little Swan Lake Clerk - Barb Dunlap -309-465-6734

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All LSL club members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. First Monday of the month, 7:00 pm. We appreciate your support



## Committees

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## 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**



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### **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 are prohibited from use.

## **Clubhouse Rental - Chrisa Anderson - (309)**

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\*The Little Swan Lake Pavilion was constructed in 1987 and an addition added in 1989.



### **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 [tunruh116@gmail.com](mailto:tunruh116@gmail.com); Kevin Curless - 309-251-7869**

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### **LSL Fishing Regulations**

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>6 per day</b>
<b>Bass</b>	<b>Over 15"</b>	<b>1 per day</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>5 per day</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>Any Carp or Green sunfish (rock bass) caught, please dispose of them. *Please do not put them back in the lake.</i>		

## **Lake Level/Dam - Joe Russell -- 309-465-3033**

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\*The dam was completed and roads were being constructed in 1967,

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### **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.***

### **Garbage Collection Companies:**

Waste Management - 800-796-9696

Wigland Disposal Co. (PDC/Area Companies) (Peoria) 800-260-3033, 309-681-3364, or [customerservice@pdcare.com](mailto:customerservice@pdcare.com)

**Long Range Planning - Chrisa Anderson** (309) 696-7148 – [chrisa@avonillinoiscpa.com](mailto:chrisa@avonillinoiscpa.com); **Sheila Melton** - 630-639-7763; 309-975-1001 [skmelton@mail.com](mailto:skmelton@mail.com); ; **Bob Andersen** - 309-775-9008; 217-649-1304  
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\*In the Basic Data dated January 1, 1967, members could be any male person twenty-one years or older, and any unmarried woman twenty-one years or older, could be eligible for resident membership, providing he or she owned a lot on Little Swan Lake.

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**Devin Wagy and Will Zimmerman co-chairs; Russ Dahms, Gilbert Heneffent, Bryan Hartman, Al Henning, Greg Landon, and Dan & Tina Atherton**

** Webmaster - Bob Andersen - Webmaster for LSL**

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\*The concrete highway from Avon was completed in 1973

**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, 2021. If fees are delinquent, late fees will be charged starting May 1, 2021.

\*In 1971, the dues were \$35.00 for each lot. Our dues are used to maintain roads, the Clubhouse, and the out lots.

**Sanitary District Contact - Pat McKinley - 309-696-4624 -**

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### **Water News**

Everything is going well with our water system. However, if you are going to be gone from your residence for any length of time, please have someone check your house to make sure you have no water line breaks in your house.



## Ladies of the Lake Club News



### Garden Volunteers Needed

We want invite lake members to join us once a month to weed & prune the garden to keep it looking nice. Thanks to the guidance of Tom & Mary Ingrasias, we get'er done right! If you want to help, email [LSLClerk@hotmail.com](mailto:LSLClerk@hotmail.com).



### Ladies of the Lake

Because of the COVID situation, the Ladies of the Lake are not currently meeting. However, we hope to start our activities again soon. The Ladies of the Lake is a group of women who get together the first Wednesday of every month. All LSL women are invited. In the past, we met at noon at the LSL Clubhouse for lunch- sometimes there's a short program. Twice a year we would go out to lunch. When the COVID situation is better, we hope to start meeting again.

\*The Ladies of the Lake were organized in 1984 by Kate Weghorst, Lee Theinert, Dottie Chick and Bertha Cook. Initially they met and visited local places of interest such as the Carthage Teddy Bear Museum, Roseville tea Room, Bishop Hill and Macomb Pottery.

**\*All the Trivia information has been taken from the book History of Little Swan Lake, compiled by Judith K. Jones. A copy of this book is in the Avon Public Library.**

