

# THE Apple Core

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## Lessons from the Lake Draw Down



The Apple Core is the official monthly newsletter of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association, and is the Association's legal vessel used to inform every property owner of important notices, rules and policy changes, board actions, and other pertinent information of which property owners must be aware.

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As previously indicated, the ACL Flood Mitigation Commission initiated a lake drawdown test at 9 am on November 13. The valve below the dam was opened and adjusted up and down for about 2 hours to determine the effects of flow rate on the Hells Branch and the valve itself. At about 11 am it was fully opened. By 4 pm on November 14, the lake level had dropped about 7.5 inches. However, that evening the valve was closed due to a complaint from a downstream farmer about a sulfur odor and what effect it would have on his cattle. The valve was reopened the next day at 50% and by November 17 the lake level had dropped a total of about 17.5 inches. At that point, the valve was throttled back to about 25% and then fully closed on November 20.

We gathered a lot of information from this trial. Security, Maintenance, volunteers, other staff members and our interim GM all worked together to form a great team. Any issues were addressed quickly and as a team.

### Some of the lessons we learned were as follows:

1. Although we were careful to make sure that all involved fire departments, sheriff departments and townships in our floodplain were notified ahead of time, we failed to notify the downstream farmers. If a drawdown is needed in the future, we need to make sure that they are notified well in advance, so the farmers have time to prepare.
2. If a drawdown of more than 2 to 2.5 feet is required next year, it will require a large labor force to deal with the association docks in the time frame required. This will be prior to any drawdown and then again once the lake returns close to normal pool.
3. We understand how Hells Branch water level reacts to the valve being opened at different flow rates from 25% to 100% open, and what issues this causes for our downstream neighbors.
4. The water being discharged from the bottom of the lake through the valve does not affect the ecosystem of Hells Branch, although there is a strong sulfur smell associated with the initial opening of the valve,
5. We understand the dam emergency drain valve flow and can determine GPM at various valve positions.

6. We now understand how dock hinges react to a drawdown and maximum angle that can be achieved before damage occurs.
7. We know what needs to be done to the association docks should a 3 to 8' drawdown be required.
8. We know the depth, length, and conditions of the rock ledge in front of the spillway. This was videotaped and can be given to the contractors to determine what method to use to remove those rocks. This could also help in determining if there is a method to remove those rocks without an 8-foot drawdown next year.
9. The method used by K&S for securing the private docks should also work with an 8 foot drawdown if it is required next year. Storage of ShoreStations on the greenway this year and next will give K&S a better chance at focusing on the boats and docks next year should a 2' to 8' drawdown be required.
10. We elected not to complete the full 2 feet drawdown this year for a few reasons:
  - Concern about the quantity of water coming into the lake. The average water inflow for November is 8 cfs with a range between 4 cfs to 14 cfs, that might not sound like much, however, 7 cfs equals 4.5 million gallons a day (24 hours).
  - Basically, we would have gained minimal additional information by continuing with the drawdown. Everything was reacting the way we expected.
  - Drawing down an additional 6" to 10" could have caused damage to some of the Association ramps and first float sections. We felt that there was no reason to risk damage to these sections, when we knew they would need to be removed prior to a larger drawdown, should it be required next year.

Although a lot of work and preparation went into this year's drawdown event, the Flood Mitigation Commission concluded it was well worth the effort considering the amount of information gained from it. Having done this, the Commission feels that it is better prepared for a greater drawdown next year, should it become necessary.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BY: NOLAN MULLEN,  
*President, ACL Board of Directors*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to spend quality time with friends and family over the holiday season.

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to Interim General Manager Mike Harris and his staff for all that they have accomplished in 2023. As you can see in his GM report, a lot has gotten done in the five months Mike has been leading ACL.

In December, the Board approved the 2024 budgets and fee schedules, so you should be seeing your 2024 assessments

soon. Hopefully everyone is pleased to see only a five percent increase in the annual assessments.

Mike Harris and Mike Yorke have been given the task to reach out to local restaurateurs to see if anyone is interested in operating The Cove for the upcoming season. More to come on this next month.

The GM Search Commission has narrowed the field of candidates down to the finalists. Those finalists will be interviewed by the Board soon.

There are three seats open for the upcoming Board of Directors election. Those interested need to act soon, as the deadline for candidate applications is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Have a Safe and Healthy New Year!

# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



## A Review of the Past 6 Months

BY: MIKE HARRIS,  
*Interim General Manager*

The last 6 months of 2023 were very busy for the association. To start with, the new and long-awaited Memorial Pavilion started construction this fall and is almost complete.

We are currently cutting down invasives and trees to clear the clubhouse point to take advantage of the "million dollar" view.

Apple Canyon Lake has been selected to host the Illinois High School Fishing Contest in 2025. This is exciting news and offers several opportunities for ACL.

Staff from Lake Carroll visited ACL over the summer for a benchmarking exercise and stated we are far ahead of them in many ways, including financials, software, and fiber.

Canyon Club Drive, the main road to the clubhouse was repaved this year. The Multi-Sport Complex has been torn down and resurfaced.

The Cove has been closed for the season, cleaned, and sanitized. We conducted 2 blowout sales at The Cove to help liquidate some of the remaining merch and supplies.

On the security front, for the first time 100% of the lake's security cameras are working.

In the last 2 weeks we have received \$70,000.00 in grant funding. The Firehouse has been approved for a long-awaited repair to the roof.

The mess at the Nixon Beach Quarry has been cleaned up. Zebra mussels have seen a sharp decline and are no longer causing a nuisance.

A new emergency valve was installed below the dam for the lake drainage system. We used the new valve to run a test in November and dropped the lake level by 1-1/2 feet.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mike Yorke for stepping into the Human Resources role and helping me to keep the ship sailing in the right direction. Mike has been an integral part of this transition. From the General Manager search, to helping straighten out payroll, the association is lucky to have someone like Mike step in during the Associations time of need. Thank you, Mr. Yorke, for all your contributions to Apple Canyon Lake during this time.

I hope all of you had a great holiday season. Happy New Year everyone.

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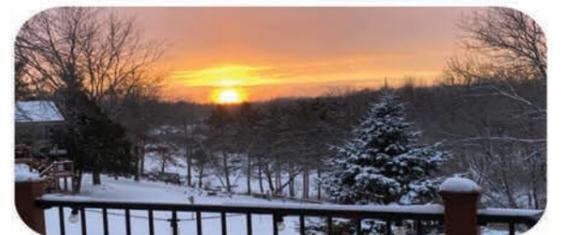


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**FISH TALES**



Don Nelson caught a 37 inch 12lb Northern pike while fishing Apple Canyon Lake.

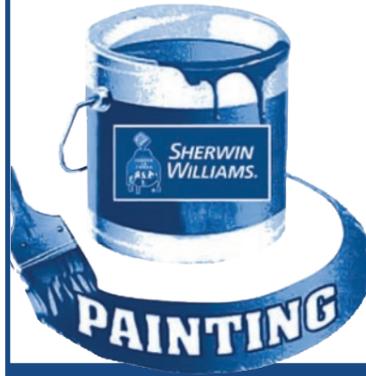


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# ACL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

## ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order – Chairman Dave Allgood called the meeting to order at 8:03 am with the following committee members in attendance: Bill Ware, Dave Allgood, Kevin Rogers, Mark Kosko, Bill Becker, Jim Frank, and Bob Ballenger. Inspector DeWiener was also in attendance.
- 2.0 Approve Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting – Bill Becker Moved and Mark Kosko seconded. 6 Yeas and 1 Abstention - Motion Carried
- 3.0 Property Owner Comments – None
- 4.0 Building Inspector Report – 139 Permits Granted Year To Date Last year at this time 135 Permits were granted. ACL will be creating an area for storing clay for the spillway project next to the trail near Nielsen Beach. Questions were raised about restoration plans for the area. Work is continuing on the creek stabilization project along Bathum Trail. Work will be wrapping up soon.
- 5.0 Agenda Revised Agenda – Bill Ware Motion Second – Kevin Rogers Drop - 7.1 Regarding an attached garage.
- 7 Yeas 0 Nays - Motion Carried
- 6.0 Unfinished Business
- 6.1 None
- 7.0 New Business
- 7.1 Removed from Agenda
- 7.2 Regarding the prohibiting of plastic erosion netting at ACL  
Motion – Bill Becker Second – Mark Kosko  
Discussion: Discussion followed on the use of plastics and their effect on the environment. Alternatives to plastic netting were also discussed. A grace period for existing projects was added to the motion language until January 1, 2024 Motion Passed – 7 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- 7.3 Discussion Item Regarding the Greenway Stewardship Program at ACL  
Motion – Bill Ware Second – Mark Kosko  
Discussion: Discussion regarding roles and responsibilities for approval of Greenway Projects. Commissions, subcommittees, and Board Responsibilities. Concerns regarding liability in continued management of the projects was also discussed. A recommendation to require Board/General Manager level approval was made. Additional language changes related to projects within 100' of the waterfront was also included in the recommendation. Clearer language of how projects will move through the process is still needed. A follow up meeting with the Conservation Committee will be scheduled to address these issues.
- 7.4 Other New Business  
None
- 8.0 Next Meeting: December 2, 2023 at the Maintenance Building.
- 9.0 Adjournment – Bob Ballinger moved at 9:26

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2023 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: 8:00 am.
- 2.0 Executive Session – 8:00 am.
- 3.0 Return to Open Session: Motion to return to Open Session made by Laura Pratt at 9:06 AM, seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – after the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen, John Anderson, Bob Ballenger, Bill Becker, Carmel Cottrell (via Zoom), Brian Holt, Mark Kosco, Debra McNamee, and Laura Pratt. Interim General Manager Mike Harris was also present.
- 5.0 Approve /Adopt Minutes from the October 21, 2023, Board Meeting - Laura Pratt motioned "to approve / adopt the minutes from the October 21, 2023, Board Meeting." Seconded by John Anderson, motion carried unanimously.
- 6.0 Treasurer's Report – will not be in The Apple Core due to not having updated numbers.
- 7.0 Committee/Commission Reports  
Zebra Mussels – Laura Pratt reported they have recommendations on the agenda for today.  
Flood Mitigation – Laura Pratt reported the drawdown has been a good learning experience for us. Things are going well. Few issues downstream with the valve open all of the way, creeks full – farmers reporting this. Issues have been resolved, and they will call if more issues. We gathered the information we needed. Probably conclude this weekend. Flood Mitigation Commission wants to thank the staff here for their cooperation and help.  
Conservation – Deb McNamee reported, work continues on the Clubhouse point restoration. Streambank stabilization being done at Independence, Hawthorne, and Bathum Trail areas. Fall fish shocking done. 1800 Walleye stocked. Request was made to AECC to prohibit any erosion control blankets that contain plastic.  
Legal – Bill Doran reported they will be working on the new revision of the Covenants next year.  
Nominating - Mike Yorke reported we have two candidates per year. Informational meeting is this afternoon. Very

- informal. The second event, Meet the Candidates is in the spring.
- GM Search – Mike Yorke reported that we have received candidates from the search firm – 8 candidates total with 4 in play right now.
- Memorial Pavilion – Laura Pratt reported that concrete is poured and posts are up. Hoping to be done mid-December.
- Recreation – John Anderson reported that Holly Dally is December 2. Ice rink is going up after Thanksgiving.
- Maintenance – Carmel Cottrell reported there is a possible interest shown by someone who would like to buy the dredge, more information hopefully for December.
- 8.0 General Manager's Report – Mike Harris reported dredging and riprap are complete. Campground is closed and winterized for the year. Irrigation for the golf course is all winterized.
- 9.0 President's Report - will be in The Apple Core.
- 10.0 Any Additions to the Agenda  
Bob Ballenger motioned to add: 13.4 Suspend all new position hires until new GM is in place. Seconded by Deb McNamee. Motion carried.
- 11.0 Consent Agenda  
11.1 Committee/Commission Changes - Bob Ballenger motioned "to allow Mark Kosco, Richard Blackmore, Carmel Cottrell and Dave Long to resign from the Food & Beverage Commission; to allow Steve Borst to resign from the Strategic Long Range Planning Commission, Board Policy Commission and GM Search Commission; to accept the resignation of Carmel Cottrell from the Code Food and Beverage Ad Hoc Commission." Seconded by Laura Pratt. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 Unfinished Business  
12.1 2024 Budget – Discussion: only reviewing today, will adopt at the December meeting. Laura Pratt – heard some concern about Campground fee going up. First off, we are way lower than anyone around here. The waiting list is quite long. As for another association, Lake Carroll – their dues are well into the \$2000 range with campground fee \$740.00 (last year). If they raised it this year, another \$50.00, we are very close. We are at 800.00 right now. Not out of line with what they charge. Bill Becker stated that Lake Carroll's dues are going up to \$2500 and their campsite fee is going up \$75.  
Nolan Mullen - this budget includes the same number of employees (plus raise) as 2023.
- 13.0 New Business  
13.1 Final Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc Commission Recommendation for 2024 #1 – Laura Pratt motioned "1) to formally recommend Apple Canyon Lake treat the lake annually with EarthTec QZ.  
a) One complete shoreline treatment as designed and executed in 2023.  
b) The need for treatments will be determined based on the health of the lake, results of the treatment, and data collected, e.g., large scale or spot treatments may be recommended based on the detection of unacceptable levels of live zebra mussels and/or the presence of liggers.  
c) Maintain increased frequency of treatments to the Dumping Rock, Nielsen Beach, and Marina.  
d) Treatments to occur post-fish spawning.  
2) Formal data must be collected, documented, and maintained in the existing Excel spreadsheets provided to Natural Resources. Monitoring the results of applications with tools such as monitoring plates, live cages, measuring copper and oxygen levels, lake temps, weather, etc.  
3) In tandem with the flood mitigation project, lowering the lake water level may be considered a viable control option dependent on the depth of lowering."  
Seconded by Brian Holt. Discussion: Treatment is dependent on what is going on at the lake at the time. We did three complete applications of the shoreline; we think one application next year should suffice along with spot treatments. Most of the boats coming out were free of zebra mussels. Also, we have to keep up with algae treatments or else EarthTec QZ will be absorbed by algae and it won't be effective at killing the zebra mussels. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.2 Final ZM Ad Hoc Commission Recommendation for 2024 #2 – Laura Pratt motioned "in order to protect ACLPOA's golf course irrigation system from damage due to zebra mussel infestation, the Commission recommends the purchase of an Earthlab Science Injector Pump System. This system will drip-feed EarthTec QZ into the irrigation system, thus preventing the buildup of zebra mussels. The price of the system is expected not to exceed \$8,500.00." Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.3 The Cove Operator – Discussion: Decision was made to close the Cove for the season. Do we want to pursue a new vendor? Carmel Cottrell – Good idea to put it out there. Could contact some of the vendors from last year to see if they want to take it over or see if someone inside ACLPOA wants it. Deb McNamee – wait for a couple of months. See what our new GM might say. They may have experience with this. Nolan Mullen – get on agenda now for discussion, would give us time for applications, be

- ahead of it. Mark Kosco - Given the Cove deficit, don't think it is a good idea to run this ourselves. John Anderson motioned "to seek a Cove operator/tenant for 2024." Seconded by Mark Kosco. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13.4 New Hires – Bob Ballenger motioned "to freeze all new position hiring until the new GM is in place." Seconded by Bill Becker. Motion failed with four nays and Nolan Mullen abstaining.
- 14.0 Property Owner Comments  
Mary Witt, 3-93 – comments on the freeze – do a hiring freeze until new manager is hired. Save some money.  
LeAnn Killeen 12A62 – Will there be another sale at the Cove for the wine and beer and whatever else is left? Laura Pratt – we will take that into consideration.  
Henry Doden, 13A129 – Flood mitigation – Serious questions about the plans.  
Mike Yorke, 5A106 – monitoring the level of the lake – leave the water open just a trickle. We want the water to go to the creek for our neighbors downstream.  
Mike Cammack, 5A9 –With the help of DeWine Rush, we really brought the fishery back. After the copper treatments dead fish were found. Also, crawdads were killed. Stands to reason, because they're crustaceans too.  
Motion to adjourn by Mark Kosco at 10:28 AM. Seconded by John Anderson. Motion carried.  
Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry  
President, Nolan Mullen  
Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt

## BOARD ACTIONS AUGUST 19, 2023

- Consent Agenda
- Committee/Commission Changes - Approved
- Board Liaison Assignments To Committees/Commissions - Approved
- 13.0 Unfinished Business  
13.1 Memorial Pavilion Construction - Approved
- New Business  
14.1 Designated Signers For ACLPOA Accounts - Approved
- 14.2 Gm Executive Recruiter Firm - Approved
- 14.3 Formation Of Safety & Security Ad Hoc Commission - Tabled
- 14.4 Flood Mitigation Laboratory Spillway - Approved
- 14.5 Code Food & Beverage Ad Hoc Commission Charge – Approved
- 14.6 Board Policy Financial Documents – 1st Reading, No Motion Required
- 14.7 Old Firehouse Roofing Repair/Bids – Discussion, No Motion

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

- 11.0 Consent Agenda
- 11.1 Committee/Commission Changes - Approved
- 12.0 Unfinished Business
- 12.1 Safety & Security Ad Hoc Commission – Tabled, No Motion Taken
- 12.2 Board Policy Financial Document – Second Reading – Approved
- 12.3 Memorial Pavilion Contractor Removal - Approved
- 12.4 Memorial Pavilion Contractor Replacement - Approved
- 13.0 New Business  
13.1 Ice Fishing Shelters – Motion Withdrawn
- 13.2 Deer Management Regulations – Approved
- 13.3 Food & Beverage Commission Proposal - Failed
- 13.4 Food & Beverage Commission Hours Recommendation - Tabled
- 13.5 Tree Care Service – Approved
- 13.6 Backup Valve – Approved

## OCTOBER 21, 2023

- Consent Agenda
- Committee/Commission Changes – Approved
- New Business  
Buoy Request – Failed  
Proposed 2024 Calendar – Approved  
Hand Railing At Clubhouse – Approved  
Helm Proposal – Approved  
Budget Recommendation #5 – Approved  
Dredge – Discussion, No Motion Carried  
Shore Station Storage On Greenway – Approved  
Honkamp Contract – Approved

## NOVEMBER 18, 2023

- Consent Agenda
- Committee/Commission Changes – Approved
- New Business  
Final Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc Commission Recommendation For 2024 #1 - Approved  
Final Zebra Mussel Ad Hoc Commission Recommendation For 2024 #2 - Approved  
Code Lakeside Restaurant – Approved  
Budget – Failed

# 2024 ACL BUDGET - BOARD APPROVED 12-16-23

## 2024 Operating Fee Schedule - BOD Approved 12/16/23

	ANNUAL FEE		Mon-Fri	Wknd/Hol	
Annual Assessment (Due March 1)	\$ 1,310.00	<b>Golf</b>			
Annual Trash Fee* (Due March 1)	\$ 130	Property Owner			
<small>*required for all ACL homes, fee includes two passes (paper or decal)</small>					
<b>Seasonal Amenity Licenses (Due March 1)</b>		Holes (9)	\$ 12	\$ 15	
Marina Boat Slip	\$ 300	Holes (18)	\$ 15	\$ 20	
Nixon Boat Slip	\$ 300	<b>Non Property Owner</b>			
Zone Boat Slip	\$ 300	Holes (9)	\$ 17	\$ 20	
Seasonal Campsite (\$800/Trash (\$90)/Camper (\$10)	\$ 900	Holes (18)	\$ 22	\$ 27	
Camper Winter Storage (Onsite)	\$ 175	<b>Cart Rental</b>			
Golf Cart/ATV/UTV Storage Inside	\$ 150	Holes (9)	\$ 10	\$ 12	
Golf Cart Storage Outside	\$ 25	Holes (18)	\$ 15	\$ 20	
Kayak Locker Rental	\$ 50	<i>Call ACL Pro Shop for tee times (815) 492-2477</i>			
<b>Registration Fees</b>		<b>Campground</b>	<b>Mon - Thurs</b>	<b>Wknd/Hol</b>	
Owner Amenity Registration Fee (per owner)	\$ 110	RV Site (power and water)			
Golf Cart Registration	\$ 15	Property Owner	\$ 18	\$ 20	
Motorized 1st Boat	\$ 75	Guest	\$ 30	\$ 35	
Motorized 2nd Boat	\$ 75	<b>Tent Site (primitive)</b>			
Non-Motorized Boat	\$ 10	Property Owner	\$ 12	\$ 16	
Snowmobile	\$ 30	Guest	\$ 22	\$ 32	
ATV/UTV	\$ 30	<b>Extended Camping Fees Primitive/Full Hook Up per week</b>			
Vacation Rentals	\$ 200	Property Owner	\$ 100		
<b>Annual Golf Season Passes</b>		Guest	\$ 200		
Property Owner (Individual)	\$ 250	Washer/Dryer	\$ 1.25	(per load)	
Junior (Age 10-16)	\$ 125	<i>Call ACL Office for reservations (815) 492-2238</i>			
Non Property Owner (Individual)	\$ 350	<b>Marina Boat Slip Rentals</b>			
Corporate	\$ 2,500	Daily		\$ 25	
Property Owner (Couples w/ cart)	\$ 795	Weekly		\$ 105	
<b>Classes</b>		Monthly		\$ 300	
Swimming Lessons (per person, one session)	\$ 20	<i>Call ACL Office for reservations (815) 492-2238</i>			
Private Swimming Lesson (per person, per lesson)	\$ 25	<b>Boat Rentals</b>	<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Each</b>	Pontoon	<b>PO</b>	<b>Guest</b>	
Auto Decals (5 free per OARF paid)	\$ 10	Pontoon 1/2 Day	100	\$ 175	
Amenity Tag (10 free per OARF paid)	\$ 5	Pontoon Per Day	175	\$ 250	
One Additional One (1) Day Amenity Tag	\$ 10			<b>Wknd/Hol</b>	
One Additional Three (3) Day Amenity Tag	\$ 20			Property Owner & Guest	
One Additional Annual Amenity Tag	\$ 30	Pontoon 1/2 Day		\$ 230	
Replacement Trash Pass	\$ 5	Pontoon Per Day		\$ 325	
Directory	\$ 35	<i>Call ACL Office for reservations (815) 492-2238</i>			
Electronic Item Disposal	\$ 20	<b>Clubhouse Rental</b>			
Large Item Disposal	\$ 30	Business Meetings	<b>Number</b>	<b>PO Fee</b>	
Mattress or Box Spring (each) Disposal	\$ 5	Mon - Thurs	1-100	\$ 100	
Map	\$ 125		101-250	\$ 200	
Delinquent Dues Fee (Assessed March, April, May)	\$ 35	Parties/Open Houses	Sun-Thurs	1-75	\$ 100
Payment Plan Processing Fee	\$ 25		76-150	\$ 200	
Payment Plan Late Sign Up Fee	\$ 80		151-250	\$ 400	
Lot Mowing	\$ 125		Fri-Sat	1-75	\$ 125
Pool Party* Monday - Thursday	\$ 150			76-150	\$ 275
*Excess of 50 people (add) Friday - Sunday	\$ 50			151-250	\$ 450
<b>Convenience Fee</b>	4%	Weddings/Receptions	Fri-Sat	1-250	\$ 450
<b>Programs</b>					\$ 25
Heat Light Program Call SSD Office (815) 492-2436					\$ 25
Sub-License Boat Slip Program Call ACL Office (815) 492-2238					\$ 25

**ALL MANDATORY FEES MUST BE PAID ON ALL LOTS OWNED PRIOR TO ANY REGISTRATIONS OR DISTRIBUTION OF PASSES, AMENITY TAGS, OR STICKERS, UNLESS PROPERTY OWNER IS ON THE ACLPOA PAYMENT PLAN.**

### Board Approved 12/16/23

#### ACLPOA 2024 Construction Fee Schedule

New Dwelling: Permit Fee/Inspection (Good for one (1) year)	\$1,000
Environmental Impact Fee (Non-Refundable): New dwelling only	\$1,000
Environmental/Debris Bond (Refundable)	\$500
Additions to Existing Dwelling: Permit fee	\$0.20/square foot
All Accessory Structures	\$0.20/square foot
General Permits: Per item	\$10
Driveways	
Shoreline Construction	
Demolitions	
Landscaping: Any earthwork or lot grading whether performed as a single project or as a series projects on an existing developed lot	
Roofing	
Boat Docks	
Small Misc Permits/Projects	
GIS: Full Site	\$325

Building code regulations may be obtained from the Building & Environmental Code Book or on the website [www.applecanyonlake.org](http://www.applecanyonlake.org)

2024 Operating Budget BOD Approved 12/16/23	
Revenue	2024 Budget
Admin	\$ 3,526,429.00
Communications	\$ 169,650.00
Building	\$ 9,650.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Solid Waste	\$ 125,810.00
Safety & Security	\$ 8,850.00
Pro Shop F&B	\$ 373,500.00
Golf	\$ 184,560.00
Marina	\$ 290,200.00
Pool	\$ 7,225.00
Cove	\$ 442,077.30
<b>Fees Increase</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,143,951.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Admin	\$ 1,433,002.28
Communications	\$ 267,627.20
Building	\$ 35,346.00
Maintenance	\$ 981,786.34
Solid Waste	\$ 75,043.00
Safety & Security	\$ 420,124.86
Pro Shop F&B	\$ 510,652.13
Golf	\$ 212,713.70
Marina	\$ 288,762.32
Pool	\$ 169,241.00
Cove	\$ 538,726.70
Cove Repayment	\$ 100,000.00
<b>2023 Proj Deficit Funding</b>	<b>\$ 110,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,143,025.53</b>
<b>Net Operating Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 925.77</b>

### 2024 R&R Budget Board Approved 12-16-23

<b>LAKE</b>	<b>\$ 75,000</b>
Dry Dam	
Streambank Stabilization	
Erosion Control	
<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 478,500</b>
Bulkhead at Marina	
Asphalt at Campground	
New Asphalt at Pro Shop	
Add'l Multi Sports Court Funds	
Firehouse Remodel	
Firehouse Fitness Area Furnace	
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 48,000</b>
Cameras	
Security Boat (Repairs & New Trailer)	
JD Lawn Mower - General	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 601,500</b>

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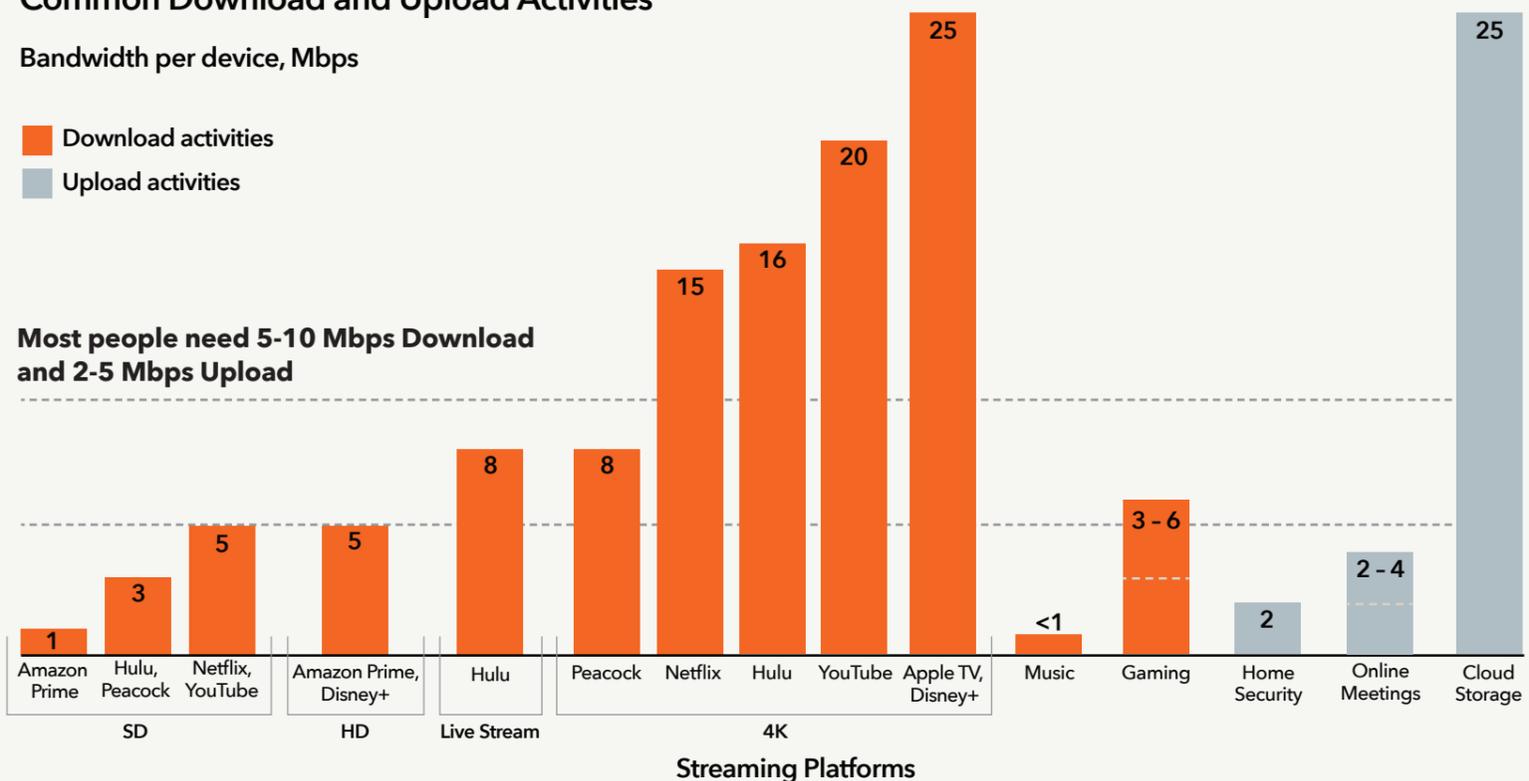
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## RECREATION RE-CAP

# Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland

BY: EMIL MISICHKO, *Recreation Commission Chair*

On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Recreation Commission hosted our Annual Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland Event in the Clubhouse. We had about 45 children in attendance along with their families. The tree lighting was a bright spot during the event. We received many compliments on the craft opportunities, fun games and prizes, delicious cookies, yummy hot cocoa, the welcome greeting from Mrs. Claus, and of course the main event, a meeting with the big man himself, Santa Claus!

To all the volunteers, thank you for making the 2023 Holly Jolly Winter Wonderland a huge success! Without volunteers like you, nothing is possible.



# RECREATION RE-CAP



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### ACLPO FOUNDATION NEWS

## ACLPO Foundation Is Seeking Grant Applications

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is seeking applications for grant requests up to \$5,000 of funding awards for the 2024 calendar year.

Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Qualifications for funding include **one or more** of the following criteria within the Apple Canyon Lake Property that will:

- Be for an environmental program to enhance the beauty or improvement at ACL;
- Be educational in nature;
- Be in an area for public enjoyment; or
- Be helpful to the Apple Canyon Lake Watershed Management Plan.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available from the Association Office, on the Foundation webpage, or by contacting [billjodyware@gmail.com](mailto:billjodyware@gmail.com) The grant application components include:

- Contact Information
- Proposal Title

- Proposal Summary
- Organization Description and History Requesting the Funding (Must be affiliated with an ACL Committee/Commission or approved Club such as the Garden Club)
- Background/Explanation of Problem
- Project Description
- If ACL staff will need to be utilized for project
- Project Timeline/Budget Timeline
- Proposed Budget

Requests for Proposals must be submitted digitally to Jody Ware at [billjodyware@gmail.com](mailto:billjodyware@gmail.com) AND a hard copy dropped off at the Association Office by 3:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 16, 2024.**

Applications will be reviewed for funding allocation by the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation Board of Trustees by the end of February. All applicants will be notified by March 8, 2024 as to whether or not the application was funded.



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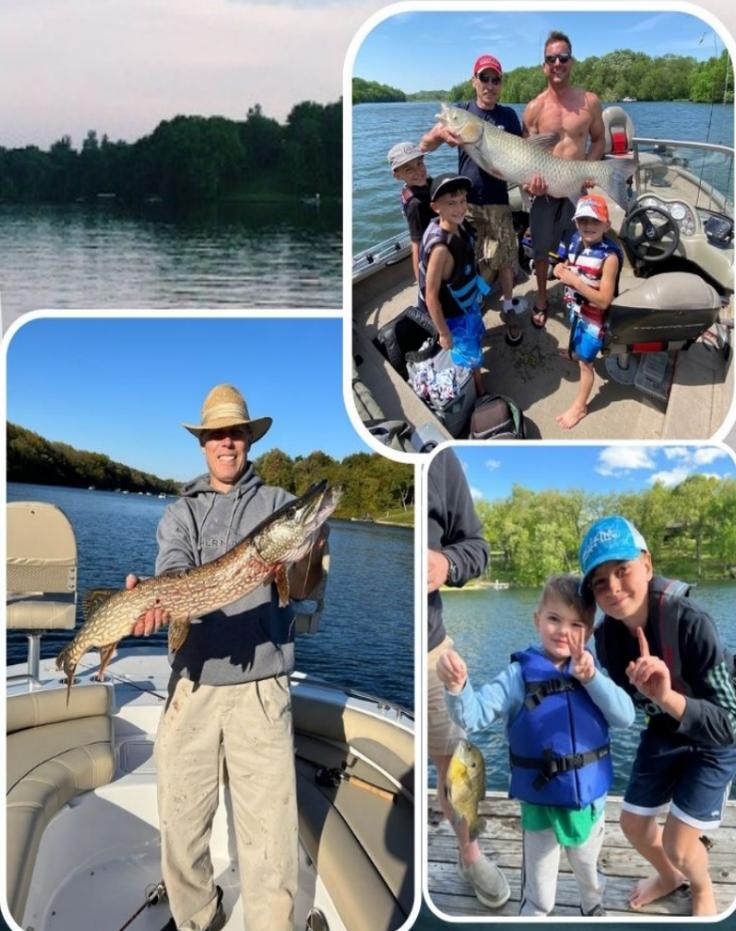


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OFFICE LINE

Saturday, March 23: Campsite Swap & Assignment Day, 10:00 am

Saturday, March 23: Slip Swap – 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 13: Kayak Locker Swap & Assignment Day – 9:00 am

Saturday, April 13: Slip Assignment Day & Sublicense Assignments – 10:00 am

2024 Payment Plan Breakdown

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association is offering two payment plan options for property owners needing assistance paying their annual assessment (dues) and fees – three (3) installments or five (5) installments. There is a \$35 Payment Plan Processing Fee per lot entered on either Payment Plan. All payments will be automatic ACH withdrawals initiated by ACL; other payment types are not offered as part of the Payment Plan.

The terms for the three installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$437..... 1/3 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
\$38..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$76, if three owners \$114)
\$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
\$200..... Vacation Rentals (if applicable)
\$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
\$300..... Seasonal Boat Slip (if applicable) plus corresponding boat registration fee
\$900..... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)

- \$25..... Outdoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
\$150..... Indoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
\$50..... Kayak Locker (if applicable)

\*All other recreational vehicles such as ATVs, golf carts, boats, non-motorized boats, and snowmobiles, Heat Light Program, Camper Storage, etc., must be paid with the payment plan or removed from the account until used. These fees will be included in the March payment unless staff are instructed to remove them from the account at the time of signup.

Withdrawn on May 15

- \$437..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
\$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

Withdrawn on July 15

- \$436..... 1/3 of the Annual Dues
\$36..... 1/3 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$72, if three owners \$108)

The terms for the five installment ACLPOA Payment Plan are as follows:

Withdrawn on March 1

- \$262..... 1/5 of the Annual Assessment [Dues]
\$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)
\$35..... Payment Plan Processing Fee
\$200..... Vacation Rentals (if applicable)
\$130..... Trash Fee (if applicable)
\$300..... Seasonal Boat Slip (if applicable) plus corresponding boat registration fee
\$900..... Seasonal Campsite/Camper Registration (if applicable)
\$25..... Outdoor Golf Storage (if applicable)
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Withdrawn on May 15

- \$262..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
\$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on June 15

- \$262..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
\$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on July 15

- \$262..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
\$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

Withdrawn on August 15

- \$262..... 1/5 of the Annual Dues
\$22..... 1/5 of the Owner Amenity Registration Fee(s), (if two owners \$44, if three owners \$66)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Saturday: 8:00am – 3:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:00 – 12:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Closed for lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm Wednesday
Sunday: CLOSED

DUES STATEMENT PACKETS SENT

Statement will be mailed and emailed in early January. If you have moved, please take a minute to update your address with us. If you have not received your mailed statement by January 26, please contact the office.

ALL OWNERS ENCOURAGED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS REMOTELY

All owners are strongly encouraged to pay online, by mail, or to sign up for the Payment Plan, or ACH. We can accept credit or debit card payments online or over the phone, but a 4% convenience fee does apply. Online payments made from a checking or savings account do not incur a fee – www.applecanyonlake.org. For \$11 postage, we will mail the amenity tags, stickers, etc. to your home if all the required paperwork has been submitted ahead of time. The Property Owner Information form included in the statement packet must be filled out and returned with the postage fee to have your items mailed.

BOAT SLIP LICENSE, CAMPSITE LICENSE DUE MARCH 1

The 2024 Boat Slip License and 2024 Campsite License are both due March 1. A completed license, current insurance, and current state watercraft registration/non-motorized watercraft information or state recreational vehicle license/title are required by March 1 to complete the Boat Slip License and Campsite License respectively. Failure to complete any of these requirements will result in a \$100 late fee assessed March 2 and forfeiture of the boat slip or campsite if not complete by March 15! Documents can be emailed to customerservice@applecanyonlake.org or faxed to (815) 492-2160.

2024 PAYMENT PLAN FORMS AVAILABLE

The 2024 Payment Plan form and complete details are published in this issue, on the ACL website under Services, and are available at the Association Office.

ACH SIGNUPS ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 25

One-time installment ACH signups for 2024 can be accepted any time prior to January 25. ACH payments are withdrawn from your checking or savings account on February 1 of each year. The full statement balance is paid in one installment with this option. The ACH authorization continues until the agreement is terminated in writing by either ACL or the property owner. There is no charge for the one-installment ACH option. Please contact the office for a form if you would like to sign up.

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# 2024 Payment Plan Breakdown, continued

To sign up for the ACLPOA Payment Plan, property owners must do the following:

**PRIOR TO JANUARY 31, 2024, SEND A VOIDED CHECK AND THE PAYMENT PLAN ACH FORM TO THE ACLPOA OFFICE.** Any incomplete forms or forms

returned without a voided check will not be included in the payment plan for 2024. Payment Plans set up after January 31, 2024 will also be subject to a Late Signup Fee of \$25 per lot. Payment Plan submissions cannot be accepted after February 25, 2024.

**DO NOT SEND A CHECK FOR PAYMENT IF USING THE PAYMENT PLAN.**

Make sure all of the owners on the lot are aware the lot is on the payment plan. Duplicate payments will be applied to the balance due unless everything is paid in full. Overpayments will be credited to the account for future use or refunded via check upon receipt of a written refund request.

**MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER EACH WITHDRAWAL.**

All insufficient funds for ACH will be charged a \$35 fee. If there are two NSF, the lot will be removed from the Payment Plan, and payment in full by cashier's check, money order, cash, or valid credit card (4% convenience fee applies) will be required within 10 days, or a lien will be filed. The Delinquent Dues Fees and Interest will be assessed immediately. If a boat slip, campsite, kayak locker, indoor storage, or outside storage is licensed to the lot, or another lot owned by the same property owner, applicable late fees will be assessed immediately, and the forfeiture process will commence. If a property owner has had one or more payments returned NSF (non-sufficient funds) or otherwise been removed from the payment plan in past years, the General Manager may, at their discretion, prohibit a property owner from participating in the payment plan for up to three (3) years and/or from receiving amenity tags, auto stickers, etc. until the final payment has been completed successfully.

**CHANGE REQUESTS –**

After the initial setup, any change requests will incur a \$10 fee per change request. The fee(s) will be collected in the next installment. Change requests include, but are not limited to, the installment type selection, the checking or savings account being used, and the date of withdrawal.

Any requests to change a withdrawal date must be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the installment to be considered. Requesting a withdrawal date change is not a guarantee that it will be approved. Property Owners signing up for the Payment Plan agree that funds will be available on the dates outlined in the terms above.

**BANK CHANGES –**

Owners must submit a new Payment Plan Authorization Form and voided check if their bank account information has changed. Changing account information after initial setup will incur a \$10 change fee as outlined above. Failure to do so will result in a \$35 returned payment fee and the lot will be removed from the Payment Plan as outlined above in

regard to NSF returns.

Please call Accounts Receivable at (815) 492-4061 if you have any questions about the payment plan.

### Payment Plan ACH Debit Authorization Form

**MUST BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 31**

I (we) hereby authorize **ACLPOA**, hereinafter called COMPANY, to **initiate** debit entry to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same account for (Application). I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of the US Law.

The debit to my (our) account will be made on (mark one):  Checking  Savings

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Financial Institution Name) (Address) (City/State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Routing Number) (Account Number) (Name (s) on Account)

**The COMPANY has my permission to initiate a debit entry to my (our) account for the total amount assessed to my (our) lot listed below, plus any applicable Processing Fees, including Late Fees. The Processing Fees, including Late Fees, and payment installments will be calculated by Association staff in accordance with the Board-approved ACL Payment Plan. The authority/permission granted herein to ACLPOA shall remain in full force and effect until ACLPOA has received payment in full or ACLPOA has received written notification from the undersigned of its termination, in such time and in such manner as to afford ACLPOA and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act upon it.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Lot(s)) (Signature) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone #) (Email Address)

**ACLPOA can only accept ACH payments initiated by ACL. This form must be completed in full.**

VOIDED CHECK MUST BE ATTACHED HERE IF USING A CHECKING ACCOUNT.  
DEPOSIT TICKET MUST BE ATTACHED HERE IF USING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

**CHOOSE ONE INSTALLMENT OPTION**

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# ACL GARDEN CLUB

## ACL Garden Club is All a 'Buzz' in 2024

BY LUANN DIMONTE

The Garden Club led by new President Lori Hewitt is off to a great start in 2024. Lori's vision for the Garden Club is "continuing the beautification of ACL while streamlining projects and involving more members." Many hands make for a lighter load, and helping each other makes all of us feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. We can all enjoy the beautiful place we choose to live or visit. Just drive around and admire the festive snowmen and garland decorations in each 'Island' area of ACL. A special thank you to the 'Hanging of the Greens' group of volunteers and ACL maintenance staff who teamed together to make this happen. In last month's Apple Core, you saw the 'before' pictures' of the snowmen being built and painted. Below, see the 'after' pictures of the adorable snowmen created for your enjoyment!

We continue to come together as a tireless and devoted group of 100+ volunteers with passion. As each year passes, all of us look to what the ACL Garden Club alumni have built over the years. We look to the future to plan for ways to provide new opportunities for members to gain camaraderie relationships; through activities, luncheons, field trips, garden walks, and floral workshops. In addition, the underlying

goal is to educate children, who are the next generation of leaders in our world, on the importance of conservation, forests, nature, and the environment, through educational events, posters and activities.

As we look forward to the 2024 calendar, we focus on our year long theme of 'Bees.'

A few highlights include our 'Bee Kind' spring luncheon in May and 'Bee Happy' Children's Event in July. We look forward to an awesome year of our Garden Club members and all ACL residents 'Beeing' Happy, Helpful, Yourself, Grateful and Kind.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact our new member coordinator Kathy Rogers at [katkev1984@gmail.com](mailto:katkev1984@gmail.com)



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## Underage Driving on all ACL Trails and Roads is Illegal!

BY JULIE JANSSEN, *Safety & Security Manager*

With summer underway please keep in mind underage driving at ACL. I know the kiddos think it is fun and exciting to drive golf carts and UTVs but it's a huge safety risk. This stands firm on all ACL common properties, like the trails, campground, sports complex, golf course, pool, and beach.

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## Consider a seat on the Board of Directors of the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Association



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- Are you a team player?
- Are you an "ideas" person?
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- Are you dedicated?
- Can you spare some time?
- Do you love ACLPOA?
- Are you a good listener?
- Are you interested in the long-term health of the ACLPOA?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then won't you consider running for a seat on the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association's Board of Directors? Your Association needs you! Please read on!

ACLPOA is wonderfully diverse and equal representation goes a long way in protecting that diversity. Won't you consider becoming the ultimate ACL volunteer?

Why should you consider running for a seat on the ACL Board?

You will have an opportunity to help make the decisions that will preserve all that Apple Canyon Lake has come to be, and set the policies that will keep it moving in the right direction within the limits of financial soundness.

REAPING THE BENEFITS. The future well-being of ACLPOA and how it is perceived by outsiders compared with other recreational communities will be reflected in the value of its properties and its reputation as an investment. We follow the adopted Mission Statement:

The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association Board of Directors shall act in a fiscally responsible manner, as a fiduciary, while exercising all powers and authority vested in the association, so as to preserve its values and amenities, and promote health, safety, and welfare for the common benefit and enjoyment of its membership while maintaining its not-for-profit status.

Surely many who have served on the Board over the past 50 years have been motivated by a genuine desire to do their share in helping govern a beautiful, well-run community. They contribute to decisions that affect both property values and the quality of life at ACLPOA.

HOW NOMINEES ARE SELECTED. The Nominating Committee, made up of property owners representing all subdivisions, is responsible for soliciting candidates. The Bylaws

specify that the Committee shall make at least two more nominations than the number of openings to be filled.

The Board is composed of nine members. Each year three terms expire and three directors are elected to the Board for a term of three years. This system, specified in the Bylaws, encourages participation of new members while providing substantial continuity in the conduct of Association affairs.

On June 8, 2024, three Board candidates will be elected for regular three-year terms. While no specific qualifications are required, applicants should meet the the monthly meetings (on the third Saturday of every month).

CRITERIA. Applicants must be a member of the ACLPOA, be bondable, never have been convicted of a felony, agree to a background check, and be at least 21 years of age. In addition, only one owner of a lot may serve on the Board at the same time. The most important element is a willingness to work with others to promote and protect the interests of the Association as a whole.

#### Application for Candidacy ACL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL ELECTION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby submit my name to be considered  
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This application must be received at the ACL office no later than the Monday following the January Board meeting.

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# The Memorial Pavilion Is Finally Seeing Completion!

BY: TIM BROKL,  
*Communication Manager*

After 16 years in the making, the Memorial Pavilion is finally becoming a reality!

In early 2007, the Recreation Committee had discussed purchasing a large vinyl/canvas event tent to use for some of their outdoor events. After discovering the cost of such tents, they changed their direction and decided that, for a little bit more, they could build a long-lasting pavilion that would connect the clubhouse and tower that would give us more covered “floor space” for vendors or additional seating for indoor/outdoor events, and perhaps meetings. Now, while the pavilion wasn’t placed in its originally planned location, the pavilion has been placed at the end of the clubhouse point where it will offer a “million dollar view” for owners to enjoy.

How did the pavilion come to be? In 2007, then Communications Director, Cynthia Donth-Carton went to the Apple Canyon Lake Board of Directors and received approval to start a designated fund from which we could donate to this pavilion. Between 2008 and 2012, the Recreation Committee alone donated \$18,481 towards this pavilion through donations from their annual Ice Cream Social. In addition, after former Building Inspector Bob Mader passed away, several contractors donated money in his name towards the Mader Fund to be used for the Memorial Pavilion. With the Mader fund, a total of \$20,686 was set aside in designated funds to build the Memorial Pavilion.

In 2013, then Maintenance/Building Manager, Brian Hartlep estimated the pavilion would cost approximately \$54,500, up from the \$40,000 estimate the committee had received five years prior. The request to borrow the additional funds to build the structure in 2013 was denied. In 2013, after additional funding was denied, Communication Director, Cynthia

Donth-Carton went to the Board again to get approval to start the Memorial Pavilion Donor Program. Once approved, property owners were offered an opportunity to donate to the ACL Memorial Pavilion by purchasing an engraved plaque to be displayed in the pavilion. Through this effort, another \$8,956.60 was raised.

In 2014, the project became part of the Apple Canyon Lake Strategic Plan under the direction of General Manager, Tom Ridder. Between 2014 and 2016 the pavilion never came to fruition.

In 2016, General Manager, Shaun Nordlie and the Board of Directors would make the pavilion part of the C.A.M.P. Project. Unfortunately, before building could start, the board voted down the project and put an end to the Clubhouse Area Master Plan project, again putting the Memorial Pavilion on hold.

Between 2016 and 2022, the pavilion was left to be forgotten, until the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc commission was formed in 2022 with the goal of completing the Memorial Pavilion. Thanks to the efforts of the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc group, the Memorial Brick Program was born, and the group was able to raise the remaining funds needed to finally see the pavilion built! Donors who originally donated will be receiving bricks on the Memorial Pathway in place of plaques purchased.

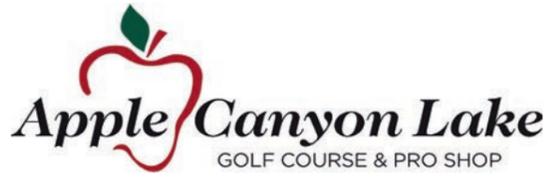
A special shout out and thank you to former Communications Director, Cynthia Donth-Carton and the Recreation Commission for starting this endeavor! Thank you to all the owners who donated to the Memorial Pavilion in the past and thank you to those who have purchased bricks recently, helping to fund its completion. And, finally, a HUGE thank you to the Memorial Pavilion Ad Hoc Commission for all their work in finally making this dream a reality!



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Pasture Management: Recovering from 2023

Why recover from 2023? Timely early-season rains, which help start crops off reasonably well, gave way to hot, dry conditions for the last half of the season. This resulted in many area pastures and hayfields ending the growing season in rough, beatdown conditions. Add to the short hay supply; spring 2024 will likely start with much demand for forages. Will the pastures and hay fields spring back to meet the demand? Are there management strategies that could make the most of available forages?

“Pasture Management: Recovering from 2023,” hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, will focus on recovering from the drought and short forage supply in three evening sessions. The sessions are intended to build upon each other by looking at options and management practices to make the most of existing resources, consider overlooked resources, and build future forage resources. The sessions will be held on consecutive Tuesday nights, March 12, 19, and 26, starting at 6:30 pm each evening at the Lena Community Center, 497 Lions Drive, Lena, IL.

The Pasture Management series is designed to help experienced and new livestock managers define a successful path forward. The focus of the individual 1.5-hour session will be:

- March 12: Pasture Options and Economics
- March 19: Pasture Recovery and Weed Control
- March 26: Keeping the pasture working

“There is data to back up our visual perceptions that pastures and forages were dry, and production was down last year,” commented Jay Solomon, Extension Educator, Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy. “Regionally, we have trended dry to moderate drought for much of the last three years. These long-term dry conditions have negatively impacted forage production in pasture and hayfields.” An example of the data is the water table level monitor at the State Water Survey’s WARM station in Freeport, which indicated a significant drop during late summer, ending 1.5 feet deeper than that a year before. Early in crop season, we had adequate moisture to raise the water table up to around 10 feet, but the level had a near-steady decline throughout the season down to a level below 21 feet.

Management tools can help forage crops bounce back from these conditions. Many of these tools can also help mitigate the impacts in the future. Many of these can be accomplished at no or minimal cost while reaping significant benefits and cost savings. Pasture renovation, weed control, utilization of hay and alternative forages, and harvest timing are among the topics that will be discussed.

To register or for more information, call the U of I Extension at (815) 858-2273 or online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw); registration is required to attend. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend this program, call (815) 858-2273.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Carrying the Torch

Utilizing planned and controlled fire for woodland habitat and undergrowth management will be the focus of “Carrying the Torch” seminar and interrelated art exhibit. The event will be held on January 27 and 28 in the lower level of the Galena Center for the Arts, 971 Gear St., Galena, IL. On Saturday, January 27, 2024, a seminar will be held from 1 – 4 PM with the art exhibit open to registered attendees from noon to 5 PM. On Sunday, January 28, the art exhibit will be open to the public from 1 – 4 PM.

Anyone interested in forest and habitat management, or related artwork, is invited to attend. The event is hosted by the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA), the Woodland Wildlife Cooperative (WWC), and University of Illinois Extension. Pre-registration for the seminar is required by January 24, 2024. To register, please visit [go.illinois.edu/Torch](http://go.illinois.edu/Torch) or call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273. Seating is limited in the event space.

“With wildfires becoming more prominent, people are understandably skeptical of intentionally using fire as a management tool in local woodlands” commented Brad Petersburg of the WWC. This seminar aims to describe how fire has been used for thousands of years to manage the landscape and how it is still being used effectively today to maintain fire-dependent woodlands and savannas in the Midwest.

Featured speaker and artist, University of Michigan graduate Gillian Moore, will share her perspectives as a conservation ecologist and a USFS wildland firefighter. Drone video of a local woodland prescribed burn will be shown and described. A panel discussion, moderated by Ken Beach of NIFA, will follow with representatives from various local organizations sharing their perspectives and answering questions. These organizations include National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever, DNR’s Illinois Recreational Access Program, and Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation.

The seminar will coincide with an art exhibit by Gillian Moore entitled “Carrying the Torch”. This exhibit portrays the historic and contemporary use of prescribed fire in Michigan. More information about Gillian Moore, including an article about how her art contributed to her Masters Degree work, can be accessed from the registration page.

In the event of bad weather, the seminar will be postponed until Sunday, January 28. For weather related updates visit the [Northwest Illinois Forestry Association \(NIFA\) website](http://Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) website).

If you need reasonable accommodation to attend this program, please contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

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## Farm Forward: Turning Last Season’s Challenges Into Next Season’s Triumphs

Join University of Illinois Extension Crop Sciences Educator Kathryn Seebruck for the first year of her series “Farm Forward: Turning Last Season’s Challenges Into Next Season’s Triumphs”. This monthly series aims to address the needs of row crop producers and will be rotated between Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

“No two growing seasons are the same; however, lessons learned from previous seasons can be applied in those that follow. This series aims to facilitate discussion of last season’s challenges, uncertainties, and successes, and how those insights can be applied

in the upcoming growing season,” states Seebruck.

The series will kick off with “Pest Control Following a Drought” on Thursday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at the Stephenson County Extension Office located in the Community Services Building (Bldg. R) at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport, IL 61032. This series is being offered free of charge, but pre-registration is requested by the day before each program. To register or for more information please contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at [go.illinois.edu](http://go.illinois.edu).

The 2023 growing season was relatively dry, resulting in low disease pressure and high weed pressure. In this session, we will discuss how last season’s conditions will affect this year’s pest pressures as well as pest management practices to take into consideration.

Additional sessions include “What 2023 Taught us About Fertility” on February 15 at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office and “Planting for a Strong Start” on March 14 at the Stephenson County Extension Office.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend this program, please contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## University of Illinois Extension to Offer Master Gardener Volunteer Training

The Jo Daviess County Extension Office is happy to announce that we will be offering Illinois Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Training beginning in January. The training will be offered via the online platform with some additional in person field trips and events scattered throughout. The course opens January 29, 2024 and pre-registration is required by January 10, 2024. The fee for the course is \$300 and includes a training manual.

The online training is a self-guided course that offers more flexibility for participants. It is designed to be self-paced and completed at any time. It is estimated that it can be completed in 14 weeks with 4 hours of weekly work. The coursework is a combination of reading materials, videos, and quizzes. Some of the topics covered will include soils and fertilizers, plant diseases, entomology, pest management, and organic gardening.

Local participants will have several opportunities to meet each other and current Master Gardener volunteers during hands-on activities held at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office in Elizabeth. These activities are meant to supplement the online learning modules. Field trips to local sites of interest will also be planned as part of the course to offer another opportunity for participants to connect with local experts and get to know fellow volunteers in the Master Gardener program.

Jo Daviess County already has a strong group of Master Gardener volunteers who are looking forward to adding new faces to the group. Current volunteer projects that exist in Jo Daviess County include youth and adult educational programs, Master Gardener Helpdesk, garden design and beautification projects, and many others.

To become a volunteer, you must submit an application and complete an interview with the local Extension Program Coordinator, Alex Burbach. If you are interested in the training, or would like more information on the volunteer program, please contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Jo Daviess County 4-H member selected to attend National 4-H Congress

Atlanta, GA -- Ten teens from Illinois attended a five-day national conference in Atlanta, GA, designed to expand their skills, engage with other 4-H members, and provide inspiration. Delegates to [National 4-H Congress](http://National 4-H Congress) are selected for their outstanding 4-H accomplishments.

National 4-H Congress is an educational event designed to make an impact as one of the premier experiences 4-H members across the country can come together and participate in.

The 2023 delegation included Kyle Haas, Jo Daviess County; Natalie Otto, Woodford County; Alana Dolan, Vermilion County; Jeremiah Todd, Champaign County; Janella Neary, Monroe County; Andrea Schaffnit, Adams County; Alex Paul, Wayne County; Nickolas Sloan, Williamson County; Olivia Passig, Coles County; Amanda Niemann, Montgomery County.

Teens attended educational workshops focused on diversity, cultural experiences, leadership, and team development and were able to network with 4-H members from across the United States. They also had the opportunity to listen to and learn from nationally recognized speakers.



Kyle Haas, Stockton, was one of over 800 delegates across the country who exchanged pins and other mementos representing their state.

“It’s an absolute blast,” says delegate Kyle Haas of Jo Daviess County. “You get to talk and meet people from all over the country. This is the best 4-H experience I have ever had, and I don’t think anyone should pass on this opportunity. It is not just a trip to Atlanta; it is a chance to learn how to lead better because youth are the future of this country, and we need to recognize that.”

National opportunities allow 4-H members to build new connections, hone their leadership abilities, and bring back new skills that will help them impact their club, community, country, and world.

“My favorite part of Congress has been all of the connections we’ve made from all across the country,” says delegate Amanda Niemann of Montgomery County. “This weekend has really pushed me outside of my comfort zone, and I’m so grateful for all of the new friendships.”

The [Illinois 4-H Foundation](http://Illinois 4-H Foundation) and Nann Armstrong provided support for this trip.

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## Maintain Your Dental Health During the Holidays

DR. STEPHEN PETRAS, *An Illinois Licensed General Dentist*

An Illinois Licensed General Dentist With shopping, wrapping, baking, church and school holiday programs, and traveling to be with family and friends, the winter holidays mark one of the busiest seasons of the year. As your normal routines become lost in the “madness,” I would like to share some tips that can help you to greet 2024 with the same healthy smile that you started this holiday season with.

1) Do not use your teeth as a tool – The holidays come with sales tags to remove, packages to open, and tape to apply to presents. Ripping open presents, tearing off labels, or cutting tape with teeth may save a few seconds, but more often than you would think, also leads to chipping or breaking a tooth. In that same vein, please take the extra minute to grab a nutcracker or bottle opener. Opening bottles or cracking nuts open with your teeth can damage both your teeth and gums.

2) If your holiday plans include traveling, do not leave if you suspect you have a dental issue. Schedule an appointment so that you do not end up with a dental emergency while out of town. Even if you are not travelling far for the holidays, unpredictable winter weather may mean an unexpected overnight stay. Packing travel sized toothpastes, floss, and toothbrushes for you and your family at this time of the year can come in handy, especially after eating all those sugary treats.

3) During the holidays we tend to graze on snacks and sweets throughout the day. You can help avoid holiday weight gain and a 24/7 plaque attack by taking the focus off food. Try to limit serving food to mealtimes and have a list of activities planned to keep your family’s minds off food. These can include crafts, building snow forts, flag football or other outside activities, card or board games, and a movie or trivia marathon.

4) The holidays are one of those times of year where we are most likely to consume more than our fair share of sugary and/or acidic drinks such as hot chocolate, and alcoholic beverages. As if the acid and sugar were not already doing enough to harm your teeth, these can also dehydrate you. Make sure that you and your children are staying hydrated with fluoridated tap water, rinsing your mouth out with tap water to help remove food particles, sugars, and acids, and are waiting at least a half hour after eating and drinking before brushing, so you are producing enough saliva to neutralize these acids.

5) Speaking of brushing, with all these disruptions in our normal routines, oral care routines seem to go by the wayside during the holiday season. It may be helpful to set an alarm on your cell phone both in the morning and at night to help remind you and your children to brush and floss. You can use the holiday spirit to promote brushing for the recommended two minutes by having your child hum a holiday song while brushing.

6) Replace sweet treats in Christmas stockings with a character toothbrush, small toys, puzzles, or family activity coupons. If your family uses an advent calendar, avoid the ones that contain candy for the daily treat.

7) Avoid crunchy candies that can break teeth (peanut brittle, candy canes, etc.) or break into shards and damage gums when you chomp down, and sticky candy that lingers in the mouth for extensive time (chewy toffee or any candy that you lick or suck on for extended periods.) Choose dark chocolate over white or milk chocolate.

8) Offer your family and guests healthy/tooth friendly snacks such as cheese, crunchy vegetables, and fruit.

9) If you did not schedule a checkup before your child left for college, or if they have developed a dental issue while away at school, take advantage of your child’s holiday vacation to address any dental concerns.

10) Stress, poor nutrition, and lack of sleep during the holidays make you vulnerable to developing a cold or the flu. Sucking on throat lozenges, cough drops and cough syrup (which often contain high fructose corn syrup, sucrose, citric acid and/or alcohol), throughout the day, or taking cough medicine before bed to fall asleep, means that these harmful substances stay in your mouth and make you more susceptible to developing cavities and periodontal disease. This is one more reason to keep yourself well hydrated with tap water, keep up your oral hygiene and choose nutrient dense foods to boost your immune system.

Taking care of your health is more important than completing an endless list of tasks. Your family will not miss having a multitude of holiday treats or a house so lit up it can be seen from space, as much as they will miss your presence if you are too ill to be part of the festivities.

My family and I, along with the entire SDC team, hope you have a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

## Understanding TMJ and TMD

The temporomandibular joint (TMJ) is the joint on each side of your head that connects your lower jaw (mandible) to the temporal bone of the skull (cranio-mandibular articulation). Each of your TMJs has a disc between the ball and socket that acts as a cushion as the jaw moves. These two critical joints, aided by their supporting structures (jaw muscles and ligaments) enable you to open wide, glide your mouth forward, backward, and side to side, bite, chew, swallow, and speak. When a medical or dental condition (or a combination of both) interferes with the function of the TMJs and/or their supporting structures, this is referred to as a temporomandibular disorder (TMD). While TMDs affect millions of people, many do not understand the cause of or how to relieve their pain or the actions that they can take to support their TMJ.

Part of your dental examination includes assessing the TMJ and its supporting structures for any limitation in range of motion, localized, radiating, or chronic pain, muscle tenderness, swelling at the joint, jaw locking, clicking,

popping, and any difficulty biting, chewing, speaking, or swallowing. It is important that you report any issues with migraines, tinnitus or ringing in the ear, changes in the way your teeth fit together, injuries to or dislocation of the joint, a history of joint disease, stress, dysfunctional habits (excessive gum chewing, chewing on nails, ice or using your teeth as tools) grinding your teeth, or holding your head forward when using a computer for prolonged periods every day.

Before treatment can begin, the first and often difficult step is diagnosis. TMDs can have multiple physical and medical contributing causes which all must be addressed to provide relief from symptoms and joint support. For instance, arthritis can wear away the bones in the joint causing a change in tooth alignment. Conversely, tooth misalignment can cause damage to the disc and wear away bones in the joint. To further challenge diagnosis, some medical conditions can mimic the symptoms of TMD. For instance, along with your two temporomandibular joints on each side of the face, you also have two trigeminal nerves that control your jaw. Damage or dysfunction in these nerves can be mistaken for TMJ disorder because they can produce some of the same symptoms such as facial pain, earaches and ringing in the ears. Fibromyalgia, chronic headaches, and chronic sinusitis can also mimic the symptoms of TMD.

In addition to a complete dental exam and consideration of your medical history and any reported symptoms or contributing factors, your dentist may perform a CBCT scan. A dental cone beam CT scan is a machine that combines dental X-rays and computerized tomography to create a detailed, 3D image of the jaws.

Treatment will vary depending on contributing factors, but all will be aimed at providing you relief while promoting joint health. Symptoms can often be significantly diminished just by recognizing and avoiding the actions that contribute to your pain. A forward head posture strains the head and neck muscles, which fatigues the jaw, causing pain and popping of the TMJ and/or difficulty in opening the mouth. If your job requires sitting at a computer all day, be aware of your posture, work to improve it, and take short, frequent breaks to stretch and loosen up your neck and back muscles. Avoid chewing gum excessively, grinding your teeth, and the other dysfunctional/repetitive habits listed above. Stay hydrated. Dehydration can exacerbate symptoms. Moist heat and a softer diet, along with physical therapy exercises to strengthen jaw muscles and learning ways to control jaw tension will all help to decrease TMJ inflammation. Your dentist may also prescribe a limited regime of alternating Tylenol with Ibuprofen until the acute inflammation has subsided.

To avoid further damage, your dentist may prescribe orthodontic treatment, and/or a night guard. If he/she suspects damage to the joint disc from arthritis or trauma is inhibiting the healing process and/or an oral surgery consult is indicated, he may also order an MRI scan.

## BASE Camp offers educational series for entrepreneurs and small businesses

The Business Academy for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs (BASE) Camp is an opportunity for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners to learn more about the important elements of business ownership to be successful. Classes begin on January 30, 2024.

The goal of the educational series is to provide a resource and network of support for entrepreneurs, small business owners, and those looking to grow or expand their products or services to build a successful and thriving business. Important business topics including financing options, legal structure, business planning, and marketing will be addressed by local experts in an interactive and instructional format.

Attendees are encouraged to register for the full five-class series to gain the full depth of business knowledge offered by professionals. As an additional incentive to complete all five classes, graduates will be offered the opportunity to compete in a Business Pitch Competition for the potential to win \$2,000 in cash prizes to help grow their business! Courses are available individually, as well.

While BASE Camp is open to all entrepreneurs and small businesses, the program is especially designed for informal entrepreneurs who are moving from an idea phase to a formal business model, minority entrepreneurs and women-owned businesses. Minority and women-owned businesses are the fastest growing segment of small business development and BASE Camp courses are designed to create further opportunities to provide education and a framework for success.

BASE Camp is designed to maximize available time for busy people, making it possible to attend outside of normal work hours. Five classes are offered over 10 weeks (every other week) lasting 2-3 hours and are held in person at the Greater Freeport Partnership office (110 W. Main St., Freeport). Local experts will instruct the class each week with verbal and interactive instruction and activities to help attendees understand and apply business principles.

The fee to register for all five classes is \$200. However, a scholarship is available for interested individuals to cover \$150 of the registration fee. Individual classes are available for \$50. For more information and to register for BASE Camp, visit [greaterfreeport.com/basecamp](http://greaterfreeport.com/basecamp). The Greater Freeport Partnership is a collaboration of business, community, visitor, and economic development services with the mission to drive economic growth for Freeport and Stephenson County. For more information: Nicole Haas, Greater Freeport Partnership, 815-801-3676, [nhaas@greaterfreeport.com](mailto:nhaas@greaterfreeport.com)



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## JDCF Accepting Nominations for Conservation Leadership Award

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is accepting nominations for the *Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award*, which will be presented at the Foundation’s annual meeting in early 2024. An individual, organization, governmental entity, educational institution, or business that has demonstrated creativity and/or leadership in the preservation, restoration, or stewardship of natural areas and/or Native American cultural resources, or has a strong history of promoting an understanding of the natural world in Northwest Illinois, particularly Jo Daviess County, is eligible. Nominees may have also shown financial leadership that supports land conservation. Priority will be given to nominees with distinguished lifetime accomplishments and impact made in the service area of the Foundation. JDCF’s Executive Committee seeks nominations annually beginning in December each year and uses the above criteria to make its selection. Nominations are due by December 31st, 2023. Current staff and board members of JDCF are not eligible. A nomination form can be found at [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org).

The *Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award* is named after JDCF’s long-time board member and past Board President and Vice President, Nancy Hamill Winter. Formerly a Stockton resident Nancy dedicated much of her adult life to the preservation and care of natural habitats and the Native American cultural heritage of Northern Illinois.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local, member supported non-profit whose mission is to preserve and steward land and water for the lasting well-being of all people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public, free of charge, for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking such as community favorites Casper Bluff, Wapello, and Horseshoe Mound. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF properties. For more information, visit [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org).



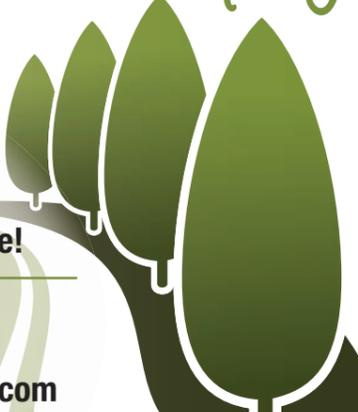
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# 2023 Food Pantry Donations

BY TIM BROKL, *Communication Manager*

In recent years, The ACL Recreation Department has teamed up with ACL Volunteers, the Scales Mound FFA, and local farmers and businesses to host the Annual Farm-to-Table Dinner. Through our collective efforts, this year the team was able to make donations of \$900+ to each of our neighboring food pantries: The Bread of Life, Apple River, IL, the Elizabeth Food Basket, Elizabeth, IL and the Stockton Food Pantry, Stockton, IL. Each of the pantries was visited by ACL Staff and presented with the donations. In addition to the donations from the Farm to Table Dinner, the Association

has been conducting a Holiday Food Drive the last few years, through the months of November and December, collecting canned goods, dry goods, and monetary donations for the Bread of Life in Apple River. This year, we took 2 full loads of food and additional funds donated by property owners to the bread of life before the holidays. We are so thankful and proud to see our community helping our neighbors in need. We are excited to not only meet this year's donation in 2024 but hope to exceed it even further. Thank you to all the members who attended the Farm to Table Dinner in September, and to all those who made donations through the holiday season.



Apple River Bread of Life: Former Event and Activities Coordinator, Ashley Randecker drops of check donations and a car load of food to the Bread of Life in Apple River, IL.



Stockton Food Pantry: (From left to right) Pat Westby, Cheryl Bourland, Sharon Madden, Former Event and Activity Coordinator Ashley Randecker, and Suzy Young pose for a check presentation from ACL to the Stockton Food Pantry.



Claudia Johnson accepts \$900 donation from Communication Manager, Tim Brokl on behalf of the Elizabeth Food Basket from Apple Canyon Lake.

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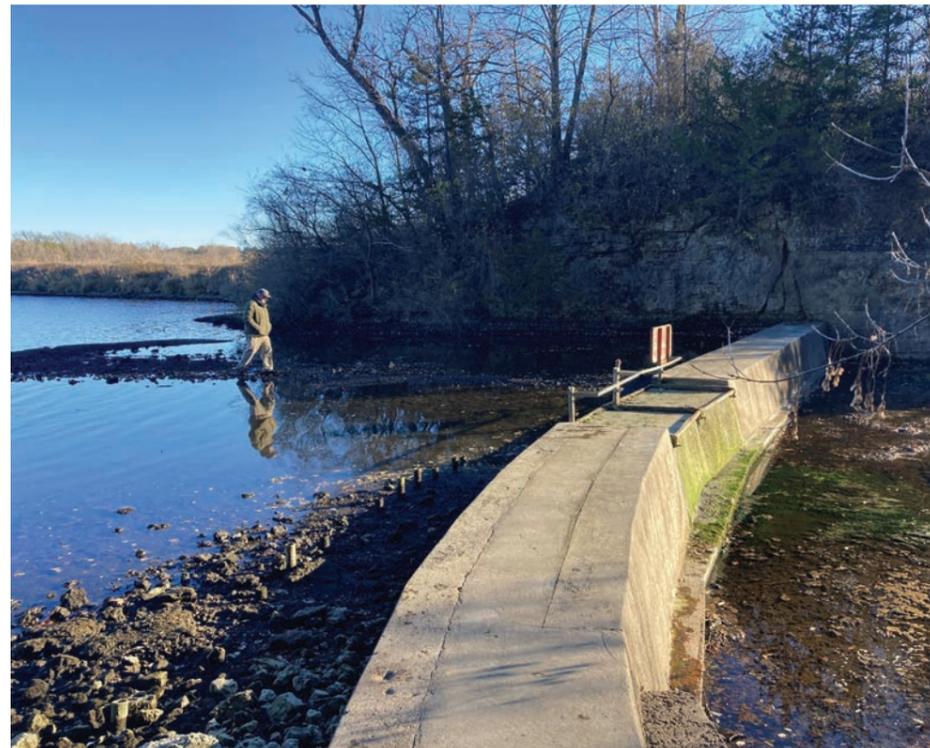
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# LAKE DRAW DOWN



**LAKE DRAW DOWN PROJECT**

**Lake Draw Down Overall Project Questions and Answers**

**Q: What is the purpose of the flood mitigation project?**

A: The Apple Canyon Lake dam is considered a high risk dam, which if breached would create loss of life and property destruction. The primary purpose of this project is to ensure integrity to our dam during extreme water events and to lessen flood risks to ACL infrastructure. The project will also update our dam and spillway to meet current regulations.

**Q: What components of our dam system will be impacted?**

A: The project will replace our current concrete spillway and will deepen and widen the channels in front of and through the spillway. The top of the dam will be leveled with the addition of a clay layer. A backup drain valve will be added downstream of the existing valve.

**Q: Will the look of the existing waterfall remain the same after the spillway has been replaced?**

A: Yes. We have been working with the engineering firm to ensure the look and flow will remain unchanged during normal water conditions.

**2023 - 2' Drawdown Questions and Answers**

**Q: How is the 2' drawdown being funded and what will it cost me?**

A: For the 2' drawdown in 2023 Security, Maintenance, Natural Resource personnel, and several Volunteers are going to work on the drawdown. No outside contractors will be on site. There will be no additional assessments to the ACL Property Owners.

**Q: Has Kevin at K&S Marina been informed of the 2 foot drawdown in November of 2023?**

A: Yes, the commission has been meeting with Kevin as well as other major stakeholders and we are formalizing a game plan. This plan includes relocation of docks and boats if required.

**Q: What if I want to keep my boat in the lake until after the 2 foot drawdown?**

A: That should not be an issue. If your boat dock is in shallow water, (3 feet or less) you will need to temporarily relocate your boat to a deepwater dock that is not being used. We presently are working with Security to coordinate this.

**Q: When is the fall drawdown scheduled for?**

A: The week of November 13, weather permitting. It should take a few days for the drawdown, and a few days to inspect the shore and rocks at the spillway. Refilling the lake to the 800 level may take a few weeks after inspection. We always want to keep some water in the downstream creek so we do not want to close the valve completely until the lake is at its 800 MSL (mean sea level).

**Q: What if we want to launch a boat during the 2023 drawdown?**

A: With the lower water level, extra care should be taken during the launch. There is slime on the launch just below the current water level that is as slippery as ice. Also, at the end of the ramp there could be washout that can cause the vehicle and trailer to slide or get stuck. We are

addressing the issue. Stay tuned.

**Q: What will happen to Hell's Branch below the waterfall when there is no water flowing over the waterfall?**

A: The valve will be left slightly open to allow a small amount of water to continue to flow down the creek at all times. This will allow the ecosystem to continue to grow.

**Q: I understand the concern of another flood especially due to recent climate changes, but has any consideration been given to the possibility that the next climate change is a severe drought? This would impact our use of the lake for years to come with a lake draw down of 7 to 9 feet.**

A: Based on the impact the current drought has on returning the lake to normal level since closing the valve on 11/20/23 (after the 2' drawdown test) your concern is a valid one. While no one knows what Mother Nature has in store for us next year, let us assure you the Flood Mitigation Commission is exploring all avenues to limit the depth of the drawdown for the construction of the new spillway starting in late 2024. The ways and means of construction to include needed drawdown (if any) will be a major topic in the Prebid meetings with contractors. Discussions and contractor meetings will be starting in January 2024. Stay tuned.

**Q. Do we really need to remove the rock ledge in front of the new weir?**

A. The answer is yes, per the Army Corps of Engineers and IDNR permit requirements the rock must be removed to the same elevation as the back of the weir. However, that does not necessarily mean the lake must be drawn down 9 feet to remove the rocks. The FM commission and engineers are researching alternate construction methods.

**Q. How fast was the water moving during the peak of the flood in 2017?**

A. During the 2017 flood the water was discharging over the spillway at 21,000 gallon a second. Every 47 seconds one million gallons of water went over the spillway and down Hells Branch. That rate of discharge continued for hours and hours, that's very close to 1/2 billion gallons in 6 hours. For reference, one million gallons fills up the ACL clubhouse if the room was 48 feet tall.

**Q. How will we ever refill the lake in late 2024 (after Labor Day) if we draw down 9 feet?**

A. Granted, no one can predict mother nature and if the drought of November/December of 2023 repeats itself in 2024 it will be a very big challenge. Based on the 2016 Watershed report the average spillway discharge is 8 CFS or about 5 million gallons a day for November thru April, 150 days. That would add 3/4 of a billion gallons of water into the lake. That may seem impossible, however our Engineer seems to believe it's reasonable. This is one of the major reasons the Flood Mitigation commission is looking into rock removal methods that do not require such a large lake drawdown in 2024. Another perspective is to realize that an inch of runoff from the watershed is equal to about 2 feet of water in the lake, based on 9800 acres of watershed and 400 acres of lake surface. Of course, It takes more than an inch of rain to produce an inch of runoff depending on conditions in the watershed, (saturation, frozen ground, evaporation, rain intensity, etc). Average rainfall in the area is about 36 inches of rain per year.

**Notes from Natural Resources**

*A new year begins*

TYLER HESSELBACHER, *Natural Resource Manager*

Hello lake goers,

Here we are at the beginning of a fresh and new year. I'm so excited to continue cleaning up and restoring the lake and its surrounding habitats. A few projects I am especially excited about this year are the 2024 Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant up for review, Limnetics destratifier test at Nixon Beach, spring burn season, and spring fish shock.

This past fall we stopped by our local NRCS office in Elizabeth to select three areas for our 2024 grants: greenway between Eagle Feather and Council Fire, Nixon Prairie, and both ends of the dam. The greenway between Eagle Feather and Council Fire was chosen for an oak savanna restoration and a streambank stabilization project to help prevent erosion into the lake. The restoration aspect will involve thinning out the low areas to allow more sunlight to reach the ground and allow deep rooted prairie grass and forbs to flourish and prevent sediment and silt from flowing into the lake. The Nixon Prairie project will help redevelop the area and allow a beautiful and fresh landscape to transpire. This project will include burning and seeding the area, allowing fresh prairie seeds to establish growth and root deep within the soil. Our third and final grant area is both ends of the main dam. This project will help maintain and restore the landscape to its natural glory by thinning out unwanted trees and brush. This is a crucial step in allowing us to burn the dam in a safe and controlled manner.

The Limnetics destratifier machine will be tested at Nixon Beach and will help redistribute water and nutrients from deep to the shallow swimming area. The purpose of this test is to observe if the machine helps limit the weed and algae growth. While it may look worse before it is better, I have been assured that this is completely normal and hope this helps to restore the beach swimming area.

Spring burn season will begin once the temperature increases and begins to dry out the grasses. This season is very short with the unexpected weather but is an important safety step since it removes unwanted levels of fuel present in the area and prevents uncontrollable fires from occurring throughout the summer. The burns also promote native plants to grow and flourish in our prairies and greenways.

This year's spring fish shock will allow us to observe how the zebra mussel treatments, high heat, low rain fall, dredging, and lowering the lake in 2023 have affected our fishery. This project also helps allow us to discover areas where trees could be added for structure in the lake and provide more nesting spots for our fishery to expand.

I am excited to keep exploring the lake and greenways this year and can't wait to share my discoveries with you all. With the finding of the rusty patch bumble bees last year, I will be keeping a close eye on this species and plan to encourage more development in the surrounding areas for them. Another exciting find from last year that I will be keeping an eye out for is the Michigan Lily, which can be found in more remote and unsettled areas of the lake. With the grant areas slowly being restored and maturing, I am excited for everyone to see them progress and become more colorful as the flowers bloom with each passing year. Here's to another year at the lake, working together to restore and progress the lake for generations to come!

Thank you,

**LAKE LOWERING THIS PAST NOVEMBER!**

In November, 2023 Maintenance, Natural Resource and Security personnel, as well as Volunteers from the Flood Mitigation AD Hoc Commission opened the valve located under the grate just south of the middle of the dam to begin draining the lake into Hell's Branch Creek.

**The purposes of this exercise:**

- Determine the length of time it would take to lower the lake level by 2 ft.
- Determine how the valve opening can be adjusted to maintain this lake level given that water is constantly flowing into the lake from various streams.
- Determine how the valve opening can be adjusted to return the lake to its normal level while still maintaining some flow into Hells Branch Creek.
- Testing a backup valve which was installed prior to the lake lowering.
- Determine any other issues that might arise from lowering the lake level, e.g. docks, etc.

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# More Than 76,000 Deer Harvested During Illinois Firearm Deer Season

**SPRINGFIELD** – Hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 76,232 deer during the seven-day 2023 Illinois firearm deer season that concluded Dec. 3. Comparatively, hunters harvested 76,854 deer during the 2022 firearm season.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the 2023 firearm season Nov. 30-Dec. 3 was 22,884, compared with 24,500 deer harvested during the second part of the 2022 season. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year’s firearm season Nov. 17-19 was 53,348 deer.

Remaining 2023-2024 deer hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

- [Late-winter antlerless-only](#) and [chronic wasting disease \(CWD\)](#) season, in designated counties only, Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 12-14. A map showing the counties open to late-winter and CWD seasons [can be found online](#).
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 14.

Go online for [more deer hunting information](#).

A table of preliminary 2023 firearm deer season totals by county and comparable totals for 2022 follows.

County	First 2023	Second 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022					
ADAMS	1423	711	2134	2151	LIVINGSTON	310	92	402	368
ALEXANDER	199	95	294	375	LOGAN	215	102	317	307
BOND	562	197	759	747	MACON	135	75	210	230
BOONE	74	34	108	106	MACOUPIN	1077	444	1521	1576
BROWN	591	279	870	989	MADISON	484	171	655	692
BUREAU	695	288	983	904	MARION	1202	464	1666	1653
CALHOUN	476	273	749	724	MARSHALL	429	166	595	578
CARROLL	389	142	531	497	MASON	280	112	392	379
CASS	448	188	636	679	MASSAC	247	139	386	387
CHAMPAIGN	144	51	195	215	MCDONOUGH	528	226	754	755
CHRISTIAN	417	165	582	558	MCHENRY	204	69	273	211
CLARK	721	282	1003	1075	MCLEAN	432	165	597	517
CLAY	1007	345	1352	1229	MENARD	262	114	376	348
CLINTON	588	211	799	803	MERCER	600	227	827	775
COLES	415	174	589	682	MONROE	821	275	1096	1138
CRAWFORD	729	291	1020	936	MONTGOMERY	592	282	874	873
CUMBERLAND	511	220	731	817	MORGAN	432	235	667	674
DEKALB	83	43	126	114	MOULTRIE	156	79	235	224
DEWITT	220	109	329	336	OGLE	503	164	667	538
DOUGLAS	121	45	166	173	PEORIA	581	267	848	875
EDGAR	413	157	570	587	PERRY	941	383	1324	1368
EDWARDS	283	146	429	458	PIATT	84	37	121	134
EFFINGHAM	696	250	946	956	PIKE	1189	624	1813	1840
FAYETTE	1166	516	1682	1713	POPE	994	318	1312	1433
FORD	85	32	117	126	PULASKI	208	87	295	328
FRANKLIN	888	429	1317	1414	PUTNAM	244	90	334	327
FULTON	1296	529	1825	1839	RANDOLPH	1506	668	2174	2203
GALLATIN	306	122	428	441	RICHLAND	480	221	701	703
GREENE	624	386	1010	1019	ROCK ISLAND	526	187	713	612
GRUNDY	217	75	292	272	ST. CLAIR	560	331	891	775
HAMILTON	750	320	1070	1078	SALINE	611	175	786	871
HANCOCK	992	524	1516	1710	SANGAMON	357	257	614	515
HARDIN	467	156	623	736	SCHUYLER	875	134	1009	1341
HENDERSON	320	131	451	429	SCOTT	254	426	680	337
HENRY	321	138	459	447	SHELBY	895	123	1018	1224
IROQUOIS	344	133	477	401	STARK	150	45	195	170
JACKSON	1371	629	2000	2192	STEPHENSON	375	156	531	524
JASPER	784	296	1080	1148	TAZEWELL	377	128	505	529
JEFFERSON	1286	620	1906	1821	UNION	813	355	1168	1195
JERSEY	435	209	644	646	VERMILION	419	184	603	572
JO DAVIESS	967	424	1391	1273	WABASH	126	49	175	176
JOHNSON	749	328	1077	1207	WARREN	337	153	490	460
KANE	27	10	37	29	WASHINGTON	747	290	1037	1063
KANKAKEE	138	55	193	169	WAYNE	938	469	1407	1513
KENDALL	49	14	63	65	WHITE	542	280	822	867
KNOX	821	357	1178	1077	WHITESIDE	402	189	591	573
LAKE	4	0	4	5	WILL	167	71	238	210
LASALLE	499	222	721	654	WILLIAMSON	1163	570	1733	1948
LAWRENCE	426	188	614	575	WINNEBAGO	181	85	266	226
LEE	385	156	541	491	WOODFORD	475	236	711	631
					<b>Total</b>	<b>53,348</b>	<b>22,884</b>	<b>76,232</b>	<b>76,854</b>

## Invasive Species & Suggested Plantings for Jo Daviess County

Conservation does not mean saving every plant, animal, or insect. Sometimes it means the removal of species that are not native to an area which upset the delicate balance of nature. When that’s not possible, minimizing their affect is the goal. Whether it is the emerald ash borer killing trees or zebra mussels and Eurasian Milfoil invading the water, or clearing our greenways of numerous non-native grasses, shrubs, and trees, there’s plenty to be done at Apple Canyon Lake.

Eurasian Milfoil can quickly take over forcing out natural plants such as lily pads, coontail, etc. Eradication is difficult once it has a strong foothold as it is resistant to many herbicides. If it is allowed to grow uncontrolled, it can reduce the habitats for fish spawning and feeding. It also affects boating as those who got stuck in the “weeds” in the shallow areas of the bays the last several years have experienced.

To reduce the spread of the emerald ash borer, please refrain from transporting firewood across county lines. If any of the wood contains D-shaped holes, call the association office to find out how to best dispose of it.

To see a much larger list of plants, animals, and insects that are considered invasive species in Illinois, check out the list of Illinois invasive species at [www.invasive.org/Illinois/speciesofconcern.html](http://www.invasive.org/Illinois/speciesofconcern.html)

### INVASIVE SPECIES - DO NOT PLANT

- Box elder
- Japanese honeysuckle
- Purple loosestrife
- Common buckthorn
- Multiflora rose
- Garlic mustard
- Tartarian honeysuckle
- Reed canary grass
- Glossy buckthorn

### NATIVE FOREST HERBACEOUS PLANTS. (plant if tree canopy is closed)

- Wild Sasparilla (*Aralia nudicaulis*) \*\*\*UNCOMMON IN

### JO DAVIESS COUNTY

- Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*)
- Common Black Snakeroot (*Sanicula odorata*)
- American Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*)
- Solomon’s Seal (*Polygonatum commutatum*)
- Woodland Knotweed (*Persicaria virginiana*)
- False Solomon’s Seal (*Smilacina racemosa*)
- Common Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*)
- Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)
- Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
- \*\*\*UNCOMMON IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY
- Wild Leek (*Allium tricoccum*)
- Spotted Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)
- Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)
- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)
- Dutchman’s Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
- American bellflower *Campanula americana*
- Jack-In-The-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
- Anise root *Osmorhiza longistylis*
- Large-flowered Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*)
- Bishop’s Cap (*Mitella diphylla*)
- Canadian Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
- Thimbleweed (*Anemone cylindrica*)
- Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- White Trillium (*Trillium flexipes*)
- Common Dogbane (*Apocynum cannabinum*)
- Drummond’s Aster (*Aster drummondii*) – woodland edges
- Rue Anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*)
- Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

- Common Blackberry (*Rubus allegheniensis*)
- White Baneberry (*Actaea pachypoda*) - woodland edges
- False Rue Anemone (*Isopyrum biternatum*)
- American Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolia*)
- Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*) - woodland edges
- Hooked Buttercup (*Ranunculus recurvatus*)
- Maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
- Gooseberry (*Ribes missouriense*)
- Yellow Jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida*)
- Prairie Trillium (*Tritium recurvatum*)
- Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)
- Cutleaf Toothwort (*Dentaria laciniata*)
- Late Horse Gentian (*Triosteum perfoliatum*)
- Wild White Indigo (*Baptisia leucantha*)
- American Hops (*Humulus lupulus*) - woodland edges

### GRASSES AND SEDGES -

- Hairy Woodland Brome (*Bromus pubescens*)
- Bottlebrush Grass (*Elymus hystrix*)
- Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*)
- Common Wood Sedge (*Carex blanda*)
- Crested Sedge (*Carex cristatella*)

### NATIVE TREES/SHRUBS-

- American Plum (*Prunus americana*)
- Choke Cherry (Bird Cherry) (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) – woodland edges
- Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus hirta*) -woodland edges
- Wild Plum (*Prunus Americana*) -woodland edges

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# COMMUNICATION CONNECTIONS

## 2024 Events & Activities

BY TIM BROKL, *Communications Manager*

In 2022, we saw the return of our events after 2 years of cancellations due to Covid, but due to the increase workload in communications, the need for an Event planner was apparent. In 2022 and 2023, former Event and Activity Coordinator, Ashley Randecker took charge of events and the programming at Apple Canyon Lake increased, with additional concerts, bounce houses, an Easter Egg Hunt, food trucks at the events, Family Fun Nights in the Winter and more.

Going into 2024 the association has had to make some hard cuts. Unfortunately, with those cuts, the Recreation and Communication Department has been reduced from 3 staff to 1 staff. While I am confident and committed to keeping the ship afloat, as are the Recreation Commission members, we have had to reduce our event and activities load to a manageable level. Going into 2024, we still have a great schedule of events to look forward to. While the Recreation Department and Commission may not be doing as much as in years past, several other groups now also host events for our members, so the schedule remains full. Moving forward, the Recreation Department and Commission will focus on the bigger holiday events and concerts. Thanks to the Garden Club, Bass Club, ACLPO Foundation, Deer Management and Golf Commissions and other groups hosting other events, the 2024 schedule still offers plenty for our members to do.

### IN 2024, MEMBERS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

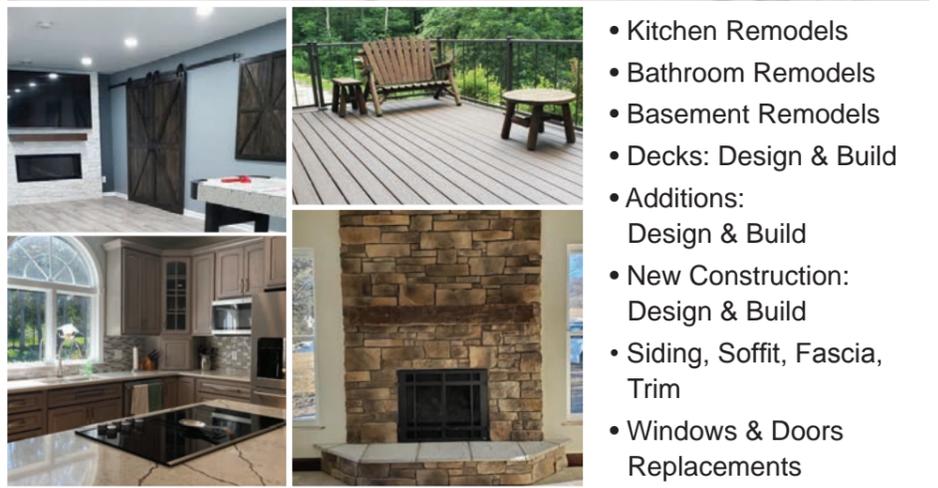
- The Summer Kick-Off, Independence Day Celebrations, Labor Day Weekend and the Fall Craft Fair, and the Holly Jolly Winter Wonder Land next year.
- In addition to these 4 big events, the commission will also host 2 concerts, the Mid-Summer Bash and the Sizzling Summer Concert.
- Strictly Shingles will be hosting the Pine Wood Derby in February, The Campground Commission will still host their Annual Pancake Breakfast over Memorial Weekend and Trunk or Treat at the Campground in October.
- The Garden Club has several events planned for 2024, including: the Spring and Fall Luncheons, the Plant Sale over Memorial Weekend, The Children's Garden Bee Happy Event in June, the Children's Garden Fall Festival in October, as well as, in partnership with the Jo Daviess County Conservation Foundation, Canyon Kid's Camp in July.
- The ACL Bass Club stepped in last year to host the Kid's Fishing Tournament in July,

while Deer Management will be hosting the yearly Youth Archery Day in August.

- The ACL Relay for Life Team will host the Trail Trekker 5K for a Cause again in 2024, with profits to benefit the American Cancer Society.
- The Golf Commission also has 2 Night Golfs and the Big Cup Tournament planned for 2024.
- The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau will also be out to host Farm Fun Day again in June.
- The ACLPO Foundation will also be hosting their Annual May Day Auction in May and Poker Run in September.

The Recreation Commission is always looking for members. If you are interested in joining or want to learn more about the commission, email me at [tim.brokl@applecanyonlake.org](mailto:tim.brokl@applecanyonlake.org) or call me at (815)492-2769.

The Recreation Department also manages the fitness center and Multi-Sport Complex box. Going into 2024, we may not have time to perform daily checks on these facilities. If you visit the Fitness Center or the Sport-Complex and see something is empty or broken, please contact the Recreation Department at 815-492-2769 and notify myself so I can assess the issue and resolve it.



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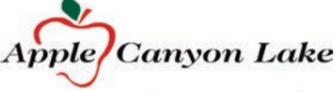
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