

Springfield Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

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JANUARY 2016 Newsletter

What's Happening on the Lake

January 20	Wednesday	SLSIA Annual Board Meeting –Firefighters/Postal Club 6pm with Lake Informational Fair 7-8:30 pm - <i>All members are encouraged to attend</i>
May 7	Saturday	Lake Clean-up, 10-12pm from Motor Boat Club
May 27	Friday	Lake Homeowners & Clubs Golf, Lincoln Greens
June 26	Sunday	Family Barbeque – 40 Bay Ridge
Sept. 17	Saturday	Waterfront Dinner with Reservations

Springfield Lake Improvement Association 2016 Annual Board meeting



**Wednesday, January 20
6 - 6:45pm Lake Association Meeting**

**7 - 8:30pm Leaseholder's Informational Fair
Firefighters/Postal Club, 940 West Lake Drive**

Free food, Prizes, 50/50 Drawing, Cash Bar, New Lake Maps and Calendar of Events
Discount Coupons for Boat Show, Meet your Alderman, Sign up kids for boat classes,
Talk to experts about fishing, deer, lake water quality, landscaping, floodplains,
shoreline repair, tree and yard care, sewer options, dredging, boat lifts, police watch
and much, much more!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January 1, 2016

Dear Leaseholders,

PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING & FAIR AND BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS! WIN PRIZES! EAT FREE!

The Annual SLSIA (Lake Association) Meeting will be held Wednesday evening, January 20, 2016 at the Firefighter's Postal Lake Club at 6pm. We will have a short business meeting and election of the board. The meeting will end promptly at 6:45pm. Chili and Soup will be provided by the SLSIA board and a cash bar will be open for all attendees during the evening.

An informational fair will begin at 7pm in the same room. The Alderman, the SLSIA membership committee, and various organizations, businesses, and programs that are lake-related will have booths to answer your questions and offer sign up for activities for 2016. Attendees will receive a map of the booths at the door. A map will also be posted on the wall at the entrance. If you would like to ask questions about the sewer program, lake water, shoreline, docks, boating, fishing tournaments or wildlife, this is your opportunity to get accurate information.

Please help me encourage your leaseholder neighbors to attend this first time event! You must be present to win door prizes or raffle. This will be a fun experience for new and old leaseholders and their families!

NEW LAKE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE WILL BE READY SOON!

The SLSIA website (lakespringfield.org) is being updated this year and you will soon have an opportunity to renew your \$25 association membership online. When you sign up on the website your email information will go into an online directory of paid members. You will receive a password to access member-only information on the website and view any of the newsletters whenever you want. The Informational Fair will have a booth to answer all your questions about the website and membership advantages.

LAKE ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

This past year the Association volunteers coordinated a Wine Tasting Party in February (thank you, Valerie Nester), Lake Clean Up (thank you Larry Michaud) and a Golf Outing in May (thank you, Bud Saputo), Family Day Picnic in June (thank you Aaron Evans and Justin Tintori), Beach House Barbecue in August (thank you Teri Holland), and Dinner on the Waterfront in September (thank you Dawn Keiser and Valerie Nester). Throughout the year we promoted educational programs about the lake water quality, lawn and garden care, tree diseases, and neighborhood and boat safety. If YOU want to be involved in the association we would appreciate your participation and welcome YOUR ideas to improve our lake community!

Every year the Lake Association provides a calendar of events and delivers a directory to all lake homes. This year, the directory added a membership application, important contact information specifically for homeowners, an updated calendar of events, board and committee contact information, member bylaws and a directory of leaseholder neighbors. Please use the membership application in the directory if you prefer to mail in your membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeannie Capranica for her outstanding work on the monthly newsletters. Courtney Ostrowski began the newsletters in this new format and Jeannie took over the responsibility in 2015 and organized the leaseholder photo contest while Courtney took off time to run her family business with husband Scott, remodel her home, and give birth to a beautiful daughter!

Another valuable and gifted board member I owe a huge thank you is Larry Michaud. Larry is the person who does all the work on the calendar of events every year. He also is the yearly chair of the Lake Clean Up Committee. When we needed a great location for the Family Day Picnic, Loretta and Larry graciously hosted the event at their lighthouse property. When I needed help to approach the mayor and city officials regarding CWLP changing the new lake leases, lake maintenance, and other leaseholder concerns, Larry offered his services! Seems he was on the committee back in 2007 that worked out a lake lease formula with the city. His knowledge and fiscal expertise was very valuable and appreciated. As 2015 President, I began attending the Council of Clubs meetings and found Larry promoting a positive Association relationship with the clubs!

Past President, Garrett Deakin was also instrumental in obtaining a fair lake lease formula in 2007 and came out of retirement to help and support me with 2015 meetings with city attorneys, CWLP officials, and the Mayor on securing a 50 year lease rate for new leases. These 2 respected individuals, plus Peter Murphy, Aaron Evans and Alderman Redpath comprised the committee to help convey leaseholder concerns for 2015. I cannot thank them enough for their expertise and support!

Teri Holland who works for EPA on water quality, continues as our Association secretary and took over the Sherel Nutt Scholarship program this past year. She is also an active member in the Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee. This group of concerned volunteers is involved in developing a new watershed resource plan and finding the best management practices for our lake's watershed! As a new member this year, I was amazed at their dedication for the improvement of Lake Springfield's water quality.

There were many others that volunteered their time and expertise for this lake community and I am so grateful to them. Bob Sayre, Officer Tami Walcher, Michelle Nicol, Dan Brill, Dan Stephenson Greg Kelso, Scott Harmon, Peter Berrini, Jeff Boeckler, David Robson and so many other professionals offered their assistance to the association all year long!

We are so blessed with kind and talented people that work together to make Lake Springfield a great place to live.

Happy New Year, Lin Vautrain

News from our Neighbors on the Lake

We had a freak occurrence and thought it might be worth passing on. Our bubbler stopped working and we may not have noticed for a day or so. When we went to check the cord was so hot it had almost melted. The problem was a turtle. Somehow he had gotten into the bubbler and prevented it from doing it's thing. Apparently kept trying until it burnt out. We think putting some type of wire cage around it might prevent future problems. Not sure it could have started a fire but made us grateful we caught it. Just something to keep in mind. Alice Steljes, 14 Island View Lane

The Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee to Receive an Award at the Illinois Lake Management Association Conference in Springfield.

The Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee (LSWRPC) will be receiving the Dick Hilton Watershed Award March 1st during the Illinois Lake Management Association's Annual Banquet. This award recognizes efforts of individuals, businesses, organizations or communities for making significant contributions to stewardship of a watershed within the State of Illinois. The award's name is derived from the first recipient of the award, Dick Hilton.

A volunteer organization, the Lake Springfield Watershed Resource Planning Committee (LSWRPC) meets regularly to discuss and implement strategies for reducing sediment and chemical runoff to the lake. This diverse group of farmers, resource professionals, utility representatives, chemical and fertilizer dealers, farm managers, and other individuals concerned about the preservation of Lake Springfield and its watershed always welcomes fresh faces with new ideas focused on enhancing the resources. This group has written legislation, sponsored research, and made recommendations to resource agencies to implement strategies aimed at maintaining and improving the quality of Lake Springfield. The LSWRPC and the City of Springfield conducted an intensive five-year study assessing BMP effectiveness, and from that study provided incentive payments for landowners to install filter strips through the CRP program. Currently, the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices is coordinating a Lake Springfield Watershed Special Program with local agriculture retailers, Springfield City Water, Light, and Power, SCSWCD and Lincoln Land Community College to achieve a sustained reduction in nitrate loading from agricultural non-point sources into Lake Springfield through promotion and voluntary adoption of nitrogen management systems and scientific initiatives. Agriculture retailers will work with Lake Watershed producers/landowners to manage nutrients as a "Nitrogen Management System". Producers can enroll in the N-WATCH Program to inventory residual soil plant-available nitrogen, and can also enroll in the Lake Springfield Cover Crop Program.

The Photo Contest Committee would like to thank everyone for their photos submitted. It was wonderful to see how everyone was able to capture the small and unique things that happen around the lake which is why, *We Love Living On The Lake*. So keep the photos coming in for upcoming newsletters.



Lake Manager's Corner By Michelle Nichol

Many of you who live on Lake Springfield don't give much thought to it during the winter months. Sure you look out your windows and see that the water is frozen into place and basically "stagnant". Unfortunately, during Christmas break we all encountered quite a different kind of lake. Between December 24th through December 29th we received over 4 inches of rain and 9,253 million gallons of water was discharged from Spaulding Dam.

Docks easily can break loose during times of extreme water fluctuation, becoming a hazard to navigation and damaging other people's property. Please make sure that your dock is properly maintained and inspected periodically. There are a few things you can do to prepare your dock for a flood:

- Place solar-powered lights on your dock to make it visible at night.
- Conduct routine maintenance and inspect the dock's structure for cracks, etc.
- Make sure the dock's floatation foam is encased.
- Keep the dock free of loose items that could be swept away.
- Make sure your boat is properly secured to the dock or lift so it will not float away.
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Please call Lake Security if you ever need emergency assistance at (217) 757-8600.



Photo Submitted by Anna Pearson



Photos submitted by Timothy Nicoud, Jr.



Note from the Editor: We are very fortunate and excited to have many photo submitted this month. Photos will be used in various newsletters and will be placed at random. Photo contest winner will be announced on September 17 at the Waterfront Dinner.



7th Annual Lake Council Chili Challenge

Doors open @ 12pm

\$3.00 at the Door

Tasting at 2pm

Jan. 10, 2016 East Regional- Elks Club

Jan. 31, 2016 South Regional- TRN Club

Feb. 21, 2016 West Regional- Motor Boat Club

Mar. 6, 2016 **Finals**- Ski and Boat Club

***Donations are made to Springfield Cares -Soldier
Mailing Charity. Support your Lake Clubs!***



Public Welcome

***Categories include: Judges Choice, Popular Vote (Chicago Style) &
Best Theme***

Interested in submitting an article for the newsletter?

Please send your submissions to newsletter@lakespringfield.org by the 10th of each month!
Submissions received after the 10th will be considered for the next month's letter. Thank you!

LIVE COMEDY at Lake Springfield Prop Club

EUGENE TORRES

DR. GONZO



Seen On:

FOX



Jan. 22

\$10 at Door



Food: 6pm - 7:30pm

Raffle Drawing: 8pm

Comedy Show: 8:05pm

264 Maple Grove, Springfield

Volunteer Opportunities



Your American Red Cross needs you! There are many exciting volunteer opportunities with the Illinois Capital Area Chapter.

As a volunteer you could do any the following:

- Respond to local and national disasters.
- Staff Blood Pressure Clinics, First Aid stations and Health Fair Booths.
- Educate community members in Disaster Preparedness & Safety
- Work to help members of the armed forces and their families
- Participate in special/fundraising events.
- Volunteer in Public Affairs and communicate the Red Cross message

Apply now at Volunteer Connection - All volunteer orientations occur on the second Thursday of each month. https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=intake&entry_point_id=1002&unit_id=203&logout=1

The American Red Cross also offers ways for college students to get involved, such as through [internship opportunities](#). You can make a difference while gaining valuable resume experience. Please call 217-787-7602 to learn more.



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The Center for Economic Progress - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Volunteer position description: In the education world “teachable moments” exist when people seek out information they need to cope with a situation in their life, make an important decision, or complete a necessary task. Similarly, in the tax world, the tax refund can be leveraged as a “savable moment” where extra money becomes available to save for short- and long-term goals. At each tax site, the Savings Coach will leverage this “savable moment” and connect each CEP tax client to an array of high-quality products and services that enable them to safely and effectively save, manage, and plan. See this link for details:

http://volunteer.springfieldunitedway.org/need/detail/?need_id=153126

Other Opportunities to help with United Way can be found at: <http://volunteer.springfieldunitedway.org/need/>

NOTE: Please check the [SLSIA Facebook page](#) and the [SLSIA website](#) for updates

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2016 LAKE SPRINGFIELD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY

- 7 Sat Lake Clean-Up, 10-12, from Motor Boat Club
 7 Sat Press Club - Kentucky Derby Party – Noon on >
 8 Sun TRN Club – Mother’s Day Brunch
 14 Sat Anchor Club – Cancer Fund Raiser
 21 Sat Ski & Boat Club-Season Opener Party / Ball Tourn.
 27 Fri Lake Homeowners & Clubs Golf, Lincoln Greens
 28 Sat TRN Club – TRN Memorial Weekend Celebration
 29 Sun Prop Club – Burger Bash
 30 Mon DAV Club – Memorial Day Ceremonies – 5p.m.>

JUNE

- 4 Sat Blue Ridge Club – Party at the Blue Ridge Club
 4 Sat LLPS’ Free Boat Checks – Lindsay Bridge 9am-4pm
 10 Fri Aqua Sports Club – Pre-Aquafest Party
 11 Sat Aqua Sports Club – Aquafest
 18 Sat Firefighters / Postal Club – Chicken Fry
 19 Sun TRN Club – Father’s Day Brunch
 24 Fri Marina Fireworks
 24 -26 Ski & Boat Club – Mid-Season Ball Tournament
 25 Sat TRN Club – Chicken Fry

JULY

- 2 Sat Sangamo Surf Club – Independence Party
 3 Sun North end lake clubs Fireworks (rain date on 4th)
 9 Sat Prop Club – Mid-Summer Blast
 15-17 Anchor - Spooner Softball Tournament (3 days)
 16 Sat Lake Press Club – Bacon By The Lake
 23 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summerbash
 30 Sat Lake Press Club – Summerfest

AUGUST

- 5 Fri DAV Club – Hog Roast / Duck Derby
 6 Sat Anchor Boat Club – Chicken Fry
 13 Sat Sangamo Surf Club – Annual Fish Fry
 20 Sat Blue Ridge Club – Party On Our Patio
 26-28 Prop Club – Softball Tournament (3 days)
 26 Fri Lake K of C – Pre-Hog Roast Party
 27 Sat Lake K of C – Hog Roast Party
 28 Sun Ski & Boat Club – Bloody Mary Challenge

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Sat Elks Club – Freedom Fest
 4 Sun Firefighters / Postal Club – Labor Day Party
 10 Sat Press Club – Shrimp Boil
 17 Sat Anchor Boat Club – Ribfest
 24 Sat DAV Club – Fall Festival

OCTOBER

- 8 Sat Ski & Boat Club – Kickball Tournament
 15 Sat Lake Press Club – Oktoberfest
 22 Sat TRN Club – Halloween Party

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (fire / police / medical) 911
BOATING / LAKE INCIDENTS 757-8600

SECURITY / ASSISTANCE CONTACTS

Lake Police Officer’s phone # 788-8325
 -Springfield Police (Non - Emergency) 788-8311
 -Beat 500 Neighborhood Police 741-0988
 -Beat 500 e-mail: Tamara.Walcher@cwlp.com
 Sangamon Co. Police (Non-Emergency) 753-6666
 Lake Security 757-8600
 SUSART (*Call if it’s lost in the lake*) 529-5191
 Springfield Fire Dept.(Non-Emergency) 788-8444
 Land of Lincoln Power Squadron-LLPS 494-8455
Free LLPS Boating Classes 494-8455

BOAT LICENSING

Lindsay Bridge 786-4075
 Lake Springfield Marina 483-3625

OTHER

Bridgeview Park 483-5012
 Henson Robinson Zoo 585-1821
 Lake Springfield Beach House 786-4032
 Lincoln Greens Golf Course 786-4111
 Lincoln Memorial Garden 529-1111
 Sprfld. Muni Opera (tickets 793-6864) 753-3519

LAKE CLUBS

Anchor Boat www.anchorboatclub.com 529-1174
 Aqua Sports Club 529-2431
 Blue Ridge Club 529-1431
 DAV Club 529-9725
 Elks Club www.elks158.org 529-0158
 K of C # 4179 www.kc4179.com 483-3013
 Lake Press Club 529-1221
 Firefighters/Postal Club 529-0755
 Prop Club 529-4901
 Sangamo Surf Club 529-1712
 Sprfld. Motor Boat www.smbcweb.com 529-1511
 Springfield Ski & Boat Club 529-9090
 TRN Club www.trnclub.org 483-9994

CWLP CONTACTS

Lake Services Supervisor: Mike Nutt 786-4086
 Property Manager: Steve Frank 757-8660X1026

SLSIA (lake leaseholders) EVENTS

Jun 26 Sun 40 Bay Ridge – Family Barbeque
 Sep 17 Sat TBA–Waterfront Dining-w/reservation

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(Note: SLSIA lake lease holders may join their association on-line.)

LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Social Events Chair	Valerie Nester valerienester@yahoo.com	691-5981
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Beach House Barbecue	Lin Vautrain linvautrain@gmail.com	899-3611
Dinner on the Waterfront	Valerie Nester valerienester@yahoo.com	691-5981

Get Involved—Join a Committee!

Lake Homeowners: The SLSIA board represents your concerns on Lake Springfield. Please consider joining a committee to work on issues that interest you. If you would like to attend meetings, or have questions, please contact the chairperson listed below:

Your 2015-2016 Executive Board Members are:

Lin Vautrain – President president@lakespringfield.org

Aaron Evans – Vice President

Cheri Sloat – Treasurer treasurer@lakespringfield.org

Teri Holland – Secretary

Jeff Cozzens – Executive Board Member

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Chuck Redpath, Alderman Ward 1 –381-3206 bigdukesix10@gmail.com

Ted Meckes, CWLP Water Division Manager-- 789-2116, x2624 ted.meckes@cwlp.com

Beach House & Park Rentals, Lake Leases—Jean Reno 757-8660 ext. 1011 jean.reno@cwlp.com

Boat Towing/Lake Incidents/Chemical Spills-- 757-8600 (non-emergency) 911 (emergency)

Boating Stickers/ Safety Classes – Bob Sayre 757-8600 ext 1003 bob.sayre@cwlp.com

Boating Safety Instructors—494-8455 Land of Lincoln Power Squadron, Scott Harmon, Greg Kelso

Digging in the Yard -- Julie, [1-800-892-0123](tel:1-800-892-0123)

Flood Issues—Todd LaFountain 757-8630 ext. 1702

Lake Common Areas/ Wildlife issues—Steve Frank, 757-8660 ext. 1026 steve.frank@cwlp.com

Lake Lease/Property Lines – Steve Frank 757-8660 ext.1026

Lake Manager (water quality, fishing) -- Michelle Nicol, 757-8660 ext.1025

Lake Police --Tamara Walcher 788-8311 Emergency cell 741-0988 tamara.walcher@cwlp.com

Lake Recovery of property SUSART -- Jim Hoover, 529-5191

Lake Security, Buoys -- Bob Sayre, 757-8660 ext. 1003

Lake Springfield Marina --- 483-3625

Lake Weather Station—Land of Lincoln Power Squadron, Greg Kelso 494-8455 gckelso@hotmail.com

New Installation of City Sewers on Lake—Gregg Humphrey, Spfd Metro Sanitary District, [528-0491](tel:528-0491)

Potholes/Roads/Culverts -- Terry Fairclough, 757-8660 ext.1021

Power lines Electric Dispatch—789-2121

Rip Rap/ Shoreline/Sewers-- Dan Brill, 757-8660 ext. 1024

Springfield Fire Department (Non-Emergency)—788-8444

Sangamon County Sheriff Dept. (Non-Emergency) – 753-6666

Tree Limb Pickup Lake Services – Mike Nutt, 786-4077

Trees—Dan Brill, 757-8660 ext. 1024

Watershed/Runoff/Erosion—Steve Frank 757-8660 ext. 1026

Zoning—789-2171

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The businesses listed below are active supporters of the Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association

Ashley Coker, Realtor	The Real Estate Group	217-622-7235
Becky Hendricks, Realtor	The Real Estate Group	217-725-8455
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Coe Equipment, Inc.	Industrial Sewer Cleaning Equipment	217-498-7200
Connor Co.	Plumbing & Heating	217-725-0841 217-544-9612
Battery Specialists	Specialties & Golf Carts	866-275-2742
East Side Marine, Inc.	Boat Sales, Motors, Service, Parts & Accessories	217-522-2408
GH Marine	Docks, Accessories, Lifts, Rip-Rap, Shorelines	217-423-6684 800-425-8665
George Alarm Company	We are dedicated to protecting you!	217-525-1334
Illinois Builders and Contractors, Inc.	Insurance Reconstruction, Kitchens, Baths, Custom, Siding, Flooring, Decks	217-585-9490
JLS Marine, Inc.	Docks, Lifts, Canopies, Swim Rafts, Staircases, Accessories	217-341-1730
Kulavic's	Auto Body & Boat Gel Repair	217-793-9777
Bob Gordon Lake Springfield Marina	Sales, Service, Storage & Rental	217-483-3625
Nicoud Insurance Services	Full Service Insurance Agency	217-547-2028
Rexx Battery Contact	Batteries of All Kinds	217-535-4096
Pool Center	Pools, Spas, Supplies, Service, Repairs	217-698-7665
Tintori Power Washing	Hot Water Steam Cleaning	217-638-9274
The Boat Dock	Whatever Floats Your Boat	217-793-7300
The Touchless Cover	Touchless Boat Covers	217-652-0020

If you would like to be a sponsor of SLSIA, please visit <http://lakespringfield.org/supporter.html> for more information

NOTE: This monthly newsletter is only sent to leaseholders that have paid their \$25 annual association fee and have requested they be sent a monthly newsletter. Not ALL leaseholders receive this newsletter. Therefore, if our landlord (CWLP) needs to get info to leaseholders that are of great importance, this is not "THE" source to rely on for total coverage to all leaseholders on Lake Springfield. Having said that, it does reach over 400 households, clubs and businesses on Lake Springfield and is a good source of information.