

Decorated homes brighten community’s spirit; winners announced

Submitted by Iris Varlan

No one can say this was an easy, uneventful year. 2020 started as a year of hope for a new decade for everyone. This year the message of Peace and Good Will is even more important.

The decorating and lights light up the neighborhood and every heart. Some of us put up the bare minimum because of timing or the lights don’t work. Or you can’t physically get outside and hang them, so we see your tree in the window or a special lamp. Some have decorations from years gone by that have meaning and memories of those we have lost. Some purchase the “latest and greatest” and display everything they have.

But whatever you do, or don’t do, it comes down to how wonderful all of our differences make this community light up, makes our differences fade away, and brings us together – in Peace, and in Good Will to our neighbors and those who need to be remembered and reached out to.

Thank you – all of you – for brightening up this heart, this neighbor, this community. “Be the bulb of happiness and light up the world with happiness” Rohit. Thank you to everyone who is a “bulb of happiness” and especially our three winners.

They were not to forget, the lights throughout



First Place: 2331 Drop Anchor



Second Place: 4128 Augusta



Third Place: 1573 Sunnyslope



Fourth Place: 1012 Woodland

the Seasons and our annual Holiday display, thanks to Roy and the Maintenance Department and Bruce and Jill Nix!

It was amazing how many people put so much effort into their decorations to light up the Seasons this year!

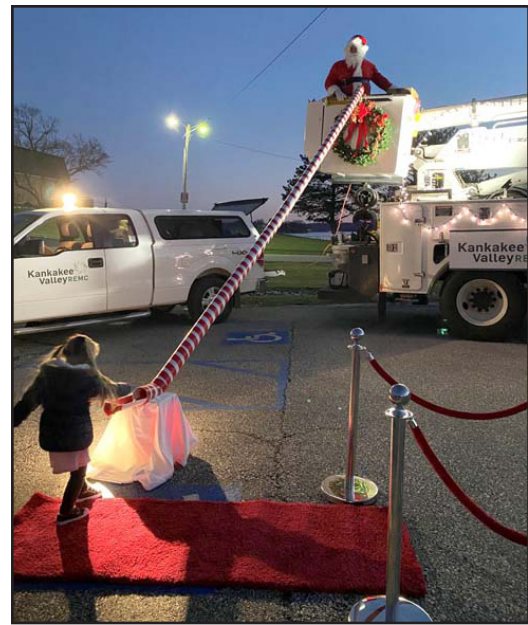
Children and adults enjoyed a unique visit from Santa for 2020

On Thursday, December 3, Kankakee Valley REMC employees created a unique Santa experience for residents of Lakes of the Four Seasons.

The event focused on family, fun and safety. The event took place in the parking lot at the Seasons Lakehouse Restaurant & Pub. When residents arrived to the parking lot they were mesmerized by Santa greeting them from atop a brightly decorated bucket truck.

Taking turns, children dropped their letter to Santa in a decorated box and then scurried to the bottom of a 20’ candy cane chute where they awaited an 8” jumbo candy cane treat from Santa Claus himself. In addition, the parents were provided with a coupon for dining at either the Seasons Lakehouse Restaurant & Pub or The 19th Hole Grille.

“Thank you to everyone who came out and visited Santa at the event. We were thrilled with the attendance. Seeing the joy and excitement on the faces of the children who visited was a great way to start the holiday season,” stated Amanda Steeb, director of marketing and communications. “We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing more events like this to your community.”



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POA Board of Directors

LOFS 2021-22 Preliminary Budget Summary

This Preliminary Budget was developed by the Board of Directors with input from the community and the POA Management Team. This budget was developed by considering past experience, expected increases or decreases in cost or consumption, and a long-term vision for the community.

The Preliminary budget has forecast revenues of \$5,065,630.57.

The largest portion of the revenue, \$3,751,405.00 or approximately 75% of the total revenue, comes from the annual assessment. Revenue from all other sources amounts to \$1,314,225.57. Operating expenses, Equip-

ment Purchases, Capital Improvements, and Debt Service equates to a budget of \$5,007,476.28 for the preliminary 2021-2022 budget.

- POA Dues are proposed to be increased by \$20.
- POA Rental Dock Fees are proposed to be increased by \$40.
- Rental Cart Memberships and Associate Primary

(See POA Pg. 3)

SPECIAL MEETING OF LOFS POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Presentation of 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
Monday, January 11 at 7:30 PM

LOFS Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom

LOFS POA Revenue & Expense

| Revenue | 2021/22 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Assesments | \$ 3,751,405.00 |
| Boats & Docks | \$ 230,990.00 |
| Pool | \$ 55,432.00 |
| Golf | \$ 435,193.57 |
| Golf Merchandise | \$ 20,000.00 |
| All other | \$ 572,610.00 |
| Total revenue | \$ 5,065,630.57 |
| Expense | 2021/22 |
| Wages | \$ 1,866,017.20 |
| Employee taxes and benefits | \$ 483,874.82 |
| Repairs and maintenance | \$ 780,921.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 241,000.00 |
| Engineering | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Fert.,Seed& Chemicals | \$ 110,000.00 |
| Rentals | \$ 44,233.00 |
| Utilities & Fuel | \$ 230,939.94 |
| Taxes,legal,accounting & fees | \$ 293,774.00 |
| Other | \$ 78,425.00 |
| Reserves | \$ 65,000.00 |
| Capital & Equipment | \$ 531,800.00 |
| Debt service | \$ 188,211.32 |
| Lease purchase | \$ 43,280.00 |
| Food & Beverage | \$ 58,154.29 |
| Total expense | \$ 5,065,630.57 |

| 2021/22 Preliminary Budget | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Capital Expenditures | | |
| Drainage | | \$125,000.00 |
| Paving | | \$300,000.00 |
| Road Striping Entire Community | | \$78,500.00 |
| Cart Path Paving | | \$18,000.00 |
| Bunker Project | | \$1,800.00 |
| Material for Rear Wall of Salt Bay | | \$3,500.00 |
| Siding Material for Concession Stands | | \$5,000.00 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | | \$531,800 |
| Equipment Purchases | | |
| Total Equipment Purchases | | \$0 |
| Total Capital & Equipment | | \$531,800 |
| LOFS POA 2021/22 Debt Service | | |
| | Yearly Payment | Maturity |
| Proposed Loan | \$57,315 | 3/1/2026 |
| Construction Loan | \$57,790 | 3/1/2025 |
| 4x4 Work Truck- Operations | \$9,120 | 3/1/2025 |
| Dumptruck | \$11,000 | 3/1/2024 |
| C.M. Vehicle | \$8,000 | 3/1/2025 |
| Dumptruck | \$12,216 | 4/1/2022 |
| Mini Excavator | \$10,500 | 4/10/2023 |
| Patrol Vehicle | \$6,970 | 2/1/2026 |
| Patrol Vehicle | \$8,000 | 4/1/2026 |
| Tee Mower | \$7,300 | 4/10/2023 |
| Total payments | \$188,211.00 | |
| LOFS POA 2021/22 Leases | | |
| | Yearly Payment | |
| Copiers (4) | \$8,300.00 | |
| Mowers (4) - Golf Maintenance Dept. | \$34,980.00 | |
| Total payments | \$43,280.00 | |

POA Community Manager

Good riddance 2020! Definitely a difficult year for all of us. I hope all of you had somewhat of an enjoyable time over the holidays and I hope all of us have a great 2021 that brings an end to the pandemic.

A special thanks to all of the residents in LOFS who decorated throughout the community and made the Holiday Season a little more enjoyable for everyone.

Although there were minimal decorations in the Seasons Lakehouse this season, the House and Garden Club still did a great job for the holiday. Thanks to our Operations Department for installing the decorations

and lights at the entrances of the community. Another big thank you to Bruce and Jill Nix for assisting the Operations Department during the installation of the Christmas Light Show on the Seasons Lakehouse lawn.

Wintertime Reminders

Winter is here and I would like to remind residents of a few things that would help the maintenance staff.

- Please do not put snow from your driveway into the streets. Frozen snow piles when hit with the plow could force plow trucks into oncoming traffic.
- Please do your best to keep drainage swales and



Rick Cleveland

culverts from being blocked with snow or ice jams and any type of debris.

- Please do not park vehicles along the roadways or drive around the community during snowstorms unless it's absolutely necessary.
- Lastly, Snowmobiles are not allowed to be operated on LOFS streets, parks, lakes, or on the golf course. See Motorized Vehicle Resolution under POA Policies on the LOFS web-

site at www.lofs.org

Disregarding Stop Signs and Speed Limits

We continue to receive complaints that motorists are not making a complete stop when approaching stop signs or they are speeding throughout the community. If these people are caught, they will be issued citations by the Public Safety officers. The speed limit inside Lakes of the Four Seasons is 20 MPH unless otherwise posted. These rules of the roads are in place for your safety and the safety of those around you.

Final Quarterly Payment Due

For those property owners on the Quarterly Payment Plan, the final payment must be paid before or on Friday, January 29, 2021. A late fee of \$50 plus applicable interest charges will be charged if not paid by the due date.

2021-2022 Budget

Since October 2020, your Board of Directors and Department Managers have been working on the 2021-22 budget. The Preliminary Budget was presented on Monday, December 14 after the regular Board meeting. A Proposed Budget will be presented on Monday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Seasons Lakehouse, again with limited seating due to COVID restrictions. The Board will approve the 2021-22 budget at the regularly scheduled public meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021. This issue of the Seasonal has an outline of the Preliminary budget.

Longtime LOFS

Employee Retires

After 42 years one of our Public Safety officers, George Thomason has retired. His last day was

December 31. It has been a pleasure working with George for the last 33 years. We have seen and been a part of many changes in LOFS. Congratulations on your retirement!

I would like to wish all of you a Safe and Healthy New Year.

Rick Cleveland

LOFS Community Manager

E-mail Notifications

If you would like to receive offers from the Seasons Lakehouse or 19th Hole restaurants about dinner specials & upcoming events or important information from the POA, Pool or Golf course you may do so by logging into the LOFS website, go to your member profile and select all or one of the "Opt - In" groups. Make sure to hit "save profile" when finished.

Operations and Building Maintenance

*By Roy Green,
Operations Director*

Happy New Year! Let us all hope that this year will bring lots of good changes to the community and the country.

The fall season in the Operations and Building Maintenance Departments has once again been a busy one. We helped Bruce and Jill Nix with their wonderful light display on the Lakehouse lawn. Actually, the weather helped us a lot and we were able to get it all set up in two days. Bruce and Jill took another couple of days to get it all wired up and connected to the com-

puter. It was all ready to go on Thanksgiving night. We hope all of you had the chance to go and enjoy it. We would like to give Bruce and Jill a big "Thank You" for all they did to make the season bright.

We also did some decorating of our own. We put up the tree of lights at the Main Entrance, which is 25 feet tall and has over 2,000 lights on it. We decorated the Porter and Lake County gates with smaller versions of the tree. We hope that added a little pleasure for you as you entered the community.

While we were putting up the decorations, we had

our leaf vac trucks out on the roads. Thanks to Mother Nature all the leaves basically fell at the same time. That made our job a little easier. Thanks to all the residents that put their leaves at the street in a timely manner.

We did have a problem with one of our leaf vacs. We sucked up a rock that was in one of the piles. It destroyed the impeller, damaged the shaft, and blew a hole in the radiator. The damage to the unit was over \$6,000. So please when you put out your leaves do not put them over rocks and keep foreign objects out of the piles.

We were able to dig out bricks, metal rods and even two lawn mower blades out of the piles before they caused any damage. All together we collected over

150 loads of leaves, or about 1,500 tons, which takes up an area of 50 feet wide, 80 feet deep and about 12 feet high. Once collection has been completed, we have them spread in the farmers field behind the Maintenance facility.

The Operations and Building Maintenance Departments would like to wish all of our residents a very Happy New Year and we look forward to serving our community in 2021.

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Keenagers

We are finishing the year with not having a Christmas meeting in 2020 but having a Christmas in January meeting on the 21st. We were fortunate to be able to have six meetings last year despite Covid-19. We are breaking tradition by trying to have a January meeting to not only say goodbye to 2020 but to hopefully usher in a better year in 2021!

Keen-Agers did not have a Thanksgiving meeting but they are very thankful for all the blessings they have and wish everyone a Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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- All other amenity & miscellaneous fees are proposed to stay the same.

The following is a summary of the Preliminary 2021-22 POA Budget. Major increases and decreases in certain line items that are proposed to take place are explained.

Total cost of labor including Taxes, Insurance and Benefits makes up just under 47% of the total budget. Out of that, Salaries and Wages make up just over 37% of the total budget. Total salaried wages have been increased \$46,430; primarily for transferring an employee from hourly to a salaried position.

General & Administration

This department processes all transactions for the community including the preparation of paperwork for the sale of properties and the sale of all amenity purchases. The office staff details, computes and files every purchase that is made by each department and handles the collection of POA dues. This department also works with payroll, human resources and the web-site.

- Insurance for property &

liability has been increased by \$6,000.

- Bad Debt Expense has been decreased by \$5,000; the amount of properties with high amounts owed to the POA continues to decrease.
- Credit card fees have been increased by \$15,000; property owners continue to utilize their credit cards more often to make payments for dues and amenity fees, especially during the pandemic. We expect this use to continue through the 2021 dues season.
- Rentals has been decreased by \$6,100. This line item has always paid for the increased internet services for G&A and the Restaurant including cable tv for the Restaurant. We now have an all-inclusive service for Internet & Telephone.
- Telephone & Internet service has been increased by \$3,650. We now have an updated system and the billing has been changed for each department.
- We paid off three loans this past April for a total of \$36,464. We are proposing a new Construction & Equipment loan of \$57,315 per year for five years. This loan will pay for lights for a new patrol vehicle, upgraded electronics for the golf course irrigation system, a fish shocking boat, HVAC at the Seasons Lakehouse, an ice machine and steamer for the kitchen at the Seasons

Lakehouse, gates for the front entrance and upgraded automation at all three entrances, an automated gate for the east side of the silt basin property, and gate replacement for the Forest Lane and Brookside Drive service accesses.

Operations Department

This department is responsible for maintaining the parks including all ball fields, green spaces, several landscapes throughout the community and roads. They also provide leaf and branch collections.

- Contract Services has been increased \$5,000 for increased cost for porta jons at the parks and ballfields and the removal of trees and stumps throughout the community's parks & green space areas that the maintenance department is not able to do.
- Repairs & Maintenance increased by \$2,000 due to increase in cost of replacement parts.
- We increased the Sand, Gravel & Soil budget by \$2,000 to purchase more large stone for POA drainage swales.
- Supplies has increased by \$3,000 due to increases by suppliers.
- Utilities has decreased by \$5,000 due to changes we have made in the last couple of years to keep costs down. All of the utility fees for the restrooms and drinking fountains in the parks & ballfields are paid out of this department.
- The drainage budget will

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The top photograph shows a white Kankakee Valley RMC truck at night. The truck is decorated with numerous warm white string lights draped along its boom and body. A Santa Claus figure is perched on the end of the boom. The truck's side features the company name "Kankakee Valley RMC" and a logo. The truck is parked on a dark surface, and the background is dark.

The bottom photograph shows the same Kankakee Valley RMC truck during the day. The truck is white with "Kankakee Valley RMC" and a logo on its side. A Santa Claus figure is on the boom. A red and white striped barrier is in the foreground. The truck is parked on a paved area, and a building is visible in the background.

Sunday Breakfast Menu & To Go

Breakfast Choices

All You Can Eat Family Style Breakfast \$7
Scrambled eggs with cheese, hash browns,
sausage links & patties, white toast
Children 12 and under \$3.50/Children
5 and under eat Free

Sides

Country Fried Steak with Gravy \$3
Biscuits & Gravy \$4
3 Bacon \$2.50
Grilled Ham \$2.50
Grilled Boneless Pork Chop \$4
3 Mini Pancakes with butter & syrup \$2
French Toast with butter & syrup \$2 Add
Blueberries \$1 or Chocolate Chips \$.50
Pancake Sandwich with Scrambled Eggs,
American Cheese & Sliced Ham \$5
Prime Rib \$10

Lunch Choices

Grilled Chicken Sandwich topped with
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle & Bacon \$9
Pub Burger topped with Lettuce, Tomato,
Onion & Pickle \$9 Add Cheese \$1
Hot Turkey Sub with Roasted Peppers,
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Old books sometimes reveal interesting finds about our Region

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society (Part 2 of 3)



A previous article about the early days of Porter Township, as described in an old library book, detailed some of the early settlers in the area, as well as some significant events. We continue with some interesting excerpts about the township from the old 1882 book.

Sometime in 1848, a great wolf hunt, known as a “ring hunt”, took place in the area that included Boone, Porter, Winfield, and Eagle Creek Townships. An immense ring was formed by male hunters, at least 600 in all, and included most of the men from these townships, as well as others. The hunt started at the firing of a small cannon, and the men moved towards a large, tall pole at a central point, from which floated the American flag. Officers were placed at regular intervals, and it was arranged that all should start at the firing of the gun, then stop at another firing to “dress rank”, after which another shot was the signal for a second start, and so on, until they closed around the game. As was usual for most hunts, men broke ranks and closed in most perfect disorder.

A single wolf, perhaps being bewildered by the general disorder, was slain. The hunters then all indulged in a grand rally around the flag. The vanquished wolf was thrown across the shoulder of a horseman, who putting spurs to his horse, was chased by other hunters, until someone else succeeded in getting the wolf, when he in turn was pursued by others. Finally, a man from Valparaiso arrived with a barrel of “black strap” whiskey, and the hunt closed in a grand spree, with cheers of: “Those now drank who never drank before, and those who drank, now only drank the more.”

Reports of other events are interesting. “Fires once swept these broad prairies, spreading terror for miles in every direction. Two girls were drowned in Lake Eliza, having gone beyond their depths in bathing. There were Indian mounds reported on the Wolf place (northeast of present Boone Grove), that some years ago were as much as 20 feet high, and from 100 to 150 feet in diameter.” One of the first deaths was that of a son of John Robinson, who died from a cut in the thigh from an ax. Early on, there was a steam sawmill erected by a Mr. Sheffield in the northern part of the township.

The first school used by township residents was situated just over the line in Lake County, on Eagle Creek. This was a log house, and for a window, a log was taken out; over the opening greased paper was placed to keep out the cold and admit the light. A second school was taught by a Mrs. Humphrey in her house. There were 11 schools in the township by 1880, of both brick and frame, simply described as Nos. 1 to 11.

In its early days, Porter Township was well supplied with churches: Salem, the Old-School Presbyterian (or Scotch Covenanters), the Christian Church, and the Methodist Episcopal. Today, only two of these remain; Salem Methodist, on CR350W, just east of County Line Road, and the Christian Church in Boone Grove. The land for the Salem Methodist Church cemetery was the gift of Jonas and Rebecca Cornish. The Old-School Presbyterian, located on the present CR250S near CR675W, and the Methodist-Episcopal, south of Boone Grove, no longer exist.

Biographies of several prominent early settlers of Porter Township will be forthcoming in a subsequent article.

Seasons Soccer registration now open for In-house and Travel teams

Seasons Soccer Registration will be on-line only this Spring. Registration is open now for In-house through February 14 and Travel through January 31.

Travel includes up to U19 and must be done online. A birth certificate and picture are required for registration. For any questions, including accommodations for in-person registration, please contact Frank Oliva at 219-614-5100 or visit online at www.seasonsoccerclub.org

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Obituary ~ Ronald George Eisenhower

Ronald George Eisenhower, of Crown Point, Indiana passed away December 10, 2020 at The William J. Riley Memorial Residence of the Hospice of the Calumet Area in Munster, IN. He is survived by his wife, Linda Ann Grube, of 59 years, and his only child, Donald J Eisenhower (Mary Jane) and 3 adoring grandchildren Frannie, George and Hattie, all of Beverly Shores, IN. He is also survived by Diane Thalmann Stanton of IL and FL, other Thalmann cousins in Wilmette area, 3 sisters-in-law, Carolyn Rucker of Wilmette, IL, Martie Roehm of Lake Barrington, IL, Jane (Jim) David of Logansport, IN, and 10 nieces and nephews. Ron was born August 7, 1935 in Evanston, Illinois. He was an only child of Clarence and Jewel Eisenhower. Ron is a 3rd cousin of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School in Wilmette and New Trier High School. He graduated as a history major from Northwestern University in 1958 where he met Linda. Ron was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity on campus. Ron was in the National Guard, got married in Logansport 1961, then moved to Atlanta to work in the insur-

ance industry. In 1962, Ron became President of Standard Liquors, Inc. in downtown Gary and remained its CEO until 1987 in Merrillville, IN. From then until 2005 Ron was VP of Operations for National Wine & Spirits out of Indianapolis with locations in Illinois and Michigan. Ron served as Board of Directors of Bank of Indiana, then Bank One which became Chase as well as President of the Merrillville Planning Commission and VP of Merrillville Board of Zoning Appeals. He was President of the Indiana Wholesale Liquor Association. Other organizations within which he was involved with were University Club, the Indiana Society of Chicago, Northwestern's John Evans Club, many Northwestern class reunion committees, and the Gary Jaycees. Ron was an avid golfer at Gary / Innsbrook Country Club for 52 years and a past Board Member. His beloved golf group played every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday! He loved attending Chicago Cubs and Bears games with his best friend. Ron rarely missed a home Northwestern football or basketball game in nearly 60 years. That was a lot of driving each way from Crown

Point to Evanston, and he knew all the short cuts. He and Linda have been Wildcat Fund Benchwarmers forever and bleed purple for their Wildcats. Speaking of cats, Ron had 7 felines over his years that counted on him every day in Lakes of the Four Seasons. Those cats were his best pals. In his spare time, Ron's hobbies included electrical projects at friends' homes & cottages; boating on Lake Holiday; taking care of his yard; attending Northwest Indiana Symphony concerts; and taking naps – lots of them! He so enjoyed reading the Chicago Tribune and Wall Street Journal daily. His friends from across the U.S. are loyal to him and Linda, and he relished that fact. Private funeral service will be held at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Interment Historic Maplewood Cemetery, Crown Point. A Celebration of Life will be held next year on Ron's birthday in August. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to Northwestern University Athletics, c/o Wildcat Fund, Attn: Fred Smith, 28274 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673. Or, Hospice of the Calumet Area, Attn: A. May, 600 Superior Drive, Munster, IN 46321. www.burnsfuneral.com

(POA from Pg. 3) remain at \$125,000. We will continue replacing the deteriorating culverts under the roadways and working on our existing engineered drainage plans.

- The budget for Road Paving will remain at \$300,000.
- We are proposing to have a professional company road stripe the entire community in 2021 for a cost of \$78,500.

Building Maintenance Department

This department is responsible for maintaining all of

the POA owned buildings and the equipment within those buildings.

- The Maintenance Contracts line item was increased by \$10,000 for the increase in the cleaning costs of the POA owned buildings throughout the year.
- Supplies were increased \$5,000 to purchase more sanitizers and due to an increase in cost from our suppliers.
- We have budgeted \$8,500 in Capital Improvements for materials for a back wall on the salt bay and siding for the Cleveland park & Windyhill

park buildings.

Pool Department

- Contract Services has been increased \$7,100 so the gutters and plumbing around the perimeter of the pool can be inspected this coming season.

Lakes Department

This department is responsible for monitoring the lakes and their watersheds. It is also responsible for patrolling the lakes during the boating season to make sure boaters are operating in a safe manner.

- Hourly wages have been

(See POA on Pg. 8)





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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| POA Office Hours Monday to Friday 9 am— 4 pm | | | | | 1 POA Office & Seasons Lakehouse Closed 19th Hole open | 2 Free N Fun Bar Bingo @ 19th Hole 7-9 pm |
| 3 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 4 | 5 | 6 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 7 | 8 | 9 Free N Fun Bar Bingo @ 19th Hole 7-9 pm |
| 10 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 11 POA Public Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm with Budget Presentation to follow | 12 | 13 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 14 | 15 | 16 Free N Fun Bar Bingo @ 19th Hole 7-9 pm |
| 17 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Keen– Agers Luncheon Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse (Depending on COVID Restrictions) | 22 | 23 Free N Fun Bar Bingo @ 19th Hole 7-9 pm |
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| 31 Brunch 10am-1pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | | | | | | |

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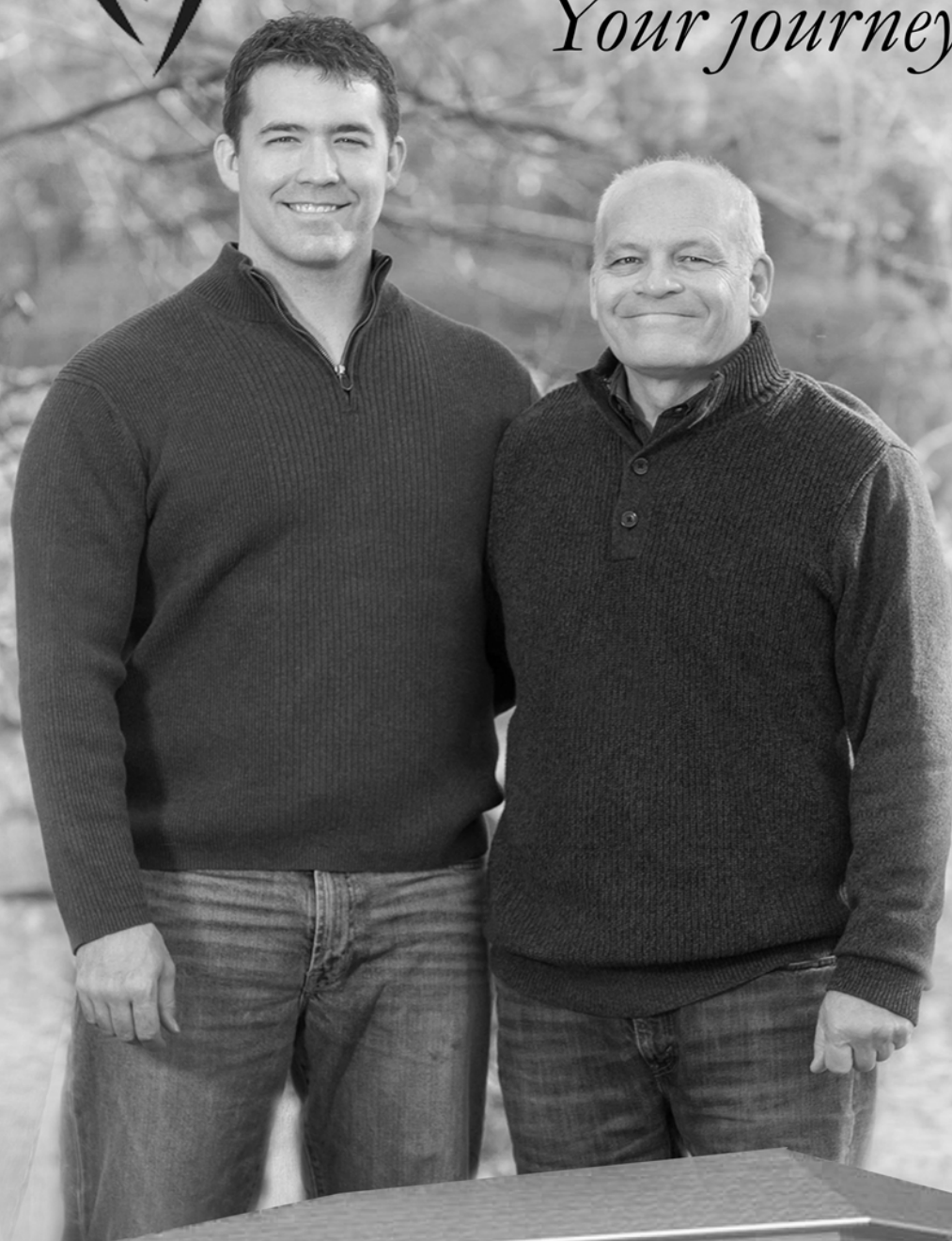
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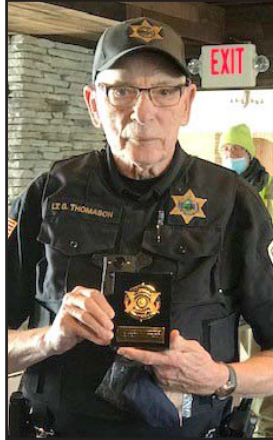
Across the street from Lakes of the Four Seasons

Long-time security officer retires from LOFS Public Safety Department in high style

George Thomason, who served LOFS for 42 years, recently retired as a lieutenant for the Public Safety Department. His retirement gift – an intricate gold badge – notes that George is being honored for “recognition and appreciation for your dedication and service to the Lakes of the Four Seasons community.” Congratulations, George!



George and Dora Thomason



George with his retirement gift



The traditional retirement cake in honor of George Thomason

George's retirement gift

Public Safety Department

By Craig Philp,
Public Safety Director

As of December 31, 2020, the Public Safety Department lost one of our long-time employees.

Lt. George Thomason has chosen to retire after 42-years of service to this department and community. I have had the honor and pleasure of working with George over the last 22 years and I can say for sure that he will be missed. I want to thank him for all of the years of advice and help he has given to me and openly congratulate him on his retirement.

Berm Parking

Officers have been finding residents as well as their guests still parking on the front berms overnight. This is a violation of the Lakes of the Four Seasons covenants and we would politely ask that it discontinue.

We do understand that some exceptions need to be made from time-to-time during family gatherings when the driveways are used to their fullest capacity not allowing anyone else to utilize them. It is, however, each resident's responsibility to make sure if and when a spot opens in the drive that one of the cars parked on the berm is moved.

Officers will be placing sticker tags on vehicles found parked illegally overnight on berms. This sticker is the departments warning and will contain the case information on this incident. Officers will

document the violation with photographs should questions come up on the violation. Future incidents at the home will result in citations being issued to the residents of that property as you are responsible for the actions of your guests.

Yard Markers

The Operations Department has been placing yard markers/stakes along the berms throughout the community. These markers/stakes serve a purpose to the guys that are out plowing the roadways as it helps them judge where the edges of road actually are when covered in snow. Further it can help you when you are out driving during heavy snow fall when visibility may be hindered.

Sadly, we have already found some of these stakes pulled from the ground and tossed in the grass or broken. Please, whoever it is that is purposely removing them or breaking them, I would ask that you stop now that you know what they are meant for.

Community Walkers

Each morning while driving in to work I pass by a couple out walking their dog and want to thank those people for not only wearing reflective gear but also the lights they use to show where they are at while walking on the roads edge. Unfortunately, there are way too many other people out here that walk our darkened streets wearing dark colored clothing and no reflective gear.

I have gotten complaints from some of these people because they feel like they were almost hit by passing cars. While I am glad, they are of course safe; I have to remind them that in our area where we have but one street-light it is their responsibility to take the extra precautions in wearing clothing or items that makes them visible to people driving.

With that being said here are some nighttime safety guidelines to follow when out on our streets.

- Walk facing traffic so you can react quickly.
- Don't assume others see you. Take extra precautions and always be alert when crossing the street.
- Keep your head up, looking for hazards 10–15 feet in front of you.
- Dress safe and be safe – Avoid wearing clothing that is dark in color. If you don't have reflective gear, wear a white shirt over your outer layer – you may look silly but at least you'll be seen.
- Don't forget your pet! If people can't see you, they for sure won't see your pet. Get your favorite K9 a reflective collar, vest, or flashing light. I am sure your furry friend will appreciate it.
- Avoid distractions that can cause you to lose focus. Looking at your phone or even listening to music should be avoided at night. I know we can't take away your music and your right, but maybe only play it in one ear so you can hear the things around you and react accordingly.

The Public Safety Department hopes everyone has a SAFE and Happy New Year!

(POA from Pg. 6)

increased \$5,000 to provide more lake patrols.

• Lake Chemicals have been increased by \$7,000 to begin providing the same water treatment plan on Lake Holiday and Lake on the Green that we have been performing on Big Bass Lake which cycles out phosphorous, nitrogen, and blue green algae blooms. We are having positive results with this plan.

• Repairs & Maintenance has been decreased by \$3,500 due to past experience and equipment staying in good condition.

• Sand, Gravel & Soil has been decreased \$2,000 as we will not need as much gravel for next season's projects.

• Along with the \$180,000 that was not spent this previous season we are proposing to budget another \$150,000 in the Maintenance Contracts line item for a total of \$330,00 to use for spot dredging Lake Holiday.

Public Safety Department

This department is responsible for twenty-four hour, seven days per week radio dispatch, gate control, cc video monitoring, security patrol, and emergency response.

• The Insurance for this department has increased by \$11,000 for the year.

• License & Fees has been increased \$10,068 for new software for the proposed upgraded automation of all three entrances.

• Telephone & Internet has been increased \$3,050 for the updated phone and internet system for all POA buildings. The alarm system and security camera system for all POA buildings works through the internet.

• We are proposing a five-year loan with an annual expense of \$8,000 for a new Patrol Vehicle.

Golf Maintenance Department

This department is responsible for maintaining an 18 Hole Golf course and several landscapes throughout the course and around the Pro Shop.

• Contract Services was increased \$9,196 to make the 5 year GSP Irrigation insurance plan in one payment instead of an annual payment with a cost savings of approximately \$7,300.

• Capital Improvements include \$1,800 to continue spraying liners in the bunkers and \$18,000 for cart path paving.

Golf Services Department

• Salary wages have been decreased \$3,570 due to losing our current assistant. We will be looking for a new assistant.

• Hourly wages has been increased by \$17,000 to increase the ranger program. They will work closely with the Public Safety department to keep non golfers off the course. in addition to normal duties of monitoring pace of play and making sure every-

one follows golf course rules.

• Rentals has been increased \$3,000 for extra carts. Due to the pandemic we lacked an adequate rental cart fleet size to accommodate all the play that the golf course received which caused a significant opportunity loss to revenue potential. The golf member policy of allowing our members to ride as singles will be continuing next year to maintain membership sales as the COVID anxiety will still be in existence.

• \$1,000 increase to Repairs & Maintenance. Our golf cart fleet will be entering its final year of a 5-year lease and the carts have shown an increase in repair needs especially after the major increases in golf rounds played this year.

• \$1,400 increase for Telephone & Internet since we now have an updated system and the billing for each department has been changed.

Food & Beverage Department

The combined projected cost of doing business for the 2021-2022 Food & Beverage department is a loss of \$58,154.29.

Remember this is a Preliminary Budget and is subject to change as updated proposals become available. The proposed budget will be presented on January 11, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. The 2021-22 final budget is set for approval at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on January

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Beautifully updated through out! This home sits on a large cul de sac lot with Crown Point Schools! Features include refinished dark hardwood floors & staircase with wrought iron spindles & oak railings. Open concept living room with stone surround fireplace open to Kitchen/dining area. Kitchen has newer white shaker cabinets, breakfast island, subway tile, granite countertops, SS appliances & walkout to big deck overlooking giant backyard w/ firepit. **\$242,000**

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