

The Lake Winola News

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Many New Changes for the Summer

Dear Members,

My name is Heather Clancy and I am your President for the upcoming 2009 summer season. The Association is faced with many changes. After years of dedicated service Ann Hermes has officially resigned her position as editor of the Winola News.

We appreciate her many years of service to our Association. The newspaper will be changing in many ways. We are now a completely digital paper. It will still be delivered to your doorstep as usual but we now will be able to incorporate a large variety of material and information from our members within each issue. I would appreciate if you could email me pictures accompanied by a short description to winola.news@lakewinola.org. Your "Winola News" will be considered for incorporation in The Lake Winola News. Hopefully, we will have many interesting stories to come! On January 31st the board held its annual reorganization meeting. We discussed many topics such as water quality, events of the summer, and necessary improvements to the pavil-

ion. There are many new board members this year. We would like to welcome Kristen Lewis, Alicia Tench, Nicole Millett, Megan Azar, Nadia Dailey, and Jimmy Clancy to our board of directors. They are very ambitious and looking forward to the summer ahead. Attached to this newsletter is the 2009 membership form. Please fill out this form and return it to the address given. Also, if you have a new neighbor or someone interested joining please encourage them to join. I look forward to serving as your President. This summer will be exciting with many new changes and hopefully many new faces. I have always loved being at Lake Winola and being a part of the LWCA. Hopefully, my children and their children will enjoy the events of our Association and the summertime bonds we share. I look forward to meeting you all at the spring meeting.

Thank You,

Heather Clancy

Membership Renewal and Pavilion Rental

The membership and rental rates will remain the same for the 2009 season. If anyone is interest in renting the pavilion please contact Judi Mensinger at: 378- 2732. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the LWCA please encourage them to do so. They can contact the President or email the newspaper at winola.news@lakewinola.org to receive a membership application.

Water Quality Report

The water testing report has come in. Thanks to our water committee headed by Mary Stoko a water analysis of Lake Winola has been completed. The findings suggest that the water in Lake Winola is very clean. It is more than clean for the purposes of swimming. The problem with the algae is a direct result of the phosphates in the lake. There are two sources of phosphates. First, external loading, caused by run off from our water shed and second, internal loading caused by low levels of oxygen deep in the lake. The study did not indicate an immediate major problem with the water quality. It did outline that actions should be taken now to prevent future problems. Two actions are recommended. First, decreasing external loading by reducing or eliminated fertilizers and detergents. One action the Association can pursue is developing a management plan to determine where investments should be made for controlling run off and how, if needed, to get more oxygen to the bottom level of the lake. We can help our lake immediately now by using 0 phosphate fertilizer. Low phosphate is not an option. When purchasing a fertilizer check the middle number indicated on the packaging. The center number is the phosphate level. That center number needs to be 0. One suggestion is a product carried at Lowe's called Sta-Green Weed and Feed. This has a 0 phos-

phate level. Also, Agway carries a brand called Weed & Feed that is also phosphate free. If your lawn is serviced by professionals please make sure that they can accommodate your request to use phosphate free fertilizer. Detergents used to clean our boats and docks are another source of phosphates. There are many phosphate free detergents, like Simple Green, that are very effective. Another way we can help is picking up dog waste and disposing it in the trash. Animal waste does more damage than you think on the quality of our water. The waste from one dog may not make a difference but a hundred or so will make a large difference. Another small change we can make is to make sure that we do not feed the ducks. Finally, do not discard grass clippings or leaves in the lake. I know that we all want to keep our lake beautiful. It is important to have an understanding of the different ways our lake can be affected. More detail from the study will be given at the spring meeting. I encourage everyone to join us.

LWCA Web Site

The board has decided to purchase a web site for the LWCA. Thanks to the technological ability of our director, Andy Weinman, a web address has been purchased for the Association. This site will offer a variety of resources for Association members. It is currently under construction but will be up and running by the start of the 2009 season.

Members will be able to download forms and rental agreements. Also, we will post updates on our water quality testing. The web site address is www.lakewinola.org. More information on the web site and its future will be given at the spring meeting. Check the site periodically to see the latest updates and changes.

Save the Date

Be sure to be here for our annual Regatta. This year we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the event. We plan to include many new events. The adults will even have a chance to show off their skills, or lack thereof, in the races! The Regatta will be held on July 25th. A complete list of dates and events will be included in the seasonal issue of the Winola News. Also, another exciting new event is a Craft and Bake sale. Instead of a Flea Market this year the Directors have decided to host a craft fair. This will be held on May 23rd. If you are a crafter or if you know anyone who may be

interested in purchasing a table for the event it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nicole Millett at 351-1051 or contact the paper at lake.news@lakewinola.org. More information on both these events will be in the first edition of the Winola News.

Youth Group

This season the youth group will be run by Alicia Tench. She has many exciting activities planned. Alicia has requested that if anyone is interested in having their children or grandchildren participate please contact her at 378-2175 or contact The Lake Winola News at winola.news@lakewinola.org. Alicia would like to accommodate as many children as possible. If you're interested please let her know what day of the week would be best for you. She will reserve the pavilion accordingly. Summer is always a fun

and exciting time at Lake Winola. Many life long friends have been made growing up and spending summers at the lake. Alicia would like to form a great new youth group with a lot of fun activities for all children from infant to young teenage years. What better way for a new generation of children and grandchildren to meet and form their own friendships with the people they will see for summers to come. The first meeting is June 18th at 5:00 or 6:00 at the pavilion. Please bring your bicycles, tricycles, scooters, or favorite ride on toy. The kids can ride around and meet the faces they hope to see for many years to come at Lake Winola.

Other Lake News

The LWCA has contracted Waste Management for its garbage service. Your garbage service will remain the same for the 2009 season. Your garbage stickers will come in the mail along with your membership card. The Association has contacted the Fish Commission to schedule boating safety courses at the pavilion. This year we are also trying to coordinate swim lessons at the pavilion.

Dates and times will be included in the spring issue of The Lake Winola News. We are in the process of planning the dinner dance for Friday June 17th. If anyone does catering or is a D.J. and is interested in doing the dinner dance please contact Alicia Tench at 378-2175 or Kristen Lewis at 575-4676. We need to hear from you as soon as possible.