

# Shadow Lakes II Association

## *Fossil Footprints*



### MESSAGE

#### FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Hurry up Spring! We're ready and, so far, we are fairly undamaged. Despite boil orders and knocked down entry fences, winter was fairly calm. Now comes the race to improve our properties. I must say, I have seen the property values rise nicely in the 11 years I've lived here—paint, roofing, landscaping and new decking on any owner's property will help the home value of the neighbors. Please get plans approved before the supplies are delivered.

I continue to be amazed how many owners are not on our text/email blast list. If you know any neighbors not registered at the office let them know what peril they could be putting their property in, what construction or road project may affect their access, or what fun social events they are missing out on. The blasts are not a spying tool nor are they used excessively but, if you're not a full-timer, they aid in planning weekends and avoiding surprises.

We're sorry about the failure of the new software program but it just wasn't able to handle our size and complexity. Luckily, we were running the new program alongside our old program for a validity check so we didn't have a hard time transitioning back (see Treasurer's and Manager's reports inside).

Keep smiling and waving to your neighbors!

**Joe Hudetz**

*There will be an election for two Board positions coming up this year. Watch for the dates and information in the next issue of the "Fossil Footprints." Get involved, go to meetings, ask questions. This is your place! See Page 2.*

## March 2025

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(815) 666-5701 (available 24 hours)**

# MAINTENANCE

**Hello fellow Shadow Lakers**

We have had a mild Winter so far and Spring is around the corner.

Snow plowing is done when there is 2"+ of snow. Unless we ask for it to be done or in anticipation of bad weather, a decision can be made to have the company come out to treat the roads prior to the weather. You may see the Kubota out treating the few hills that we have within our community.

With Spring in the air, we have started to investigate how much road paving we can accomplish in 2025. As of now, we are planning on starting at the stop signs by Gate 3 and will work our way through TMV (Dinosaur) to the foot bridge. We are working with the paving company to see about extending through to Gate 2 (based on cost).

Water turn on will begin in April. Please schedule with the office. Owner must be present

We are looking into some cleanup in our lakes, especially our beach area. We have looked into some devices to move water in that area, but these devices are either too big or require power and blocking off an area of the beach. We are currently looking into some possible dredging of that area.

The chemical weed treatments will continue this year to help maintain the weeds for boating and swimming. We will also be running our weed boat in areas that require more attention.

We apologize for the water shutoffs. We had two infrastructure leaks that had to be scheduled for repairs. Most of the time these repairs can be done without water disruption. Thanks for your understanding.

Huge thanks go out to our maintenance crew for helping to repair these issues.

**Matthew Virgili, Director of Maintenance**

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association's 2024 financials are currently being reviewed by our auditing firm, Smith Koelling Dykstra & Ohm, who will be on site in March to finalize their audit, and those audit results will be published in our next newsletter. Our Shadow Lakes Audit Committee is in the process of developing a comprehensive written in-house audit program as well. The Association will be upgrading our accounting system, which Luci will be discussing further in her Manager's report. I would like to thank Luci, our Office Supervisor, Ranae Damaschke, and our Office Support Staff Peg McQuarters for all their hard work during this transition.

**Pat Hintzel, Treasurer**

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

Spring is just around the corner. It will be nice to see the community as grass and trees turn green and flowers bloom in many colors. It would be a great idea to review our Property Owners Guidebook" and refresh yourself on them. The most common infractions are weeds and "shabby" sheds.

As many of you already know, we have volunteers who take care of many areas around our community, such as the gates and the dumpsters. I would love to have more owners volunteer. You could volunteer for as little or as much as you would like. If you are interested please let me know. My email is [tmv.bobbie@gmail.com](mailto:tmv.bobbie@gmail.com). I am planning on having a meeting with the POAC and interested people to discuss areas to be maintained and new ideas.

**Bobbie Cooper, Director of Code Enforcement/Security/Beautification**

## Shadow Lakes II Association—Board of Directors Election

**An election will be held this summer to fill two openings on the Board of Directors.**

**As per our Bylaws, any Member or Associate Member, in good standing, may file a statement of his or her candidacy for election as a Director of the Association with the Secretary of the Association. Such filing must be made between the first (1st) and the thirtieth (30th) of May. The filing shall include endorsements of his or her candidacy signed by ten (10) voting Members in good standing and a brief biographical statement.**



# MANAGER'S REPORT

## SPRING IS UPON US

Our December issue brought the announcement of a new software to be implemented. Unfortunately, the Board and Management have unanimously determined the new software is not meeting the needs of the community or for management. With all the issues from the onset of utilizing the software, it has been determined that Easy HOA will no longer be utilized beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be converting back to Quickbooks and Quickbooks pay for assessments, decals, violations etc. Further information will follow as we complete the transition. We apologize for all the confusion this attempted transition has brought upon all of us. It is still very important to procure an efficient communication platform which we are researching. In the interim, we will utilize the Easy HOA software to continue email and text blasts.

### Job Openings:

There are several job openings coming up for this spring:

Peggy McQuarters has made the big decision to retire this coming April. The Management office is seeking a part-time administrative assistant for a 10 hour work week. Applications must be submitted no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

Code Enforcement/Security is seeking two candidates for the summer hours April through November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Maintenance: Seeking a part-time maintenance worker for 10 or 15 hours a week to assist maintenance when needed with the regular duties cutting grass and weed whacking, keeping the nature trail cleaned up with trimming trees and maintaining the trail.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the management office to complete an application.

**Applications must be submitted no later than March 30, 2025**

Should you need to visit the office before or after regular office hours, please reach out and make an appointment, we are happy to assist.

Luci Vineyard, Association Manager

## VOLUNTEERS

### ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

We have many committees:

POAC, APPEALS, BEAUTIFICATION , BUDGET

Shadow Lakes can always find room for our members if they would like to help out. Leave your name and phone number at the office. Thanks

## COFFEE CLUTCH

The first and third Tuesdays of every month. 9 A.M. in the Amenity Center.

And a Big Thank You to All who donate to the food pantry box in the hallway by the office.

## ATTENTION

### FULL-TIME RESIDENTS

The stage is set for the April 1, 2025 consolidated election for three seats on the Braidwood City Council. The election is to fill the previously appointed seats of Mayor, Commissioner of Accounts and Finance and Commissioner of Public Health & Safety.

As we have done for the last four elections, we have invited all of the candidates to meet the voters of Shadow Lakes on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Community Center.

Come out to meet the candidates and hear what their vision is for the city.

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# ACTIVITIES

**2025!** The pool will be opening Saturday, May 24th. With that in mind, the hiring begins. A job description and application is available in the office. The applications must be submitted by March 31st. Applicant must be 17 years old by May 1, 2025. The pool closes Monday September 1st.

Some dates inadvertently left off December 2024 issue of the "Fossil Footprints" 2025 calendar: Bingo on Sept. 20, Oct. 11, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6th. Also Trunk or Treat added for Saturday, Oct. 25th. Calendars now updated and in the office, come pick up for 2025 schedule. They are also on the website.

**There will be a Spring Break Lunch Special! Monday, March 31st 11:30 to 1:30, Thursday April 3rd, 11:30 to 1:30: All beef hotdog, chips and lemonade \$3.00 PLUS a toy for the kiddos. Kids of all ages 1 to 99 are welcome while supplies last.**

Call Susan Knuth, Director of Activities, if you have any questions. 708-574-6504

## Property Owners Association Committee

Well, I am sure everyone has been waiting patiently for spring. We survived "almost" another winter in Shadow Lakes! Our first meeting of the year will be March 15th, 9 am in the Community Center. Keep in mind we have All Resort Cleanup on Saturday, May 10th, 9 am under the pavilion. Get a designated area to clean at check-in, (or you might know of an area that needs help) also bags, pokes, gloves. You will be refreshed when you return about 11 am with water and snacks. I hope to see a lot of you there. Bring any issues you might be having to this cleanup.

I am going to organize a "Plant/Seed Exchange" and hopefully a Flower Garden Club for anyone wishing to join and help out at the gates and common areas around the Park! So all of you gardeners out there, let me know if you are interested. The POAC will be working closely with the Board on this endeavor.

**That's all for now! Thanks Sher Sohol, Chairman of the P.O.A.C., 779-707-5949.**

## Community Center Fundraising by Sandie and Cindy

Thank you to all who have attended our events. Hope you had some fun and met some new friends.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 2—Mardi Gras—Community Center 1-4 P.M.

Sunday, April 6—Spring Fling—Community Center 1-4 P.M.

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th—MURDER MYSTERY**

Remember to check the boxes at the dumpsters, bulletin boards in the Amenity Center, hallway and Shadow Lakes' website for more information.

### **Retirement—It is a good thing**

I have been in the office a little over 14 years and have enjoyed working with different Board members, maintenance, volunteers and the office, especially Ranae. I have liked helping the members of this community at the window, on the phone or while driving around in my golf cart.

You have not seen the end of me yet. I will be out there volunteering, gardening and doing what I can to make Shadow Lakes a great place to live in.

To all the advertisers in our "Fossil Footprints," please continue for our homeowners to find your expertise services.

And last of all, sorry no one spotted the Tully Monster roaming around the nature trail. Actually, he really did not want to be found.

Peg

### **"FOSSIL FOOTPRINTS"**

Shadow Lakes II Association has been attempting for many years to have our members consent to sign up with their emails to avoid costly mailings four times a year.

Mail is now at 73 cents; multiply that for our almost 750 lots who do not get by email is quite expensive.

We will continue to email to all members who have signed up and copies will be available in the office to all new homeowners as well as our present members and on the website.



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# 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 7 thru 13**

**Explorer Village**

**April 14 thru 20**

**Fisherman Village**

**April 21 thru April 27**

**Fossil Cove Village**

**April 28 thru May 4**

If you prefer a date prior to your village's schedule date, a \$100 early turn on fee will be charged to your account. Failure to be present on your scheduled date will result in a \$50 fee.

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 requested date 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 2:30 PM \*

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

Village/Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Association reserves the right to change a requested scheduled date.

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## VETERANS HONOR ROLL

Shadow Lakes II Association also likes to acknowledge US veterans who are members and have served our country as a member of the armed forces:

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard or National Guard. The Association has publicized a list before. Now we would also like to publish their pictures. If you have a picture of your veteran, alive or who has passed in uniform or during their service, bring their picture in as we are hoping to do this in the fall issue.

### **RETIRING THE FLAG**

As noted below, proper respect to the symbol of our country: If you are a part-timer and leave for the winter, please remember to take down your flag. You may not see it, but the winter, the wind, the trees really take a toll on our flag

Please do not fly the flag if it is tattered or torn. You may bring by my house any time and I will be sure it gets its proper burial.

Peg McQuarters FV244

Thanks so much!

### REMEMBRANCE PLAQUES

The above picture was taken on 9-11-21, the same time in the morning 20 years later by our maintenance staffer Joe Kubalanza. This garden is taken care of by volunteers.

The flag raising/lowering is taken care of Bill McGuire and Chuck Van Patter. When notices come in from the government, they are the ones who raise and lower the position of the flag at half-staff the proper length of time.

It is a quiet place: To sit, To read, To reflect. Forms are available in the office if you would like to add that special person who has passed.

The plaque cost is \$25.



### **AMERICAN FLAG ETIQUETTE**

- ★ Display the flag only from sunrise to sunset; it must be illuminated after dark
- ★ Do not display the flag in inclement weather unless it's an all-weather flag
- ★ Do not let the flag touch the ground
- ★ When not on display, the flag should be respectfully folded into a triangle





# SHADOW LAKES SPORTSMAN FISHING CLUB

Hi Folks,

Our membership last year was 166 and we are hoping to improve on that. Our events will be posted at the Amenity Center Fishing Club board and at the Rearing Pond fence.

Fishing roundtable provides information to our anglers on different ways to fish our waters. I want to ask our club members to present different ways they would use in fishing. Large Perch, Bluegills and Crappie have been caught in various areas of our lakes in the ice using a variety of baits and lures. Just a reminder as the weather starts to change, be cautious about ice conditions.

Last year we added Bluegills, 7"+ Perch and large Black Crappie, Golden Shiners and good size Rainbow Trout and lots of Minnows. This year we will be adding more Golden Shiners, Large Perch, Minnows, Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye and Catfish.

The club turned 30 years old last year and has served our Shadow Lakes Community by maintaining and improving all types of fishing.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at either the Amenity Center or if weather permits outside in the Pavilion. Coffee and donuts usually are available.

Please consider joining the club if you haven't already. We have a lot of fun at the meetings and our events.

I always want to say thank you to our volunteers who make all of our club events possible.

President, Fred Cowell

## SHADOW LAKES CURRENT FISH LIMITS

FISH	LIMITS (S)	SIZE (S)
LMBASS	6 PER DAY	KEEP 12" & UNDER
SMBASS	CATCH & RELEASE	NO KEEPERS
BLUEGILL	10 PER DAY	8"
CARP	NO LIMIT	NO SIZE LIMIT
CATFISH	2 PER DAY	NO SIZE LIMIT
CRAPPIE	10 PER DAY	9"
MUSKIE	1 PER DAY	KEEP 52" & OVER
PERCH	10 PER DAY	9"
REDEAR	CATCH & RELEASE	NO KEEPERS
TROUT	2 PER DAY	NO SIZE LIMIT
WALLEYE	1 PER DAY	15-18"

DETAILS OF "FISH OF THE MONTH" CONTEST IN CLUB BOXES  
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In addition to my rescue work, I donate a portion of all my commissions to Wounded Warriors, NAWS, or Operation Christmas Child. I truly believe in helping others and that you get what you give. <3

When I'm not working tirelessly for my clients, I enjoy spending time with my family and fishing - I have won the SL fish of the month several times!

Are you interested in buying or selling? Or just curious about what your home may be worth in this booming market? I strive for excellence, and I look forward to working with you. *See you around! - Diane*

**GIVE ME A CALL FOR A COMPLIMENTARY MARKET ANALYSIS.**

WITHIN SHADOW LAKES SINCE 2022

I have SOLD

62

Properties as Seller's Agent

My SL Listings SOLD

23%

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I have HELPED

39

Homeowners as Buyer's Agent

\*The information provided through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) of MRED (Midwest Real Estate Data) is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Data represents closings in Shadow Lakes from 1/1/2022 to 2/18/2025.

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***Spring 2025***



**SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2025**

Property Owners Association Committee Meetings are held in the Community Center. Board of Directors meetings are held five 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. All meeting dates are subject to change.

<b><u>POAC</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u></b>
March 15 @ 9 AM	Feb. 20 @ 6 PM
May 17 @ 9 AM	April 19 @ 9 AM
July 19 @ 9 AM	June 19 @ 6 PM
Sept. 20 @ 9 AM	August 16 @ 9 AM
	Oct. 18 @ 3 PM (Annual Homeowners Mtg. Follows)

**No Meetings in December**  
**Happy Holidays!**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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