Memorial Day

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." ~ John F. Kennedy

Celebrate Our Freedom!
Manager’s Report
by Mike Davison
Capital improvement projects, which were approved by the Board of Directors in the 2014 Budget, consisted of those scheduled in the 2009 Reserve Study report and others that were set forth based on more recent needs. Our hope was to complete major projects prior to the summer busy season. However, given the severity of last spring’s flooding and the vindictiveness of this winter, Mother Nature’s disposition will likely have a definitive influence on that goal.

Parking lot restoration was a principal theme in this year’s capital budget. The lot at Brentwood Park, which serves the pool and the tennis courts at Brentwood Park, was scheduled to be overlaid in 2010. That project was delayed in favor of adding additional parking at the North Boat Launch (NBL). The work was subsequently rescheduled for this year. Funding has also been made available to repair cracks, sealcoat, and stripe the main lots and office area.

As those of you who use the North Boat Launch on a regular basis are aware, parking continues to be at premium on weekends and holidays, despite the recent lot extension to the north. Our hope was to alleviate some of the chaos and congestion by adding additional car parking to the south of the marina gas pumps, and by expanding the area for boat trailer parking to the west of the center of the aforementioned north addition. Once the south additions are in place and the structures are painted, strict adherence to parking guidelines will be enforced. Also, funding has been allocated for relocating, upgrading and refurbishing the parking lot lighting for this lot. If there are surplus monies available upon completion of the NBL portion, we will move forward with upgrades to the Lakeview and Windemere Park lots. Additional capital improvement projects include: renovating the tennis courts at Brentwood Park, replacing shelters at Lakeview Park, and maintenance equipment upgrades. As a bit of background, the tennis courts were scheduled to be renovated in 2006. Prior to that time, due to an increase in 2011, the Association’s reserves were underfunded, and this project was continually put on hold to address more pressing issues. As you may know, the courts are in an unacceptable state of disrepair and have reached the point of either being removed or resurfaced. The Board opted for resurfacing. The budget for this project was specified by the Reserve engineers to address both the surface and fencing. Once bids are let, we will have a better idea if both can be accomplished.

The smaller shelters in Lakeview Park, adjacent to the seawall, were constructed over thirty years ago by volunteers. The support posts are beginning to rot below ground and are weakening the structure. We plan to replace these shelters with a more attractive design this spring, using in-house staff—again weather permitting.

A list of noteworthy issues the Board will be confronting when it reconvenes in March, and will continue to focus on at ensuing meetings, is the number of watercraft being registered, the size of the watercraft using the lake, and the rules regarding safe and respectful watercraft operation especially on weekends and after sun-down.

Please look for a solicitation for information from the Board of Directors, to be found elsewhere in this issue of the Communicator. Your thoughts on the issues presented would be greatly appreciated.

President’s Message
By Doug Williams
I hope everyone was able to endure the winter this year. It sure was a long one! Spring will be here before we know it. As the days get longer, the weather will get warmer. Before you know it we will be congregating at Oak Run, participating in the various activities we enjoy: boating, fishing, mushroom hunting, tennis, swimming, golfing, or any of the other activities we enjoy as Oak Run members. The various committees have lined up for you this year.

For those of you new to Oak Run, I welcome you and hope this issue of the Communicator provides you with some guidance as you become acquainted with Oak Run. Please be sure to refer to the official covenants and restrictions that pertain to your property. To our established residents, I want to thank you for all of your support and effort in abiding by the Rules and By-laws in place to keep Oak Run a beautiful and peaceful place to live.

This is the year to get involved at Oak Run. There are plenty of activities and events planned by the numerous committees we have at Oak Run. We want Oak Run to be a fun place to be, so get involved and you will also get to know more people. Check our online community calendar via the website for all planned future activities.

There have been many changes this off-season. The Watering Hole restaurant is now under the management of the Oak Run Golf Course. Stop in and say “Hi” to Andrew Keener, our restaurant manager. He is a valued addition to Oak Run. He has extensive knowledge pertaining to the restaurant business and we are excited to have him on board with us.

We also have plans to explore a new location for and restaurant in the very near future. Stay tuned and look for concepts for you to see what the new facility will look like.

Free feel to contact any of the board members with questions or concerns you may have. Check the website on a frequent basis at www.oakrunpoa.com to keep informed of the important information and dates you may need.

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There are a few ways that you can contact us. First, come over to our meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. at the POA office. Second, hang around the Watering Hole, the golf course, or the beaches. All of us live out here at Oak Run and can be located pretty easily. Third, swing by “Doc’s Dock” any Sunday afternoon. You’ll need to bring your own pop, but don’t be surprised if I offer you a beer.

And Wiederschen

Doc Joe

P.S. Bragging Rights: Robin and I are very proud to announce that our grandson, Nate Kunzer, has been accepted to the University of Illinois for their Nuclear Engineering program this fall.

OUR TWO BEST ASSETS HERE AT OAK RUN ARE OBVIOUSLY THE GOLF COURSE AND THE LAKE. AND WHILE THE GROUNDS CREW DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THEIR PART AT THE COURSE, WE ALL NEED TO HELP WITH THE LAKE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

As soon as the lake is clear of ice, there will be many social gatherings taking place, which means an influx of guests here on our roadways and on our water. Unfortunately, there are always a few of those “outsiders” who have no regard for our corner of the world. So, if you’re starting to go on those spring hikes, carry a plastic trash bag and help out by picking up any carelessly tossed debris.

Another way to help the lake is to check your chlorine dispenser if you have a septic system. A final purification of that waste water before it enters our waterway is certainly appreciated.

In 2004, we approved our 550th Oak Run residence. This year, we should be approving number 700! To keep up with such growth, our AEC Committee works very tirelessly to pick through all permit applications. There may be some seemingly too detailed requirements, but the end result is the beauty of our community.

Returning this year to our Committee will be Dave Anderson, Carl Clang, Mike French, Ron Schild, Larry Wood, and myself. Judd Glow will be this year’s Board liaison for our Committee. (New members needed.)

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by Ryan McNeeley

I hope by the time you receive this issue of the Communicator, that this long, cold, and wet winter has released its grip, and we are enjoying some nice spring weather. Although the weather this last winter has not been good, the Fish & Sports Committee has still been able to hold a meeting every month, with very good participation from fellow members.

Upon many requests from the fishermen at Oak Run, and from Joe Rush, our fishery biologist, the Committee held a work day on the second Saturday in January. During this work day, we placed many natural structures out on the ice and then anchored them so that when the ice melts, the structure will sink. The natural structures we placed came from trees that were cut down adjacent to the North Boat Launch (NBL) during the construction of the new lane and dock for the maintenance boats. There were also a few dead trees that were cut down at the NBL that we took advantage of, and added them to the newly placed structure piles. The Committee still has some of the man-made structures that did not get placed last fall. These left structures did not get placed last fall. These left overs, plus some new structures to be made with money allocated in the 2014 budget, will hopefully be placed in the lake by early this spring when we have open water. If for some reason we cannot get them in before the busy boating season, they will be placed this coming fall. I have received many calls and questions regarding maps of the locations of the structures just mentioned. As of February 1st, I was included in the compilation and review of a new structure map to help ensure its accuracy. This new map should be available at the POA office sometime this spring. If any new structures are placed in the lake, that haven’t been noted on the new map, their locations will be updated through my Fish & Sports articles in the Communicator. I will mark the new locations on a small lake map and have it printed with my article so that you may note them on your map.

The annual Kids’ Fishing Derby will be held this year on Saturday, June 7th, at Windemere Park. Every year, we try to have the Kids’ Derby to coincide with the Illinois free fishing days. By doing this, no one has to worry about having a valid fishing license. Parents are welcome to stay and fish with their children after the Derby. This year, the kids are allowed to fish only the free fishing days on June 6th, 7th, and 8th.

Derby registration will be from 8-9 a.m. at the big pavilion, just west of the restrooms. Kids can start fishing after they register and fish until 11 a.m. All children between the ages of 0 through 15 will be able to participate. The kids will be split up into different age groups. The winner of each age group will receive a prize of their choice at the end of the Derby. Last year, there were enough prizes left over that all of the participants walked away with a prize. The rules for the Derby are very simple. Each child keeps everything they catch and we will weigh the total at the end. The child with the most weight in their age class wins first prize. The Committee will provide doughnuts, juice, and milk for the kids during the Derby. We will also provide plenty of bait for everyone to use. We do not have enough rods and reels for all, so please bring your own.

The Fish & Sports Committee is always looking for people and/or businesses to help sponsor the Kids’ Derby. Anyone interested in donating prizes or funds for the Derby may contact the POA office for details.

The Oak Run bass tournaments will continue this year as usual. The spring tournament will be held on Saturday, April 26th. The official rules and registration form will be in this same edition of the Communicator. The application and the entry fee have to be turned into the POA office no later than Thursday, April 17th at 5:00 p.m. Spring tournament contestants will not be allowed on the lake starting Tuesday, April 22nd at dusk. Lake patrol will have a boat sticker list of all participants, and anyone caught or seen on the lake after the cutoff date will be disqualified.

The weekly Thursday night bass tournaments will start on the Thursday following the spring bass tournament (May 1st), and will continue through Thursday, September 18th.

Last year marked the beginning of a separate team angler of the year competition between the regular participants of the Oak Run bass tournaments. The Anglers of the Year tournament will be held again this year. Basically, this is a team competition based on all of the yearly bass tournaments, calculated by a point system. Teams need to register for Anglers of the Year using the application found in this issue of the Communicator or by picking one up at the POA office. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 17th, by 5:00 p.m. Any questions regarding this tournament may be directed to Ryan McNeeley at 309-645-1515, or call the POA office.

Good Luck to all of the anglers! See you on the Lake!

by Beth Russell

What a winter! I am anxiously waiting for the start of the summer season, and I’m sure you are too. This weather makes me yearn for sunshine and some summer fun at the pool and beaches! The opening day for the beaches and the pool is right around the corner. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th – weather permitting!

It is a new year and we are looking for some fresh new faces to be lifeguards and concession workers. If you know of anyone who is interested in either job, please have them contact the POA office and fill out an application as soon as possible.

Daly hours at the pool will be 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday) and 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on the weekends. Summer hours for the beaches will be 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. every day. Back by popular demand, is our Aqua Aerobics class taught by Nancy Otto. Classes will start on June 16th. Aqua Aerobics will be held weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., at the pool.

We will also continue to offer swimming lessons this year. The pool offers two sessions of swimming lessons, each lasting three weeks long. The first session begins on June 16th and ends on July 2nd. The second session starts on July 14th and ends on July 30th. Time frames will depend on ability, skill level, and age of the participant. Sign up at the POA office as early as possible to reserve a spot for your child!

The pool and beaches are wonderful amenities that Oak Run has to offer to property owners. Come support our pool and beaches and join in the fun, whether it be partaking in swimming lessons, aqua aerobics or celebrating a special birthday with a pool party! Hope to see everyone at the pool and beaches soon!
Oak Run First Responders
Emergency Medical Services & Fire Fighters
By Larry Wood

Your Oak Run First Responders had the following Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls: 0 in November, 4 in December, 2 in January, and 2 in February (through the 25th). Fire fighters had the following calls: 0 in November, 0 in December, 3 in January, and there was 1 standby for backup to Brimfield Fire Department in February.

One fire incident in January, needs to recognize local farmers for assisting to extinguish a field fire with high winds and burning corn stalks. Oak Run and other local Mutual Aid Fire Departments were fighting a spreading fire, covering about 30 acres and heading toward a farm house and farm buildings. Three farmers joined in the fire fight with their tractors and discs, and they quickly turned the soil over around the perimeter of the active fire, causing the spreading fire to extinguish due to lack of fuel. Thank you farmers!

Monthly First Responder Meetings

Our Monthly Team Meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month. One item addressed was the election of new officers for 2014. Those officers are: President: Jan Congreve; Fire Chief: Kraig Love; EMS Chief: Bruce Bush; Trustee: Dan Genty; Secretary: Mary Bush; Treasurer: Tom Kordewick; Training Communicator: John Durfee; and Public Relations: Larry Wood.

The Annual Oak Run First Responder Christmas Party took place on December 12th, at Brentwood. Many of the retired Oak Run First Responders joined the active members for a wonderful evening, catered by the Rib Shack of Galesburg. The food was great and National Honor Society students from Williamsfield High School did a great job serving and cleaning up after the party.

George Hurd has decided to retire as an EMS First Responder after 14 years on the Team. Many thanks to George, one of the Charter Members of Oak Run First Responders, for his many dedicated years of service.

Dan Congreve has joined the Oak Run Team as a fire fighter beginning in January. Welcome Dan!

The Williamsfield Fire Protection District (Williamsfield, Dahinda, and Oak Run Departments) has implemented a new system called “I Am Responding” which records all members on whether to either EMS or Fire calls by use of cell phone speed dial. The system records how many First Responders are covering the call and can also provide reports.

Vehicles & Equipment

All new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) gear was put into service on the fire truck along with additional spare gear. These tanks are lighter and more technologically advanced from the previous gear. A spotlight was added to the EMS Truck to assist in finding house addresses, and to help size up the scene, such as the location of overhead electrical wires and propane tanks.

The fire truck and the EMS trucks are now receiving documentation of maintenance and equipment inventory.

Building & Grounds

The Oak Run First Responders appreciate the snow plowing of our driveways and parking lot by the Oak Run Maintenance workers. As you know, we’ve had a mountain of snow this winter. Mary Bush will provide some treats for the plowing staff.

Blood Pressure Checks

Free Blood Pressure Checks are provided each month on the fourth Saturday from 9:00 - 10:00 AM at the Oak Run First Responder Station. This coincides with our monthly maintenance and clean-up day.

Address Signs

First Responders continue to provide Oak Run residents with the blue address signs with white reflective numerals so that we can find you quickly in an emergency. These reflective signs also work well for dock address identifiers. A total of 140 of our signs have been installed in Oak Run. Contact Tom Kordewick at 309-879-2082 for details. WE CAN’T HELP YOU, IF WE CAN’T FIND YOU!

Recruiting

Jan Congreve will bring treats to the Social Committee’s “First Friday Meet & Greet” at Brentwood, on Friday, May 2 at 10:00 AM. She will present basic information about our process and station, and Tom Kordewick will explain the address signs that are available.

If you are interested in joining our team, either as an EMS First Responder or Fire Fighter, please contact any of the First Responders, or attend one of our monthly meetings to get a better understanding of what we do (second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the First Responder garage).

The Oak Run Social Committee presents a ‘Beer & Wine Tasting’ April 12th at 7:00 PM at Brentwood Cost: $12 per person Hosted by Vintages Socialize & light snacks to follow the presentation Call 879-2374 or 879-2256 for reservations or more information, by March 22nd Limit 75 people No outside alcoholic beverages allowed at the event
Lawrence Dwane Groves
U.S. Army
1968-1970
Lawrence "Dwane" Groves served in the United States Army from 1968 through 1970. He was stationed in Germany for approximately 16 months, and then was sent to Vietnam for about 6 months. He was a Specialist E-4 in Food Storage, and was responsible for distributing food rations to all soldiers in his area of service.

After completing the physical, several groups were standing around, including those being drafted at that time. I observed a U.S. Marine Corp Sgt. walk up to the draftee group and point to the five biggest guys saying, "You guys come with me – you’re going to be Marines!"

After seeing that, when I got home I found the Air Force recruiter and signed up. I still wound up in Vietnam in 1970 as a Security Policeman and was among the first to respond to numerous rocket and NVA sapper attacks. But I certainly had it much better than those poor Army and Marine grunts out in the field.

I finished my enlistment at Kincheloe AFB in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula near the Canadian border. I went from extreme heat and humidity in Vietnam, to extreme cold and snow in Michigan.

Stephen Peterson
U.S.A.F.
1969-1973
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ATTENTION
Please remove all directional signs immediately following individual activities. Please do not block these signs.

KNOX COUNTY PET LEASH LAW
Oak Run is governed by Knox County’s Leash Law. Pets must be leashed and no pets are allowed on any park, beach, or park grounds.

If you have a problem with loose dogs, you may contact the Knox County Sheriff’s Office for help. Call 309-443-1950.

Knox County’s Safety Class will be held Saturday, June 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Lounge. Cost: $35.00 for course & certificate, $25.00 for optional book. Sponsored by the Safety Committee.
Spooner Lake Activity Team
By Karen Addis

Look in this Communicator for our “Save the Date” Listing of Events for 2014. We will be kicking off spring with our LUAU, scheduled for May 24th. Check this Communicator for the registration form (forms will also be located at the Watering Hole, Oak Run Food Mart and POA office). Please get your registration submitted by Friday, May 9, as we need to have an accurate count for food quantities. This event will provide games, prizes, a DJ, and pulled pork sandwiches and sides. Plan to come for this FUN Family event!

We are looking for “Dock Hosts” for our Poker Run/Passport event on June 21st. Contact Karen at 309-879-2186 or Suzie at 309-879-2802. With the new gaming laws implemented on January 1st, we will be changing up our previously held Poker Run in a fun way. We plan to still utilize the various dock stops where you will need a “passport for passage.” Prize winnings will still be awarded. This is an adult only 21+ event. We will have registration limitations this year, and please plan to bring a designated driver. The Spoon Lake Activity Team, POA/Board and Oak Run community want to keep this a safe event.

This year, we plan to add a Cardboard Boat Regatta to the Bags Tournament and Venetian Night Event (7/19). Consider registering for one and/or all of these activities! A fun day for the entire family! Food, games, face painting, clown with balloons, and glow in the dark and light up items for purchase. Bags tournament and Cardboard Boat Regatta during the day, DJ and Lighted Boat Parade in the evening. You won’t want to miss this event! Our tried and true will be back for an encore! Labor Day Boat Tie-off (8/31) in Party Cove; and Scavenger Hunt (9/27). We’ve pulled pork sandwiches and sides. Plan to come for this FUN Family event.

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Be Prepared with lawn chairs, beach towels!

Register by check payable to: The Spoon Lake Activity Team
1% LUAU
600 Panama Rd.
Brentwood, IL 61236

*Advanced registration prior to Friday, 5/14 required with Questions: Scotta; Karen @ 309-324-1031

A video on the History of Oak Run will be made available through The Spoon Lake Activity Team as a fundraiser this year. Cost: $10 each available at our events, or by contacting Suzie at 309-879-2802. Please “Like us on Facebook” @ Spoon Lake Activity Team / group - where event dates and pictures are posted. Thank you for your Support!

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Under Construction: Flick-n-Float. A twist on the drive-in-movie; float on the water and watch an outdoor movie! A Christmas Walk/Drive and Buffet. An opportunity to check out holiday décor in the Oak Run community; followed by a buffet and holiday entertainment. We hope to add these two (2) events to our other popular events this year. Be watching here and through our Facebook page for further details on these and ….. Possibly more!

Spooner Lake Activity Team meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at Brentwood, at 7:00 p.m. (approximately 1 hour). This Team is vigorously working to provide various activities property owners may like to take part in. Please consider joining us in providing alternative events here at Oak Run! Bring your ideas and/or join us in further developing ours! It can be fun, while you meet and greet your Oak Run neighbors. A video on the History of Oak Run will be made available through The Spoon Lake Activity Team as a fundraiser this year. Cost: $10 each available at our events, or by contacting Suzie at 309-879-2802. Please “Like us on Facebook” @ Spoon Lake Activity Team / group - where event dates and pictures are posted. Thank you for your Support!
2014 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – Approved the following regular board meeting schedule: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, October 16, and November 20.

2014 MAINTENANCE

ASSSESSMENT – Approved the 2014 Maintenance Assessment of $347, using the base $85 and the current CPI.

COMMITTEE LIAISON APPOINTMENTS – Approved the following committee liaison appointments: Architectural & Environmental Control (AEC) – Judd Glow; Camper’s Village – Brian O’Connor; Community Relations & Publicity – Doug Williams; Fish & Sports – Doug Frakes; Safety – Doug Carlson; Social – Dave Diggle; and Spoon Lake Activity Team – Don Timmerman.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Approved the following members to serve on the Architectural & Environmental Control (AEC) Committee for 2014: Joe Kunzer, Ron Schild, Dave Anderson, Larry Wood, Carl Changnon, and Mike French.

SPoon LAKE ACTIVITY TEAM REQUEST – Approved the following events pending further details about the specifics of the Flip and Float event: Luau – Windemere Park, May 24; Poker Run – Windemere Park, June 21; Venetian Night – Lakeview Park, July 19; Flip and Float – Windemere Park, August 9; Labor Day Boat Tie-up – Party Cove, August 31; Scavenger Hunt & Bonfire – Golf Course, September 27.

BUOY REQUEST – Approved the addition of a buoy, and the repositioning of the existing buoys, at Sunset Cove further out towards the mouth of the cove.

FOOD MART CONTRACT – Approved offering Jerry Ladd a one-year contract renewal.

BOD ACTIONS

11/21/13 – GOLF COURSE

2014 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – Approved to have the same Board meeting schedule as the POA Board meeting sched.

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Asking Price $159,000

185 Briarwood Place, Dahinda, IL 61428
3 bedroom ranch located in park like setting. Two bathrooms, living room, family room with gas burning stove, kitchen, large laundry, 3-seasons room. Lots of storage. Covered open front porch, concrete approach to garage and black top circle drive.

Asking Price $155,000

34 Silver St., Galesburg, IL 61401
1½ Story 4 bedroom home, large kitchen with appliances, dining room, living room. Main floor laundry, bath and bedroom. Upstairs 3 bedroom and full bath. 2-car garage with blacktop drive, 10x25 covered patio, vinyl siding and replacement windows. Storage shed.

Asking Price $59,000

948 Stony Hollow, Knoxville, IL 61448
4 bedroom, 3 bath split foyer nestled on wooded lot in country setting. 2 gas fireplaces, large deck off kitchen leading to 16x36 in ground swimming pool, storage shed for pool supplies and pool toys. Dining, living, kitchen & 3 bedroom on upper level. Family room, 4th bedroom/office lower level.

Asking Price $175,000

Tips From the Pro
by Brett Horton

Shorten your driver for better distance

Most drivers you buy today come at 46 inches long. The average tour player’s driver is 44½ inches long, for men. Why do they customize their drives to a shorter length? Simply, for straighter hits. While you can get more distance from a longer club, you give up accuracy and solid contact. New clubs these days come with longer distance factored in. They have technology in the club face that compresses and rebounds during the contact. This gives the ball more speed off the club, resulting in an extra 10 to 15 yards.

Club manufacturers have also lengthened the clubs in order to give you more distance. For most players, 46 inches is too long to control during the swing. The fix is simple. Just bring your driver in to the golf shop. Have it customized to the proper length for your height. The cost is under $100.00. The results are solid hits and more shots in the fairway. If you don’t have a driver with the new technology built in, we can take care of that for you too. See you in the golf shop!
On November 5th, 2013, Garden Club members had a work night to prepare the Christmas decorations to be hung on signs and trees at Oak Run. On November 17th, the annual “Hanging of the Greens” took place with a soup/salad/dessert potluck meal following the work. There was a good turnout of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who took part in this annual Garden Club event.

On December 3rd, 2013, a group of Garden Club members enjoyed a day-trip to the Quad-Cities Botanical Gardens in Rock Island, IL. After eating lunch together, the group stopped at The Island, IL. After eating lunch and enjoying a day-trip to the Quad-City, the group of Garden Club members voted on and accepted by telephone calls, the annual agenda for 2014, for their review and to vote on the acceptance of the agenda. Through emails and telephone calls, the annual agenda was voted on and accepted by the Garden Club members. The following is our 2014 schedule:

- **January 6th – Annual cookout/potluck meal with meat, drinks and table service provided; each person attending should bring a side dish or dessert to pass; location of banquet is at Brentwood Lounge at 6:00 p.m.**
- **January 21st – Regular meeting; perhaps an evaluation of 2014 Garden Club year with discussion on 2015 programs and new trip.**
- **February 4th (1st Friday of the month) – Plant Sale: Nursery plants delivered to Brentwood building at 9:30 a.m.**
- **March 3rd (1st Saturday of the month) – Orchard tour road-trip and lunch.**
- **April 17th (3rd Tuesday of the month) – Annual cookout/potluck at Lakeview Park with Oak Run lake boat tour to follow meal.**
- **May 2nd (1st Friday of the month) – Spring roadside/ditch cleanup at Oak Run. Volunteers to meet at The Watering Hole at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, doughnuts and road assignments.**
- **May 16th (1st Saturday of the month) – Annual Garden Club Banquet with surrounding Garden Club members as guests; potluck meal with meat, drinks and table service provided; each person attending should bring a side dish or dessert to pass; location is at Brentwood Lounge at 6:00 p.m. A gardening program speaker.**
- **June 3rd – Greenhouse/Nursery road-trip & Lunch; meet at Brentwood building at 9:30 a.m. to arrange car-pooling.**

**For more information, please contact Barb Timmerman at 815-742-0124 or by email at oakrun.gardenclub@msn.com.**

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**Garden Club members decorated the tree by the gas station, along the road this year.**

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**Heuchera (Coral Bells):**

- Most ferns are deer resistant. Varieties range from 6” to 60” tall in zones 3-9.
- Ferns add a lush element and feel to your shade garden. They look great alongside astilbes, helleborus, and hostas. Listed are the names of many popular ferns: Autumn, Japanese Painted, Hay-Scented, and shredded. Given the right soil conditions. Note: Mine have more sunny location with moist soil conditions.

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2014 Oak Run Photo Contest
Submit your favorite photo, taken at Oak Run, to the Oak Run Photo Contest! The contest will be open January 1st through October 1st, 2014. The winning four photos of the contest will be featured on the front page of the December/March issue of the Communicator. Honorable mention photos will also be featured in the December/March issue.

The 2014 contest will have categories, so there will be more than one winner. The main theme is still to represent Oak Run. The categories include: Landscape/waterscape, nature/animals; difficult shots, and creative shots. Be sure to mention which category you want your photograph to be entered in, as some photos could be considered for more than one category.

You may submit your picture via email to communicator@oak-runpoa.com using “Photo Contest” as your subject line. You may submit photographs to Photo Contest % Oak Run POA, 1470 Knox Road 1725N, Dahinda, IL 61428. All submitted photos become property of the Oak Run POA and the Communicator. Photos may be used in future issues of the Communicator, or as the POA deems fit. Photo prints will not be returned.

For all photo submissions, please include your name and address, phone number, and the name of the person who took the photo. A short background story concerning the photograph and the photographer may also be included.

Get out your camera and take some fantastic photographs of Oak Run! Enter your photo in the contest, and then see your picture on the front page of the December/March issue of the Communicator! Remember, the contest ends on October 1st, 2014.

Why I’m An Oak Run First Responder
By Jan Congreve

Five years ago, my husband Dan and I made Oak Run our full time residence. (We’d been on the lake part-time for 18 years.) I joined the Oak Run First Responders to give to others, but instead, I’ve met many people who have given to me! Being a First Responder is different for everyone. For me, it can be exciting, occasionally nerve-wracking, and fun. It is always fulfilling.

First Responders provide an important first step in emergency care.

In most cases, we are “on scene” in less than ten minutes to begin assessment and treatment. This initial evaluation helps to expedite the care process when the Williamsfield or Galesburg Ambulance Service arrives to transport. It may take the ambulance 20 minutes to arrive, so we play an important role.

I’ve discovered that I’m part of a legacy. Since 1999, the original First Responders volunteered countless hours to establish this vital service in our community. Others have helped it grow and flourish. I am honored to help.
Dwain Jacobson, a baker in Galva that Julia Eyre did an article on several years ago in the Communicator, was named Citizen of the Year in Galva on January 18th. The bakery has been in Galva since 1928. It was started by his parents. Dwain graduated from Galva High School in 1947. He lost an arm at a young age, although one would never know it, as he played sports and remains very active. Dwain’s daughter, Diane Winslow and her husband, are property owners here at Oak Run. Congratulations to the Jacobson’s on a time-honored tradition.

File of Life

Remember that little red plastic holder we were given several years ago, to place the medical history card in after we filled it out, and attach it to our refrigerator? “At first, I filled it out and thought, “this will never be used,” but I have updated it faithfully at the first of each year. Well, was I ever WRONG. The night the First Responders came to help me, we had it ready to give to them, and it was really helpful. So, if you haven’t filled one out or need one, contact the Safety Committee or pick one up at the POA office.”

Kudos to the Oak Run First Responders

They give so much to our community. On a snowy and blustery night, they answered a call to our home (Sally and Harlan Nelson) at 2:30 a.m. It was too snowy and icy to get up our drive, but six of the finest volunteers showed up. When the ambulance arrived, they were the ones who took me down to the road and to the ambulance. Our First Responders come whether you live in the Williamsfield Fire District, or not. We couldn’t thank them enough. Jerry and Ruth Love have also had to call them a couple times this winter, and they also feel that we are so lucky to have this service here at Oak Run. Thanks again to our Oak Run First Responders!

Laurel Hill subdivision resident, Terry Ferguson, is holding a large fish he caught when ice fishing at Oak Run in early February, 2014. The large-mouth bass measured over 21 inches long and weighed approximately 5½ lbs. After his picture was taken with his catch, Terry quickly returned the fish to Spoon Lake’s icy waters.

On Saturday, December 14th, 11 trumpeter swans stopped by Spoon Lake. The accompanying picture shows a few of them. There were 9 mature swans and 2 immature swans. What a beautiful surprise to find on our lake!

Swans on the lake, captured by Eileen McCabe, in December 2013.

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Whether you own a lot or are buying one, I’ll be happy to look at your building site for you! We can give a firm quote on your total building project.

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Stacey Rodsater, daughter of Jon & Carol Rodsater, graduated Magna Cum Laude from North Carolina State University in December, 2013, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Spanish minor. Stacey plans to continue her education at Life University – College of Chiropractic in Atlanta, GA.

Stacey was an Oak Run resident since birth, until attending college in North Carolina.
Welcome back campers and new members! After the winter we’ve had, I know everyone has been looking forward to camping and (we hope) warmer weather. Our first campground meeting of the year will be held on April 12th, at 9:00 a.m., which will be the second Saturday of the month, at the pavilion. We will hold the election of officers and committee members. Any Oak Run member/campers is eligible for any Camper’s Village office, or to become a committee member. If the weather doesn’t cooperate, the meeting will be held in the old bathroom. We welcome all campers!

We don’t have all of our activities planned yet for this season, so be sure to check the bulletin board for updates on those events. If anyone has suggestions, ideas, or comments, and are not able to attend a meeting, please contact a committee member or Clarence Rednour.

In June, we will be having our annual Charity Golf Outing. As of now, the date has not been set. We will have the information about it as soon as we can. We are hoping for a good camping season this year. I think we all deserve it after enduring all of the snow and cold weather this winter! Hope you all had a safe winter; we’re looking forward to seeing everyone again.

By Sally Nelson

The 31st annual Class Day was held at Carl Sandburg College on February 22. It is sponsored each year by Carl Sandburg College and the Knox County Association for Home and Community Education (KCAHE) with advisory assistance from the University of Illinois Extension for Knox County.

Participants pre-registered and chose 5 classes to attend that day, from over 50 classes that were offered. Oak Run residents not only enjoyed getting out and about to learn something new; but several of them were instructors this year.

Chris Massie spoke about his volunteer work and Peace Corp experiences in Ghana over the last four years. Sally Nelson did a class on Small Town Knox County. Did you know that Knox County was created in Illinois in 1790 by Arthur St Clair, Governor of the Northwest Territory? The original Knox County included about half of the present State of Illinois, all of Indiana, a part of the Great Miami River, the greater part of Michigan, and a considerable part of Wisconsin. It wasn’t until 1825 that Knox County was established under the State of Illinois.

Jim Folger’s class was on “what is collectible,” and he answered questions about items that the class participants brought in for him to assess. Other topics included knitting, cheesecakes, Gluten-Free, Honeybees, Chair Yoga, New Plants for 2014, and many others for both men and women to enjoy.

If you missed Class Day this year, it is always held on the last Saturday of February.

Oak Runners, Lorie Ferguson, Linda Rhodes, and Suzie Wanner attended Class Day at Carl Sandburg College.

Are You Talented With A Pen?

Are you talented with a pen? Is the “creative side” of your brain calling you to put it to work? Are you an artist? Are you looking for something creative to work on this winter? Or are you just full of ideas? If you have answered “yes” to any of the above, get out that paper and pencil! Start drawing and brainstorming! It is time to start thinking about a logo for S.L.A.T. S.L.A.T. (Spoon Lake Activity Team) is holding a contest for their logo. Deadline for entries is 4-11-14.

Here are some guidelines to help you get started AND be creative.

1. Spoon Lake Activity Team is the proper name for our committee which provides activities in and around Oak Run for property owners & their guests.
2. S.L.A.T is the shortest version of Spoon Lake Activity team which is what we are known as.
3. We were “born” in August 2012.
4. Must have S.L.A.T incorporated in the logo.
5. Logo will be printed in color. Two colors are the limit. Black & white is also accepted.
6. Writing must be legible for printing.
7. The smaller the writing/font the harder it is to read, embroidered, or silk screen. Make sure logo is in proportion.
8. The logo will be used on stationary as well as art work for possible screen printing or embroidery on garments.
9. Deadline for all entries is 4-11-2014.
10. Please include your name, address & phone number on your entry. Email info is optional.
11. Please send all entries to: Robin Kunzer, 337 Oakwood Circle, Dahinda, IL 61428 or you can contact me at sewwhat@mymc.net.
12. S.L.A.T. Logo will be unveiled at our Luau Event being held 5-25-2014 and in the June/July 2014 Communicator.
13. A $200.00 prize will be awarded to the winner, courtesy of Spoon Lake Activity Team. Have fun sketching!

Do You Know a 2014 Graduate?

Please submit your 2014 high school or college graduate’s name, school name and future plans to the Communicator for recognition and publication in the June/July issue. We would love to support your loved one’s academic accomplishments! Submit graduate’s information by April 25th to: communicator@ookrunpoa.com
In early December, 2013, Discovery Depot Children’s Museum in Galesburg held their grand reopening. Children were welcomed to over 20 new exhibits.

There was a room containing magnetic tracks, which taught about the six simple machines, such as rope and pulleys and wheel and axis. Another exhibit was the Air Energy area, where a “self-operating puff-a-ball gun” was loaded into one end of the room, then the air forces the ball through a series of tubes, firing it out at the top of a 12 foot high structure. The agricultural exhibits are still on display, in addition to the new exhibits.

Prior to the renovation, the target ages of children to interest were 2 to 6 years. There used to be a lot of role play that didn’t target elementary age children. Now the target age is 2 to 12 plus years. Most of the exhibits are designed to be hands-on; but kids can still dress up and pretend to be firefighters or postal workers.

Security cameras have been installed so a better eye can be kept on the children.

More renovations are planned for future exhibits. They plan to have a new water room in the next few years, which will focus on Illinois Waterways. $25,000 has already been raised for completing this new teaching room.

Pointing out constellations in the night sky to my granddaughters, and telling them the associated myths is something I look forward to whenever they come to visit. One of my favorites is Ursa Major, also called the Big Dipper. As it travels across the sky during the year, the two stars in the end of the pot always rotate around and point to the North Star, which is the last star in the handle of the Little Dipper. This star appears stationary night after night, and is the reason it was used in navigation by the ancient mariners.

According to Iroquois legend, the four stars in the pot of the Big Dipper is a bear that leaves his cave one spring evening to go out in search of food. He is pursued by three hunters of the tribe represented by the stars in the handle of the dipper. The middle hunter is carrying a frying pan to cook the bear. (Through binoculars or a small telescope you can see that the middle star is actually a double star.) Night after night the hunters chase the bear across the sky though the summer into the fall. Finally, one of the hunters kills the bear who falls over spilling his blood on the trees below. This is why the leaves turn colors in the fall. Some of the blood spills onto the chest of the hunter which is why the robin has a red breast.
Oak Run Lake Patrol’s Top Safety Tips for the Upcoming Boating Season

Know, and practice, the 50 foot rule – keep your vessel at idle speed or less when within 50 feet of a moored, anchored, or drifting boat, dock, pier, person(s) in the water, or shoreline adjacent to a residence, park, beach, or swimming area.

Take a boater education class; learn and abide by the “Rules of the Road.”

Know how to operate your boat; practice boating in various weather conditions.

Avoid excessive speed. Remember that the speed limit on the lake is 40 MPH; safe speed depends on the size and handling characteristics of the vessel, weather conditions, darkness, traffic density, and the capability of the operator.

Maintain a lookout. Be aware of changing situations such as weather conditions, boat traffic, navigation, visibility, speed, day or night operations, and the general knowledge of your passengers when it comes to safety and emergencies.

Make sure each regular crew member knows basic boat handling and operation. There may be a time when the primary boat operator is not capable of operating the boat.

Never under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Use correct action to avoid collision. If you make a maneuver to avoid a collision, consider the consequences that could put you in danger with other boats.

If there is a chance that you are going to be at night, check your lights, have spare bulbs and fuses, tools to replace lights, flashlights and extra batteries.

Always carry proper safety equipment, including: fire extinguishers, life jackets, and first aid kits.

Tip on Docking Your Boat

Hope you don’t think that just because the left side of your boat is called the “Port Side” that you always should dock with that side toward the pier. There are several reasons why you should dock on one side or the other, but here is the most important:

Almost always, and almost without fail, you should first determine the direction of the wind and/or current before deciding which side should go to the pier. Whichever is the strongest determines the direction into which your bow should be pointing. For example, if the wind is blowing lightly from left to right across the dock, but the current is roaring from right to left, you would want to approach with your bow into the current and dock to the port side. That is because the current is stronger than the wind.

To determine which is strongest, just park in idle off the dock and see which way the boat wants to go. If you see that the forces of wind and current push you from right to left across a dock, plan your approach from left to right, with your bow into the strongest force.

Alcohol and Water DON’T Mix…When Boating Safety is Involved

Statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard show that the use of alcohol while boating was the leading contributor to on-the-water accidents. With the boating season just ahead of us, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary encourages all boaters to “Boat Responsibly” and be sure you have a designated sober and qualified coxswain on board, to ensure your boat gets back to the dock safely. In all, 605 deaths from boating accidents were recorded last year, with July being one of the most hazardous months for boaters. Just as in driving a car, alcohol use while boating can lead to impairment of critical senses needed to avoid boating accidents. Slowed reaction time and diminished decision making ability can make your day on the water a less than enjoyable one. Additionally, alcohol can cause dehydration and illness when you are exposed to a hot, sunny day of boating. Please “Boat Responsibly!”

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COMMUNICATOR DEADLINES FOR 2014
FEB. 25 – April/May Issue
APRIL 25 – June/July Issue
JUNE 25 – August/September Issue
AUG. 25 – October/November Issue
OCT. 25 – Dec./Jan./Feb./March Issue

Copy must be received by 5:00 p.m. at the POS Office, or on or before the due date for inclusion in the Communicator relative to that issue.
*Please note the deadline changes!
Email: communicator@oakrunpoa.com

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The Community Relations & Publicity Committee sponsors the Mitten Tree each year. Donations of hats, gloves, mittens, socks, and toiletries for children and adults, and also small toys for the children are given to the Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center in Galesburg, IL.

This year, the Social Committee conducted a raffle at their annual Christmas Dinner, which is always held on the first weekend of December, to help with the Mitten Tree donations. Anyone who brought a donation for the Mitten Tree was given a raffle ticket to win a prize.

With the Social Committee’s help, the Mitten Tree was a great success! Community Relations & Publicity Committee member, Nancy Henry, delivered two big boxes and two sacks packed full of Oak Run donations to Safe Harbor. Please look for the thank you note that was received from Safe Harbor, located on this page.

Many thanks to all of the Oak Run residents who gave much needed help to families in need within our community.

Nancy Henry and the Mitten Tree loaded with donations.

The 2013 Mitten Tree

Boxes and bags of donations for Safe Harbor were delivered before Christmas.

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Support the “Communicator”
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Dear Oak Run Community,

The holiday season proves to be a difficult time for victims of domestic violence and their children. On behalf of the staff and clients at Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our program this holiday season. With your help, we were able to put food on tables and gifts under trees that might have otherwise been bare. Thanks to the selfless support of area businesses, organizations, and individuals, 193 children from our community were able to enjoy a very merry Christmas this year.

Thanks again, and best wishes for a safe and happy 2014!

Warmest regards,
Julie Children’s Advocate Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center

L O S T & F O U N D

The POA office has a list of lost and found items. Please notify the office if you have lost or found something!

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2014 Golf Course Fee Schedule

Approved by BOD on 6/21/12

DAILY GOLF FEES WITH CART - 18 HOLES

2014

Before noon $30.00
Noon to 3:00 p.m. 25.00
After 3:00 p.m. 20.00

WALKING 18 HOLES ANYTIME OF DAY

Weekdays $16.00
Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays 18.00

9 HOLE RATES

Greens Fee and Cart $20.00
Greens Fee 14.00

10 ROUND PUNCH CARD RATES

Greens Fee and Cart $250.00
Greens Fee 150.00

SEASON MEMBERSHIP

Oak Run Property Owners:
Single $425
Couple 650
Additional qualified family member/per person 225
Junior Membership (Senior in high school or younger) 200

Oak Run Seniors: 62 & over
Single $400
Couple 625

Public (Non-owner):
Single $450
Couple 675
Additional qualified family member/per person 225
Junior Membership (Senior in high school or younger) 200

Public Seniors: 62 & over
Single $425
Couple 650

SEASONAL RENTAL CART – 3/15/14 - 11/15/14

Single $450
Additional family member 200

PRIVATE CART/RENTAL FEE - 50 maximum:

Property Owner $300
Non-Property Owner $365
Cart Storage Fee $150

Electric surcharge = $60.00 per cart.

Single - one person, married or unmarried

Additional family member - shall include the member, the spouse, unmarrried children under 19 years of age living with parents, and any dependent children who are fulltime students up to and including the age of 23.

For this application to be processed, the following requirements must be met:

1. All maintenance assessments must be paid by all owners of the lot.
2. Insurance coverage is not required for non-motorized watercraft.
3. The state requires that a yearly “water stamp” be purchased for all non-motorized watercraft to be used in Illinois. Water stamps may be purchased by vendors who sell fishing licenses.
4. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed.
5. Mail your application and check to: Oak Run POA, Inc., 1470 Knox Road 1725 North, Dahinda, IL 61428
6. No refunds will be issued. No stickers will be issued without signature on application.

I (we) the undersigned have read and understand the boat registration procedures and guidelines attached to this document.

Signature of Property Owner(s) Date Signed

2014 APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION, NON-MOTORIZED BOATS

OFFICE USE ONLY. NO. AMOUNT ______ DATE ______ CASH __ CHECK __ MAP ___ COP ___

FEE: $20.00 PER WATERCRAFT Boat stickers are valid through March 31, 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME: __________________________________________________________________________

SUBDIVISION & LOT NO.: ________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________ CITY: _______ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ______

PHONE: ___________________________ LOT CO-OWNERS’ NAME(S): _______________________

(If this is a multi-owners lot) MAKE & TYPE (Canoe, Kayak, Paddle Boat, etc.) ______________________________________________________________________

LENGTH

CRAFT 1

CRAFT 2

CRAFT 3

CRAFT 4

2014 USER FEES FOR POA APPROVED BY BOD ON 08/15/13

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

1) NON-MOTORIZED $20.00

2) 1-25 HP $30.00

3) OVER 25 HP $150.00

4) TEMPORARY TAG $50.00

5) FLOATING DEVICE $20.00

POOL

1) FAMILY SWIM TAG/PO/SEASON $50.00

2) SWIM TAG/PO/SEASON $25.00

3) DAILY PASS $3.00

CAMPER’S VILLAGE

1) PERMANENT SITE $745.00

2) SEMI-PERMANENT SITE $635.00

3) DAILY, PO $15.00

4) DAILY, DAILY $20.00

5) STORAGE $250.00 A MONTH OR $1.00/DA

6) WINTER SEASONAL STORAGE $100.00

MISCELLANEOUS

1) BOAT SLIP RENTAL $475.00

2) NON-RESIDENT GARAGE $45.00 MONTH/$22.00

BRENTWOOD LOUNGE

PRICE IS FOR SIX HOURS - EACH ADDITIONAL HOUR $25.00

50 OR LESS - $125.00 & SECURITY DEPOSIT OF $75.00 = $200.00

51 OR MORE - $200.00 & SECURITY DEPOSIT OF $75.00 + $250.00

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATION FEE

1) HOUSE - $300.00 PLUS A DEPOSIT FEE OF $50.00

2) GARAGE/ROOM ADDITION - $200.00 PLUS A DEPOSIT FEE OF $250.00

3) DECK/DOCK - $75.00

4) MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION - $10.00

5) DEMOLITION/MOVING - $250.00 PLUS A DEPOSIT FEE OF $1,000.00

6) SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS - NO CHARGE

2014 APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION, MOTORIZED: 1-25 HP

OFFICE USE ONLY. NO. AMOUNT ______ DATE ______ CASH __ CHECK __ MAP ___ COP ___

FEE: $30.00 PER WATERCRAFT Boat stickers are valid through March 31, 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME: __________________________________________________________________________

SUBDIVISION & LOT NO.: ________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________ CITY: _______ STATE: ___________ ZIP: ______

PHONE: ___________________________ LOT CO-OWNERS’ NAME(S): _______________________

(If this is a multi-owners lot) MAKE & TYPE (Pontoon, Jon Boat, etc.) ______________________________________________________________________

STATE REGISTRATION # LENGTH H.P.

CRAFT 1

CRAFT 2

For this application to be processed, the following requirements must be met:

1. All maintenance assessments must be paid by all owners of the lot.
2. Minimum watercraft liability insurance requirements as described below must be met.
3. A copy of the current registration or title of each watercraft to be registered must be enclosed.
4. Oak Run boat registration procedures and guidelines must be read and understood.
5. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed.
6. Mail your application and check to: Oak Run POA, Inc., 1470 Knox Road 1725 North, Dahinda, IL 61428
7. No refunds will be issued. No stickers will be issued without signature on application.

Covenant for Watercraft Registration and Indemnification Agreement: As a condition of registering the above identified watercraft(s) at Oak Run, each undersigned hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. Each signer is an owner of the foregoing watercraft, with legal authority to sign this document.
2. At all times, each signer will maintain insurance coverage on each motorized watercraft registered at Oak Run, with minimum personal liability limits of $300,000 and minimum property damage liability limits of $50,000.
3. If any signer or permissive user of any watercraft identified above fails to comply with this covenant, and for any reason the Association incurs any loss as a result, either directly or indirectly, including attorney's fees and costs, or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, each signer agrees to indemnify and hold the Association harmless for any loss incurred as a result of the breach.

Signature of Property Owner(s) Date Signed
IMPORTANT NOTICES AND POLICIES FOR KNOX COUNTY AND OAK RUN

2014 APPLICATION FOR BOAT REGISTRATION, 26 HP OR MORE & JET SKIS

OFFICE USE ONLY: NO.

AMOUNT DATE:

CASH CHECK MAP COP

FEE: $150.00 PER WATERCRAFT  Boat stickers are valid through March 31, 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME:                                                                      SUBDIVISION & LOT NO.

ADDRESS:                                                                 Street Address                                                               City                                                               State                         Zip

PHONE:

LOT CO-OWNERS' NAME(S):  (If this is a multi-owner lot)

MAKE & TYPE (Pontoon, Ski Boat, Jet Ski, etc.)          STATE REGISTRATION #          LENGTH         H.P.

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4. This covenant does not limit or restrict any other legal remedies the Association might have arising from the operation of any of the above watercraft.

Signature of Property Owner(s)                                                                                 Date Signed

ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) DID NOT send out watercraft renewal notices this year. It is your responsibility to make sure that your watercraft registration is current. Watercraft registration always expires on June 30th. Does yours expire this year? Information and renewal information can be found at www.dnr.illinois.gov

STATE OF ILLINOIS NON-MOTORIZED BOAT REGISTRATION CHANGED:

The state of Illinois has changed the process for registration of non-motorized boats. Boats without motors are no longer required to be titled in Illinois (unless it has a motor). These boats will now require a Water Usage Stamp, which should be available at point of sale vendors. For more information on Water Usage Stamps, visit the DNR website listed above.
Send Us Your Opinions!

YES  NO

The Board of Directors is requesting property owner input on the following issues:
1. What is your opinion of the number of watercraft registered on the lake as it relates to overcapacity, congestion and property owner safety?
2. If you believe there are too many watercraft being registered given the size of the lake, what controls would you suggest to limit that number?
3. What is your opinion of the maximum size watercraft that is allowed to operate on the lake?
4. Do you believe jet skis should continue to be allowed to operate on the lake?
5. What other concerns do you have with regard to the lake and its usage?

Background information you may find helpful:
- In 2013: 1,845 watercraft were registered with 1,460 being 25 HP and over.
- Spoon Lake is approximately 600 acres in size.
- There is no horsepower limitation for watercraft, the maximum speed limit is 40 mph.
- The maximum overall length of watercraft is 25 feet, except for pontoons.
- Currently, four (4) watercraft may be registered per lot – two (2) of which can be 1-25 HP and two (2) of which can be over 26 HP.
- In 2014, the fee to register a 1-25 HP watercraft is $30, and $150 for 26 HP and over.

Please mail your input to the POA office, or email responses to poaoffice@oakrunpoa.com on or before June 1st, 2014.

A message from your Oak Run First Responders

In the event of an emergency it is imperative for us to find your house as quickly as possible.

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For more info please call Tom (309) 879-2082 or Larry (309) 712-6566

OAK RUN RULE: Non-registered boats are NOT ALLOWED below the meander line

SAFE BOATING TIPS:
- Take a boating safety class offered by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary.
- Know your boat’s load limit and don’t exceed it. A safe boat is a well-equipped boat.
- Always carry the necessary safety gear...and know how to use it. Knowing how to swim just makes good sense if you spend time on the water. If you don’t know how, LEARN! However, even good swimmers do not always survive the shock or pain of sudden immersion in cold water.
- Keep life jackets visible and accessible, and never make someone feel uncomfortable if they choose to wear a life jacket. Learn the “rules of the road” and obey them!
- Don’t overload your boating fun. In three hours of normal boating: the wine, motion, sun, wind and glass can frequently double an individual’s reaction time.
- Remember, while a drink or two can relax you and make your day more enjoyable, they may also slow your reaction time, reduce your coordination and increase your susceptibility to hypothermia.

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Is there a way to light our homes and still preserve the dark skies? By using recessed lights in the eaves and baffles that direct the light down, rather than into our neighbors’ yards, we can help keep our view of the night sky.

Using motion detectors to turn driveway lights on and off will not only help keep the skies dark but also improve security. I am more likely to see what’s happening at my neighbor’s house when a light suddenly goes on in the middle of the night, rather than if it is on all night long. There is a way to have your light and the dark skies, too. It’s worth the effort every time you hear or feel the “Wow” when you look up.

To learn more about conserving our night sky, log onto Darksky.org and check out LampsPlus.com for a display of shielded lights that will keep the light on the ground and out of the sky.

Turkey Vultures & Water Towers

While Richard Benson was in Florida last November, he read the following article in the area newspaper. He thought that the Oak Run residents might enjoy knowing that we aren’t the only community with vultures on their water tower. Excerpts follow from an article titled: Florida City Tries to Chase Vultures from Water Tower – Associated Press.

Officials in Lake Alfred want to evict about 40 turkey vultures that have been nesting on the city’s water tower.

Last week, the city commission accepted a $20,332 bid from Terminix to encourage the vultures to move to another location.

Turkey vultures are a protected species, so the city can’t do anything that will harm them. Terminix plans to install low-voltage electric tracks around the tower to shock the birds without hurting them.

“I can appreciate the buzzards because most of them go to work every day,” City Commissioner Albertus Maultsby said during a meeting in September, “But we don’t need them sitting on our water tank.”

...While they can’t harm the water supply, officials say they can damage the tower...they’ve tried almost everything to get rid of the vultures. They even installed a buzzer to scare them. But the birds got used to the noise. The staff also tried putting fake dead buzzards on the tower. But that didn’t work either. “People don’t want to see buzzards on their tower.”

Turkey Vultures on the Oak Run water tower. Photo taken by Beverly Soyangco.

Oak Run Wow Factor

By Bob Pauer

We have a lot of things that can produce a “Wow” for visitors to Oak Run, and my granddaughters reminded me of one last fall. It was easy enough to see. All you had to do is to look up. It was our dark skies that produced the “Wow” from my granddaughters as I pointed out the Big Dipper, the North Star, constellations, and the Milky Way. Using my telescope, we were able to find galaxies, nebula, red giants and white dwarfs.

Having been a science teacher, I have always been interested in astronomy, and bought a telescope to view Saturn, Jupiter and the craters of the moon that most people see only in photos. And best of all, I was able to show these things to my granddaughters and hear them say “Wow.” Living in the cities, most people do not realize the beauty of the night sky and all that it has to offer. There, the skies are washed out by all the lights: only the moon and a few of the brighter stars are visible.

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Section B. Swim Platforms, Play Islands

1. All play islands and swim platforms on Spoon Lake shall be registered annually with the Association office. All owners must pay the yearly registration fee of $20.00 per device.

2. Minimum personal injury liability insurance in the amount of $500,000 must be in force for the entire duration that all registered swim platforms(s) will be used on the lake at Oak Run.

3. The registration application with the Insurance Covenant for Swim Platform Registration and Indemnification Agreement must be signed by the property owner before any floating device will be registered or allowed on the lake at Oak Run.

4. A swim platform or play island is defined as any non-motorized Floating platform which is not affixed to the shore whose primary purpose is for recreational activities such as: swimming, lounging, jumping and diving.

5. Each lot is allowed a maximum of two (2) devices.

6. All play islands and platforms shall be limited in size to no more than 12 x 12 x 5’ in height.

7. An adequate and safe water depth is maintained within 25’ of the shoreline and platforms must be maintained at least 25’ of the shoreline when designated swimming ropes are in operation, prior to inspection.

8. All play islands and swim platforms may be maintained within 25’ of the shoreline and 10’ of the side lot lines. All platforms shall be removed from the lake or secured and maintained against the property owner’s dock or shoreline after dusk.

9. Lake front property owners will be allowed to use an Association approved mooring buoy in order to secure the anchor rope when the play island or platform is not in use. The mooring buoy shall be registered with the Association office. The buoy must be maintained within 25’ of the shoreline at all times. All mooring buoys other than the approved type will be removed by Lake Park personnel.

10. No climbing type structures may have arising from the use or location of any of the above identified swim platforms.

11. Minimum insurance requirements as described below must be met.

1. All Maintenance assessments must be paid by all owners of the lot.

2. Minimum insurance requirements as described below must be met.

3. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed.

4. Mail your application and check for $20.00 per device (maximum of two) to: Oak Run POA, Inc., 1470 Knox Road 1725 North, Dahinda, IL 61428

For this application to be processed, the following requirements must be met:

1. Application must be received by Thursday, April 17, 2014. Entry fees will not be refunded. All entries will be subject to open draw by the tournament officials at 5:30 a.m. the day of the tournament.

2. Registration and Mandatory Meeting. All teams shall register with tournament officials prior to take-off. At registration, teams will be notified of take-off position and issued a number for take-off, identification of current POA membership card, check of live well, determine property owner’s boat, and one property owner in boat with a current CPR certificate on deck on boat, and check of running and anchor lights in working order at time of inspection. There will be a mandatory contestant meeting 15 minutes before take-off. If any team member is not present for the meeting, the team will be disqualified for the tournament — no exceptions.

3. 70 boat limit.

4. $100.00 entry fee per boat. Includes Big Bass.

5. Both large and small mouth bass.

6. 12” limit for tournament.

7. 1/2 pound penalty for each dead fish.

8. 1 pound penalty and no weigh of shot fish.

9. No culling after tournament ending time. “Disqualified”.

10. 6 fish limit per boat.

11. 6:00 am to 12:00 noon (weather permitting) before take-off, identification of current CPR certificate on deck on boat, and check of running and anchor lights in working order at time of inspection.

12. Safety. Safe boating must be observed at all times. During take-off, each contestant shall wear a coast guard approved flotation device.

13. Late coming in “disqualified”.


15. Big Bass breaks all ties.

16. NO FISHING within 50 feet of the following: other boats, beach area at Lakeview and Windermere when designated swimming ropes are in the lake. Lakeview: all docks from beach to last rental docks east. North Boat Ramp: All rental docks, boat ramps, rip rap from 50 feet north of concrete wall to 50 feet south of last rental dock.

17. No leaving boat except at Lakeview with tournament official’s knowledge.

18. Must observe all lake rules of boating.

19. No live bait.

20. Decision of tournament officials final and binding.

21. No alcohol — Safety a must.

22. No responsible for accidents.

23. Entry must be received at POA office by Thursday, April 17, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS.

24. NO ONE FISHING THE TOURNAMENT IS ALLOWED ON THE LAKE BEGINNING TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd at DUSK.
Sugar Creek Team Anglers of the Year

Guidelines and Rules
Points will be given every week to participating teams, depending on their performance. This includes the spring, fall, and Thursday night tournaments. Special emphasis will be given for the fall and spring tournaments. Since these tournaments are six hours long, they will be worth 1½ times the point.

At the conclusion of the fall bass tournament, a cash prize, along with individual plaques will be awarded to the winners.

Breakdown of Point System
Every participating registered team will receive points for fishing in each individual tournament. The point system follows:
- 1st place - 50 points
- 2nd place - 40 points
- 3rd place - 30 points
- 4th place - 20 points

The remaining participating registered teams will be awarded additional points. Big Bass will always break any ties. Again, point totals will be 1½ times for the spring and fall bass tournaments.

This will be awarded at each tournament. The team with the most accumulated points over the tournament schedule will be named the Sugar Creek Anglers of the Year.

Participants will only be competing against other registered teams for Angler of the Year. Tournament weights will be transferred from the weekly tournament weigh in sheet to the Angler of the Year scoring.

EXAMPLE: A registered team may finish 3rd place in a Thursday night tournament but receive 1st place points for Anglers of the Year. If the 1st and 2nd place Thursday night teams are not registered in the Anglers of the Year tournament.

Note: The lowest five (5) Thursday night tournament scores for each Angler of the Year registered team will be thrown out of the Anglers of the Year scoring totals. Essentially, teams will be able to miss five Thursday night tournaments without missing out on points.

Spring, fall and all Thursday night tournaments will be paid out as usual. This is a complete, ly separate competition.

Rules
- Oak Run fishing rules and regulations will not change. Tournament rules governed by the Fish & Sports Committee will not change.
- At least one team member must possess a valid POA card and boat sticker.
- Fish & Sports Committee will not change.
- There has been a separate bank account set up just for the entry fees for this event. At the end of the year, a cashier's check will be given to the winners, from that account.

**This is a 100% paid out event. There are no monies used for anything except winner pay outs.

Contact Information
If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact one of the following.
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Visit the Alcoa Eaglecam

If you are interested in watching bald eagles, then you will enjoy visiting the Alcoa, Iowa, Eaglecam webpage. Use the following link to watch live feed of the eagle pair, Liberty and Justice, as they prepare their established nest for this year’s eggs(s) and resulting fledglings(s). http://www.alcoa.com/locations/usa_davenport/info/eaglecam.asp

Eagles nesting in Iowa typically lay eggs in mid-late February and the eggs hatch in mid-late March. The eaglets grow quickly and are ready to fly “fledge” in late May or early June. Liberty and Justice made their home in a tree near the Mississippi River in 2009. Alcoa installed the first Eaglecam in 2010, and have added another cam with a different view recently.

Since the camera was installed, nearly 20 million visitors from around the world have tuned in to witness an American icon, the bald eagle, developing live within this unique eco-system. Alcoa has also partnered with the Bettendorf, Iowa, school district to create learning modules for students. Visitors to the webpage are encouraged to share their moments when they see the eagles do something interesting, by tweeting using hashtag #alcoaeaglecam or by adding to the blog on the page. The public is also involved in naming the fledglings each year. Check the page regularly to see something different each visit!

Alcoa Eagle Facts:

- Nest built in a cottonwood tree near the Mississippi River
- Nest is about 80-85 feet above the ground
- Female is named Liberty and male is named Justice
- Nest built in 2009
- First eaglets hatched in spring of 2010 (two eaglets fledged that year before the camera was installed)

Spring 2011 the pair fledged one eaglet named Freedom
- Spring 2012 the pair fledged three eaglets named Faith, Hope and Spirit
- Spring 2013 the pair fledged two eaglets named Honor and Glory

Liberty and Justice reside in their nest in the Quad Cities year-round

Visit the Alcoa Eaglecam webpage and check out the Alcoa Eagle Facts and Alcoa Eagle Facts.

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Couples Bridge
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Sat. of the month at Brentwood during Nov. and Dec. They do not meet in Jan. or Feb. During the months of Mar. through Oct., they meet at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thurs. of the month at the Brentwood. For more info, contact Shirley Pauer 309-879-2438.

Ladies Bridge
Meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mon. of each month at Brentwood. For more info, contact Shirley Hughes 309-368-3098.

Ladies Bridge
Also meets at noon on the first and third Thurs. of each month for lunch and bridge at the Watering Hole. For more info, contact Shirley Pauer 309-879-2438.

Novice Bridge
Meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wed. of each month at Brentwood. For more info, contact Dot Durkee 309-879-2741.

Time-Tested Beauty Tips
For attractive lips, speak with words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run his fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge you’ll never walk alone.

By Sam Levenson (often attributed to Audrey Hepburn)
Tick Awareness
By Melissa Meiss

We have been blessed to have a cottage at Oak Run for over thirteen years, and have built such wonderful memories for our family. Our four kids spent amazing summers growing up at the lake and attending The Oaks Community Church. It is by far, the best decision we have ever made to buy a cottage here.

Spring is just around the corner, and I wanted to convey an awareness of tick borne diseases at Oak Run, especially Lyme disease, and a newer infection named Bartonella. These infections can be difficult to diagnose, very serious, and hard to treat if not caught early. With the previous mild winters and increasing deer population, conditions provided a perfect environment for tick borne diseases to thrive. I, for one, am happy with this year’s extreme cold winter, because it should have killed off many of the ticks and the dangerous bacteria they carry. However, I do believe that we will see many more cases of Lyme disease, since it is now found to be in all 50 States. The encouraging news is that new testing and treatment is on the forefront.

Lyme disease is called the “great imitator” for good reason, since it can mimic many other diseases, such as MS, Lupus and arthritis. Lyme can take two routes; arthritic and neurologi- cal/systemic or a combination of both. The arthritic route is much more subtle. One might have a knee swell, then months later other joints such as a hip, ankles or a wrist can be painful. Also, other symptoms such as increased fatigue, tingling of the extremi- ties and neurological symptoms (ringing of the ears, heart palpitations, Bell’s palsy, headaches) can develop. With this form of disease, years can pass before Lyme disease is finally diag- nosed. Successful treatment can be achieved, but the person will have to be on an antibiotic for many months to eradicate the bacteria especially if it has crossed the brain barrier.

I was asked to write this article to share the knowledge I have learned, and hopefully it will help others to spot Lyme disease early so they will not have to suffer. Before my experience, I had not heard of anyone contacting Lyme disease at Oak Run, nor heard anyone even talking about its symptoms.

We had a very wet spring last year, and I believe I was bitten by a deer tick sometime in early June. I had severe “flu-like” symptoms over the 4th of July weekend, which sent me to a Galesburg ER. The three previous weeks, I had experienced lower back & neck pain, achy swollen lymph nodes in my neck, rib pain, shortness of breath and night sweats. However, I attributed all these symptoms to being run down from remodeling our cottage and, as most women do, just dismissed them.

Over the next two months I experienced many more weird symptoms and, after a lot of researching on the Internet, I insisted that my Doctor run a Lyme test. He was confident that I did not have Lyme but agreed to run the test. Five days later, I was a “slam dunk” positive. I was extremely lucky because many people test negative, even though they do indeed have Lyme dis- ease. I started IV antibiotics, since the bacteria had crossed over into my central nervous system.

Looking back now, all the symptoms I was experiencing were so obvious to a tick borne infection. Sadly, an urgent care doctor, two ERs, and my own doctor all missed it. They never even considered Lyme, or even looked at my skin to see if I had the classic “bull’s-eye” rash. This has taught me that you have to be your own advocate concerning your health. Even though my blood work was normal many times over three months, I knew I was very sick and they all were missing something. After two months of IV antibiotics my doc- tor was finally convinced that we had eradicated the Lyme bacteria.

I am so thankful to God that I was diagnosed as early as I was. Even after my IV treatment ended, I had some on-going symptoms and was determined to figure out what was causing them. After weeks of research- ing, I was convinced that I had contracted another bacteria, called Bartonella, from the same tick bite. Since my onset was so severe, most doctors believe that it is likely that I was infected with more than one bacteria.

Thankfully, I came across a brand new, cutting edge study from NC State on Bartonella by Dr. Ed Breitschwerdt. This study has found over 11 new strains of Bartonella that before now, we had no way to test for. He believed that Bartonella is essen- tially the real cause of most neu- rological/inflammatory chronic diseases such as MS, RA, Lupus, fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue. They now know that cats (75% of stray cats), fleas, ticks, lice and sand flies carry Bartonella. In fact, every tick they tested had Bartonella bacteria with the Lyme bacteria, which explains why many Lyme sufferers continue to have on-going symptoms. This suggests that it is not the Lyme causing the symptoms, but most likely a strain of Bartonella. This evidence concludes that Bartonella might be the main infection and Lyme may be a co-infection. This is a huge discovery, since for many years they believed this was the opposite.

After bringing my infectious disease doctor's (I went through 4 ID doctors) attention to this study, I am now being treated with two antibiotics for Bartonella, and am 90% better after only two weeks of treatment. I am so thankful that my doctor was willing to look “outside the box,” listen to me, and was open to looking into this new study. He has since put other patients who experience on-going symptoms from tick bites on this type of treatment, and is seeing great results! This study is a huge breakthrough and we all need to spread the word.

The following are some facts you may not have known about tick borne diseases:

1) This bacteria will not show up on regular blood work. (Mine was perfect four times over those 10 tests.)
2) Antimicrobial or “flu-like” symptoms in the spring, summer or fall. Lyme should not only be considered, but ruled out. Most infectious disease doctors will tell you that people do not get the flu during these sea- sons. Serious consideration should be taken if the person has been in a wooded area with a large deer population before getting sick.
3) Doctors (especially in the Midwest who are not using a lot of Lyme) will only order an initial test called the ELISA, which has been shown to have as high as 70% false negative results. Only if there is a positive result of the ELISA test, will doctors order a more accurate test called the Western Blot.
4) You MUST insist on order- ing the Western Blot besides the ELISA when getting labs drawn for Lyme disease. *However, the Western Blot is only 70% accu- rate, so this test is still missing almost one out of three people who actually have Lyme disease.
5) Igenx Lab in California, specializes in testing for Lyme, especially for people who are CDC negative, but believe they still have the disease.
6) Only 40% of infected people have the classic “bulls-eye” rash. So sadly, 60% of people never know they have been infected.
7) The bacteria manifests itself differently in everyone. Dr. Burrascano has as symptom checklist on-line that helped me determine that I had Lyme. (I had experienced 22/30 symptoms in the 8 weeks I went undiagnosed.)
8) Deer ticks carry Lyme, and some of the most potent ticks are the size of a poppy seed and they are almost translucent when newly hatched in the spring.
9) Ticks can also carry many other tick borne diseases such as Babesia, Ehrlichia, Bartonella, Colorado-Tick Fever, Mycoplasma and more.
10) Galaxy Diagnostic in North Carolina, is able to test for all the new strains of Bartonella found in the US.

Most doctors in the US only test for two strains of Bartonella, (which I tested nega- tive for, three times). The new strains will not show up on these two tests, especially if a tick, flea or lice transmits the bacteria.

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12) Even with testing, Bartonella is such a "sneaky" bacteria, it can hideout in the cellular wall, and you have to catch it while it’s in the blood stream. Galaxy Diagnostics recommends doing blood draws on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the same week; reason being, it could be “hiding” during two of those blood draws, and hopefully they will catch it in the blood stream on the third one. Some people need to be tested more than once to detect it.

13) This is a link to the “easy read” article about Bartonella: http://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2013/12/05/bartonella-is-everywhere-so-why-dont-we-know-more-about-it/. If anyone wants to read Dr. Breitschwerdt’s entire study, it can be found online at NC STATE, or I would be happy to email it to you.

14) I would highly recommend discussing this study with your Doctor if you have been treated for Lyme, and still have on-going symptoms. I would also encourage anyone who has been diagnosed with MS, RA, Lupus and all other neurological inflammatory diseases to get tested to rule out Lyme. As the article states in the link above, sadly it will be 5-10 years before mainstream doctors get “up to speed” on these new strains.

15) The POA has been told that at least one other person tested positive last summer for Lyme disease, and one of my four children also tested positive. We are thankful that we caught it early and she only had to take 30 days of oral antibiotic. I am convinced that many more people may have it, but do not know it.

16) Many dogs have also been treated in the last few years for tick borne diseases, so please keep an eye on your pets. Use flea collars and prevention medication, such as Frontline. Also, check your pets for ticks before they come in the house. This is how many people end up being bitten by ticks. Veterinarians also need to be aware of these new strains of Bartonella and learn how to treat them.

This last eight months has been a “journey” for my family and me, but we know that “all things work for the good.” My trust in God is stronger than ever through this experience, and my motivation for writing this article is to hopefully help someone who might be experiencing similar symptoms. This is in no way meant to scare anyone. The potential for Lyme and tick borne disease is just about everywhere, we all need to be aware and be diligent concerning our own health care. I have learned way too much about ticks, more then I ever wanted or intended to know. However, I am not a doctor, so please contact your doctor if you have any concerns. I would be happy to answer any questions about the information that I have discovered, but please understand that this is just my experience.

These infections can be cured, so be encouraged, and especially check your children for ticks after they have been outside.

We cherish our family time at Oak Run. It is our little “slice of Heaven,” and we are so thankful for it. We are really looking forward to another wonderful summer at the lake.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, and joyful summer!
Spring Safety Reminders for Oak Run

By Dan Gentz

Well, I’m sure we’re all glad that’s over with, winter I mean. In this article, I’d like to briefly touch on some safety issues that come up every year at Oak Run, as the warmer weather hits. Let me just break it down by subject matter.

The Lake

Normally, the lake is a fun place to enjoy yourself with family and friends. Lately though, we’ve been getting reports of people acting out in very disturbing ways: loud boorish behavior, swearing, loud music, unsafe operation of their watercraft, even threatening behavior. We don’t have to put up with this. If you observe this type of behavior, attempt to get the sticker number or registration number of the boat and a description of the people involved. Avoid a confrontation, but call the CSO/Lake Patrol at 309-368-4950 and report the problem. If you feel threatened or think a crime is being committed, call 911 and ask for the Sheriff to respond.

Most of these incidents are caused by too much alcohol consumption. The Sheriff’s deputies have jurisdiction everywhere in the county, including on the lake, as do the Illinois State Police and the Conservation Police. All of these agencies are more than willing to help us with any problems.

Fire

This time of year we are cleaning up our property, which frequently involves burning old leaves and brush. And every year, someone will let fire get away from them. The rule is: you should have a rake and a hose or water source available to control the fire and not burn when it is windy. There’s a little bit more involved here than just those simple words, in case you haven’t noticed.

When you start your project, the wind might be dead calm and when you light your fire, there might be just a light breeze. But when the fire gets going good and you have a problem. That rake can’t work fast enough. That hose, oh you forgot to hook it up, and the washer is missing, and the nozzle is frozen, and the hose is too short and won’t reach the fire, and oh darn, you forgot to turn on the water inside the house. In spite of my feeble attempt at humor, not to mention poor sentence structure, you get the idea. If you haven’t thought things out and taken the proper steps to prepare, things can get out of hand very quickly. The second you get that bad feeling that things aren’t going well is the time to call 911 and get the fire department involving. Don’t wait until it’s licking at your deck, because it’s going to take the fire department at least 10 minutes to get there and they would much rather put out a little brush fire than your fully involved house. Don’t hesitate to call. Think of it as an opportunity to meet a bunch of friendly volunteers from Oak Run and the surrounding towns who like nothing better than to help you out.

Tornadoes

It’s that time of year again, so have a plan. The best place to go is in the basement. No basement, pick a room with a small window, like the bathroom or a walk-in closet or maybe under a stairwell. Think about where the safest place is in your house and make sure everyone in the household knows where to go. When you hear the tornado siren, go to that safe spot. That siren is an emergency warning device. If you hear it or if the weather seems perfectly fine, then something else is happening. It could be some other weather event like a severe thunderstorm or a wall cloud crashing towards us. It could be a train derailment, two miles south, with a cloud of poison gas drifting towards us. The siren is tested at 10 AM on the first Tuesday of the month. If you hear it at any other time, pay attention!

File of Life

Several years ago, the Safety Committee passed out some cards, stickers, and magnetic plastic holders for medical information, to be used by the First Responders and Ambulance personnel who come to your house for a medical emergency. The idea is that the cards would alert the emergency personnel and doctors to any known medical issues you have and all of the current drugs you are taking, if you are unable to communicate. You put the sticker at your front door to alert the First Responders to check your fridge where they’ll find the magnetic holder containing the card with your info. It could save your life by preventing a negative drug reaction, or key the doctor into what your problem is now. If you never get one or your old one is just plain worn out from all the corrections you’ve made, go to the POA Office. They have a new supply to issue to you.

Okay, enough scary stuff. It will be a pleasure to see everyone again, and to enjoy the beauty of Oak Run. Be thoughtful and considerate of your neighbors and let’s get out there and whack that little white ball and catch some fish. Enjoy!

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1. All signs to be erected within the development require prior approval from the AEC Committee.

2. “For Sale” signs are only allowed on residential lots with homes. Signs are not allowed on lots without residential homes.

3. Lakefront lots and golf course lots with residential homes may have two signs: one on the lakeside/golf course and one on the roadside of the property. All other lots with homes may have only one sign per lot. Sign placement is restricted to the lot (with home) which is offered for sale.

4. The maximum size for all signs shall be 24 inches x 36 inches or six (6) square feet.

5. All signs to be placed within the development must be constructed of substantial material, well maintained, attractive and not over five (5) feet in height.

6. Commercial real estate agents must register with the Association office on a yearly basis in order to erect a sign within the development. All agents must agree to abide by the rules contained herein.

7. All “For Sale” signs must be removed within 10 days after closing.

8. Signs found not to be in compliance with the restrictions contained herein shall be removed. If signs are not retrieved within 10 days from removal they will be discarded.

9. Entrance upon lot for the removal of such violation shall not be regarded as trespass.

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Did You Know That?

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better and smell better. Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska.

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness is 28%.

The percentage of North America that is wilderness is 38%.

The cost of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of eleven is $16,400.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The average number of people airborne over the US in any given year is 12,345,678,987,654,321.

Alexander, the Great; Diamonds – Hearts – Charlemagne; Clubs – Spades – King David; Clubs – Monuments.

If a statue in the park of a person’s birthplace is within 50 miles of what? A. Their homes. B. Where they practiced. C. Where they got their whistle, “is the phrase inspired by them. "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down!" That’s where we get the phrase. “Mind your P’s and Q’s.”

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic mugs. When they tightened, making the bed firm - is now a cause for panic and you turn around and go back to get it.

It was the accepted practice in Babylonia 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride’s father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

The percentage of people who walk to work is 28%.

The British have a saying, ‘Mind your P’s and Q’s.”

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven’t played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with family and friends is that they don’t have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn’t even have during the first 15-20 years of life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around and go back to get it.
9. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
10. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :-)
11. You are reading this and nodding and laughing.
12. You are too busy to notice that there was no #9 on this list.
13. You actually checked to see if there was no #9 on this list.
14. You are now laughing at yourself!

“Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused!” - Author Unknown.

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“PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT”
By Carol Genty, Event Chair

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree greeted those who came to the Oak Run Christmas potluck on Dec. 8th, a Sunday, at 5 pm. It was a snowy day, but 37 people braved the weather, although 3 more who signed up were unable to attend.

The Social Committee provided delicious fried chicken from Boondocks in Williamsfield. Everyone else brought an appetizer, a side dish, or dessert to share. There was more than enough for everyone to have as much as they wanted.

To help those in need, we collected warm items such as scarves and gloves to donate to the Community Relations & Publicity Committee’s Mitten Tree, which benefited Safe Harbor in Galesburg. Everyone who brought an item received a raffle ticket toward a very large poinsettia, which was won by Pat Henrikson. Smaller poinsettias decorated the tables, and they were also raffled off to those in attendance.

After the meal, it was time for the grab bag. Participants were asked to pass their wrapped gifts to either the right or left, as the words were read in a fun Christmas story. Of course we had those who couldn’t seem to remember what was their left or right. This resulted in much giggling and silliness, which of course was the real purpose of the game!

At the last minute, we were unable to hire the piano player we used last year for entertainment, and were unable to find anyone else at such short notice. We did have Christmas music throughout the evening, however; thanks to Don Timmerman who recorded songs we played.

Thanks to the wonderful committee that I had helping for this event: Linda Rhodes, Barb Timmerman, Rosie Tiehen, Lorie Ferguson and Pat Boyd. Also, many thanks to Jay, Don, Terry and Dan for their help before and after the event.
Spring Bishop Hill Events

April 5: Spring Jubilee – Bishop Hill springs to life with shops and museums open and serving coffee, cookies, and other delights. Ask gardening experts 10-11 a.m. at the Welcome Center. Merchants will be offering free seed packets to visitors. Swedish art exhibit in VagnHall Galleri. Author Barbara Gregorich will present “When Women Played Baseball” at 1:30 p.m. at the Dairy Building. All-American Girls Pro Baseball League items on display at the Steeple Building. Free showing of “A League of Their Own” movie at 3:30 p.m. at the Steeple Building.

April 11-12: Rug Hooking Retreat – Come and learn more about the craft of rug hooking. Prairie Arts Center.

April 26: Swedish Stomp and Skamparoo – Experience Historic Bishop Hill as you run or walk in this 5K event. Sponsored by the Bishop Hill Old Settlers’ Association. Call 309-927-3044 for an application.

April 26: Valborg Bonfire – Welcome spring in this traditional way. Enjoy the bonfire as you listen to songs, speeches; enjoy a wiener roast, coffee, hot chocolate and fine fellowship. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 16-18: Quilt Show: Jars, Jewels, and Jellyrolls – A bedazzling display of color will fill the Colony School. Quilts may be antique, miniature, patchwork, applique, or something unique. Admission is $3. Special quilt exhibits will be at VagnHall Galleri and the Steeple Building. May 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

June 7: Honor Flight Benefit – This is a fundraising event for the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. Enjoy music, an auction, and a dinner, all in the Bishop Hill Village Park 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Recipe Box

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4 cups frozen hash brown potatoes
(1.76 oz.) 1 pkg. Betty Crocker Butter & Herb mashed potatoes mix
½ cup (1 stick) butter
2 cups canned French fried onion rings
1 cup shredded Cheddar Jack cheese
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½ cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup light corn syrup
¾ cup brown sugar, packed
2 (16 oz.) cans whole sweet potatoes
1 cup milk
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup brown sugar
Butter & Herb mashed potatoes:
Mix ingredients together in microwave.
In a large bowl, mix together the hash browns, mashed potatoes, butter and cream cheese, Cheddar Jack cheese, sour cream, garlic salt, and pepper. Place mixture in a greased 2 qt. casserole and bake for 25-35 minutes, or until golden on top. Sprinkle the onion rings over the casserole and bake for about 5-8 minutes longer, until onions are golden brown.

Velveeta Broccoli Rice Casserole
1 (16 oz.) bag frozen broccoli
½ cup chopped onion
1 can cream of mushroom soup, or cream of celery soup,
or cream of chicken soup
1 cup milk
¾ lbs. Velveeta cheese
3 cups cooked rice
Salt & pepper to taste
Directions: Spray a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray and preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté onion in oil until soft and translucent. Cook broccoli in boiling water for about ten minutes or until almost tender; drain very well. Mix all ingredients and place in baking dish. Bake for 25 minutes.

Caramel Sweet Potatoes
2 (16 oz.) cans whole sweet potatoes, drained
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
½ cup light corn syrup
1 cup butter (2 sticks)
¾ cup cinnamon
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Preheat oven to 350°. Arrange sweet potatoes in baking dish. In small saucepan on medium heat, combine remaining ingredients; heat to boiling; reduce heat to low and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour mixture over sweet potatoes. Bake for 20 minutes or until potatoes are well glazed, basting often. To serve, spoon syrup over potatoes. Serves 6.

Butterfinger Dessert
20 soda crackers
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½ cup melted butter
1 qt. softened butter pecan ice cream
2 (3.5 oz.) pkgs. vanilla instant pudding
¾ cups milk
1 large tub cool whip
3 (regular sized) Butterfinger candy bars, crushed or finely chopped
Crush crackers and mix with melted butter. Spread in 9” X 13” pan.
Mix pudding, milk and ice cream. Spread over the cracker crust. Top with cool whip. Sprinkle with candy bar pieces. Refrigerate for ¾ hour or overnight. Do not cover. Keep dessert refrigerated.

Simple Mock Cherry Cheesecake
2 pound cake loaves or angel food cake loaves, cut into bite-sized cubes
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2 cans cherry pie filling
Make pudding as directed on box for use as pie filling (using less milk than for regular pudding mixings), set aside. Place cake cubes in 9” X 13” pan. Spread pudding over cake cubes, smoothing with spatula. Spread cherry pie filling over pudding. Refrigerate. Keep unused portions refrigerated.

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½ cup oil
½ cup Sugar
1 packet (1/4 Teaspoons) Active Dry Yeast
4 cups flour
½ cup (additional) flour
½ tsp. (heaping) baking powder
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Lightly grease cookie sheet, or use parchment paper. Cover with a towel and allow to rise in a warm place until about double in size.
Preheat oven to 400°. After rolls rise, brush 1 egg white with a splash of milk. Brush onto each roll. Bake for approximately 20 minutes, or until tops of buns are golden brown. Remove from pan and allow to cool on a cooling rack.

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Old Orchard 185 $199,000
Westwood 43 $129,500

LAKEVIEW LOTS

Brentwood 173 $ 5,000
Forest Ridge 23 $12,000
Forest Ridge 33 $35,000
Forest Ridge 38 $21,500
Forest Ridge 49 $22,000
Forest Ridge 471 $ 7,500
Forest Ridge 472 $ 5,000
Forest Ridge 494 $24,500
Laurel Hill 255 $12,000
Windemere 153 $25,000
Windemere 155 $25,000
Windemere 159 $20,000

LAKE ACCESS LOTS

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Forest Ridge 359 $ 6,500
Forest Ridge 499 $24,500
Laurel Hill 215 $ 5,000
Laurel Hill 216 $ 4,000
Laurel Hill 258 $ 3,800
Old Orchard 146 $ 5,000
Old Orchard 147 $ 6,000
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Old Orchard 197 $ 4,500
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The Establishment and History of the Oak Run Garden Club

By Priscilla Muckey

This article is a summary of the establishment, dedication and progress of Garden Club members who have a love for gardening and have offered unselfish acts of participation in club activities, and endeavored to improve and beautify Oak Run and other surrounding area landscaping projects.

1998: The Oak Run Garden Club was established on April 15, 1998. There were initially twelve people interested in forming a local Garden Club. Renee Allen and Linda Hire were appointed co-chairs and Ginny Howard was appointed secretary/treasurer; each officer position having a 1-year term. Meetings were held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (at least through the summer months) at the Brentwood Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

On April 27, 1998, the Garden Club requested that the Communication/Community Relations & Publicity Committee be their Oak Run sponsor. The motion passed and the Garden Club had its sponsor. Members of the Club turned presents the establishment of a dedication and a meeting. Master Gardener Katie Grady, an Oak Run weekender, was one of the Club’s speakers. The Oak Run Garden Club’s By-Laws were adopted on August 4, 1998. They stated the name of the Club, its purpose, explanation of membership, officer positions and process on conducting elections, meeting times, dues, programs, and the By-law amendment procedure. The Club’s annual dues were $15/person or $20/family.

1999: The Oak Run Garden Club became a member of the Illinois Garden Club organization. Members agreed to purchase plants for the landscaping used at the Brentwood Lounge entrance. Club members volunteered to provide the labor to establish this garden, and the club was responsible to maintain it. The Garden Club initiated, planned and designed a new sign and landscaping for the Oak Run community entrance off of county highway 12. Members approved the purchase of the materials and provided the labor for this community project.

Volunteer Garden Club members updated the appearance of the sign located at the Victoria entrance to Oak Run. The Club established and organized a roadside/ditch cleanup project for Oak Run roads. The first organized fall cleanup effort was held on November 6, 1999, with Club members participating.

2000: Garden Club members landscaped the area around the previously refurbished sign at the Victoria entrance into Oak Run. Members approved funding from the Club’s treasury to purchase plants for this project. The Garden Club is responsible to maintain this area on a regular basis. The first organized spring roadside/ditch cleanup project for Oak Run roads, was held on April 15, 2000. It was decided to invite individuals, other than just Garden Club members, to join in on this effort to keep Oak Run clean and beautiful.

The first, annual Garden Club plant sale was held on the last Saturday in April at the Brentwood Lounge. The plant sale was in conjunction with area garage sales, which were all held at Brentwood.

Members approved funding from the Club’s treasury for landscaping the sign area at the Dahinda/Oak Run Drive-county highway 15 location. Labor was also provided by Garden Club members. The Garden Club organized, purchased and provided labor for Christmas boughs to be hung on Oak Run signs. The first “Hanging of the Greens” was held on November 19, 2000, with the first soup/dessert potluck following the hanging of the boughs.

2001: On February 6, 2001, the Club’s By-Laws were amended. Four changes were made within ‘Article IV – Officers and Elections’ and one change was made within ‘Article VI – Dues.

In March, 2001, a certificate “Club Horticulture Award” was presented to The Oak Run Garden Club from The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. A special award for “Fooling the Eye” and commentary was presented to Garden Club member, Kathy Kindilien, a Garden Glories food photo contest winner, by The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. A 2001 “Increase of Illinois, Inc.”

October 2005: Garden Club members at the annual hay rack ride and wiener roast at Pat and Dave Ashbury’s.

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$100.00 per Boat Payable to: Fish & Sports Committee
Application & Fee MUST be turned in to the POA office by Thursday, April 17th, by 5:00 p.m. Participants may not fish the lake beginning Tuesday, April 22nd, at dusk.
~ NO EXCEPTIONS ~
On February 5, 2002, the Oak Run Garden Club purchased a Blue Star Memorial marker for $940 arranged for the installation of this marker by L.B.O.T.

2003: Throughout the gardening season, the Garden Club participated in a monetary contribution and provided labor to help beautify the Knox County Fairgrounds landscaping project in Knoxville, IL. Club members also participated in the Williamsfield School Memorial Garden, Williamsfield, IL, by providing labor.

Years 2004-2013: April 2005: Club members amended the By-Laws in “Article VI – Dues” to change the annual membership dues to $5/person. August 5, 2008, the Club members amended the By-Laws in “Article IV – Officers and Elections” to change each officer position to a 1-year term. Other minor wording changes were also made within this article.

2009 – 2012: Club members offered their personal gardens for gardens for viewing: Jan and Dan Congreve; Colleen Dixon; Dot and John Durfee; Cindy and Mike French; Carol and Dan Gentry; Eva and George Rohrhuber; Rick Smith; Rosalie and Phil Tichen; Barb and Don Timmerman; and Suzie and Lee Nolan.

August 2010: The Garden Club took on a new look! Shirts, hats and visors were designed with the Garden Club’s name on each item. Members purchased items of their choice and now proudly wear them at Garden Club events.

The club also purchased a book called, “Illinois Extension Gardening Book” for the Oak Run community residents to use. This large book is kept in the library at the POA office. It cannot be checked out, but can be read during office hours.

2001 – 2011: For eleven years, Pat and Dave Asbury hosted a fall wiener roast and hayrack ride at their farm for Oak Run Garden Club members. While on the hayrack ride, Dave would explain about the prairie and woodland acreage that was well-managed and enrolled in the conservation reserve acreage program. Prairie plants (many in bloom while we were on the ride) and native grasses covered several acres of the Asbury farm. The woodland acreage was managed by thinning small trees and undergrowth to allow the larger trees to grow strong and tall. A large farm pond was created and built by Dave and his son to help control water run off and soil erosion on the hilly terrain in that area of the farm. Members always enjoyed the evening at the Asbury’s!

April 27, 2013: The Garden Club planted a 12 ft. Oak tree at Brentwood Park, in honor of former Garden Club secretary, Jan Holmes, who passed away on March 4, 2012. Family, close friends and Garden Club members and friends attended the tree planting and the memorial ceremony.

2014: Many years have passed and another year is upon us.
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Oak Run Property Owners Assoc.

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Parent’s Name: ________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone Number: _________________________
Name of participant(s) _______________________
Age of participant(s) _______________________
Have the participants ever had swim lessons before? _______________________

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Monday & Wednesday
Guppy - 9:00-9:30 a.m. Minnow - 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Fish - 10:00-10:30 a.m. Jr. Lifeguard - 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Payment account enclosed:

Cost is $25.00 a session per participant for property owners. Cost is $30.00 a session per participant for guests of property owners. For questions or more information, call 309-879-2603.

Mail or bring check and form to:
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Boat Ramp Etiquette

Launching a boat can sometimes be a problem. Wind, a slippery ramp or other local problems may mean hidden hazards. The boat owner can make the task easier by being alert and following this simple procedure: remember, courtesy and efficiency will go a long way in making a boat trip a pleasure for you and others too.

1. Stay to one side and watch one or two launchings to notice any local problems of the ramp and wind or current effect on launching.
2. Remove any gear that is stored in car. Rig boat, step mast, etc.
3. Disconnect wiring plug between car and trailer.
4. Remove tie downs, double check to make sure the drain plug is in.
5. Attach a line to bow cleat and a second line to stern cleat to aid in controlling boat after launching.
6. Double check engine safety chains, make sure the outboard is securely attached to the transom.

Enter the launching line:
1. Back down into the water until the rear rollers are barely under the water.
2. Have someone guide you into the water and hold onto the guide lines you connected.
3. Disconnect the winch line from the bow eye and put the boat in the water.
4. Move your boat so others may launch.
5. Return your vehicle and trailer to the parking area.
LOCKED and all lights turned off when leaving. Tents need board approval. Tents will be permitted as supplemental shelter in conjunction with the Lounge for activities such as weddings, picnics, hog roasts, scenic drives. A property owner must be present all the time and cooperate. We hope you enjoy yourselves. We can handle all your rock hauling needs.

KITCHEN
Do not put grease or food containers in the freezer. Do not clean oven using oven cleaning cycle. Clean oven using Dacron sponges. Oven rack should be removed and bottom of oven should be cleaned. Do not clean oven using oven cleaner. Do not put grease or coffee on stove burners. Do not clean oven using oven cleaner. Use supplies provided, insure kitchen utensils, counters, stove, etc., are left in a clean condition. Clean kitchen floor using water only. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

OAK RUN RULES
Volunters are subject to 100 fine for each offense. Subsequent offenses are 30 days suspension of privileges and appearance before the Oak Run Board of Directors.
1. Docking of watercraft on outlots is restricted to the hours between sunrise and sunset.
2. Sharing of membership cards is prohibited.
3. All watercraft must travel in counterclockwise direction. (Keep the nearest shoreline to your right.)
4. Skiing, fishing, or swimming from PGA posted boat docks is prohibited.
5. A property owner must be present all the time when using any watercraft while it is on the lake.
6. No careless or reckless operation of watercraft. No 360° turns are allowed while operating a personal watercraft.
7. Observe "no wake" areas.
8. No person may operate a motor boat or personal watercraft which has in tow or is otherwise assisting; a person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device, from the period of sunset to sunrise.
9. When towing a person on water skis, aquaplane, or similar device, the towing vessel must have a capacity of at least three people and must be occupied by at least two competent individuals (a qualified operator and a competent observer) and a life jacket. The life jacket must be displayed whenever a person is in the water.

2014 RENTAL CONTRACT

1. OAK RUN BRENTWOOD PARK LOUNGE & KITCHEN RENTAL CONTRACT
It is hereby agreed that _______________________________________________, Owner(s) of Lot No. ____________ in the ________________________ Subdivision, whose address is __________________________________________________., will rent to _______________________________________________, Owner(s) of Lot No. ____________ in the ________________________ Subdivision, whose address is __________________________________________________., the Lounge and/or Kitchen for a maximum of six (6) hours. If you wish more than the six hours, there is an additional fee of $25.00 per hour. Will you be serving alcohol? Yes/No ____________ If yes, evidence of host liquor liability insurance must be attached to this document.

2. A property owner must be present all the time and cooperate. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

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DAILY LIMITS ARE PER PROPERTY OWNER, PER DAY ON ALL FISH:
WALLEYE 2 FISH - 16" AND LARGER
CRAPPIE 15 FISH - 9" AND LARGER UNLIMITED UNDER 9"
CHANNEL CAT 5 FISH - 12" AND LARGER
ALL SMALL MOUTH BASS - CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY.
LARGE MOUTH BASS: 5 FISH - UNDER 13" - O R
5 FISH - UNDER 17" - 1 FISH - OVER 20".
BLUEGILL 25 FISH PER DAY
REDEAR 25 FISH PER DAY
YOU MAY KEEP ALL BULLHEAD, YELLOW PERCH, CARP, AND WHITE BASS.

10. All play islands and swim platforms on Spoon Lake shall be registered annually with the Association office. All owners must pay a yearly registration fee of $20.00 per device and sign the registration application agreeing to provide required insurance.
11. No swimming over 30 feet from shoreline or anchored boat. 2014 boat stickers must be displayed by April 1st, 2014.
13. All Federal and State laws shall apply.
14. Watercrafts are not to exceed 40 mph at any time.
15. Posted fishing regulations enforced.

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OAK RUN POA

Purpose: To maintain order and cleanliness of the Lake and facilities.

Tent rules:
No overnight camping allowed.
Tent must be 25 feet from water at all times.
Tent must be on a hard surface.
Tent must be 80 feet from another tent.
Tent must be 20 feet from the nearest shoreline.
Tent must have a capacity of at least three people.
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You Will Need:
♦ Sharpie permanent markers of various colors. Gold and silver sharpies are also great colors to use.
♦ Plain white dollar store mug(s) to decorate.

Create Your Mug:
Draw your design on the mug and color it as you wish with the Sharpies.
♦ Preheat the oven to 350°.
Set the colored mugs on a cookie sheet and place in the oven. Bake for 30 minutes, then shut the oven off and allow the mug to cool in the oven. Your design becomes permanent, and your mug is ready to give to Mother!

Paperclip Bookmarks
An easy craft to make, and fun to give!

You Will Need:
Jumbo paperclips in various colors, and pieces of ribbon cut into 12” strips.

Create the Bookmarks:
Choose four to five strips of ribbon per paperclip. Tie the ribbons (double knot) to the paperclips. Alternate ribbon colors/designs for interesting results. Slide the tied ribbons to the end of the clip that does not attach to paper. You may also add beads to the end of some of the ribbon strips and knot the end to keep the beads in place.
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### OTHER APRIL OAK RUN EVENTS

- **Ea. Mon, Wed, Fri** Oak Run Exercise Group, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Brentwood
- **Ea. Mon, Wed** Women’s Fitness Group 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Brentwood. Cost $3 per class
- **Ea. Tues** beginning April 22nd, Tuesday Men’s Golf League - All Day
- **Ea. Wed** beginning April 23rd, Ladies Morning Golf League - 8:15 a.m.

**NOTE:** Copy must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25th, for inclusion in the June/July issue of the Communicator.
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