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First Annual Golf Tournament Success!

The first annual Lake John Golf Tournament was a huge success! A very special thanks to Molly Van Metre, our Vice President, for all the work in planning and in running the event! I think everyone in attendance had a great time, and I for one am looking forward to next years!

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New Lake John Development

As I'm sure you are all aware, a large property on Nevens Ave has been listed for sale. The seller, in the hopes of making the land more salable, has petitioned the city to have his property annexed. The rules of an annexation state that only the city, the township and the owner need to be in favor, and so the annexation passed. It was/is favorable for the three parties. If the sale goes through, many residents look forward to the possibility of sewer and city water. As of today, the final plans have not been presented to the city. The city and the developer have assured me that they would both keep me apprised as things advance, and I will in turn keep you all informed. Thank you to Amy Chouinard and Kelly Kosloski for their interest and help in keeping you all up to date.



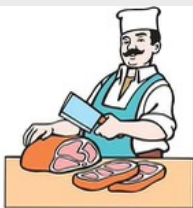
Congrats to our winning team; Gary Hilgers, Mike and Linda Jaskowski, and James Detmar.

Thank you to our Community Small Businesses!!

What an awesome community we share with some amazing small businesses! **Annandale Embroidery** was so helpful and generous in doing our clothing order last summer!

Southbrook Golf Course was very generous monetarily, but also in their time spent helping out.

Last, a thank you to Petty Brothers for donating gift cards for the Golf Tournament prizes!



Petty Brothers Meats, Inc.



Invasive Species Treatments

The Lake John Improvement District has continued the fight in keeping our lake free of Invasive Species. A CLP treatment was done in June at a cost of \$6,878.25. Eurasian watermilfoil was assessed at a cost of \$900, and treated for \$1,690.00 in July. We are still free of Starry stonewort, but to be certain, LID is testing twice a year. An assessment was done in July and again in September at a cost of \$850.00 per instance.

Bogs

The loose bog saga continues. We did obtain a permit to remove two bogs; one 20'x20' and one 35'x35'. We were graciously given permission by Adelle Seanor to dispose of the bogs on her property. Last we have an excavation company ready to do the work. What's the hold up then you ask. Several factors need to be in our favor for removal. The bogs need to be loose and in a place boats can get to them to push them to a landing site. Also the wind has to have died down to make it feasible to push them where they need to go. If everything aligns, we do still plan to have them removed.

Kids Corner

In this issue I asked for Erin and Dave Johnson's kids of Section 2 to answer the question; What makes Lake John special?

Abram 15: I like how it's quiet on weekends and I can enjoy doing water sports. Some lakes I've been to are so crowded that it's not even fun. We take turns going out on the water together. And I like how all the kids know each other and get along.

Noelle 9: I like how I have more freedom to run around and play than at my house. I like fishing because I always catch a lot of fish. And I like that almost everybody has a dog.

Lila 13: I like how our Lake is clean compared to other lakes. The water is nice so it makes swimming more fun. And I've made good friends that I like hanging out with.

Need Help around the Yard?

Abram Johnson, as featured in Kids Corner is interested in making some extra cash this summer doing yard work. "I am available to discuss weekly rates or help out on an as needed basis. Basic lawn care cost starts at \$25 depending on time needed. I am 16 years old and have been doing lawn care in Eagan for 2 summers and have equipment experience." Please contact him at (612) 272-0337 if you are interested. I know I will be!

Septics and lake health

Did you know that roughly a third of MN homes have a septic system? Most comply with state regulations, but in 2018 MN Pollution Control estimated that 15% of systems do not meet current regulations for protecting our groundwater. This is especially worrisome near lakes and rivers. When a septic system fails or even leaks, they can be a major source of phosphorus which fuels algae blooms. "Failing septic systems can have a huge impact on water quality, and it doesn't take many of them," said Jeff Forester, executive director of MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates. So please, have your septic systems inspected and pumped every few years by a professional. If you don't have a drain field your septic tank will need to be pumped several times a month or more depending on usage.

Please note changes to the Gem levels:

We've added a level to our gem club! The board voted that a fifth mid level made sense, and to simplify things, the numbers reflect actual contributions which includes a member fee.

Sapphire: \$51-\$99

Jade: \$100-\$249

Emerald: \$250-\$499

Ruby: \$500-\$999

Diamond: \$1000 and above

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Mark your calendars!!!

Annual Meeting

Date June 25th at 9:00am

South Haven Hall

521 Oak Ave, South Haven



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