Fossil Footprints Newsletter

from the Chairman of the Board Mike Tomasek

Dear Members,

I certainly hope all of you and your families are enjoying the summer. Congratulations to Beth Chappell on her re-election to the Board of Directors. I'll look forward to continuing to work with her. Congratulations also to Frank Landolina and Sher Sohol who also ran for the Board this year. All were terrific candidates who demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serve you and the Association. Many thanks to the candidates and all of the other outstanding individuals who donate their time and talent toward the good of the Association.

Have you been in the pool lately? It's pristine. A while back, Beth suggested that we purchase a robotic cleaner, and it has worked out to be an excellent addition. The Association greatly appreciates those who take care of the pool and make sure it is safe for those who use it. This great group of people includes our terrific Maintenance and Activities employees. Very impressive work.

My wife and I cannot remember a time when we had better fish than what the Fishing Club cooked up at the recent all-resort fish fry. It was absolutely terrific. Thanks to Tom Lydon and the rest of the Fishing Club for making this happen.

Our Association is both residential and recreational and will hopefully always retain a strong focus on both of those things. Regarding the recreational side of things, we are looking at the possibility of developing and/or improving another outdoor spot on a common area, perhaps on the Nature Trail, that would be inviting to Members as a social gathering place. It would likely not be available for private parties. Your thoughts on this concept are welcomed.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 in the Community

Center. Among other things, we will appoint Directors to various officer and Department Head positions

Mike

September 2017

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TREASURER'S REPORT

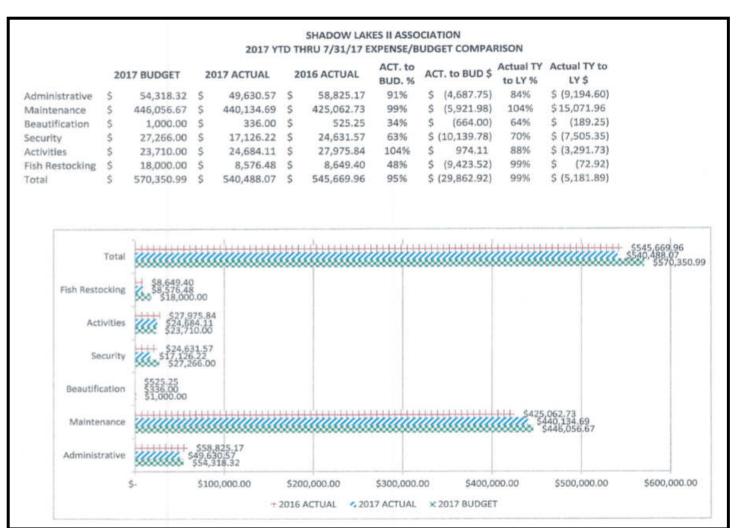
Entering the end of the third quarter of 2017, as of July 31st we are \$29,862.92 under budget. Through more efficient scheduling, payroll costs are under budget by \$13,300.00. The mild winter and moderate summer temperatures our snow removal and utility costs are under budget by \$19,700.00. Water system repairs are \$3,500.00 under budget and refuse removal is below budget by \$6,200.00. We exceeded or budget for road paving by \$4,100.00, for nature trail refurbishing by \$1,100.00, water weed control by nearly \$1,200.00 and sewer system repair by \$2,400.00 (please see Hank's comments in his maintenance report). We added a robotic pool cleaner that wasn't budgeted for \$3,200.00. Our pool has never been cleaner. Please note that with some of the substantial operating savings cited, our operating expenses are only \$5,000.00 below last year. Below is a summary and graph showing our seven months of operating expenses compared to both our 2017 budget and 2016 actual operating expenses.

I have received the 2018 budget recommendations from the POAC budget committee and will be putting the finishing touches on a proposed 2018 budget to be presented and discussed at the budget meeting on September 23rd. Please make plans to be at this important meeting.

Thoughtful accurate budget planning and conscientious execution of that plan by our entire office, maintenance, security and activities staff continues to allow us to effectively execute our budget each year.

As always, I am available to answer any questions and to listen to any concerns and/or suggestions related to our Association.

Wayne L, Kancler



MAINTENANCE

While we are still enjoying the warmth of the end of summer and the fall season will begin in September, the first signs of winter appear in this issue with the inclusion of the Tier 1 water turn off program. As you prepare for winter please review the article on winterizing your home or park model. A few dollars spent now can prevent a much larger cost should your home be damaged by the bursting of a water pipe.

As are grass cutting and weed boat continue to work into the fall, a reminder that snow is on the way. Two previous winters with below average snow falls does not guarantee more of the same this winter season. With the average first snowfall happening in November, a reminder to keep the streets clear and please do not push snow into the streets after they have been plowed.

Many of us will be cleaning our homes and disposing of old, broken or unused items. Please review and heed our rules related to waste disposal. This is especially true when it comes to electronics. Televisions and many other electronics cannot be put in our dumpsters as they are prohibited from Illinois landfills. They must be taken to one of the many recycling centers in Will County. Information regarding the locations and hours of operation are available at the office or you can go to www.willcountygreen.com for more information. You can also refer back to my articles in the August and October 2016 issues of the Fossil Footprints.

While on the subject of waste disposal I am asking for your help in keeping our dumpsters as sanitary as possible. If you are disposing of kitty litter, please place it in a plastic trash bag or other container. DO NOT JUST TAKE YOUR LITTER BOX AND DUMP IT LOOSELY IN THE DUMPSTER. It is unsanitary and adds to the odor resulting in many complaints by our residents. This also goes for your kitchen trash. Loose un-bagged increases the presence of other vermin.

Once again we are experiencing disposable diapers and woven material such as "swifters" and rags clogging up and burning out pump motors in our lift stations. We are also finding large amount of grease in our system in Fisherman's Village. The cost of replacing a pump can reach \$7,000.00 for the pump alone. While each lift station is equipped with two pumps, a burned out pump is not quickly replaced leaving only one pump to do all of the work. Should the second pump fail while waiting for a replacement, raw sewage could backup into your home. Our average annual cost for sewer repairs and maintenance during 2015 and 2016 was \$16,887.00. After only seven months this year, our sewer repair and maintenance costs are \$19,394.00. Those costs will increase by around \$10,000 in September alone. Your help in the proper disposal of all waste helps your Association save money.

A full 66% of our maintenance budget goes to supplying our community with water and sewer services and waste removal.

One of the favorite amenities of our Association is our pool. Over the last three years we have spent a great deal of time and money improving our pool facility. Improvements range from underground radar detection of the soundness of the pool walls and floor, to sandblasting away years and layers of pool paint, to upgrading the filtration system and heater to adding a lift chair for our residents with special needs. This year we added a robotic pool cleaner. After the pool closes this Labor Day, we will begin work on the deck surrounding both pools. You may have noticed that the decking is sinking in some areas creating a trip hazard at the pools edge and separating at spots near the baby pool. We will be raising the deck and closing those gaps as needed.

As I do every issue, I want to thank our entire maintenance staff for all they do to keep Shadow Lakes looking great and operating efficiently. As you may or may not know, all of our permanent maintenance staff members are full time residents. Their pride in their work shows. As you see them out and about why not say thanks...they will certainly appreciate the acknowledgement.

Henry (Hank) Genteman

MAKE sure when buying or selling GOLF CARTS and BOATS, your old lot numbers are removed and NEW LOT NUMBERS installed as described in the Property Owners Guide Book.. Secure your golf cart to a stationary object such as a tree to ensure that it remains on your property when you are not there. Remember that ignition locks are generic, so a key to your cart will work in every other cart of the same manufacturer.



SECURITY/ARCHITECTURE

SECURITY Now that our summer days are coming to an end we are analysing our security patrols and response times. Better relationships with Braidwood police have improved joint conversations and cooperation on police matters versus property matters in Shadow Lakes. We have had a very civilized summer here with some sporadic problems with golf cart violations, fireworks and loud partying. A few matters to address: Speeding-- You have probably seen the radar speed sign mounted on the back of the Shadow Lakes truck on weekends. We have been moving it from neighborhood to neighborhood over the last couple of months in order to get cars and golf carts used to controlling their vehicle speeds. This electronic device is on loan to us from the City of Braidwood and will be employed especially during the summer months. Now that it's been here for a while, we will be watching for repeat violators who will be ticketed. Children between the golf cart driver and the steering wheel--This is dangerous and irresponsible and is considered a violation of our 'safe golf cart operation' rules. We have had injuries due to unsafe practices and although our rules don't specify every unsafe practice, the ' 'safe operation of golf carts' does cover this situation. Compliance issues-- We have a new compliance officer (Don) who has created a spreadsheet to track property appearance and maintenance issues especially for vacant and seldom used properties. It's difficult to live next door to a failing house, roof, lawn or junk pile. We are working hard to get rid of these.

<u>WEEDS</u> Our experiment in Fisherman's Village has been a success and we are obtaining a quote from Rollins Aquatics to address all dead end channels and serious weed problem areas next year. A budget line item has been created for this expense. Hopefully, it will relieve our reliance on the weed boat which again this year has faced serious maintenance problems. High attention is being given to protecting fish life while alleviating boat launching and jammed propeller problems.

Joe Hudetz

ACTIVITIES

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over! However, we are not done yet! We still have a few more events planned through the rest of the year. Look for Bingos, Halloween/Fall Party, Karaoke, and a few Golf Cart movies before the end of the year. Of course, we still have our big hurrah with Labor Day Weekend!

Thank you to all the volunteers through the summer and for Family Fest. Without your help, we would not be able to put on such amazing events for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone that has attended any of our events this year! We always look forward to your attendance and enthusiasm. Our events are great because of you.

Thank you to everyone that has donated their cans all summer! We greatly appreciate it. We will be accepting can donations through Labor Day Weekend. We will begin accepting can donations in the spring of next year!

Remember to check the Shadow Lakes website, the boxes by the compactors, the Amenity Center, and the Activities Office for all the latest information about all of our events.

Thank you for a great summer and year!

Activities

Cassie Trinka



There are so many, many things to do in Shadow Lakes!

Join In!









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WINTERIZING YOUR HOME OR PARK MODEL

What is winterization? Winterization is the process of protecting the water system in your home. When outside temperatures are below freezing, water lines can freeze, expand and burst. The process of winterization consists of purging the water from the distribution system, sink traps and the water heater.

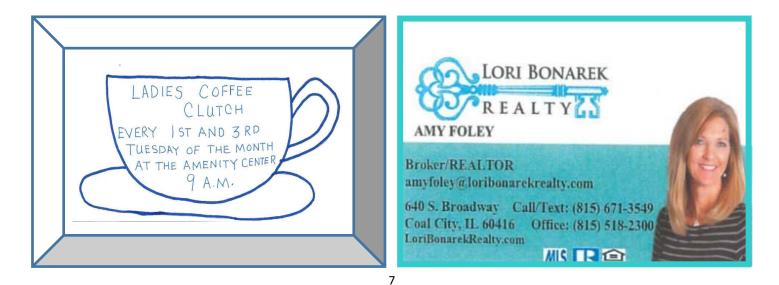
What preparations must be taken to set-up a home for winterization? In setting up a home for winterization, several things must be done. Water heaters must have isolation valves on the hot and cold water lines. A bypass valve must be installed to connect the hot and cold water lines to facilitate flushing of lines. The water heater must have a means of draining the water inside it. Feed water lines under the home must have an isolation valve, check valve and vent valve. If all of these components are in place, the unit is ready for winterization. Some units come from the factory already set-up, while others must be modified.

Do I need Heat Tape or not? If you are planning to leave your water on, then heat tape is a must. The home heating system must also be kept on with a setting of at least 55 degrees. The heat tape should protect the water line from the ground to the base of the home. The furnace will protect the water lines in the floor.

Do you need to install Heat Tape if the water is turned off and the water system is winterized? Damage to water lines can occur with one night of freezing temperatures. By installing heat tapes and activating them in the fall, the water lines are protected from an unexpected freeze. When winterization is complete, heat tapes should be turned off. In the springtime, an unexpected late freeze can cause the same problems. When water is turned on in the spring, heat tapes should be turned on until the chance of freezing has passed. The exact dates are completely up to mother nature. Heat tapes should be left on to protect water riser, main shutoff valve and check valve.

What work is performed during winterization? Before water is shut off, the water heaters must be turned off. If the water heater is allowed to drain before turning off power, damage to the heating element can occur. Water is shut off at the Buffalo-Box (AKA B-Box) which is located between the home and the street. The vent valve under the unit is opened in the riser to drain through the B-Box. The water heater drain is opened and the tank is drained of all possible water. Isolation valves on the water heater are closed and the bypass valve is opened. The main water valve is closed and an external pump is connected to the vent valve.

RV Antifreeze is then pumped through the water system, flushing both hot and cold water lines. While flushing, additional antifreeze is allowed to flow into the traps under the sinks. This will protect them from freezing. Toilets are also allowed to fill with antifreeze. Toilet tanks are allowed to drain and bowls maintain their antifreeze level. Upon completion of the winterization, heat tapes are disconnected, isolation and bypass valves are returned to original positions. Main feed water valve (gate valve) is typically kept in the closed position as a safety precaution and the vent valve closed. In the spring, the water is turned on at the B-Box. This allows the homeowner to have the water turned on at his at his convenience.



TIER 1 WATER TURN OFF PROGRAM

If you are Tier 1 Property Owners and had your water turned off during the winter.....

PLEASE RESPOND. The Maintenance Department will be turning OFF more than 400 water services during October and November beginning the week of October 10th.

Water will be turned OFF automatically, according to the following Planned Schedule, unless we are notified by you in writing in advance.

Tully Monster Village	October 9—October 14
Explorer Village	October 16—October 21
Fisherman Village	October 23—October 28
Fossil Cove Village	October 30—November 4

Check box 1.....if your unit is ready to accept a water turn-off at your B-Box and the planned schedule is acceptable.

Check Box 2if you prefer a date that is different from the Planned Schedule. A fee of \$25 and pro-rated water usage charges will be billed to your lot for this service.

Please return this form to the Association Office by October 1, 2017 indicating how you want your water TURN-OFF handled.

Box 1 _____ Please turn my water OFF according to the Planned Schedule. My unit is prepared for SHUTOFF from the B-Box.

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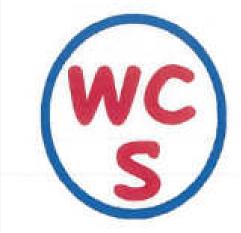
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If you would like to join neighborhood watch, please call or stop in at the Association Office and leave your name and number. MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017 DINNER @ 4:00 PM (DOORS OPEN @ 3:30 PM) COMMUNITY CENTER

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Property Owners Association Committee September Update

As we end our Summer activities, we look back on a very mild season and prepare for the beautiful Fall colors of Shadow Lakes and, yes, Winter soon follows. The Old Farmer's Almanac calls for a colder season with average or less snowfall. Let's hope they are right.

Your volunteer homeowners committee had a good summer. We now say goodbye to our weekenders and hope that they felt welcomed, especially the many new families. We tried to focus on their needs. The gate signs with listed activities were well received and our Resident Orientation went over well. The Summer activities were well attended; Luau, music nights, family fest, fish fry and many other events. A great Summer of fun.

The reps went through the villages and tried to meet many of you this Summer. We only try to greet folks when they are outside. We do not like to knock on doors. Thank you all for your support this past year.

FREE flu-shots are planned at our September 16th meeting at 9 AM in the Community Center. Sign-up at the Association Office. The shot is free for MEDICARE folks, others can submit their Insurance cards for payment. Bring your cards, and come a little early.

We have a full complement of representatives for 2018 and will be deciding on our agenda for the coming year at our November 18^{TH} meeting.

Your volunteer homeowners committee wish all our residents, friends and families a beautiful Fall, mild Winter and a great Holiday season.

REMINDERS



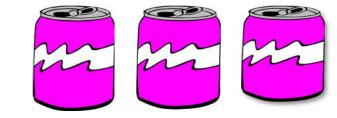
Dog owners are reminded that ALL dogs are required to be on a leash while being walked on streets and common areas. Numerous complaints have been made to the office regarding dog owners allowing their dogs to run off leash while being walked. Allowing dogs to run off leash can pose a serious danger to other dogs, humans and wildlife, even if a dog has no history of aggression or bad behavior. The owner or handler must maintain physical control of their dog with a leash or chain at all times while on roads and common areas.

Fossil Footprints Newsletter

KEEP THE COST OF DELIVERYING THE FOSSIL FOOTPRINTS NEWSLETTER DOWN ! NOTIFY OFFICE OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

ALUMINUM CANS NEEDED!!

Please save your cans and place them behind the wood fence at the Amenity Center. The money received is used for Bingo Prizes.





SHADOW LAKES SPORTSMAN FISHING CLUB

SHADOW LAKES SPORTSMAN FISHING CLUB FALL REPORT

The end of the Summer leaves behind a super fishing and fun season. The Spring Bass fishing was great with many 5 to 6 pound fish reported. The Crappie bite this Spring was exceptional. August saw the Catfish numbers and size off the charts. Walleye were biting late at night. A giant Musky was boated. The fishing along the trail improved, as we stocked that area again. Our youngest anglers had a great year; many catching their 1st fish ever.

All fish appeared healthy, with one exception, and we had many schools of forage swimming through the lakes. Numerous year growths were seen for the game-fish species, meaning years of great fishing ahead.

Our best LMBass was 6 ³/₄ LBS; Walleye was 24 inches; Crappie,14 inch; biggest Cat was 19 lbs & 35 in, the big Musky was 42 in and over 30 lbs.

The Club activities went nuts this year: The Family Panfish Derby saw 15 families, with almost 50 anglers catching 263 fish, with 90 folks for lunch. The Golf-cart Scavenger Hunt had 25 group entries and almost 100 folks for lunch after a super fun event. The All-resort Fish Fry saw almost 200 folks out for a great Pot-luck meal. So many thanks are due to a great group of members and volunteers. If you missed out on this fun, make sure to join us next year. Events are open to all residents, Club members or not.

The Association and Club will be stocking over \$20,000 worth of Game-fish and forage in our waters this year. Fall stocking is in Oct and Nov.

We will have a Catfish Derby/Oktoberfest at the FV rearing pond on the evening of Oct 7th. Bratwurst and treats. Details on the Club Bulletin Board.

The Fishing Club supports our Fishery, Waters and Community. We are a social Club that offers fishing and fun at Shadow Lakes. Club membership applications are in the Office. Or, just attend any meeting or event to see if you wish to join us. 2018 looks to be another great year of fishing and fun. Please join us.

Tom Lydon

A REMINDER ABOUT BOATS ON THE COMMON AREAS

All boats must be removed from the common areas, including the canoe trees and the boat ramp on the nature trail, no later than October 31st of each year and may not be returned to common areas prior to April 1st of each year.

Reminders will be sent to members who have not removed their boats by October 31st. Boats that are still on common areas on November 10th will be removed by our maintenance staff and placed on the property own-

er's lot. An invoice will be issued in the amount of \$50.00 to cover the cost of the removal.

Boats without proper identification or current Shadow Lakes' stickers will be moved to the maintenance area. If left unclaimed after 180 days the Association will dispose of the unidentified boats.





Tracy Ringmeier on left was presented a nice Fishing Kayak by Sandi Kancler. The kayak was raffled off this year by the Community Center Fundraising Committee.



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WELCOME FALL

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2017

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. <u>All Shadow Lakes,</u> <u>Lighthouse Cove & Boardwalk Bay Property Owners are in-</u> vited and urged to attend these meetings.

POAC		BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Jan. 21	9 am	Feb. 18	9 am	
March 18	9 am	April 15	9 am	
May 20	9 am	June 17	9 am	
July 15	9 am	Aug. 26	9 am	
Sept. 16	9 am	Sept. 23	9 am (Budget)	
		Oct. 21	3 pm (Homeowners Annual Mtg.)	
Nov. 18	9 am			
No Meetings in December—Happy Holidays!				

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