

THE Apple Core

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April is here and we're ready for the showers that bring the May flowers!



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SATURDAY, MAY 18

FOLLOWING THE MAY BOARD MEETING IN THE ACL CLUBHOUSE

MEET ALL THE CANDIDATES AT ONCE, ASK QUESTIONS, AND HEAR THE OPINIONS OF THE BOARD CANDIDATES REGARDING PRESSING ISSUES AT APPLE CANYON LAKE.

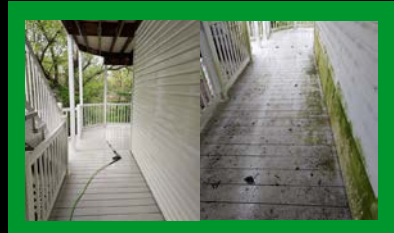
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BY: NOLAN MULLEN, President, ACL Board of Directors

I am happy to announce that the Board has hired a new General Manager, Jon Sabo. Jon comes to us with many years of previous HOA management experience and will be a great fit for ACL. Jon and his wife Tracy are relocating from the Washington D.C. area and Jon will be starting his employment with ACL on April 8. Welcome aboard Jon!

Since we are onboarding Jon, that unfortunately means the tenure of Mike Harris as Interim General Manager and Mike Yorke as Interim Human Resources will be coming to an end thirty days after Jon's tenure begins. On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to thank Mike & Mike for their hard work and dedication to ACL in their roles. For almost a year they have kept us moving in a positive direction. We would not be where we are today without them.

The year end financials for 2023 have ended up better than we had originally anticipated. The year end Operating Fund deficit came in at \$115,157. While I am not pleased to report that we ended the year with a deficit, I am pleased that the Board adopted a 2024 budget that included a line item for the 2023 deficit funding in the amount \$110,000, essentially taking care of the deficit now without having to carry any of it into 2025. If you are interested in the details, look at the Treasurer's Report in this issue of *the Apple Core*.

The new spillway construction bids are in, and the Commission is meeting April 4 to go over them.

The Multi-Sports Complex is nearing completion. If you have driven by lately, you may have noticed the new fencing being installed.

There isn't anything significant to report from the March Board meeting. Most of it

was just approving projects on ACL property that were graciously funded by the ACL Foundation.

It might not feel like it, but Spring is here, which hopefully means Summer isn't far behind. Hang in there, we will be able to enjoy the amenities soon.

FAREWELL FROM THE 2 MIKES



**← BY MIKE HARRIS, Interim General Manager
MIKE YORKE, Interim Human Resources Manager →**



It is with mixed feelings that Mike Yorke and I will soon be resigning from our Interim HR Manager and Interim General Manager positions. Our new General Manager, Jon Sabo, will be starting on April 8. Mike and I both previously agreed with the ACL Board that we would work closely with Jon for the first 30 days of his employment to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. Therefore, Mike and I hope to return to our own personal retirements in early May when we will officially hand the leadership over to Jon.

As Mike and I look back over the past 11 months of our 'interim' positions, we are proud of all that ACL has accomplished. A few of the meaningful highlights include the hiring of Jon Sabo as General Manager, the transition to a new Operator for The Cove, the restructure of our Accounting Department, the rebuild of the Sports Complex, the construction of the new Memorial Pavilion, a drastic reduction in zebra mussels, the receipt of more than \$75,000 in conservation grant money, a revitalized relationship with the Board, updated software training for our staff, and the successful draw down of the lake. As we look to the future, there are several projects that have been started but not completed. Most notably, the Flood Mitigation Project to expand our spillway has been in the planning phase for years and, if approved by the Board, could begin this Fall. Also, the long awaited rebuild of the Firehouse is planned to start this October. Let's be very clear; it was not the personal work of Mike and I that resulted in these accomplishments. It was the coordination of the talent and the energy of the ACL Staff combined with the many willing volunteers who made all these good things happen!

Mike and I have both thrived upon the many challenges. As we prepare for our resignations, it is with some regret that we will not be leading these new efforts. However, that regret is quickly offset by the desire to return to being 'normal' Property Owners and happily retired!

We are extremely thankful for all the help and feedback we have received these past 11 months. In particular, we thank and recognize the ACL Staff for their fine work and their trust. We also thank the Board for the confidence and authority they have granted us. Most importantly, we thank all the Property Owners of our 2,700 lots for their patience and understanding during this time of transition.

As we say 'farewell' to our interim positions, we leave you in the capable hands of Jon Sabo. We hope to see all of you around the lake this Summer!!!

Most sincerely, Mike Harris & Mike Yorke (aka: The 2 Mikes)

Thompson Township Update

An Update from the Thompson township board: Starting February 12th until May 11th you will notice signs in the area for road postings. During the spring thaw, the roadbed is softened by trapped moisture beneath the pavement or gravel which reduced the supporting strength of the road to less than the original construction strengths. The postings are to keep heavy trucks and equipment off the roads until the road commissioner decides the roads are suitable to drive on.

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Thompson township meeting being **April 9th**
at **7:00 pm** at the **Scales Mound Fire Station #3**
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 <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballroom Dancing Class 5pm 	<p>15</p> <p>MORNING WORKOUT 9-10 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Core deadline 	 <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pottuck 5:30pm 	<p>17</p> <p>MORNING WORKOUT 9-10 AM</p>	<p>18</p>	 <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marina Opens 	 <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting 9 am Spring Clean - up 1 pm
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 <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campground Commission Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 12 pm Garden Club Annual Plant Sale 8 am - 12 pm 	 <p>27</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Association Office Closed 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>MORNING WORKOUT 9-10 AM</p>  <p>TRIVIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACL Social Club Trivia Night 6:30 - 8:30pm 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>MORNING WORKOUT 9-10 AM</p>	

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What an EGG-citing day!

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ANTHONY FRIERI

Nearly 70 children joined us for the annual egg hunt event. Children of all ages had a great time collecting eggs on the first hole of the golf course and around the Proshop. A special shout out to the lucky winner of the Easter basket raffle and the two winners of the count the candy jar!

A huge thank you to the many amazing volunteers who saved this event for the kids this year. It was a major success, and we couldn't have done it without your support!

Another thank you to the many people that donated candy. Thank you to Apple River State Bank for the gold coins. Thank you to Terri and the proshop staff who, as always, went above and beyond.

Happy Easter!



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ACL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2024 APPROVED

- 1.0 Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM by President Nolan Mullen. Directors present: Nolan Mullen, John Anderson (via Zoom), Bill Becker, Bob Ballenger, Carmel Cottrell, Brian Holt, Debra McNamee (via Zoom), and Laura Pratt. Mark Kosco was absent. Interim GM Mike Harris and Mike Yorke, HR were also present.
- 2.0 Executive Session: At 8:01 AM Bob Ballenger motioned to go into Executive session, seconded by Carmel Cottrell. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Return to Open Session – Motion to return to open session made by Carmel Cottrell at 9:06 AM. Seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – after the Pledge of Allegiance, a quorum was present with the following Directors in attendance: Nolan Mullen, John Anderson (via Zoom), Bill Becker, Bob Ballenger, Carmel Cottrell, Brian Holt, Debra McNamee (via Zoom), and Laura Pratt. Mark Kosco was absent. Interim General Manager Mike Harris was also present.
- 5.0 Approve/Adopt Minutes from the January 20, 2024, Board Meeting - Laura Pratt motioned "to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2024 Board Meeting." Seconded by Bill Becker, motion carried unanimously.
- 6.0 Treasurer's Report – Steve Borst is working with Heather, Ashley and Honkamp on the 2023 financials. Reconciling account by account and getting close to having the traditional treasurer's report like we are used to. Steve will send an email out to the Directors with the data.
- 7.0 Committee/Commission Reports
 - Employee Handbook – Jody Ware reported they worked closely with Steve Borst, Mike Yorke and Mike Harris on these changes presented to the board today. Fair and impartial for all employees and follows the new Senate bill law initiated to begin January 2024. Will be meeting regularly to continue working – 6.3 holidays and holiday pay; 6.1 requesting leave; 6.8 bereavement leave; 2.5 attendance, inclement weather.
 - Conservation – Paula Wiener reported they met with AECC to go over the Greenway Stewardship program. Thank you to Tyler who made sure the changes have been implemented in the new documents. Mark Kosco has taken on the responsibility to figure out how to mesh the Greenway Stewardship Program with Rules and Regulations. We want to get the program moving again as soon as possible. Joe Rush will be with us at the April meeting to give us a report on the fish shocking and give us recommendations on what to purchase and stock.
 - Maintenance – Carmel Cottrell – Received information on a new compactor, now up to \$50K. Also got a bid for a cardboard baler for \$23K.
 - Memorial Pavilion – Carmel Cottrell – The pavilion is standing; made our second payment to Thistle, will finish the project in the spring. Applied again, for a grant from the Foundation.
 - Spillway - Laura Pratt reported they have bids out – six contractors that have expressed interest in the spillway project. Bids will be reviewed in March. We hope to have a bid ready for Board approval in April.
- 8.0 General Manager's Report – Mike Harris – The Cove lease has been signed. Michelle Magee and Rob Chambers from Stockton will be running the Cove for the next two years. The Association bought into NorthStar years ago – training going on now that the staff didn't get at the beginning. The Cove inventory – all assets have been inventoried and completed yesterday. McCloud Aquatics contract is expected next week, will be doing the zebra mussels and weeds on the lake this year.
 - Thistle Group – new pricing for the old fire house – \$8,700 cheaper than bid in September 2022. Handrail outside the club house will get started hopefully this morning.
- 9.0 President's Report – President's Report will be in The Apple Core.
- 10.0 Any Additions to the Agenda – None
- 11.0 Consent Agenda
 - 11.1 Committee/Commission Changes – Laura Pratt motioned "to appoint Brian Blanchette to the Golf Commission and the Rules & Regulations Commission; to accept the resignation of Mark Kosco as Board Liaison to the Employee Handbook Commission; to appoint Laura as Board Liaison to the Employee Handbook Commission. Seconded by Carmel Cottrell. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12.0 Unfinished Business
 - 12.1 Employee Handbook Language Changes – 1st Reading - Bill Becker motioned "to suspend Roberts Rule of Order." Seconded by Bob Ballenger, motion carried. Discussion: Bill Becker noticed vacations calculations based on hours worked – what about overtime? And we need a distinction between sick time and vacation. Laura Pratt – If someone quits, vacation time gets paid out. Personal time does not get paid out. Jody Ware – New Senate bill law says all employees must receive a system for earning personal leave. Lifeguards, seasonal employees, would accrue personal time. Laura Pratt – New bill is not new to us, the Board already implemented this last year. But, besides some language changes, there is an increase of vacation time at 15 years. At 15 years, they would have 5 weeks. Other places of employment are typically 20 years or 25 years before getting 5 weeks' vacation. Jody Ware – in existing policy approved one year ago, there was unfairness in there. People over 10 years who couldn't possibly earn the four weeks' vacation time the way it was set up. With an association that has difficulty retaining employees, this could be an incentive for them to stay. Steve Borst – when first on board, it was obvious the accruals were not set up correctly. Spent a lot of time on the handbook back then. Should be reading 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 together. Everything is accruing now properly. Laura Pratt will send edits to Jody Ware prior to their next meeting.
 - Bob Ballenger motioned "to reinstate Roberts Rule of Order." Seconded by Brian Holt, motion carried unanimously.
- 13.0 New Business
 - 13.1 Greenway Stewardship Application Revision – Bill Becker motioned "to approve the changes recommended by AECC." Seconded by Carmel Cottrell. Discussion: Two pages that are almost identical, but there is different information on both. One is for the property owner, and one is for the association. The minimum says to plant one tree for every 10 trees taken out – seems the decision should be up to the commission to decide. Too much up to the property owner and should be a tree of some size, not a sapling, and have a guarantee. We need more language around that and determine what the rules are. #11 Communicating with affected property owners – language is too vague. Also, we need other language there on who specifically needs to be notified. Add contiguous. Paula Wiener – was in there previously (contiguous), not sure how that got dropped. The whole goal of this program was to try to get control of the invasives that are eating this place up. Tyler is trying to work with what the IL Department of Natural Resources is doing to bring the oaks back. There will be empty places so the oaks can do what they need to do. Take out 10 trees and if we make them plant trees back, we've defeated our purpose if it beats out the oak. Brian Holt – understanding and communicating why we are doing this would be very helpful. Paula Wiener – several articles have been written over the years. Not all have been read and understood. We have been trying. Nolan Mullen – application has gotten a lot better. Add the word "contiguous" to #11 "Communicating with other contiguous affected property owners..." that would be fine and number the special concerns to be better identified. Mike Harris – we do have someone we can call (tree expert) to point the trees out – good trees, bad trees, etc. Approve with the changes [Change "affected" to "contiguous" in #11 "Communicating with other affected contiguous property owners..."] recommended – motion carried unanimously.
 - 13.2 Employment of Personnel – Hiring of a General Manager – Bob Ballenger motioned "to hire John Sabo as General Manager." Seconded by Laura Pratt. Motion carried unanimously.
- 14.0 Property Owner Comments
 - Jody Ware reported that yesterday was the final date for grant submissions for the ACLPO Foundation. Foundation will review and will make the decision on funding or partially funding. All decisions the Foundation makes about the funding are pending Board approval for the March meeting.
 - Edie Petelle 11-209 – Thrilled we have someone to run the Cove. Don't want competition with the Pro Shop.
 - Kathy Rogers 11A52 Fairway – Update from the ACL Garden Club – excited for 2024. We are already busy working on our bee theme for this year.
 - Pat McGowan, 11A31 Fairway – Thank you General Manager and members of the board. Pavilion looks good. Continue with open discussion, positive effort. Thrilled we have someone for the Cove. Make sure we maintain the outside of the Cove as well. Huge asset here. The Garden Club is a major asset as well.
- 15.0 Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Carmel Cottrell at 10:18 AM, seconded by Brian Holt, motion carried unanimously.
 - Recording Secretary, Rhonda Perry
 - President, Nolan Mullen
 - Corporate Secretary, Laura Pratt Date

ACLPOA SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN DESIGNATED OPERATING FUND BALANCE

	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Campground</u>	<u>Memorial Pavilion</u>	<u>Bob Mader Pavilion</u>	<u>Fireworks</u>	<u>Deer Committee</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 26,589.41	\$ 14,816.41	\$ 14,758.68	\$ 30,337.60	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 15,304.10	\$ 2,803.71	\$ 106,814.91
Net Profit	3,329.07	7,371.37	1,264.27	9,400.00	-	(8,523.33)	900.00	13,741.38
Committee Purchases	(14,028.02)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,028.02)
Transfers between Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operating Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 15,890.46	\$ 22,187.78	\$ 16,022.95	\$ 39,737.60	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 6,780.77	\$ 3,703.71	\$ 106,528.27
2023 Activity								
<u>Revenues Received</u>								
Direct to Fund				9,510.00		5,187.24		14,697.24
Ice Cream Social	4,051.03							4,051.03
Big Cup		6,465.40						6,465.40
Pancake Breakfast			4,678.86					4,678.86
TOTAL Revenue	4,051.03	6,465.40	4,678.86	9,510.00	-	5,187.24	-	29,892.53
<u>Committee Purchases</u>								
1/3/2023 Ice Rink	(6,200.00)							(6,200.00)
3/14/2023 Scales Mound Fire						(25.00)		(25.00)
5/28/2023 Chris Cakes			(3,701.81)					(3,701.81)
6/30/2023 Other Pancake			(139.72)					(139.72)
7/31/2023 Matt Romer		(860.00)						(860.00)
7/31/2023 ParBuster Practice Nets		(3,747.00)						(3,747.00)
9/26/2023 Richard Schaschwarz							(184.16)	(184.16)
11/16/2023 Sproule				(11,900.00)				(11,900.00)
Donation	300.00							300.00
TOTAL Expenses	(5,900.00)	(4,607.00)	(3,841.53)	(11,900.00)	-	(25.00)	(184.16)	(26,457.69)
Transfers between Funds	-	-	(12,700.00)	12,700.00	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Operating Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 14,041.49	\$ 24,046.18	\$ 4,160.28	\$ 50,047.60	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 11,943.01	\$ 3,519.55	\$ 109,963.11
2024 Activity								
<u>Revenues Received</u>								
Direct to Fund				3,600.00		1,930.51		5,530.51
Ice Cream Social	455.00							455.00
Big Cup								-
Pancake Breakfast								-
TOTAL Revenue	455.00	-	-	3,600.00	-	1,930.51	-	5,985.51
<u>Committee Purchases</u>								
1/1/2024 Thistle				(12,870.00)				(12,870.00)
1/24/2024 Top Block and Brick				(1,295.52)				(1,295.52)
TOTAL Expenses	-	-	-	(14,165.52)	-	-	-	(14,165.52)
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	2,205.00	(2,205.00)	-	-	-
Transfer to Operating Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, March 20, 2024	\$ 14,496.49	\$ 24,046.18	\$ 4,160.28	\$ 41,687.08	\$ -	\$ 13,873.52	\$ 3,519.55	\$ 101,783.10

TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

December 2023

OPERATING FUND							DESIGNATED FUNDS (3-20-2024)
CURRENT MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			ANNUAL BUDGET	
ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)		
REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,822,284	4,054,272	\$ 768,012	\$ 4,054,272
EXPENSES	-	-	-	4,937,441	4,053,367	884,074	4,053,367
INCOME (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (115,157)	905	\$ (116,062)	\$ 905

Recreation	\$ 14,496.49
Golf	24,046.18
Campground	4,160.28
Memorial Pavilion	41,687.08
Bob Mader Pavilion	-
Fireworks	13,873.52
Deer Mgmt	3,519.55
TOTAL	\$ 101,783.10

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION BY FUND				
ASSETS	Operating Fund	Capital Projects Fund	R&R Fund	COMBINED
CASH RESERVE ACCOUNTS	\$ 386,778	1,098,742	1,296,254	\$ 2,781,774
OTHER CASH	86,595	-	-	86,595
INVESTMENTS-Certificates of Deposit (CD's)	283,940	-	196,514	480,454
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$ 757,313	1,098,742	1,492,768	\$ 3,348,823
RECEIVABLES	78,535	-	-	78,535
INVENTORY and PREPAIDS	107,389	-	-	107,389
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS & INVESTMENTS	\$ 943,237	1,098,742	1,492,768	\$ 3,534,747
DUE FROM (TO) OTHER FUNDS	(100,000)	-	100,000	-
PROPERTY and EQUIPMENT, NET	6,901,685	455,507	284,306	7,641,498
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,744,922	1,554,249	1,877,074	\$ 11,176,245
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS	\$ 754,279	-	-	\$ 754,279
DEPOSITS - Refundable, incl Gift Certificates	21,140	-	-	21,140
DEFERRED INCOME	-	-	-	-
CONTRACT LIABILITY - CURRENT	15,714	-	435,368	451,082
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 791,133	-	435,368	1,226,501
NONCURRENT CONTRACT LIABILITY	55,722	1,500,340	1,362,640	2,918,702
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 846,855	1,500,340	1,798,008	\$ 4,145,203
FUND BALANCE	6,898,067	53,909	79,066	7,031,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 7,744,922	1,554,249	1,877,074	\$ 11,176,245

REPLACEMENT & RENOVATION (R&R) FUND				
	Month	Year To Date	Fiscal Year Budget *	Remaining Budget
BALANCE, Beginning	\$ -	\$ 1,396,745		
INTEREST EARNED	-	40,438		
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	-	652,000		
LOANS FROM (TO) OTHER FUNDS	-	(100,000)		
AVAILABLE FUNDS, Beginning	\$ -	\$ 1,989,183		
EXPENDITURES				
LAND & LAKE	\$ -	179,646	225,000	\$ 45,354
BUILDING	-	9,060	10,000	\$ 940
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	-	38,381	140,000	\$ 101,619
VEHICLE	-	71,596	175,000	\$ 103,404
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	-	-	-	\$ -
PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVERS*	-	197,732	382,946	\$ 185,214
R&R CARRYFORWARD TO 2024	-	-	-	\$ (1,163)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 496,415	932,946	\$ 435,368
AVAILABLE FUNDS, Ending	\$ -	\$ 1,492,768		

OPERATING FUND - PROPERTY and EQUIPMENT DETAIL			
DESCRIPTION	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
LAND & LAKE	\$ 8,925,677	(4,601,811)	\$ 4,323,866
BUILDINGS	3,894,097	(2,105,229)	1,788,868
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	2,435,740	(1,912,311)	523,429
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	904,253	(803,668)	100,585
VEHICLES	580,834	(487,333)	93,501
RIGHT OF USE ASSET	71,436	-	71,436
TOTALS	\$ 16,812,037	(9,910,352)	\$ 6,901,685

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
	Month	Year To Date
BALANCE, Beginning	\$ -	\$ 1,715,179
INTEREST EARNED	-	35,638
ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	-	500,000
LOANS FROM (TO) OTHER FUNDS	-	-
AVAILABLE FUNDS, Beginning	\$ -	\$ 2,250,817
EXPENDITURES		
DREDGING	\$ -	\$ 880,387
ENGINEERING	-	-
CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS	-	-
LAND IMPROVEMENT	-	-
BUILDING	-	-
OTHER - CIP	-	271,688
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 1,152,075
AVAILABLE FUNDS, Ending	\$ -	\$ 1,098,742

Created: 3/15/2024

OPERATING FUND BY DEPARTMENT

Operating Fund by Department	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Variance To Budget
Revenue				
Admin	3,526,429.00	3,138,117.00	3,224,608.55	86,491.55
Communications	169,650.00	147,150.00	143,087.21	(4,062.79)
Building	9,650.00	10,850.00	12,136.80	1,286.80
Maintenance	6,000.00	-	6,637.46	6,637.46
Solid Waste	125,810.00	124,080.00	126,540.00	2,460.00
Safety & Security	8,850.00	8,850.00	8,333.10	(516.90)
Pro Shop F&B	373,500.00	249,500.00	402,331.06	152,831.06
Golf	184,560.00	152,200.00	180,810.86	28,610.86
Marina	290,200.00	215,600.00	318,588.91	102,988.91
Pool	7,225.00	7,925.00	5,469.72	(2,455.28)
Cove	442,077.30	-	393,740.26	393,740.26
Total	5,143,951.30	\$ 4,054,272.00	\$ 4,822,283.93	\$ 768,011.93
Expenses				
Admin	1,433,002.28	1,316,888.58	1,236,361.24	(80,527.34)
Communications	267,627.20	281,301.81	330,114.02	48,812.21
Building	35,346.00	36,051.79	34,659.46	(1,392.33)
Maintenance	981,786.34	930,737.74	838,506.98	(92,230.76)
Solid Waste	75,043.00	63,747.00	76,006.29	12,259.29
Safety & Security	420,124.86	377,135.67	424,216.29	47,080.62
Pro Shop F&B	510,652.13	407,403.62	516,177.81	108,774.19
Golf	212,713.70	199,387.26	202,950.63	3,563.37
Marina	288,762.32	264,525.00	346,205.82	81,680.82
Pool	169,241.00	149,989.00	155,452.62	5,463.62
Cove	538,726.70	26,200.00	776,789.82	750,589.82
Cove Repayment	100,000.00	-	-	-
2023 Proj Deficit Funding	110,000.00	-	-	-
Total	5,143,025.53	\$ 4,053,367.47	\$ 4,937,440.98	\$ 884,073.51
Profit/(Loss)				
Admin	2,093,426.72	1,821,228.42	1,988,247.31	167,018.89
Communications	(97,977.20)	(134,151.81)	(187,026.81)	(52,875.00)
Building	(25,696.00)	(25,201.79)	(22,522.66)	2,679.13
Maintenance	(975,786.34)	(930,737.74)	(831,869.52)	98,868.22
Solid Waste	50,767.00	60,333.00	50,533.71	(9,799.29)
Safety & Security	(411,274.86)	(368,285.67)	(415,883.19)	(47,597.52)
Pro Shop F&B	(137,152.13)	(157,903.62)	(113,846.75)	44,056.87
Golf	(28,153.70)	(47,187.26)	(22,139.77)	25,047.49
Marina	1,437.68	(48,925.00)	(27,616.91)	21,308.09
Pool	(162,016.00)	(142,064.00)	(149,982.90)	(7,918.90)
Cove	(96,649.40)	(26,200.00)	(383,049.56)	(356,849.56)
Cove Repayment	(100,000.00)	-	-	-
2023 Proj Deficit Funding	(110,000.00)	-	-	-
Total	925.77	904.53	(115,157.05)	(116,061.58)
Net Operating Income/Loss	925.77	904.53	(115,157.05)	(116,061.58)

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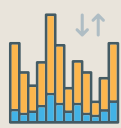
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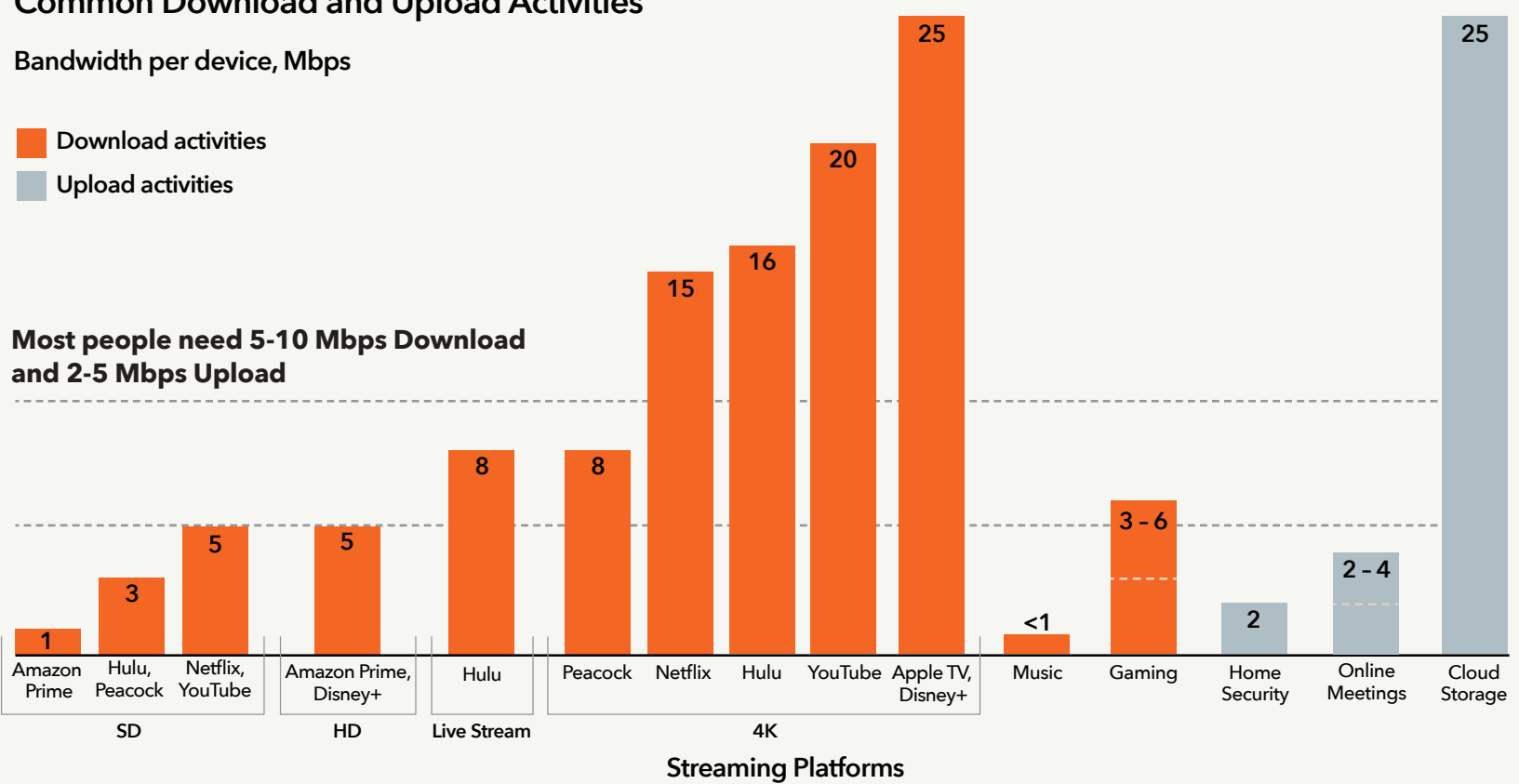


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2024 World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

SAVE THE DATE! - Thursday, June 20, 2024

Apple Canyon Lake is Celebrating the First Day of Summer with the 15th Annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™

WHAT: The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL) is a global water safety event focused on teaching life-saving water competency skills to help prevent drowning and make water recreation more fun and building awareness about the vital importance of teaching kids to swim.

WHEN: The 15th Annual WLSL event will take place on Thursday, June 20, 2024 over the course of 24-hours. Start times for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson at the Apple Canyon Lake Swimming Pool can be found at www.applecanyonlake.org.

WHO: Apple Canyon Lake POA is proud to be an official host location for the 2024 World's Largest Swimming Lesson.

WHERE: Local WLSL events take place at hundreds of locations around the world, including all types of aquatic facilities over the course of 24 hours. Since its inception, 5,487 Host Facilities in 53 countries across 6 continents have hosted World's Largest Swimming Lesson events. Kids and adults in Apple Canyon Lake can be a part of the event at: The Apple Canyon Lake Swimming Pool, 14A157 Canyon Club Dr.

WHY: The WLSL program works to raise awareness about the critical importance of teaching young children water safety, basic water competency skills and the crucial need for guardian vigilance at all times when supervising children in and around water. Apple Canyon Lake is joining TEAM WLSL™ in their mission to spread the message Swimming Lessons Save Lives™ to millions of kids and adults to help prevent drowning.

ABOUT THE WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON™ Since 2010, more than 383,000 children and adults have participated in lifesaving WLSL lessons, generating more than

2.5 billion media impressions about the vital importance of learning to swim. Learn more about this phenomenal program by visiting www.WLSL.org.

BACKGROUND: The problem is real: Drowning is fast, silent and preventable. Per the CDC, more children ages 1-4 die from drowning than any other cause of death, for children ages 5-14, drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death after motor vehicle crashes. For every child under age 18 who dies from drowning, another 7 receive emergency department care for nonfatal drowning. Drowning is an even greater threat in other countries around the world. According to the World Health Organization, drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury death worldwide, accounting for 7% of all injury-related deaths.

Swimming lessons make a difference: Participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children age 1-4 by up to 88%.

Many lack basic swimming skills: According to a 2020 research study by the American Red Cross, more than half (54%) of kids ages 4-17 cannot perform the basic water safety skills they need to save their life.

Parental supervision is key: According to a 2016 Safe Kids Worldwide report, despite the fact that lack of supervision played a role in the majority of drowning deaths, less than half of parents (49 percent) indicate they remain within arms' reach of their child in the water.

- Some people have a higher risk of drowning: According to the CDC, nearly 80% of people who die from drowning are male. Many factors might contribute to higher rates of drowning among males, including increased exposure to water, risk-taking behaviors, and alcohol use. In addition, drowning death rates for American Indian or Alaska Native people ages 29 and younger are 2 times higher than the rates for White people. Drowning death rates for Black people are 1.5 times higher than the rates for White people. Disparities are highest among Black children ages 5-9 (rates 2.6 times higher) and ages 10-14 (rates 3.6 times higher).

2024 POOL SCHEDULE

Opens May 25, 2024

OPEN SWIM:

Monday - Thursday 11:00am - 7:00pm

Friday - Sunday 8:00am - 7:00pm

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS:

July 3 & 4: 8:00am - 7:00pm | Sept 2: 8:00am - 7:00pm

LAP SWIM: MONDAY - THURSDAY

May 28 - June 20 | 8:00am - 9:00am

June 24 - June 27 | 7:00am - 8:00am

July 1 & 2 | 8:00 - 9:00am

July 8 - 18 | 8:00am - 9:00am

July 22 - 25 | 7:00 - 8:00am

July 29 - August 29 | 8:00am - 9:00am

Other Pool Activities

AQUA AEROBICS

SWIMMING LESSONS

Advanced Swimmers | Advance Beginners
Beginners & Toddlers

TRY SCUBA

Saturday, June 29 | Advance registration required.

LATE OPENING - SAT. JUNE 29

The Pool will open at 12:00pm, following Try Scuba!

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON

Thursday, June 20

For more information, contact Julie (815) 492-0090 or julie.janssen@applecanyonlake.org.


SWIMMING LESSONS





June 24 - 27 & July 22 - 25
 Advanced Swimmers: 8:00am - 9:00am
 Advanced Beginners: 9:00am - 10:00am
 Beginners: 10:00am - 11:00am

June 17 - 20 & July 15 - 18
 Toddlers (3 - 5 years): 10:00am - 10:30am

\$20 per Child, per Week

Register at the Association Office, online at:
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AQUA FITNESS

Join us in the ACL pool for a combination of aerobics, deep water, kick board, noodles, fitness bar bells & circuits!

Mornings	Nights
9:00am - 10:00am	7:00pm - 8:00pm
JUNE 3 - 6, 10 - 13 & 17 - 20	JUNE 18, 20, 25 & 27
JULY 8 - 11, 15 - 17 & 29 - 31	JULY 9, 11, 16, 30
AUGUST 1, 5 - 8, 13, 15	AUGUST 6 & 8

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The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™
 June 20, 2024
Save the Date!

Apple Canyon Lake Swimming Pool
 Thursday, June 20, 2024
 Registration 11:00am - 1:15pm
 Lessons at 1:30pm
All ages, infant to 100 (must show Amenity Tags)

Swimming is a life saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ was created to serve as a platform to help local community aquatic facilities and the many different water safety and drowning prevention organizations work together to tell this important story on a local and national level.



For more information, visit WLSL.org©


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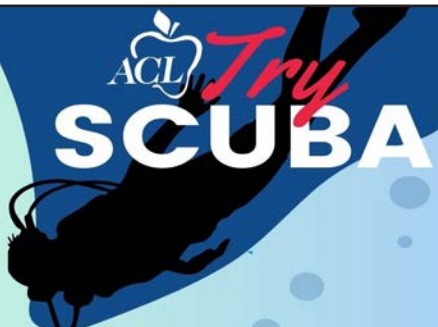
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INTRODUCTORY LESSONS

This is your opportunity to try scuba in the ACL pool to learn what it's like to breathe underwater & experience the fun of diving!

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One-hour lessons, Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 - 11:00am
 Sign up at the Association Office or online via the QR code below to reserve your spot!
 Must be 10 years of age or older to participate.


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The \$25 fee includes all equipment and a one-hour introductory lesson. **Must pay ahead of time.**
Payments are non-refundable.

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Those that sign up for the full Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Open Water Certification Class will receive a \$25 credit towards tuition.

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June 1st		Beer Thirty Boyz	country rock
June 5th	6 pm	Art Night	Paint & Pour
June 7th		Mr. ED	2-piece band playing all your favorites
June 22nd	7-10 pm	Spotted Dog	3-piece rock and roll band
July 1st	6 pm	Art Night	Paint & Pour
July 5th	7-10 pm	Spotted Dog	3-piece rock and roll band
July 14th		Mr. ED	2-piece band playing all your favorites
July 20th		Sunshine Band	classic rock
August 1st	5 pm	Art Night	Paint & Pour
August 3rd		Mr. ED	2-piece band playing all your favorites
August 9th	7-10 pm	Spotted Dog	3-piece rock and roll band
August 11th		Sunshine Band	classic rock



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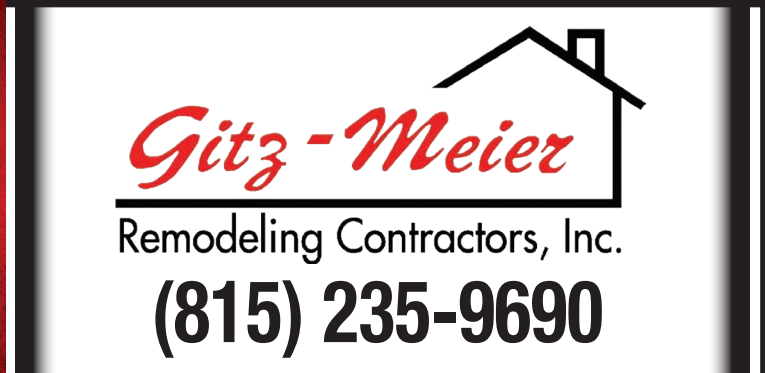
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Learn more about Board of Directors candidates

Please take a few minutes to read the bios and questionnaire answers from each Board of Directors candidate in this issue. The candidates will be available at the Saturday, May 18 Meet the Candidates forum to answer questions submitted by property owners. The candidates' answers to questions asked at Meet the Candidates will be published in the May issue of the *Apple Core* to give property owners as much information about these individuals as possible before ballots are cast. The ballot and election materials will be mailed in early May to each Voting Member for the election held at the June 8 Annual Meeting.

Submit questions for Meet the Candidates

If you are unable to attend the Meet the Candidates forum and would like a question read on your behalf, email it to mike.yorke@applecanyonlake.org by 3pm on Friday, June 7.

Voting Member info

The ballot and election materials are mailed only to the Voting Member of each lot. If a Voting Member was not designated, the first individual listed on the deed is automatically deemed the Voting Member. If the lot is owned by a trust or other legal entity, there is no automatic designation, and a ballot will not be mailed. If you have not yet designated a Voting Member, you may do so by submitting a form to the Association Office.

If you have designated a Voting Member but would like to change it, you must submit the request in writing; the request must be signed by all owners of the lot and include the Voting Member's name, address, and telephone number. The change is effective when received by the Association. If the lot is owned by a legal entity, the written request must include the name, address, and telephone number of the Voting Member and their spouse, in accordance with the Bylaws. Changes to a legal entity's Voting Member must be approved by Board of Directors.

Pontoon Rentals available

Monday through Thursday	PO Rate	Guest Rate
Half Day (8am-Noon or 12:30-4:30pm)	\$100	\$175
Full Day (8am-4:30pm)	\$175	\$250

Weekends and Holidays	PO & Guest Rate
Half Day (8am-Noon or 12:30-4:30pm)	\$230
Full Day (8am-4:30pm)	\$325

Security Deposit \$300

Gas Fee: Pay what you pump

The Association has three pontoon boats available for rent on a daily or half-day basis. All reservations must be made by a property owner or authorized guest. Property Owners must contact the Association Office to give their permission for a guest to make a reservation. Property Owners are reminded that they are responsible for the activities of their guests, and any violation of the rules by a guest or the cost of damages in excess of the security deposit will be charged against the Property Owner. All boats will be checked in and out of the Marina. An Amenity Tag must be presented to the Marina staff by the lessee. Each boat has a capacity of ten (10) persons. Ten (10) adult-size life jackets are provided. Lessees must provide their own life jackets for children and infants. Anyone who leaves the boat to access Nixon Beach, the Marina Bay Trail, etc. must have an Amenity Tag.

Effective January 1, 2016, the Illinois Boat Registration & Safety Act has been amended and now requires that any person operating a rental boat submit a valid Boating Safety Certificate or complete an abbreviated safety course prior to operating the watercraft. A copy of a valid Boating Safety Certificate must be provided to the Association Office by the rental boat operator at least 24 hours in advance of the rental, or completion of the abbreviated safety course will be required. The renter may take the safety course at home and provide a copy of the completion certificate to the Marina or may take the course at the Marina before the start of the rental. The link to take the course at home is <https://www.rentalboatsafety.com/power-boats>. Rentals will not be extended if the rental boat operator fails to complete the course prior to rental start time. Anyone taking the abbreviated safety instruction course must provide the Association with a copy of their driver's license and complete course paperwork, per the IDNR Watercraft Rental Safety Policy. Upon completion of the abbreviated course, a completion receipt valid for one year will be issued.

Reservations for rental boats will be accepted during normal Association Office hours in person or by calling 815-492-2238. Reservations should be made at least 24 hours in advance of the rental. When the reservation is made, payment for the rental must be made in full. A credit card used for the Security Deposit will be taken as a guarantee at the time the reservation is made. An authorization of the Security Deposit amount will be placed on the card the week of the rental. If a reservation is being made for the same week, the authorization will be placed at the time the reservation is made. The authorization will be released if the boat is returned in same condition. A \$50 fee will be retained from the security deposit if the boat is returned after hours, the renter fails to have the boat inspected, or the renter fails to refuel the boat. The Association will make every attempt to process releases within 72 hours of the rental completion. Please be advised that the credit card company may not process the release immediately.

Cancellation policy: In the event of severe weather on the day of the rental, the rental amount will be returned to the credit card on which it was paid. If a rental is cancelled for any other reason with less than 24 hours' notice, including no shows, the rental fee will not be refunded. Any rentals cancelled with at least 24 hours' notice will be refunded the rental amount in the form of an ACL Gift Card which can be used at the Association Office, Pro Shop, Pro Shop Bar & Grill, and the Marina. ACL Gift Cards cannot be used at The Cove restaurant.

Lots for Sale

as of March 20, 2024

The lots below are available for purchase directly from Apple Canyon Lake. **To purchase one of these properties, the buyer will complete all required paperwork and submit payment as outlined below in full. The Winning Bidder Form and PTAX will be submitted to ACL's attorney for deed preparation and recording.**

ACL Fees

- \$250 purchase price (includes PTAX/deed preparation and recording fees)
- \$655 (50% proration of Annual Assessment!!)
- \$110 Owner Amenity Registration Fee (per owner on the deed, up to three owners)

Jo Daviess County Taxes

- Past due (if any) and current taxes must be paid to Jo Daviess County. For information on current taxes, please contact the Jo Daviess County Assessor's Office at (815) 777-1016. For back taxes owed, please contact the Jo Daviess County Clerk's Office at (815) 777-0161.

03-006 General Grant Dr	PIN 18-003-006-00	08-174 Concord Ln	PIN 18-008-174-00
03-123 Admiral Farragut Ct	PIN 18-003-123-00	09-001 White Birch Ln	PIN 18-009-001-00
03-133 Admiral Farragut Ct	PIN 18-003-133-00	09-017 E Apple Canyon Rd	PIN 18-009-017-00
03-185 General Jackson Dr	PIN 18-003-185-00	11-233 Driver Ln	PIN 18-011-233-00
03-197 General Bragg Ct	PIN 18-003-197-00	11-317 Nelson Ct	PIN 18-011-317-00
04-022 Colt Dr	PIN 18-004-022-00	12-003 W Apple Canyon Rd	PIN 18-012-003-00
04-087 Springfield Dr	PIN 18-004-087-00	12-184 S Apple Canyon Rd	PIN 18-012-184-00
05-136 N Apple Canyon Rd	PIN 18-005-136-00	13-009 Rawhide Ct	PIN 18-013-009-00
06-085 Appomattox Dr	PIN 18-006-085-00	13-058 Pioneer Dr	PIN 18-013-058-00
07-173 Coyote Ln	PIN 18-007-173-00	13-070 Pony Ct	PIN 18-013-070-00
07-186 Butte Ct	PIN 18-007-186-00	13-098 W Apple Canyon Rd	PIN 18-013-098-00
08-020 Franklin Ln	PIN 18-008-020-00	13-170 Calico Ct --PENDING--	PIN 18-013-170-00

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LOTS FOR SALE

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(2nd Sat. of each month, as needed, 8:30am)

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 Sheehan, Tom.....Member

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(1st Sat. of each month, 8am)

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 Ware, William.....Secretary
 Anderson, John.....Board Liaison
 Ballenger, Robert.....Board Liaison
 Mullen, Nolan.....Board Liaison
 Becker, Bill.....Board Liaison
 Kosco, Mark.....Board Liaison
 Rogers, Kevin.....Member
 Wiener, Joe.....Staff

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(3rd Sat. of each month, 9am)

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 Kosco, Mark.....Treasurer
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 Anderson, John.....Member
 Ballenger, Robert.....Member
 Cottrell, Carmel.....Member
 Holt, Brian.....Member
 McNamee, Deb.....Member
 Rhonda Perry.....Prepares minutes - Recording Secretary

BOARD POLICY AD HOC COMMISSIONS

(meeting dates TBD)

Pratt, Laura.....Chair & Secretary
 Holt, Brian.....Board Liaison
 Cottrell, Carmel.....Member
 Hannon, Gary.....Member
 Kosco, Mark.....Member
 Martin, Dave.....Member

BUDGET/AUDIT COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Kosco, Mark.....Board Treasurer/Liaison/Chair
 Borst, Steve.....Member
 Brennan, Thomas.....Member
 Carpenter, Ron.....Member
 Cottrell, Carmel.....Member
 Finn, John.....Member
 Gouskos, Nick.....Member
 Harris, Mike.....Member
 Livengood, Brett.....Member
 Malone, Steve.....Member
 Nelson, Steve.....Member
 Thomas, Katie.....Member
 Witt, Mary.....Member
 Borst, Nancy.....Recorder

CAMPGROUND COMMISSION

(2nd Sat. of each month, April - Oct., 8:30 am)

Carpenter, Ron.....Chair
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 Bluhm, Mary.....Member
 Mullen, Nolan.....Board Liaison
 Reifsteck, Joseph.....Member
 Ruffolo, Ric.....Member
 Schaschwary, Rick.....Member

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(1st Sat. of each month, 9:00am)

Wiener, Paula.....Chair
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 Bourell, William.....Member
 Cady, Phyllis.....Member
 Cammack, Mike.....Member
 Cocagne, Gail.....Member
 Doden, Henry.....Member
 Hannon, Gary.....Member

Marek, Angie.....Member
 McNamee, Deb.....Board Liaison
 Parages, Melissa.....Member
 Nelson, Steve.....Member
 Swedberg, Steve.....Member
 Yorke, Michael.....Member
 Drogosz, Karen.....Recorder
 Hesselbacher, Tyler.....Staff

DEER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

(last Sat. of each month, April - Oct., 9:00am)

Williams, Gordon.....Chair
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 Bluhm, Ted.....Member
 Finley, Jack.....Member
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 Vandigo, Doug.....Member
 Ware, Jody.....Member

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AD HOC COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Hannon, Gary.....Chair
 Ware, Jody.....Secretary
 Kosco, Mark.....Board Liaison
 Harris, Mike.....Member
 Meusel, Sue.....Member
 Janssen, Julie.....Staff

FLOOD MITIGATION AD HOC

(meeting dates TBD, 4:00 - 6:00 pm)

Hannon, Gary.....Chair
 Pratt, Laura.....Board Liaison
 Marek, Angie.....Secretary
 Cammack, Mike.....Member
 Carpenter, Ron.....Member
 Cleary, Jim.....Member
 Doden, Henry.....Member
 Krasula, Rich.....Member
 Kren, Barry.....Member
 Rice, Jeff.....Member

GOLF COMMISSION

(2nd Tuesday of each month, April-Oct., 1:30pm)

Killeen, John.....Chair
 Hannon, Mary.....Secretary
 Buesing, Bob.....Member
 Burton, Jean.....Member
 Carr, Darrell.....Member
 Finley, Jack.....Member
 Frieri, Anthony.....Member
 Kosco, Mark.....Board Liaison
 Rice, Jeff.....Member
 Schmidt, Richard.....Member
 Steifel, Terri.....Staff

LAKE MONITORING COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Hannon, Gary.....Member
 Greenlaw, Roger.....Member
 Kren, Barry.....Member
 Tribbey, Fern.....Member
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 Ware, Bill.....Member
 Hesselbacher, Tyler.....Staff

LEGAL COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Doran, William.....Chair
 Cottrell, Sean.....Vice Chair
 Duddles, Jon.....Member

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 Smith, Kevin.....Member
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(last Thursday of each month, 4:00pm)

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 Becker, Bill.....Member
 Doden, Henry.....Member
 Reich, Ed.....Member
 Vandigo, Norman.....Member
 Ziarko, Ed.....Staff

MEMORIAL PAVILION AD HOC COMMISSION

(3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:30am)

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 Hannon, Mary.....Vice Chair
 Nelson, Therese.....Member
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 Witt, Mary.....Member

MULTI-SPORT COMPLEX AD HOC COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Blentlinger, Ryan.....Member
 Hannon, Gary.....Member
 Anderson, John.....Board Liaison
 LoSasso, Scott.....Member
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 Ziarko, Ed.....Staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(meeting dates TBD)

Yorke, Mike.....Chair
 Bourell, Bill.....Vice Chair
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 Becker, Bill.....Board Liaison
 McDonald, Susan.....Member
 Tribbey, Steve.....Member
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RECREATION COMMISSION

(3rd Thursday of each month, 9:00am)

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 Anderson, John.....Board Liaison
 Becker, Micki.....Member
 Causero, Lee.....Member
 Diehl, John.....Member
 Holt, Leah.....Member
 Brokl, Tim.....Staff

RULES & REGULATIONS COMMISSION

(1st Friday of each month, 10:00am)

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 Cottrell, Sean.....Member
 Fitzjerralls, Bob.....Member
 Holt, Brian.....Board Liaison
 Menconi, Ken.....Member
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 Smith, Kevin.....Member
 Swedberg, Lynette.....Member
 Winter, Josh.....Member
 Anderson, Stacy.....Staff
 Janssen, Julie.....Staff

SAFETY & EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Cammack, Mike.....Chair
 Beckel, Ron.....Vice Chair
 Ware, Jody.....Secretary

Cook, Robert.....Member
 Hannon, Gary.....Member
 Pratt, Laura.....Board Liaison
 Winter, Josh.....Member
 Janssen, Julie.....Staff
 Ziarko, Ed.....Staff

STRATEGIC/LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD, usually weekdays)

Beals, Katie.....Chair/Secretary
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 Ford, Don.....Member
 Williams, Gordon.....Member

TELLERS COMMISSION

(meets for Annual Meeting)

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 Pratt, Laura.....Board Liaison
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(last Sat. of each month, 8:00am)

Meyer, Randy.....Chair
 Diehl, Penny.....Secretary
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 Doden, Henry.....Member
 Gardner, Sue.....Member
 Gouskos, Nick.....Member
 Hannon, Gary.....Member
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 Manderschied, Ron.....Member
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ZEBRA MUSSELS AD-HOC COMMISSION

(meeting dates TBD)

Zobjeck, Al.....Chair
 Becker, Bill.....Vice Chair
 Pratt, Laura.....Secretary/Board Liaison
 Kosco, Mark.....Member
 Nelson, Steve.....Member
 Vandigo, Norm.....Member
 Hesselbacher, Tyler.....Staff

BOARD ACTIONS

JANUARY 20, 2024

- Consent agenda
- Committee/commission changes – Approved
- Food & beverage ad hoc decommission – Approved
- Employee handbook language changes – Tabled
- Sale of dredge – Approved
- Cove operator – Approved

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

- Consent agenda
- Committee/commission changes – Approved
- Employee handbook language changes – 1st reading
- Greenway stewardship application revision – Approved with changes
- Employment of personnel – hiring of a GM – Approved

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2024 Calendar of Events

Thurs., April 4	10:00 am - noon	Scrapbooking Day	ACL Clubhouse
Fri., May 17	11:30 am	Spring "Bee Kind" Luncheon	ACL Clubhouse
Sun., May 27	8:00 am - Noon	Plant Sale	Clubhouse Exterior
Sat., June 29	10:00 am - Noon	Bee Happy Children's Garden Event	Children's Garden
Sat., July 13	10:30 am	Prairie Walk	14A105 Deer Run Lane
Wed., July 17	10:30 am tour \$2 per person for tour	Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens	9:00 meet at Firehouse/Fitness parking lot;
Sat., August 10	10:30 am	Invasive Species Tour	Starts at Fireouse/Fitness Building
Fri., October 4	11:30 am	Fall Luncheon	ACL Clubhouse
Sat., October 5	10:00 am - Noon	Fall Festival	Children's Garden
(Date TBD)	(TBD)	Edwards Apple Orchard	Winnebago, IL



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BY JULIE JANSSEN, *Safety & Security Manager*

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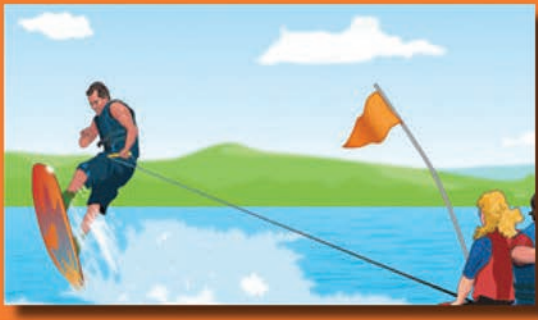
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- 11A68&69 Fairway \$25,000 • 11A251 Jones Transferable Marina Dock \$31,000
- 7A179 Apache Transferable Dock \$31,900 Accepted Offer • 3A48 General Lee. Trans. Marina Dock \$32,000
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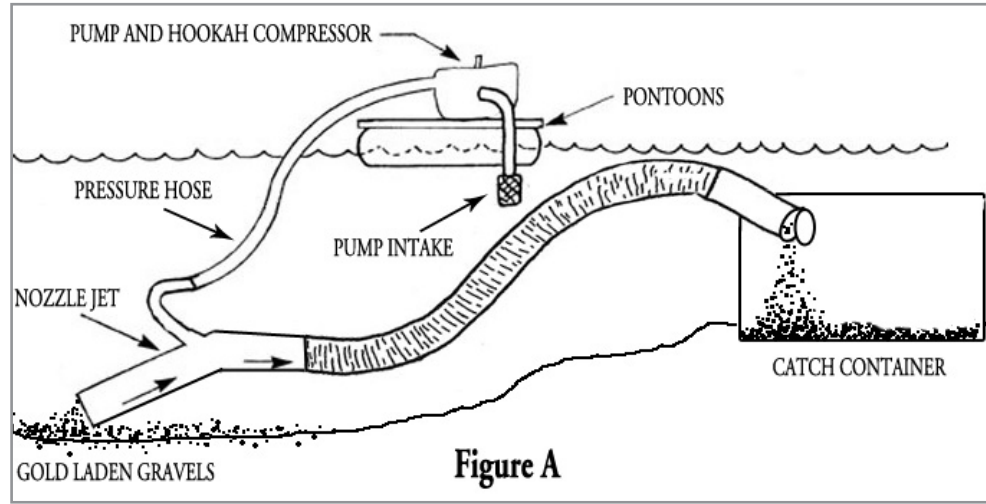


NOTES FROM NATURAL RESOURCES

TYLER HESSELBACHER, *Natural Resource Manager*

I just wanted to give everyone a heads up that we will be trying something new this year to help clean up Nixon beach. We are starting to put together a vacuum device to help remove the muck and weeds that tend to build up in the swimming area. It is a rather simple design and fingers crossed that it will gain traction and will be used multiple times this year.

This set up will consist of a trash pump, hoses, and a type of homemade vacuum nozzle. The trash pump will push water to the nozzle and when water is flowing through it, a vacuum will be created. This will pull the loose muck and weeds up and out of the water and into a container. There are companies that make similar devices, but at a price of course. Vacuum/suction harvesting is another way to describe what this



device will do; many places call it D.A.S.H. (diver assisted suction harvesting.) This is an alternative to chemical and large-scale harvesting and while it can be time and labor intensive, it allows for more controlled and selective removal of unwanted items without damaging the surroundings. Several studies have shown that with continual use of this harvesting style, it can be very beneficial in reducing the number of invasive species and allowing native plants to take root.

We are continuing to think of more ways to allow our lake to grow and flourish while making it a better place for everyone to enjoy. If you have any thoughts, questions or concerns about this project please let me know.

If you happen to see us out and about this year at the beach with some odd-looking contraption, no worries, we are just trying something out to see if we can help keep things a little cleaner.

CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS

THE CICADAS ARE COMING

When and where double brood of cicadas will emerge

REPORTING BY WILL DUNHAM IN WASHINGTON, EDITING BY ROSALBA O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON, Feb 19 (Reuters) - Parts of the United States are about to experience a rare natural phenomenon with the simultaneous emergence of two enormous adjacent broods of periodical cicadas. More than a trillion of these noisy bugs are set to pop out of the ground starting around April. The two broods - one concentrated in U.S. Midwestern states and the other in the South and Midwest, with a small area of overlap in Illinois - emerge together only once every 221 years.

WHAT IS A CICADA? Cicadas are relatively large insects - 1-2 inches (2.5-5 cm) long - possessing sturdy bodies, bulging compound eyes and membranous wings. There are many different kinds of cicadas. Using needle-like mouthparts, cicadas feed on plant juices, called xylem, drawn from the roots of deciduous trees and shrubs. They spend much of their life cycle - years on end - underground as nymphs feeding on roots and drinking xylem.

After they emerge, adult males "sing" to attract females using special organs called tymbals on the first segment of the abdomen. The song pitch, tone, frequency and volume are specific to

individual species. Cicadas live as adults for just a few weeks, then die after reproducing. Numerous birds and mammals eat cicadas.

HOW DO PERIODICAL AND ANNUAL CICADAS DIFFER?

With annual cicadas, some individuals emerge during any given year. They spend one to nine years underground as nymphs, varying by species, and do not have a synchronized emergence. Instead, they emerge on a staggered basis. Periodical cicadas have more specific and longer lengths of time spent underground as nymphs - generally 13 years or 17 years - and a synchronized emergence. That means that all members of a particular brood emerge the same year, from late April into June, depending on their location. All of the periodical cicadas sharing the same life cycle that emerge together in a given year are called a brood, although any one species may be part of different broods.

There are more than 3,000 species of cicadas worldwide, but only nine are periodical, and seven of those - of the genus *Magicicada* - are found in North America. In India, a periodical species of the genus *Chremistica* emerges every four years, while in Fiji, a periodical species of the genus *Raiataena* emerges every eight years.

WHAT TWO BROODS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S DUAL EMERGENCE?

Brood XIII, on a 17-year cycle, is restricted mostly to northern Illinois, eastern Iowa, southern Wisconsin and a few counties in extreme northwestern Indiana, according to entomologist Floyd Shockley of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington. Brood XIII includes three *Magicicada* species.

Brood XIX, on a 13-year cycle, is widely distributed from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia - a total of 15 states, according to Shockley. The two broods together span parts of 17 states. Brood XIX includes four *Magicicada* species.

These two broods overlap only in a small area in central Illinois. They are close enough potentially to have some interbreeding between broods.

WHEN WILL THIS DUAL EMERGENCE OCCUR AND HOW LONG WILL THE CICADAS LAST??

Periodical cicadas are expected to begin emerging in the southern parts of their geographical distribution in mid-April. The emergence continues northward into June. Given that most broods produce localized population numbers exceeding 1.5 million cicadas per acre (0.4 hectare) in densely populated areas of their distribution, there easily will be more than a trillion cicadas during this emergence, according to Shockley.

WHAT DO CICADAS DO WHEN THEY EMERGE? The cicadas begin emerging, mainly at night, once the soil warms to about 64 degrees Fahrenheit (17.8 degrees C), according to George Washington University entomologist John Lill. These nymphs crawl up any hard surfaces - tree trunks, fences, vegetation - and molt into adult winged cicadas.

After a few days, adults fly into the tree canopy, where males form loud "choruses," calling to females by vibrating their tymbals. Males have rather hollow abdomens, serving as echo chambers to amplify their calls. Cicadas are among the loudest insects. Females that are attracted to a particular male's call respond with wing flicks, which also make a sound. Pairs then mate.

Once mated, female cicadas seek pencil-sized branches of trees and shrubs in sunny locations to lay their eggs into slits they cut in branches, according to Lill. These eggs develop for about six to seven weeks, after which hatched nymphs drop to the ground and burrow to begin the next generation of periodical cicadas.

WHEN WILL THIS BUG-TASTIC EVENT OCCUR NEXT? These two broods last emerged in the same year in 1803. The next time is set for 2245.



Time to Put the Shine Back on the Apple

The *Guardian* ran an article entitled "100 Ways to Slightly Improve Your Life

Without Trying". Number 83 was "join a litter-picking group". It's a UK site so they phrase things a little differently than we do.

Nonetheless, Conservation is again giving you an opportunity to improve your life this year by sponsoring the annual Earth Day/Spring Clean-up. It's been four years since we did this as a group activity due to COVID, but it's a lot more fun when we are all working together. There will be some changes to the format, however.

We always try to schedule our clean-up during the week of official Earth Day. Because it falls on the same day as the monthly Board meeting, we are beginning at 1:00 PM. Another change is where we will have the registration table and the dump truck. This year you will find us at the entrance to the Maintenance building. We will have sign-in sheets, trash bags, gloves and reflective vests to borrow if you need one. The sign-in sheet helps us track participation for use in future watershed grant applications. If your boat is in the water, we always appreciate your help with shoreline clean-up.

Currently we are working with the new Cove operators to provide a small incentive for your participation. By returning your trash bags to the dump truck, you will be able to collect that incentive. Check your weekly *Apple Seed* to see what we come up with.

This year's official Earth Day theme is *Planet vs. Plastics*. In past years we have provided our volunteers with bottles of water. This year, as one small step in reducing plastic consumption, we ask that you bring your own refillable water bottle. Check the ACL Watershed Facebook site for other ideas to help you reduce your plastic waste.

We look forward to greeting all our volunteers on Saturday, April 20th at 1 PM at the entrance to the Maintenance building. Who doesn't want to slightly improve their life?



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April 12 & 13

Grilled Norwegian salmon with lemon white wine cream sauce and rice

Steak sampler: NY strip, ribeye, and Angus beef tenderloin with sautéed red onions and mushrooms served with red potatoes

April 19 & 20

Fresh Floridian grouper Wellington with pineapple salsa and rice

New Zealand grilled lamb medallions with bordelaise sauce served with garlic mashed potatoes

April 26 & 27

Gulf shrimp sautéed with garlic and white wine served with rice

Grilled veal chops bolognese served with baby red potatoes

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 5

MUSIC BY TED DROESLER
6pm

APRIL 12

MUSIC BY STEVE MCINTYRE
6pm

APRIL 19

MUSIC BY KRISTINA CASTANEDA
6pm

APRIL 26

MUSIC BY PAUL BRONSON
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DAVID ALLGOOD

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc. I'm a father of four and grandfather of thirteen. Currently working at AAR as an inspector working with United Airlines. Education: Westminster College, Rock Valley College, McHenry County College. Public service: Trustee for Lake Carroll Planning and zoning commissioner, Poplar Grove, Trustee village of Poplar Grove. Chairman Apple Canyon Legal Commission. Chairman Apple Canyon AECC.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member? I'm interested in becoming a board member so I can share my knowledge and experience to help strengthen the foundation of our community.

Have you served on any other committees or boards? Please explain. I've had the pleasure of serving as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner and as a Trustee for a municipality. I have also served as a Trustee and on committees for another lake community. I have had the wonderful experience of working with our Legal Committee as the Chair and AECC as the Chair currently.

Explain how your background would benefit the Association. My background could help add a driving force to bring better transparency and logic to guide us, and help prepare for the future.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA? The biggest issues we are facing right now are commutation and consistency.

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years? All the capital projects we have are important! We need to look at everything as a whole and set priorities. You can't focus on some or just part. Even the small projects have a big impact.



JOHN ANDERSON

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc. I am 61 years old, and I reside in North Aurora, IL. I am married with a wife, four children, and four grandchildren. I am a business owner of A Touch of Glass & Mirror for residential and commercial needs in Chicago and the western suburbs. I've worked in the glass industry for over 45 years, and I've owned my own business for over 20 years. I love sports, especially baseball, Go Cubbies. I have played and coached my own softball team for over 30 years in Aurora, IL where I am a dedicated member at Aurora Turners Club. My wife, Michele, and I enjoy travelling together, riding our boat out on the lake in the summer, attending Chicago sporting events, golfing on the weekends, and spending time here at ACL in the summer with family and friends. I am a natural born leader, and I enjoy working with others. I put others first and a down-to-earth man. I have enjoyed being on the ACL Board for the last few years, and I hope I can hold my position to help to continue to impact this community positively.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board Member? I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on this board for the last few years. While not all the projects are completed, I want to be able to continue to see through on some of the community-changing projects the board and I have in mind. I have appreciated being a part of this board, attending meetings, and helping to guide this community in a positive direction. I have also spent the last three years getting not only myself but my family involved in many ACL events such as The Ice Cream Social, Summer Kick-Off

Events, and 4th of July events to name a few.

Have you ever served on other committees or boards? Please explain. As mentioned above, I have been on the ACL Board for the last few years, and I have been an integral part of the decision-making process on projects and change implemented here at Apple Canyon Lake. I have also served on the following committees at ACL: Reqs Commission, Golf Commission, Sports Commission, and AECC. I've enjoyed being a part of the ACL Board and being a part of the process to get the spillway underway (2024), tennis courts underway (2024), and an ice rink completed (2023).

Explain how your background would benefit the Board. I've owned my own business for over 45 years. I know how to effectively make decisions that impact a collective group of people. I've had experience with making cost effective decisions to help the bottom line of a business. I have experience in team-building, hiring, project management, decision making, amongst other things in my business. I have been a part of the ACL Board for the last few years, and it's been a great opportunity to get to know more residents, hear their thoughts, and bring that to monthly meetings to be a voice for the community on important decisions that need to be made.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA? -Owner Engagement: We still need to do better on hearing from the community in other outlets besides the Facebook page. I think sending out monthly newsletters via email in conjunction with the monthly newspaper with info straight from the board will be beneficial. I also want to work on getting surveys sent out to hear straight from the residents on concerns they may have, besides the use of social media. Once we get a GM in place, we need to ensure weekly or bi-weekly informational letters, emails, or posts on our website through the Apple Seed are sent out to residents. At the beginning of meetings, I would like owners to be able to address their comments and concerns so that the board can address them at the forefront.

-Owner Retention: There are still opportunities in keeping our residents up here at ACL. We have seen a lot of homes on the market, and I want to make sure that when new residents come in that they feel welcomed and can communicate openly with the board. With the implementation of a monthly newsletter, homeowners can also spread the word on land and property sales. We also can get better retention with our owners through engagement at our meetings and addressing their concerns at the start of meetings.

-Owner Rules & Regulations: We have seen some improvement on this in the last few years. I want to continue to bridge the gap between the board and homeowners on rules/regulations and fees for our community. We want to ensure that the new GM is in communication with the community as soon as possible. At this time, we are in the process of finalizing a candidate.

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed? I listed above some of the completed projects over the last few years, but there is still work left to be done. We still need to work on getting the back patio at the golf course enclosed. This is something that can be completed sooner rather than later now that we know that the golf course will be staying open. I would also like to look at the budget to address getting better internet service for the community if North Star ends up not being the best option. I would also like to ensure there is more communication sent out regarding the budget and projects on there. We also need to bring a focus on getting the new GM acclimated to the community. I would like the board to be in partnership with the new restaurant owners that is taking the space that is The Cove.



BOB BALLENGER

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc. My wife Cris and I like to boat on the lake and tow our 3 grandchildren behind the boat. I love to golf and do woodworking.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member? I am currently the longest serving active Board member having served 15 years. I am committed to making ACL even better than it already was when I came here 22 years ago.

Have you served on any other committees or boards? I have served as Board Vice President and have been President twice. I am also currently the longest serving member of AECC. Over the past 15 years I have served on every standing commission and have also served on boards back home in Wheaton. Most recently serving as President of the DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center.

Explain how your background would benefit the Board. I was a teacher and school administrator for 35 years. I enjoy working with people.

In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing ACLPOA? I think inflation and much needed major projects have driven up our dues to the point that some owners are becoming discouraged. We need to be more financially conservative as we plan for future improvements. We made a major dent in our zebra mussel problem but we must not let our guard down and continue to fund and treat the zebra mussel infestation.

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years? As previously stated, the zebra mussel infestation needs continued funding and treatment. Now that we have new Cove Restaurant operators we need to support them and improve the physical facility. The layout of the restaurant and bar are inadequate and need updating and need renovation.



NOLAN MULLEN

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc. I am a lifelong resident of JoDavies County and am the manager of a local wind farm. My wife Amanda and I are raising three children ages fourteen, ten, and eight. I started experiencing ACL in the early 90's as a kid and my wife and I became owners at ACL in 2012. We enjoy boating, swimming, and riding the UTV.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member? I am finishing up my first term as a Board member and have served as your Board President for going on 2 years now. I believe the current Board has this association headed in a positive direction and would like to continue what we have started. I also have experience serving on other boards and I want to help make ACL the best place it can be for all its membership without losing sight of the mission statement.

Have you served on any other committees or boards? Please explain. Yes. I have served multiple terms on a village board of trustees and currently sit on our school's board of education as well as our local youth sports board.

Explain how your background would benefit the Board. My background as both a manager and a board member allow me to bring valuable experience in working within budgets, prioritizing projects, long range planning, complying with local & state regulations, etc. to the board. It is important that the members of the board are aware of

their revenue stream and make conscious financial decisions to ensure the preservation of the future of ACL.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA?

- Improving the quality of all aspects of the lake (ecosystem, flood mitigation, zebra mussels, dredging, weed control, etc.), the lake is the most important amenity.
- Maintain & improve the current amenities we already have.
- Keeping dues increases in check to reduce the number of lots that people are defaulting on annually.

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years?

- Adding additional campsites and boat slips. Every year thousands of dollars in revenue are left on waiting lists.
- Contrary to some, I do not really have a huge list of capital projects I would like to see addressed just for the sake of spending money. I would like to prioritize any open items that have been on the plan for the previous years and look to work within the budget to complete those based on needs instead of wants.



MARA OKERMAN

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc. Hi! Thanks for giving me the chance to introduce myself. I'm a wife, a mom of two, and a high school science teacher. When I'm not in the classroom, I'm all about getting involved in my community and supporting causes that are important to me. I'm a big believer in making memories and building relationships, which is why I want to be more involved at Apple Canyon Lake. ACL is a place where families and friends can come together and create lifelong memories.

I'm also a huge fan of the outdoors. I've spent over 20 summers as a whitewater instructor and wilderness guide, and I can't wait to share that love of nature with my kids and the community here at the lake. My family and I chose Apple Canyon Lake because we wanted a place where we could make memories and enjoy the activities we love. I'm passionate about ensuring that future generations have the same opportunities, which is why I'm interested in joining the board.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member? I'm really interested in becoming a board member because I want to be a part of ensuring that Apple Canyon Lake continues to flourish for generations to come. I truly believe in the importance of stability and growth within our community. Serving my community is a priority for me, and I see joining the board as a way to contribute to its well-being. Additionally, I'm passionate about creating spaces where people can come together to share in the enjoyment of life and create lasting memories. Being on the board would give me the opportunity to help foster these experiences and make our community an even better place to live.

Have you served on any other committees or boards? Please explain. I have been a member of multiple licensing boards and am most actively involved in my school community. Over the last two decades I have been a member of committees in both non-profit and public sectors. I'm currently involved as an elected official on a teacher board that helps facilitate communication, relationships and binding agreements between teachers, administration, the community and the Board of Education.

Explain how your background would benefit the Association. My background as an educator with a scientific and analytical mindset, coupled with a keen interest in numbers and finance, uniquely positions me to contribute to the association in several ways. As an educator, I am adept at breaking down complex concepts and facilitating

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understanding with my students, which will be invaluable in communicating important information to members of the association. My scientific background instills in me a commitment to evidence-based decision-making, ensuring that proposals and initiatives are thoroughly evaluated before implementation. Furthermore, my analytical skills enable me to scrutinize financial data and budgets critically, ensuring fiscal responsibility and effective resource allocation. I also have a multicultural background and a commitment to diversity from traveling extensively and living in other countries for a number of years. Overall, these multifaceted skill sets and broad thinking will greatly benefit the association in strategic planning, financial management, and fostering an inclusive community so all can create memories for a lifetime.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA?

Apple Canyon Lake is grappling with several pressing issues, ranging from environmental preservation, like the invasive zebra mussels infestation, to vital infrastructure projects such as the dam renovation. The sustainability of The Cove is a key concern; addressing the rising dues and fees effectively is crucial to maintaining affordability for residents. Budgeting and long-term planning are essential to ensure prudent financial management and strategic investment in the community's future. Amidst these challenges, the overarching goal remains constant: cultivating a vibrant and sustainable community where families can thrive and create cherished memories together. By addressing these issues collaboratively and with foresight, we can ensure that Apple Canyon Lake remains a beloved and resilient community.

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years?

It's challenging for me to prioritize specific capital projects for the next three years because I believe in taking a balanced approach to addressing all the pressing issues, including potential ones that may come up unexpectedly. For instance, stopping the interventions being done to tackle the spread of zebra mussels could result in significant damage to our members' and association property. A failure to address dam maintenance could jeopardize the existence of our lake altogether. Additionally, the increasing cost of living presents a widespread challenge for everyone in our community and we want to have a budget that is affordable for our members. I also look forward to the chance to discuss some smaller projects that are not yet on the table (like a viewing platform for the waterfall to increase safety or a water slide at the beach) but I need time to learn and understand where some of my ideas fit in the grand scheme of the needs of ACL as a whole.

Although there are urgent matters that require immediate attention, I believe in taking a proactive stance to address as many issues as possible while simultaneously working to prevent any current challenges from escalating into emergencies.



SUZYN PRICE

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc.

I am a lifelong Illinois resident, born in Normal, raised in Evanston, educated in Carbondale, raised my family in Naperville, and retiring in Apple River. I spent my professional career in social services and education, working to generate resources and build policy infrastructure to support, over the course of my career, houseless populations, ex-offenders, pregnant and parenting teens, early learners and academically talented high school students.

My husband Derke and I met and married in Evanston and lived for bit in Chicago before moving to his hometown, Naperville, where we raised our two kids, who are now adults, our eldest in Chicago and our youngest in Oregon.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member? I believe in the role of Board in reflecting the values and interests of the community

Have you served on any other committees or boards? Please explain. I served on the Board of Education for Naperville 203 for 13 years, a local government elected position, as well as on the board of my professional association, Association of Fundraising Professionals, and local community social service organizations. In District 203 we undertook several large projects when I was on the Board, including successful operating and building referenda, new construction and extensive reconstruction on a high school and several elementary school buildings.

Explain how your background would benefit the Association. My professional experience is in community building and resource development, skills that translate well to the role in a community association. My volunteer elected position on a board of education gave me extensive experience in collaborating with diverse communities with diverse needs to accomplish ambitious goals for students and the district as a whole. These skills translate well to appreciating the diverse expectations of our membership.

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA?

- Effectively managing the resources, the lake and lands, of our community
- Ensuring a safe and accessible area
- Recruiting and supporting staff leadership
- Boosting communication with membership, both in method and substance

Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years?

- Continuing the flood mitigation efforts and athletic court as needed

- Explore capital projects that would increase recreational capacity that also provides additional opportunities for revenue
- But it seems that capital projects currently underway are headed for successful completion, and as of writing this in mid-February there's a vendor to take over the Cove and finalists for the GM, which are big priorities to accomplish. While I would certainly entertain necessary projects, perhaps taking time to build reserves and our relationships with applicable public funding agencies to help us with future projects.



MIKE WARD

Tell us about yourself; i.e. family, hobbies, etc.

My name is Mike Ward (12-229 Jefferson Ct – Presidential Cove). I have been married to my wife Terri for 43 years. We have 2 children (Cody & Chelsea) and 5 grandchildren. We are originally from Michigan and have lived in several states throughout the Midwest. We have been in Illinois (Chicagoland area) for 33 years. We have been ACL property owners for over 25 years and a permanent resident for 3 years. I love to water ski, play ice hockey, fly drones, read, travel, listen to music, and do special projects. Prior to becoming a permanent resident at ACL, we would come out almost every weekend and holiday. Over the past 3 years we have explored the area in a whole new way: finding new towns to visit, meeting new people, volunteering, and spending more time enjoying the beauty of the area. My wife is retired and is on the Garden Club, utilizing her gifts and spending time with friends.

Why are you interested in becoming a Board member?

I love ACL and want to help make it all it can be by giving back any way that I can. Based on my experience and background (shared in #4), I believe that I can contribute in a significant way. I most recently co-lead the Cove Ad-Hoc Committee to have the Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina operated by the Association and would like to contribute in other ways. As a part-time and permanent resident for 25+ years, I feel that I can represent the ACL Property Owners very well, looking out for their best interest as well as the overall Association. I strongly feel that the Board needs more members that will listen to the property owners and implement best practices for operating ACL.

Have you served on any other committees or boards? Please explain.

I have been on dozens of committees that span from non-for-profits to multi-billion dollar organizations. This includes Churches, NFP's, start-up companies, cross-functional committees, and many other organizations. I understand the role of committees & boards and can provide a practical perspective on issues that will

drive the values, health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of the community. Although this is a volunteer role, it is vital that Board Members understand that it is an elected position and the needs of the Property Owners are top priority.

Explain how your background would benefit the Association.

I have an Engineering Degree (Michigan State University) and an MBA (University of Dayton). I have held many positions including CEO, president, head of sales, director of marketing, director of talent management (HR), chief revenue officer, and individual contributor. My strengths are strategy, systems, processes, technology, talent management and leadership. I have worked in many industries, with very large organizations and have founded several organizations, including an NFP, software company, construction company, and two restaurants. My background lends itself to the healthy growth of an organization, focused on results that support the vision and mission of the organization. My engineering, construction, and technical knowledge are also relevant to this role. For more information about Mike, please go to <https://mikeward58.wixsite.com/mikeward>

In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing ACLPOA?

- The voice of Property Owners needs to be heard!
- The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina - financially & operationally
- Lake Preservation & Health, including the dam
- Fiscal Responsibility - budget management and impact on dues
- Covenant Compliance – relevant, fair and consistent
- Growth Management – both short-term and long-term
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Which capital projects do you feel need to be addressed over the next three years?

- ACL Lake - health and surrounding property improvement. The condition of the lake and green space is top priority for ACL members. This includes weed control, better drainage by the dam and other areas that wash out regularly, and general landscaping.
- The Dam – need to explore all the options, costs and risks related to flood mitigation.
- Facility improvement – some of our facilities (the Clubhouse in particular) are starting to look run down and require some upgrades.
- The Cove, Pro Shop, and Marina – need to re-vitalized and operated much more effectively and efficiently. These are our second most important assets behind the lake and require an investment in the facilities and personnel. We cannot give up on the option to operate ourselves – the Food & Beverage Committee has proven that The Cove can be a great amenity and profitable.

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COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

BY TIM BROKL, *Communications Manager*

April is here, and I don't know about you, but I am ready for the showers that bring the May flowers! Thankfully we were blessed with some early spring like conditions and showers back in March, which has given several of our early bloomers a head start. I can't believe we're just starting off April and my daffodils are already popping open!

With Spring here, we inch closer and closer to the summer season. To help everyone get a head start on their plans for the season, several of our events and activities, including swimming lessons, are open for registration! Online registration is easy. Most of the flyers will include a QR code that will take you directly to your online registration. All online registrations can also be found at www.applecanyonlake.org via the book now button on the home page, or under the events tab under the calendar drop down menu. If you need assistance with registering for any of our events, feel free to contact me at recreation@applecanyonlake.org and I will be happy to assist you.

In addition to event registrations, our sponsorship opportunities for the year are also open. Currently we are looking for sponsors for the Apple Canyon Lake Concert Series and for the Relay for Life Trail Trekker 5K for a Cause. The Concert Series sponsorships are limited and range from \$150 to \$1000 dollars. Our Platinum Sponsor (\$1000) will receive a dedicated banner with their logo and business info displayed beside the stage at all 5 ACL concerts in 2024. The Gold Apple Sponsors (\$500) will

have their logos displayed on a second banner on the opposite side of the stage at all 5 ACL concerts. Lastly, our Red Apple Sponsors (\$150) can have their business name, phone number, and website listed on a banner displayed at all 5 ACL concerts.

Trail Trekker Sponsorships come in 2 levels, Gold and Red Apple and range from \$150 to \$250. Our Gold Apple Sponsors (\$250) and Red Apple Sponsors (\$150) both include: your business logo on the back of the event t-shirts, the opportunity to supply your own marketing materials to be placed in the event swag bags, and 2 complimentary entries and swag bags. The Gold Apple Sponsor includes a 10x10 space for your business at the event. If you are interested in sponsoring either the ACL Concerts or the Relay for Life Trail Trekker 5K for a Cause, please contact me at recreation@applecanyonlake.org.

Lastly, Rumble and Roll Ball Race tickets are on sale! When you purchase a ball for the Rumble & Roll Ball Race, not only do you have a chance at winning up to \$500 cash, but also help support and grow the Apple Canyon Lake Fireworks Program. Last year, we didn't even hit 500 balls sold, out of 1,200 available. Help us sell them out this year, so we can have an even better show next year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Recreation is looking for volunteers for several 2024 events:

- May 25 - Summer Kick-Off Bounce House Attendants
- 6/8 - Mid-Summer Bash Bounce House Attendants
- 6/22 - Farm Fun Day Activity Volunteers
- 7/6 Independence Day Celebrations Bounce House Attendants
- 7/10 - 7/12 Canyon Kids Camp Parent Volunteers
- 7/27 - Trail Trekker 5K 4 a Cause Volunteers for multiple positions
- 9/1 - Fall Craft Fair Bounce House Attendants and other positions

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Jim and Rickie Rachuy Honored by JDCF

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The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is pleased to announce that Jim and Rickie Rachuy have received the 2024 Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award. The award will be presented to the Rachuys during JDCF's annual meeting on April 11.

As staunch advocates for the protection and restoration of prairies and savannas, Jim and Rickie first met through their involvement with the Jo Daviess County Natural Area Guardians, a then subgroup of the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District. In 1993, they were two principal founders of the Northwest Illinois Prairie Enthusiasts (NIPE), a local chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE). Jim has served in various roles with NIPE as land manager, executive director, president, and vice president. Rickie has served as secretary and membership chair since NIPE's beginnings. Through NIPE, the Rachuys have established two preserves now owned by TPE, the 151-acre Hanley Savanna in Hanover, IL and the 3-acre Elmville Prairie in Stockton, IL. Through the use of conservation easements, the Rachuys have also permanently protected more than 100 acres of forest and prairie habitat that they own themselves right here in Jo Daviess County. They have led efforts to restore over 1500 acres of native prairie and savanna habitat, as well as created innovative native seed and rare plant conservation programs. The endless hours spent in the field, the seed shed, and with NIPE, all on behalf of the natural world, make Jim and Rickie very worthy recipients of this award.

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.

In its 31st year of operations, JDCF 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 for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. No local tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF properties. For more information, visit www.jdcf.org.



Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Launches Online Registration for Eclipse Weekend Camping

DU QUOIN, IL – Just in time for the total solar eclipse that will bring tourists from around the world, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announces convenient online registration for campers at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

The Eclipse Weekend package rate is \$100 for a four-night stay, Fri., April 5 through Tues., April 9, at a 50' x 20' campsite.

The Du Quoin State Fairgrounds are located within 20 miles of the solar eclipse path of totality occurring April 8. While the entire country will experience a partial solar eclipse, only the narrow path of totality will experience a total solar eclipse when the sky darkens as the moon blocks all sunlight and the solar corona, or atmosphere of the sun, is visible.

"The eclipse is expected to last four minutes and nine seconds, but the regional economic impact is far greater. This area of southern Illinois is ideal for observing the eclipse, and the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds are making camping accommodations convenient and affordable with our special pricing and online registration," said **Jerry Costello II, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture**. "We are excited to partner with SIU and other local organizations to host visitors from around the world and showcase all that southern Illinois has to offer. The Du Quoin State Fairgrounds camping package is one part of welcoming tourists and ensuring an enjoyable eclipse experience."

SIU Carbondale is hosting the Southern Illinois Crossroads Eclipse Festival in partnership with NASA to offer a variety of events and activities leading up to the main event, Eclipse Day at Saluki Stadium, a guided eclipse experience.

"We look forward to offering numerous events, outreach programs and research initiatives on the SIU campus the weekend prior and day of the eclipse. Extending a warm welcome to visitors in our region is important, and we are thrilled that the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds will be providing camping opportunities to enhance the experience for those exploring our communities," said **Sarah Vanvooren, Director of Events and Outreach at SIU and co-chair of the Eclipse Steering Committee**.

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2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, June 8, 2024

@ 1:00pm (in the Clubhouse)

14A157 Canyon Club Drive

Votes for Board of Directors **MUST** be cast before the meeting starts. Mailed ballots must arrive at the Association office by close of business Friday, June 7th.

JDCF to Hold Annual Meeting

The public is cordially invited to attend the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's (JDCF) Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 11 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant. There will be a social hour with heavy appetizers before a short business meeting to elect new Board members and present the 2024 *Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award* to Jim and Rickie Rachuy. The keynote will be delivered by Curt Meine, a conservation biologist, environmental historian, and writer based in Sauk County, WI. Cost is \$40/person. RSVP to info@jdcf.org by April 1.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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ACLPOA Board Approved Policy

THE APPLE CORE: ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

The Apple Core is published by the ACLPOA for the benefit of its Members - to keep them informed about developments with respect to the lake, facilities, activities and finances; to report Board decisions; to provide a handy reference about rules, fees and coming events; and to afford a means of communication on questions and issues of importance to property owners.

The Editorial Review Committee shall consist of a member of the Board, who shall be the Chair; the General Manager, who shall be Vice-Chair; the Editor of The Apple Core, who shall be the Secretary; and such other members as the Board may appoint from time to time. This Committee shall prepare policies for the acceptance of material to be printed in The Apple Core, including, but not limited to, letters to the editor and policies for advertising material printed, which policies shall be submitted to the Board for approval annually.

The General Manager is responsible for having the paper produced. The Communications Director is the Editor. Any and all editorial material (copy other than paid advertising) must be submitted to the Editor's office.

The Editorial Review Committee will determine whether or not letters, advertising material or any other material submitted for publication should be rejected. If material is rejected, property owners will be notified and told cause of rejection.

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Letters from Property Owners are welcome.

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- a) Submitted and signed by a Property Owner.
- b) Received by the 15th of the month previous to publication.
- c) Confined to 250 words or less.

The following guidelines for treatment of letters have been adopted for the purpose of encouraging expression of views with the focus on discussion of issues not people. Publication of letters does not necessarily imply agreement or endorsement by the Association or the Board of Directors.

- Whenever possible, letters expressing views on both sides of an issue will be published at the same time.
- Constructive criticism will be accepted. Positive suggestions for improvement are encouraged.
- Letters must be in good taste. Those containing offensive or derogatory language, libelous statements or expressing personal grievances or conflicts will not be published.
- Nothing in these guidelines should be construed to prohibit references to people so long as an issue of importance is the focus of the letter.
- Editorial comments will be limited to factual clarification or update on the matter at issue. No point of view will be expressed.

WITH RESPECT TO BOARD ELECTIONS:

- 1) Candidates will be presented in the March and April issues.
- 2) A special section for questions regarding candidates will be included in the March and April issues of The Apple Core. Questions regarding candidates must be received thirteen (13) days prior to copy deadline in order to provide the candidates with the opportunity to respond in the same edition. Candidate responses must be received two (2) days prior to copy deadlines.

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Saturday, July 27, 2024* - Start time 8:30am

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29th Annual Community Garage Sales

Saturday, June 1, 2024

8:00am - 2:00pm

The sale will be advertised on the website on our Facebook page (@AppleCanyonLake), in both *The Apple Core*, and *The Apple Seed*, and in local papers prior to June 1.

Posted hours are 8:00am - 2:00pm on Saturday, but it's your choice to be open earlier or longer or to host your sale on Friday and Sunday. Please note your extra hours in your listing if you choose to do so.

The map and detailed item list will be available on the website - www.applecanyonlake.org, at the Association Office, and information kiosk (located in the parking lot above the Marina) beginning Wednesday, May 29.

For further information, please contact us at recreation@applecanyonlake.org or call (815) 492-2238.

Complete the form below and submit with your \$15 payment (for promotion and signage) by Monday, May 27.
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NOTE: Registrations submitted after 3:00pm, Monday, May 27 will NOI make it on the map or listing.

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Saturday, June 1, 2024

8:00am - 2:00pm

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Email your photo and a brief blurb to: applecore@applecanyonlake.org by the 15th of the month to be published in the next month's Apple Core.



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GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON


Ballroom Dance Class

Join us for a fun evening and learn ballroom dancing!

APRIL 14 | DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM | CLASS STARTS AT 5:30 PM
APPLE CANYON LAKE CLUBHOUSE
(LESSON WILL LAST 1 HOUR)

\$30 PER COUPLE

Scan the QR Code to sign up or email: be.social.acl@gmail.com




EARTH DAY

SPRING CLEANUP

HOSTED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
AT NIXON BEACH 1:00PM

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT 9:00AM



4th ANNUAL MAY DAY AUCTION

Sponsored by:
The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners' Foundation

WHEN:
Saturday, May 4, 2024

WHERE:
ACL Clubhouse

TIME:
5:00pm - Happy Hour, Silent Auction, Bucket Auction
6:00pm - Live Auction

THE FOUNDATION'S GRANT PROGRAM HAS GIVEN OUT OVER \$26,000 TO ACL PROJECTS

- * GARDEN CLUB "CHILDREN'S GARDEN"
- * TREES AT BOCCIE BALL COURTS
- * WETLAND GARDEN AT THE MARINA
- * INDEPENDENCE PRAIRIE
- * OAK/HICKORY SAVANNA
- * NATURE SIGNS
- * DAM EMBANKMENT PRAIRIE
- * MEMORIAL PAVILLION

Join us for a fun filled evening to raise funds that will support ACLPO Foundation projects! Silent, bucket, and live auctions, 50/50 raffle, and bonus games, all for a great cause! **PLUS, IT'S A REALLY FUN TIME!**

Items and cash donations may be dropped off at:

- ACL OFFICE
- ACL PRO SHOP

Or contact a Foundation Member to arrange pickup.



JOIN THE RIDING SIDE OF THE FORCE!
MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

CASH AND CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED



"Like" the ACL Property Owner's Foundation page on FACEBOOK for updates!



SUMMER Kick-off

SATURDAY, MAY 25
1:00 - 8:00 PM

Bands playing from
1:00 - 4:00 PM & 5:00 - 8:00 PM

FIREHOUSE FITNESS CENTER PARKING LOT

Help us Kick-off the Summer with...

LIVE MUSIC + FOOD & BAR



ACLPOA CAMPGROUND COMMISSION'S

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 26

ALL YOU CAN EAT

- PANCAKES
- SAUSAGE
- APPLE SAUCE
- ORANGE JUICE
- MILK

ADULTS \$10
KIDS \$6

ACL Clubhouse | 8:00am - 12:00pm




COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES



Saturday, June 1 from 8:00am - 2:00pm

Maps and listings will be available at the Association Office, information kiosk, or you can download a copy at: www.applecanyonlake.org by Wednesday, May 29. Check listings for special hours.

Are you having a sale?

Pickup an application at the Association Office, or apply online at www.applecanyonlake.org. Applications must be received by 3:00pm Monday, May 27 to get your sale on the map & listing.

ACL MID SUMMER BASH

The Real Deal

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:00 - 8:00PM

FIREHOUSE FITNESS PARKING LOT

-CANCELED IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER-

FARM FUN DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT
10:00AM - 1:00PM

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Milk a Cow • Make a "Feed Sack" Snack • Visit Feed & Machinery Stations • Make Ice Cream & Butter • Create an Earth Bracelet • Petting Zoo

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

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CANYON KIDS CAMP

Apple Canyon Lake Garden Club
JO DAVIESS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

JULY 10 - 12
1:00 - 3:00PM

TWO AGE GROUPS
5-7 AND 8-10

\$30 PER CHILD
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

BEES & POLINATORS EDITION

CANYON KIDS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FUN GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

Registration:
Register on the ACL website or fill out a form at the Association Office
www.applecanyonlake.org

Volunteers Wanted!
Great for parents/guardians and teens.
Contact the Recreation Department:
recreation@applecanyonlake.org or
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CATCH & RELEASE!

KIDS BLUEGILL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 13
8:30 - 10:30am
AT THE MARINA

\$10 ENTRY
17 & Under

Registration deadline is Thursday, July 11

Register on the ACL website, or fill out a form at the Association Office.
See tournament rules on the entry form.
All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
Competitors must bring their own equipment. Fish baskets recommended.

TROPHIES AWARDED TO:
1st - 3rd Largest Bluegill &
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Sizzling Summer Concert

SATURDAY, JULY 27

FEATURING:
Ryan Craig

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4:00 - 8:00PM

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START: 8:30AM

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