

# Shadow Lakes II Association

## *Fossil Footprints*

**from the Chairman of the Board**  
*Wayne Kancler*

**March 2021**

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FATIGUE!!! Snow fatigue, cold weather fatigue, pandemic fatigue...it has certainly been a longer winter this year than the past few winters.

As I write this message our contractor is out trying to widen our snow covered streets and move some of the accumulated show piles ahead of the coming weekend's snowy forecast. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, we have already used nearly 80% of our entire year's snow removal budget. I want to commend our contractor and our own maintenance staff for their extraordinary efforts in the battle to keep our roads passable for our use and the use by emergency and other service providers.

On a more positive note, the snow has made Shadow Lakes look like a winter wonderland. Ice fisherman, hearty souls that they are, reported great and productive days out on the ice. Some of our children have had fun going down our snow hill. Although we did not put up the ice rink under the pavilion this year, skaters and hockey players have been out on the ice. Please use caution when on or near the ice. Being out on the ice under any conditions is never completely safe.

As our Treasurer Joe Hudetz tells us in his report, our Association remains strong. Our goal each year is to set a budget that accurately predicts our operating costs for the year ending with neither a large surplus nor deficit. Until last year, we have been successful in doing just that. Reduced activities and labor hours in all departments along with an increased number of full time residents added to the largest surplus we have ever had. We will be using that surplus to accelerate some of the items on our five year plan as well as adding to our general reserve funds.

Property turnover continues at an active pace as we start 2021. We have thus far issued twelve disclosure letters to pending property buyers since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I wish I had more to report regarding Nicor bringing natural gas to Shadow Lakes but they too have experienced challenges in their operations due to the pandemic. I hope to have a status update from Nicor for our March Board of Directors meeting.

It appears that the work by the Illinois Department of Transportation on the turn lane project at the intersection Route 129 and Coal City Road will finally begin this spring. Once they complete their work, we will evaluate its effect on our Gate 1 entrance.

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# MAINTENANCE

Hello Everybody,

Spring will be here shortly and as you begin your spring cleanup, please remember not to leave yard waste at the compactors. You must place your yard waste in paper bags and bring it to the maintenance barn area. Branches must be no more than 4 feet in length and must be tied up. Also, we do not take electronics or tires. You must bring these items to a recycle facility yourself for disposal. Visit [willcountygreen.com](http://willcountygreen.com) to find the latest recycling information.

Please remember not to flush anything down your toilets except for human waste and toilet paper. Any items other than these will cause damage to our sewer pumps which are very expensive to repair. This costs all of us. (One pump can run \$7,000 or more.)

We do not accept construction material debris. If you are doing work at home, you will need to get your own dumpster to have it removed.

If your contractor is doing construction work on your property, you will need to get your own dumpster for removal of construction debris. The "Dumpster Bag" is available from home improvement stores for small jobs. Larger dumpsters are available from Waste Management and other vendors. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS AT THE COMPACTORS OR MAINTENANCE AREA.**

The lake chemical weed treatment program will continue again this year in an effort to keep our channels open for boating and swimming. Hawk Lake will not be included in the weed treatment program this year. However, the weed boat will be in use on Hawk Lake. The Association is the only one authorized to apply chemicals to the lakes. If you are considering treating your own area, you must contact the office prior to any chemical being added to the water.

Tier 1 water turn-ons will begin in April. Please remember you must schedule your turn-on with the office and you must be present at your property in order for maintenance to turn your water on. There is a form included in this issue of "Fossil Footprints" you need to fill out and return to the office. It also shows which week your village is scheduled for turn on.

Road paving and patching will continue this year as planned with completion this spring before the summer season.

Please check your properties for water leaks, leaking faucets, toilets, etc. If there are leaks, please have them repaired. Water leaks cost all of us money. Because of the sub-zero temps, always check your heat tape so that you will not have frozen pipe problems.

As always, I want to say "Thank You" to our maintenance people (Joe, John and Brad) and our contractor who have again done an excellent job dealing with the cold weather and abundant amount of snow.

With the support from the Board and P.O.A.C. members, our Association will stay strong and beautiful.

Hopefully this year we will be able to return to some sense of normalcy.

**Mike Colavecchi/Fred Cowell**

## SHADOW LAKES SHARES WITH THE COMMUNITY

Each year during the holiday season the Association thanks our employees and volunteers with a luncheon. In 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic restricting group gatherings we were unable to hold the thank you luncheon. As the pandemic has created hardship for many the Board decided to use the funds for the luncheon to make contributions to the Community Care Center Food Pantry and to the Braidwood Lions Club. Association president Wayne Kancler presented checks of \$300.00 each to Noreen Brandle of the Community Care Center Food Pantry and Josh Bolatto of the Braidwood Lions Club. Both organizations provide vital services used by many of our members and we thank them for their volunteer service to our Community.



## Chairman's Report - Continued from Page 1

Your Board has been working on plans to help safely reopen all of our facilities and amenities during the upcoming spring and summer seasons. We will continue to follow all World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and Will County Health Department guidelines and regulations. We will adjust as necessary to the ever evolving changes in those guidelines and regulations. All of our decisions will ALWAYS defer to the health and safety of our members, their families and guests.

While we have included a schedule of planned events and meetings for the coming year, please remember that we may need to change dates, times and locations based on both pandemic and weather conditions at the time of each event. We will use all of our news resources to keep you informed of any changes to the schedule. If you have not yet signed up for the email and text alert program, please contact the office and register. This program is the fastest way we have of getting important information to you.

Our accounting firm has informed me that their 2020 audit will be completed by the second week of March. This will be the third complete audit of our financial condition. We will have copies available for distribution at the March Board meeting and will publish the results with the June Fossil Footprints. With the completion of the 2020 audit we will continue to work on our budget for 2022.

This issue contains the Tier 1 water turn-on form. Please complete this form and turn it into the office as soon as possible. Remember, we will not turn on your water unless someone is present to insure there was no damage to your water system over the winter.

Later this year you will be electing two Directors to our Board due to the current term expirations of Fred Cowell and me. One of the greatest services one can give to our Association is to serve as a Director. If you feel you have the skills and commitment of three years of service to our community please see information on page 2 regarding seeking a position on our Board of Directors.

I, as I am sure many of you are, am looking forward to the end of our very cold and very snowy winter and the return of warm weather, blooming and budding flowers and trees, bright sunny days and the sounds of friends and neighbors enjoying all that is Shadow Lakes.

In last September's Fossil Footprints I titled my report to you as "The summer that wasn't". Here's hoping that this summer can safely return to one of sunshine, laughter and outdoor fun for everyone.

**Wayne**

## ACTIVITIES

### Happy 2021 Everyone!

2020 presented new challenges as we battled with COVID-19, but the Activities Department was able to provide safe, fun events. The Activities Department looks to provide the same safe environment to host our events for 2021.

In this issue, you will find the intended events for the year. Please keep in mind that our events are subject to modification or cancellation due to the changing health guidelines set forth by the CDC and the federal, state, and local governments. To find the latest update to our events, please check our Facebook Page (Shadow Lakes Activities), the Shadow Lakes website, the boxes at the dumpsters, and the Activities Department.

For March, Bingo has been scheduled for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center. For April, an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bingo is Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are scheduled for a Flea Market on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for your spots with the Association Office. To be on the map, please sign up by Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

When attending the events, please remember to wear your masks and to practice proper social distancing so we can continue to have safe, fun events for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Cassie Trinko – Activities Supervisor**



**SUMMER  
HELP  
WANTED**

Staffing for our pool monitors will begin in May. Applications for interested parties are available from the office.

# TIER 1 WATER TURN ON PROGRAM



**Weather permitting**, our Maintenance Department will begin turning on water service to over 400 properties according to the following schedule.

Tully Monster Village	April 4 thru 10
Explorer Village	April 11 thru 17
Fisherman Village	April 18 thru April 24
Fossil Cove Village	April 25 thru May 1

**If you prefer a date that is different from the planned schedule a fee of \$25 will be charged to your account. Additional prorated water charges may also apply.**

It will be necessary for someone to be present at your property at the time your water is turned on. If no one is present on the request dated and time slot, your water will not be turned on. This is to ensure that your unit is prepared to accept the water service and no damage occurred during the winter.

If a leak is discovered at the time of turn on, we will immediately turn the water off. It will then be necessary to schedule another turn on appointment after you have made the necessary repairs and provide the Association with proof of those repairs.

**It is your responsibility to prepare your unit for water. The Association cannot assume responsibility for damages that may occur to your unit.**

Please return the completed form to the Association office no later than March 20 indicating your preferred date and time slot.

Please schedule my water to be turned on as indicated below. Someone will be present on my property at that time.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM \*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM \*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Village: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE- We cannot schedule a specific time during the scheduled hours.**



# POAC - Property Owners Association Committee

Hello to All.

Well, we can put the holidays behind us now. Let's move on to trying to rid us from the Covid-19 Virus and, like myself, waiting to get the vaccine. Hopefully then we can finally put this past year away.

The weather the past few weeks has been frightful as we are still in winter!

We are looking forward to having a meeting again soon. At this point not sure when.

It's important for everyone in the Community to appreciate the hard work and time that so many folks devote to making Shadow Lakes the great place it is.

I would like to welcome all the new families to our Great Community. Many properties have changed hands this past year. We are all looking forward to Spring where we can get out, see, and meet our neighbors. You will see our P.O.A.C. Reps out introducing themselves to you.

Make sure you are on the call list through the office so you can find out what's happening and when.

Stay safe and healthy! See you soon!

Sher Sohol, Chairperson P.O.A.C.

## Rules reminders:

Please obey all posted traffic signs.  
Your family, friends and neighbors  
are relying on you for their safety.



**DUES REMINDER—FINAL PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE IN BY APRIL 1ST**



## SHADOW LAKES SPORTSMAN FISHING CLUB

While Covid still haunts us, we do see signs that we may have a light at the end of the tunnel. As for the Shadow Lakes Sportsman Fishing Club, we are off to a strong start to 2021, with over 127 members signed up so far. Leaving 2020 behind us is a blessing.

Meetings are still subject to limitations, and the Feb weather was not helping. Some folks wanted to try for the Ice Derby & Chile mixer, always a great winter break.

The Club Officers and several volunteers did meet in Feb to try and restart our activities and fund raising. Sounds like a year long 50/50 raffle with several additional prizes are being planned. More details soon.

FISHING ROUNDABOUT: lots to talk about. The kids started off the season; Roman (jr angler of 2020) and his cousin Bradyn along with Ed Redke's grandsons all caught super nice Crappies. Ed had some good luck with 20 gills and a perch in one day. Andy Kaminsky and a friend reported over 100 fish in a day, a mix of Crappie, Gills and Walleye. Matt Virgili showed a healthy early ice Largemouth from Hawk Lake.

We want to take a moment to thank Sue Kielnik for developing a Facebook public group for the Club; Shadow Lakes Fishing Club. With approx 250 members, it is an excellent source of current info on our Lakes and Fishery.

The Club is now almost 30 years old, and has served the Community by maintaining and improving all fish, including annual stockings of various species, twice a year.

Normally our meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Amenity Center. We have coffee and fresh Danish, etc. Also a tackle raffle and current fishing information.

Please consider joining the Club. We have a lot of fun and help you learn how to fish our clear waters. Applications are available at the Association Office. Current Office hours are 10 AM to 2 PM MON-SAT, subject to changes based on Covid issues. So please join us!

**Tom Lydon, Fishing Club President**



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# 2021



## SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2021

Property Owners Association Committee Meetings are held in the Community Center on the Third Saturday every other month, unless otherwise noted. Board of Directors meetings are held six times a year, including the Annual Meeting. Special Board Meetings will be held, as needed, and notices posted according to Association Bylaws. All Shadow Lakes, Lighthouse Cove & Boardwalk Bay Property Owners are invited and urged to attend these meetings.

<u>POAC</u>	<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>
Feb. 20--9 AM\	March 20—9 AM
May 15-9 AM	June 19—9 AM
July 17 -9 AM	August 21—9 AM
Sept. 18-9 AM	Oct. 16—3 PM
	Board Mtg & Annual Homeowners Meeting

No Meetings in November, December or January  
 Happy Holidays!

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