

LAKE POINTE NEWS

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LAKE POINTE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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If you have questions, please send an email to lakepointeestates@gmail.com.

SPRING & SUMMER REMINDERS

Fishing on the pond is reserved for residents and guests: Please carry a Lake Pointe bobber with you for identification. If you need a bobber, please contact us at www.lakepointeestates@gmail.com. If you see someone trespassing, call the Franklin Police Department immediately at 414-425-2522 to report the incident.

Lamp Post Rules: The Lake Pointe Restrictions and Covenants require that your exterior lamp post must be lighted at night for neighborhood safety. A common cause for lamp posts not working is the failure of the transformer inside the fixture. HOA member Don Dorsan can rebuild your fixture to accept the more efficient LED light and restore it to working order. If the issue is that power is not getting to the lamp post, you will need to contact an electrician. Contact Don at ddorsan@gmail.com or at 262-717-5199.

MESSAGE FROM LAKE POINTE HOA BOARD

Welcome to spring in our beautiful neighborhood! As the days grow warmer and the flowers bloom, it's the perfect time to embrace the vibrant life around us. Our pond is coming alive with families fishing, children riding bikes, and neighbors gathering for BBQs. Dog walkers enjoy the fresh air, and every now and then, the ice cream truck makes its way through, adding a sweet touch to the season. This is a time of renewal and growth—let's cherish the friends we have, make new ones, and savor the joy and beauty that spring brings to our community. Here's to a season of connection, fun, and memories!

HOA BOARD UPDATES

New website: To better serve you, we have upgraded our website to allow for posting of documents and other functionality. Our new website address is: www.lakepointeestates.com

Community Education and Recreation Center (CERC) addition and new soccer fields: Construction is underway west of the existing center on Forest Hill Ave. Lake Pointe Estates (LPE) board members attended project presentation meetings that raised our concerns about potential fertilizer and weed treatment run-off problems from the new soccer fields into the LPE pond. Subsequent letters were sent and meetings initiated by the Board with The School District, City engineers, consultants, Mayor Nelson and Alder Michelle Eichman, where we voiced our opinion that the run-off mitigation system, as currently designed, is an inadequate solution to potential problems, which could raise our pond treatment costs and subsequently our HOA dues. At the most recent meeting, the School District agreed to get estimates on a potential compromise and follow up with us. Ongoing developments will be posted on the LPE website. For more information please visit: www.franklin.k12.wi.us/community-education-recreation-department/rec-planning/cerc-overview

Lake Pointe Estates Declaration of Restrictions & Covenants: The Following documents have been filed and approved by the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds. They are now legally binding on all Lake Pointe Estates Owners, and are posted on our website: www.lakepointeestates.com/association-documents.

- Amendment #5 – Allowing pre-approved Solar Panel Installation on homes in Lake Pointe Estates
- Amendment #6 – Short Term Rental Restrictions

In order to hold down costs, a link to the amendments has been emailed to all owners for whom we have email addresses on file. Hard copies will be mailed upon request or to those who we do not have an email address.

VOLUNTEER FOR POND PROJECT DAY

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. - depending on the weather

Looking for volunteers to lend a hand to help cut down and rake the wildflower beds. Please meet in the area of the path on the north shore of the pond. Watch your email and the website for updates.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Lake Pointe retention pond is stocked with Blue Gill and Bass, so grab a fishing pole! As you are fishing and walking on the community property around the pond, you may also see frogs, turtles, snakes, and a variety of birds. The peaceful environment is perfect for a relaxing day outdoors, so be sure to take your time and enjoy the natural beauty. Hope to see you out there!

SPRING & SUMMER REMINDERS CONTINUED

Mailbox Rules: It has been noticed that several owners have replaced their mailboxes with non-standard mailboxes. Per the Lake Pointe Restrictions and Covenants all mailboxes must be of the wood clad, approved design. Please replace your mailbox with the approved mailbox as shown on our website. There are several options available. For details about lamp post repairs and mailbox replacements, visit our website at www.lakepointeestates.com/news-letter or contact Don at ddorsan@gmail.com or call 262-7177-5199.

Pick Up Trash Around the Pond: We do not have a service to clean up trash around the pond. If you are walking along the pond or live around the pond and see trash, please help out by picking it up and throwing it in your trash.

Brush Pick Up: The City of Franklin offers brush pick up on May 5, as well as the Residential Brush Drop-off and Recycling Center. For more information, visit: www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Engineering-Public-Works/Solid-Waste-Collection--Recycling/Brush--Leaf-Pickups.htm

Exterior Home Improvements: Exterior improvements such as sheds or fences must be approved by the board. If you are considering an exterior improvement, please review the HOA Rules as posted on our website at <https://lakepointe.webador.com/association-documents> and email the board at lakepointeestates@gmail.com with your request.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Why are the neighborhood street lights different colors and brightness? Is the City retro-fitting the lights? The City of Franklin contracts street lighting installation, repair and replacement from WE energies, making WE energies the responsible party for the street lights. As far as Franklin Public Works is aware there is no overall neighborhood upgrade/retrofit program in either Franklin or WE energies plans at this point. WE energies will replace non-functioning lights with LED units as needed. Go to:

www.we-energies.com/nightaurayoutage or call 800-662-4797 to report an outage.

What can I do about unleashed dogs in the neighborhood? In Franklin, Wisconsin, dogs must be on a leash when off their owner's property and the leash must be no longer than 12 feet. The dog must also be under the control of a person competent to control it. The City has an online form to file an Ordinance Violation. (You will need to supply specific information.) www.franklinwi.gov/Contact-City-of-Franklin-WI/Complaint-Form.htm

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF WEHR NATURE CENTER



The Friends of Wehr Nature Center is a non-profit organization committed to supporting and promoting Wehr Nature Center, sustaining an accessible nature destination for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds; a place for all seasons, a place for everyone. Their mission is to inspire all generations to explore and value the plants and animals of our natural world through interactive education, accessible trails, native landscapes and natural areas. Located within Whitnall Park at 9701 West College Avenue, Wehr Nature Center is part of the Franklin community. You are invited to enjoy this beautiful place, which includes: 220 acres of nature preserve with five miles of trails; Mallard Lake with a waterfall, accessible pier, observation blind, boardwalk, and viewing platform; visitor center with nature store, educational exhibits and live animals; and nature education programs for youth, families and adults. To plan your visit, go to: www.wehrnaturecenter.com. If you have any questions about Wehr, contact Lake Pointe resident and Friends of Wehr President Cindy Lorentzen at cynthia.lorentzen@gmail.com.