

Fall Newsletter 2023

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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Hello Again Lake Jane Neighbors,

So happy to see you! I hope you've had a great summer and have taken advantage of the weather while you could. It's been a busy summer for Lake Jane, both at the pool and the park. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had some rains to ease the evaporation on the lake and it will have returned to more normal levels.

As we head into fall, everything settles down and we start thinking about next year. This year in particular we'd like to have some conversation about how people want Lake Jane to be. We will be sending out some questions later in the fall and we would really appreciate your thoughts.

This brings me to a related topic: neighborhood caretaking and participation. So much of our lives and our communication is online these days that many of us don't know our neighbors well or feel strongly about the place where we live. But we should; we live here! Out of all the causes or activities we commit to, few have more direct impact on our life than the place we live. Currently we have one open position on the board, for the pool committee; we also need to "build bench strength" – to have people who are involved and able to step into roles, or to help out with community activities, or let us know their expertise we could call on as needed. Please come join us at a board meeting, or just drop me a line with how you can or want to help: president@lakejane.org. We live in a wonderful place; let's match that with a vibrant community and community leadership.

I also want to thank our board and our employees for all the hours they put in thinking about and acting on behalf of Lake Jane. In particular, Anna Loudenbeck, Ruth Rabdau, and Wendy Schwartznau are all departing the board, and we thank them for all they've done. I'd also like to welcome Katie Hudson and Peta Shepherd to the park and the lake committees, respectively, and Hiedi Sutton as our Vice-President.

I look forward to the year ahead and planning for what we want Lake Jane to be.

Anne-Marie Davidson President of Lake Jane Estates

POOL REPORT

The pool committee would like to thank Anna Loudenback for her passion and the countless hours she spent over the past 3 years on the pool committee! Anna has been a leader on the pool committee, and we have learned so much from her regarding safety and regulations. Best of luck to Anna for her future endeavors, you will be missed.

We currently have an open pool committee position open! If you are interested in volunteering at the pool and to be a part of the fun, please attend the next board meeting so we can vote you in! The returning pool committee members are Debbie Epperson and Stacy McClellan.

The pool opened this year on June 24th and closed on September 4th and many of our neighbors and friends enjoyed sunny days taking a dip, enjoying the sun, and having a drink or snack at the pool.

We had a great crew of Lifeguards: Jameson, Walsh, Payton, Lexie, Belle, Dyllan, Max, Mitchell, Farron and Bella. We also had great Hut workers: Violet, Sam, Kassidi, Tristen, Casi and Ryan. They are all an important part of the success we had at the pool this year.

We had 4 group Swimming lesson sessions and many private lessons this year. The instructors and the Swim Instructor Supervisor, Cara Johnson, did a great job scheduling lessons and taking pride in teaching the kids how to swim and about water safety. Thank you to all our staff for a fun season!

A special thank you to our Facility Manager, Jay Sutton. He has completed many repairs to equipment, made sure cleaning and chemical supplies were stocked and worked with Aqua Care to train the Lifeguards and keep the pool sanitation levels at acceptable levels.

Pool rentals were in demand this year and many folks were able to host fun parties at the pool. Keep it in mind for your party needs next season.

In Spring, we will be hiring Lifeguards, Hut workers, instructors and we will be looking for confident swimmers to volunteer at swimming lessons to assist the instructors. Please make sure and look for the job and volunteer postings on the Lake Jane Website in the Spring.

Hope you all had a great Summer, and we will see you at the pool in June!

PARK REPORT

The park was busy this summer with a number of park reservations and general use.

A number of improvements were made such as:

Benches and nets were replaced at the basketball court.

Facilities Manager Jay organized the storage container, it looks great!

Dead tree was removed from the boat launch area.

Trying to keep after the moles in the park areas, they have a mind of their own!

Added bark to the Dog park, pardon the pun!

Soccer goal nets were replaced.

Bark for the upper park playground was replaced.

We would like to thank Ruth Rabdau for her service on the Park Committee. We also would like to welcome Katie Hudson for joining the Park Committee at the annual meeting. If it wasn't for members stepping up to join these committees it would be hard to run Lake Jane, thank you! A great big thank you to Sam, our park helper for helping Jay keep our parks clean and ready for our use!

Park Hours:

UPPER PARK: Summer hours for March through September are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm and Winter hours for October through February are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

LOWER PARK: Summer hours for March through September are from 7:00 am to dusk and Winter hours for October through February are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Except after-hours use of either park will be permitted to members in good standing by a decision of the Board of Trustees. Forty-eight hours' notice must be given to the Board for such special use.

LAKE REPORT

The lake is in good shape, but the water level is dropping faster than normal due to lack of rainfall and warmer weather than normal.

We have been monitoring the lake throughout the summer for vegetation growth and have manually removed some of the vegetation.

To help reduce growth, please limit the use of fertilizers as they wash into the lake during rain events.

A chemical treatment of the lake for vegetation control will take place the summer of 2024.

We are working on humanly removing and relocating the otters in our lake due to the number of fish they consume.

We would like to say Thank You to Wendy Schwartznau for serving on the Lake Committee and Hello to Peta Shepherd for joining the Lake Committee!

Information regarding the Lake Jane community can be found on our website – Lakejane.org or on our community page on Facebook.

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