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Seasonal

Publication of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association November 2022

Judges announce winners of creepy, haunted houses decorated for Halloween

On October 13, the LOFS House and Garden Club judges embarked on a fun neighborhood trip judging the nominated Halloween houses for the best decorated house for 2022. We chose to view the houses during the daylight hours and again at night to see the light and sound effects. It was a great experience to see the detail of each of the displays during the daytime, but we enjoyed the nighttime effects of lights, smoke, and sound the most. While all displays were eerily awesome, there were three that stood out to be the best.

First place goes to 1132 Country Club Drive. This house sports an orange chain to designate the walking path. As you walk in you'll see signs that say 'Dead and Breakfast', you will see skeletons set up in groups around the lawn. There was a group of sports fans, a baker with a tea cart, another grouping showed a slip 'n slide, and another showed a medicine doctor with a table of all of the drugs he was peddling.

One window of the house is lit up with a scene of skeletons dancing. There is spooky music playing with a low fog permeating the scene. At the end of the path children will receive treats and adults a beverage!

Second place goes to 2098 Hidden Valley. This spooky house displays huge skeletons, a skeleton driving a carriage across the front lawn, and skeletons in baskets hanging from the garage and trees. The most amazing graveyard with the fence set up with skeleton heads and big, huge ghosts coming up out of the graveyard. You'll be greeted by skeleton dogs by the driveway and skeleton snakes winding around the lampposts.

Third place goes to 1500 Happy Valley. This amazing house also has huge skeletons at the front that appear to be leading a group of the walking dead skeletons, huge spiders crawling over the roof, a werewolf in chains, witches with purple fabric fluttering behind,

(See Halloween Pg. 2)



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Second Place, 2098 Hidden Valley Drive



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Third Place, 1500 Happy Valley



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The countdown to the 2nd Annual 'Christmas at Lake Holiday' is on

We are getting so excited to spend the evening with all of you at Christmas at Lake Holiday on Saturday, November 26. We are finalizing the details for the big day and are calling in a favor to Mother Nature requesting perfect weather.

Here's the details for the day: **Parade Details:** The parade starts at 4 p.m. - the lineup will begin at Windyhill Park at 3 p.m., and will take a shortened route of the 4th of July route, finishing at the Lakehouse grounds. Please note that if you plan on participating in the parade, light up your vehicle with Christmas lights to ensure safety and cheer. You are welcome to pass out candy on the route, if you do, be

prepared for the crowd! If you have any questions about the parade lineup, please call the POA Office at 219-988-2581 to talk to Vanessa, who will be leading the charge.

Tree Lighting Details: After the parade, the tree lighting ceremony will take place. The tree lighting will be at approximately 4:45 p.m., directly following the parade. Stay tuned for details on how you could be the lucky one to have the honors of lighting up the tree. **Ornament Decorating Details:** Like last year, we have large ornaments that you can purchase at the POA office for \$25/each, to take home and decorate to be displayed on the two trees that are directly behind the Christmas

Tree that will be lit that evening. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament, head up to the POA Office to get yours TODAY! Your decorated ornaments must be returned to the POA Office by Monday, November 21 so we can place them on the trees.

LOFS Christkindl Market Details: Our vendor market is coming together very well - we have several local vendors that have already committed to being there. We are so excited to have these vendors available for you to shop local, right in our own community. If you are interested in a booth at the vendor market, please complete the form that is in The Seasonal, along with

(See Christmas Pg. 10)

Board sets public POA budget meetings

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Board of Directors will hold two Public Hearings on the proposed community budget for the year 2023-24.

The first budget meeting to present a preliminary budget to LOFS residents will be on Monday, December 12 in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom following a regular public meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Board will have a second meeting on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seasons Lakehouse Ballroom to present the proposed budget.

The 2023-24 budget is set to be approved at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, January 23. The POA Board is interested in hearing residents' concerns for the coming year's bud-

get and encourages residents to attend these informative meetings.

Please send your budget requests to the Community Manager, Rick Cleveland at 1048 N. Lake Shore Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307 or by email at cmgr@lofs.org

You may also call the POA office at 219-988-2581 to make your request.

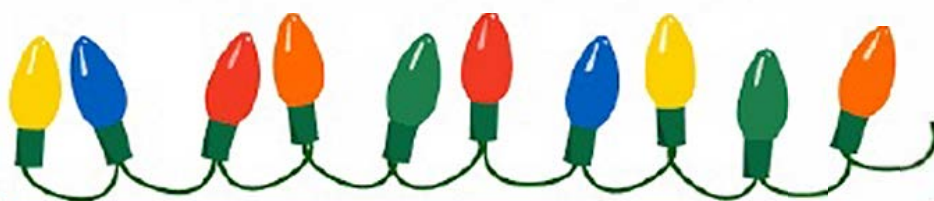
LOFS residents, get ready for the annual HOME HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST 2022

- All LOFS homes are eligible.
- Exterior decorations only will be judged.
- All holiday adornments (any religion persuasion) will be considered.
- Judging will be underway beginning Friday, December 9th and conclude Friday, December 16th.
- The judge's decisions are final.

First Prize: \$100 LOFS gift certificate
Second Prize: \$75 LOFS gift certificate
Third Prize: \$50 LOFS gift certificate
Fourth Prize: \$25 LOFS gift certificate

Prizes will be awarded prior to Christmas Eve. Winners will also receive their own "15 Minutes of Fame". The prize-winning homes will be featured in the Seasonal.

* If you would like to nominate a home you think deserves consideration please call the POA Office at 988-2581 by noon on Friday, December 9th



Community Manager's Annual Report

By Rick Cleveland,
LOFS Community Manager

Lakes of the Four Seasons completed its 56th year since its incorporation in 1966 and I completed my 33rd year as a fulltime employee of LOFS; 15 of those as the Community Manager.

It has been difficult the last few years to say the least, trying to keep everything together as it has been a challenge to find and retain employees, especially for both restaurants and the Security Department, and attempting to stay within budget as the cost of everything has increased.

The General Administration Department continues to serve and assist the

residents through the POA Office. The office staff prepares documents for the sale of properties. They calculate the sales of all amenity purchases such as stickers for vehicles, boats, golf carts, and dog park tags.

The office staff also calculates, processes and files every invoice for each purchase that is made by each department. They answer countless numbers of phone calls. They are always willing to answer questions or find answers for you. We continue to work with the POA attorneys on the collection of delinquent dues and other important POA matters. We closed the office to the public again during this

past dues season. The POA office staff can accept more payments for dues and amenities by phone, email, and the website instead of people congregating in the hallway at the POA office and talking over one another.

The Operations and Building Maintenance departments continue maintaining the POA buildings and structures throughout the community, which includes the pavilions, bath houses, restaurants, and the pool house. They also maintained several acres of parks and green space areas throughout the season, which included mowing, trimming, drainage, planting grass, and preparing and cleaning up for the concerts and events. Soon they will be in the process of winterizing the buildings, leaf collections, and snow plowing. They do

a great job.

The 19th Hole and Seasons Lakehouse had their struggles this year. The major challenge is not being able to find and retain employees. Food and liquor costs have increased and unfortunately that has to be passed through to the patron. We began using bouncers at the 19th Hole after the concerts this year and turned away people trying to use fake id's, and removed people that were causing problems. That worked out very well for the servers and bartenders. The concerts went very well this summer. The weather was incredible.

The Security Department continues with their day-to-day duties of checking in guests, patrolling the community, answering calls 24/7, responding to emergencies and repairing gate arms.

Several people ignored the signs when entering or didn't listen to the gate attendant before proceeding through the entrances and damaged the gate arms and gate arm controllers. This added unnecessary work for the staff.

Our new Security Director Fred Scott has had his fair share of issues with finding and retaining employees this year too. He put in several hours and is doing his best to keep the department operating. Fortunately, he was able to hire a few officers and a couple of dispatchers within the last couple of weeks.

During the next few months, the Department Managers, Board of Directors, and I will be working on the budget for the 2023-24 season. This is a large undertaking to complete and all of us will be putting in a lot of time receiving

estimates for various projects and equipment purchases and going through every line item so we can put budget numbers together.

I would like to thank the department directors and all of the employees of Lakes of the Four Seasons. Without you this community wouldn't thrive to be what it is.

I want to thank the residents; I love working for you.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for your hard work and dedication over the past year. Thank you to our two outgoing Board members, Tim Rachoy and Blake Bardeson. I appreciate your years of service.

I would like to welcome our new Board member Anthony Mansch and welcome back to the Board Herb Rogers. I look forward to working with both of you.

POA Board looking for committee members

The Lakes of the Four Seasons POA Board is looking for Property Owners in good standing to become members of the Election Committee including an election chairperson. They are also looking for one person to be on the Master Plan Committee.

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of these committees please contact the POA office at 219-988-2581 or email the Community Manager at cmgr@lofs.org and let us know which committee you are interested in becoming a member of, and give us your name, lot number or address,

and your contact information.

For those residents that may be unaware that we have these committees below is a brief summary of each:

- **Election Committee** - The purpose of this committee is to identify candidate eligibility and conduct the election of the Board of Directors according to the dictates of the Board as described in the Bylaws.
- **Master Plan Committee** - The purpose of this committee is to discuss and pursue the needs of the community that were suggested during the Master Plan process that was completed in 2018.

(Halloween from Pg. 1)

skeletons in cages hanging from a tree. A blow up of the witches from Hocus-Pocus was in the very front of the display greeting Halloween visitors. The lights at night were beautiful, orange pumpkin lights and a group of eyes that cackled as you walk by.

While these were our top three, there were many others that deserve honorable mention. This was a tough decision to make, but high honorable mention goes to 3038 Sunrise Dr. and also to 1782 Broadacre. The remaining nominations all receive honorable mention, and they are: 4150 Oakmont Court, 3633 Saint Andrews Court, 4295 Sunrise Drive, 3518 Winsor Place, 1061 Sunnyslope Drive, 1991 Hidden Valley Drive, 1992 Hidden Valley Drive and 2051 Hidden Valley Drive.

During our evening of fun, we went to the 19th Hole to wait for darkness to fall. We

have to mention how delightful the decorations are inside the 19th Hole. They have worked hard to create a spooky atmosphere including big spider webs across the windows, hanging black

tattered webbing from the ceilings and many skeleton heads. We encourage everyone to check out all the marvelous displays around LOFS. Have a Boo-tiful time!



High Honorable Mention, 1782 Broadacre



High Honorable Mention, 3038 Sunrise Drive

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‘Inside the Gates’ news from the LOFS Security Department

Fall has arrived in all its beautiful glory. It’s time for hot chocolate, cider and comfort food. It’s also time for fall clean-up outdoors. Check your yards for things that can be put away before winter arrives. Also, be sure to clean out ditches and swales. It doesn’t take long for them to become clogged with leaves and tree debris.

If you have workers com-

ing to your residence to do work, be sure to advise them they need to use the main entrance of the community. Thanks to Google Maps, many people on a daily basis try to make entry at the Lake and Porter County resident gates. If they are advised before they begin the job this will help cut back on people going to the wrong gate. Also, if you see a company

or individual trying to make entry through a resident gate, do not let them in. You may be trying to be nice and help them out, but you could be cited for assisting an illegal entry.

Also, when it comes to the gates, Security observes on the cameras the amount of people who fail to stop at the stop signs when coming through the gates at every

entrance. This is a covenant violation, and you could be cited for failing to stop at a posted stop sign when it is observed on camera. Stop signs inside our community are to be obeyed just as a stop sign outside the community. They are not optional.

Security is still observing many golf carts without POA decals. It is required in LOFS to have a current POA decal

on golf carts. If caught without one, it is a \$50 fine.

Security is receiving numerous complaints of barking dogs. Please do not leave your dogs outside in the cold or the rain, especially if you

are not at home to bring them inside when they start barking. Be considerate to your neighbors.

Finally, we wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Security Department
Annual Report

By Fred Scott,
Security Director

I took over Security on March 18, 2022. Since then, I think we have accomplished quite a lot. In the last six months, aside from working on the gates, making out the schedule, and trying to hire new officers and dispatch-

ers, we have stopped 74 golf carts for underage drivers.

From March through the end of August we wrote 125 violations for speeding, disregarding stop signs, POA property damage, illegal entries, etc. This does not include numerous warnings. This has been accomplished

with limited officers.

Officers are also responsible for answering EMS calls and other complaints, along with being on duty for special events.

My goal is to really cut down on the traffic violations, underage golf cart drivers, and keeping young kids from hanging off the side of golf carts.

It is also my goal to earn back the respect and trust of the residents and let them

know that we are here to help and protect them and give them the safe and peaceful community they want.

I want to give a very big thank you to the dispatchers for their hard work and dedication at the front gate. From January through the end of August they have signed in over 410,000 vehicles, and that doesn’t include the resident’s gate.

Some residents have violated the rules, and with the help of the Security Department, the Building Inspector, and the Community Manager the violations are corrected. This creates a successful community.

I would like to thank the committee members Terry Keenan, Ray Miranda, and Building Inspector, Kurt Whitehead; also the Security Department and the Community Manager.

Building Control
Committee Annual Report

By Tom Skaltkas

The Building Control Committee meets this year every Monday at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of administering construction permits by the rules and regulations of the POA.

The members of the committee along with the inspec-

tor review the owner’s application and their structures placed and drawn on the plat. If approved the owner receives a building permit and another one from the county before construction starts.

This year we issued 86 miscellaneous permits. The majority are for fences,

decks, and pools. There were also four new homes.

There were six rejections, mostly were violations of setbacks.

Three variances were issued.

Again, we urge all property owners to obtain a permit before building a structure. At times owners contact the members by phone including real estate agents regarding questions or information about their structure or being a future property owner.



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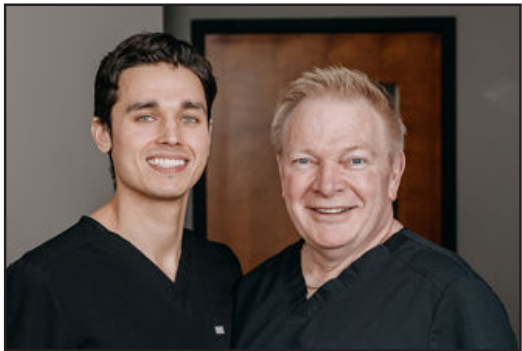
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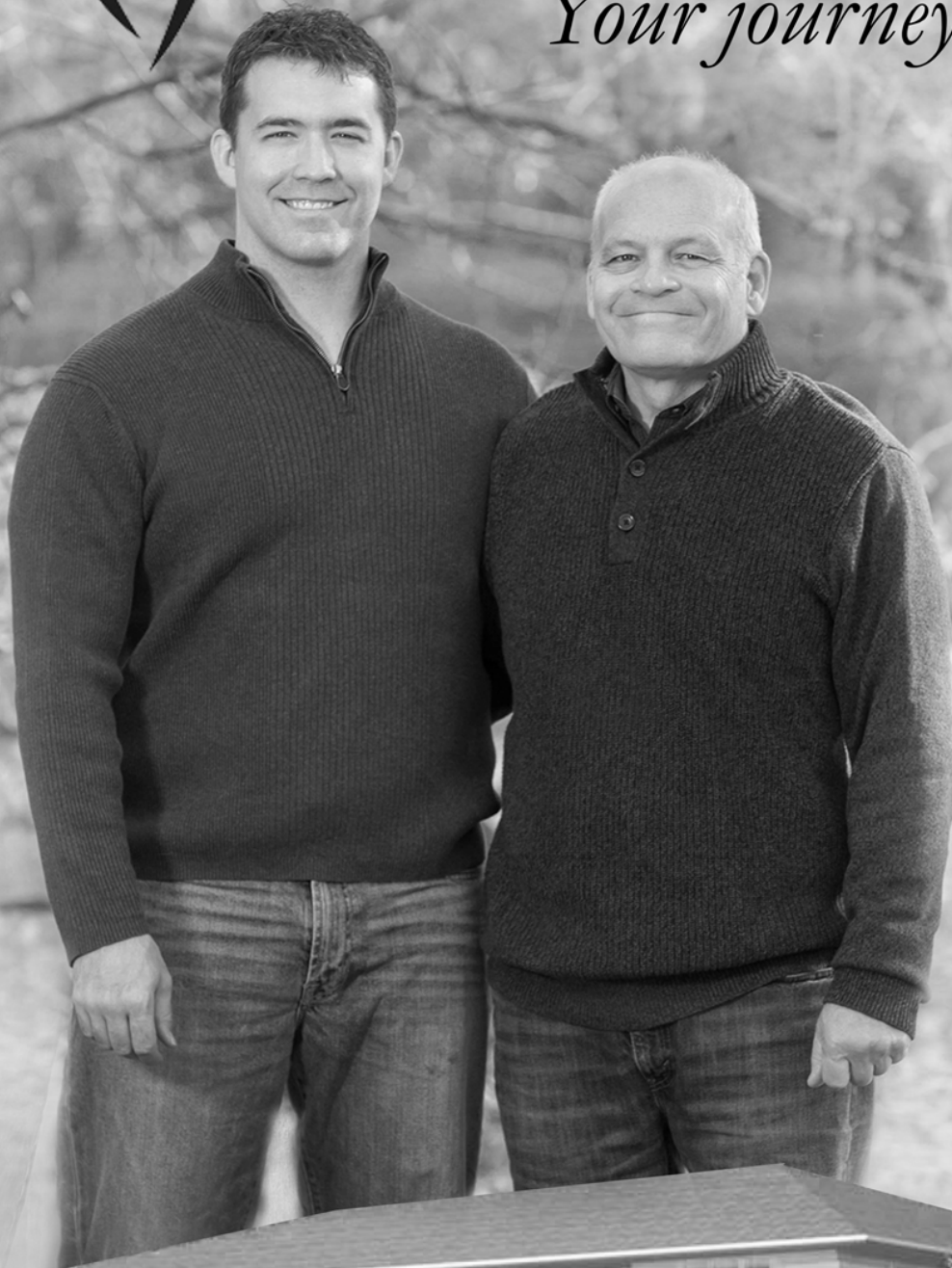
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LOFS Fundraising Committee Annual Report

The LOFS Fundraising Committee is excited to be back in full swing celebrating its 21st year fundraising for our community and takes pride in all that we have been able to accomplish this past 21 years! Look for a plaque in the hallway leading to the POA Office that will detail every project completed by the committee since 2001. This year brought some

19th Hole golf simulator

It's raining or snowing outside and you're unable to go golfing? We feature an indoor golf simulator room that is open to the public in the lower level of the 19th Hole. Hours of operation will be between 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Special arrangements can be made at other times if needed. Call the



really great events to raise monies for our community: Lake Festival involvement, New Year's Eve Celebration, Spring Style Show, and the 12 Summer Concerts. In addition, we sold concert tees and are currently selling hoodie sweatshirts. Through all of these events and merchandise, we were able to raise over \$13,300. Thus, bringing our fundraising ef-

orts to a total year-to-date of over \$233,000! We have many events on the books for our new year, kicking it off with bringing back our much-loved, sold-out Comedy Nights. Mark your calendar to ring in the new year with us at a fun New Year's Eve Celebration — that we will once again be sponsoring as well as a February Comedy Night, to name a few. The committee is proud to report the following completed projects and community enhancements:

- Donation Monies to NWI No Child Hungry/LOFS Fire Department from the Christmas Festival proceeds.
- Awarded Christmas light judging prizes / split with the POA.
- New window blinds for the POA office.
- Detailing out the concert trailer.
- The Committee still has open projects on their list to address in the New Year:
- New décor and furniture for the entrance into the Lakehouse.
- New window/shades for

the Lakehouse Ballroom. Looking into new double doors for entrance to ballroom. We have already begun discussions with the community manager to see what big project opportunities can be looked at for the new year. We would like to take this time to give a special thank you to our Community Manager, Rick Cleveland, and his staff as well as our POA Board members for always supporting our fundraising efforts and events. A 'thank you' to the Lakehouse

Manager, Michelle Fuscoe and staff for always working with us, and to Roy Green and his maintenance crew for always assisting us with whatever we need. We appreciate all of you! Last but not least, a BIG 'thank you' to our community for continuing to support our efforts. We live in the best community ever! Be sure to watch the Seasonal and join us on facebook @ lofs fundraising for the latest info on the committee and our upcoming events.

| POA November 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| POA Office Open Monday—Friday 9 am to 4 pm. | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Set Clocks Back 1 Hour @ 2 am | 7 | 8 Election Day Seasons Lakehouse is a Polling Center POA Office Closed | 9 Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse | 10 | 11 | 12 Entertainment at 19th Hole 8—11 pm With Chronic Flannel |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Keenagers Noon @ Seasons Lakehouse | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 POA Office Closes at Noon Lions Meeting 6 pm @ Seasons Lakehouse DJ Kenny Gibbon 8-11pm @ 19th Hole | 24 Thanksgiving POA Office Closed For Holiday | 25 POA Office Closed for Holiday | 26 LOFS Holiday Event On Lakehouse Grounds Seasons Lakehouse Restaurant Closed |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Blood Drive @ Seasons Lakehouse 12:30—6:30 PM | 30 | | | |

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19th Hole Annual Report

By Gina Miller and
Fara Atteberry, 19th Hole
Managers

We'd like to say thank you for this opportunity. We believe that the both of us together bring a great value to the 19th Hole. We have had a lot of insight in these past eight months. The support of the community, the POA Board, the maintenance department, Rick Cleveland and our staff helps us to keep pushing forward and we are excited for the future.

As servers we felt the decline in business; now as managers, our goal was to get that business back and we feel that we have achieved that. Some of our other achievements have been to continue to stay open seven days a week while being very short-staffed, hav-

ing a beverage cart out for our golfers every weekend this season, executing large outings, and having fun food and beverage specials throughout the week.

Looking at our future goals, we would love to extend our kitchen as this would provide us with the capability to better serve our outside events and our dine-in customers in a timely manner. Extending our kitchen would also allow us to have outside pavilion dining.

As the winter months approach, we plan to continue our increase in revenue by bringing back entertainment and having themed parties with our food and beverage specials, all for the community to enjoy.

Seasons Lakehouse Annual Report

By Michelle Fuscoe, Seasons
Lakehouse Manager

First and foremost, I would like to thank Rick and the Board for giving me this opportunity.

The labor shortage plaguing businesses everywhere is something no one could have predicted. Unfortunately, The Lakehouse was not immune from it either. Opening at half-capacity on occasion and not having the patio open until the end of the season were just some of the problems we encountered as a result of that this year. I am positive that moving forward we will be able to change that. I would love to extend the length of time the patio is open next year, possibly adding some heating elements to make that happen.

Throughout the Spring

and Summer, we had multiple banquets booked on the weekends, keeping the restaurant closed to the public more than I would have liked. In the future, I would like to plan these events differently, which would allow the restaurant open to the public more.

Since April, there are a few key improvements I have made to ensure more efficient service to our customers. A new server station was added that helps lessen wait-time to input an order or cash customers out. An additional Pepsi gun was installed behind the bar; this is instrumental in speeding up bar drink service as now we can have two bartenders working simultaneously instead of one. We are also awaiting the installation of an additional

Pepsi machine in the server station.

The line for food at the concerts has been extremely long in the past. A second register was added this summer to alleviate that problem.

Our new hostess desk eliminates clutter and enhances the look as you walk in the Lakehouse. We also have new uniform shirts which have received positive feedback from our customers as well.

Currently, Chef Jack is working on a brand-new menu, and I am working on a new cocktail menu as well. We are very excited and hope to have these done by the end of the month.

I would like to focus on building our brunch business as I feel the inconsistency of it was detrimental to us in the past. I would like to add a themed brunch each month as well as the possibility of some activities for children. I believe this will be enticing for families.

In the restaurant, something as simple and inexpensive as adding color on the

walls and some nautical décor will make it look and feel more like a lake house.

The ballroom could be enhanced by adding some curtains along the walls to give it a more elegant feel while whitewashing the brick will give it a brighter and more updated appearance.

The entire staff at the Lakehouse has gone above and beyond when it comes to both the restaurant and banquets. I am beyond proud of them and appreciate all the hard work they put in. They truly work together as a team and I could not be more thankful for them.

I believe that there is always room for growth and knowledge, and I will continue to educate myself and my staff to ensure we continue to provide a memorable experience for each and every guest we take care of.

Again, thank you to Rick and to the Board of Directors for giving me this chance and a huge thank you to our patrons for their continued patience and support.

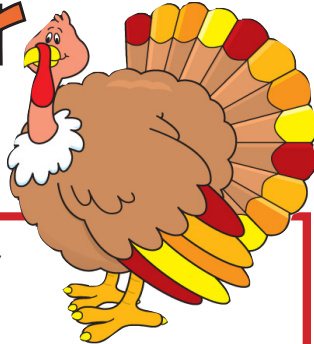


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Monday - \$10 One-Topping Pizza,
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Tuesday - \$6 Cranberry Mule

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Thursday - \$15 Trash Can Nachos, \$6 Tall Call

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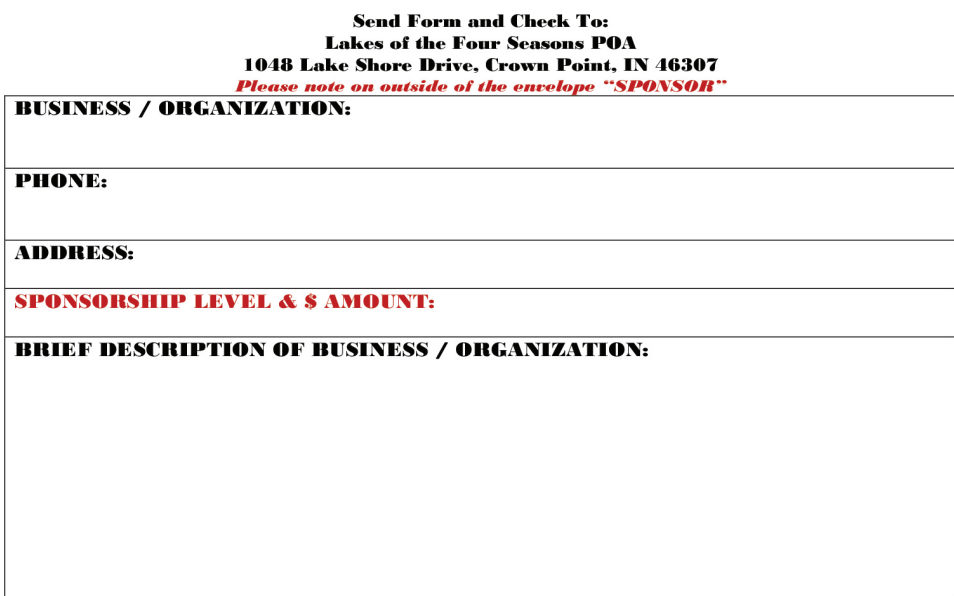
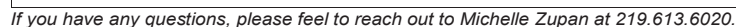
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House and Garden Club

By Mary Cavallini

It's not a prerequisite that the president of the club must be an excellent cook, but JoEllen Simoni certainly is and continues to dazzle the crowd at every opportunity. Our September meeting was called Wurst Fest, our take off on Oktoberfest. Ricky Hanft, owner of the Wurst butcher shop in Griffith, Indiana was our featured speaker, lunch was a German feast prepared by JoEllen: bratwurst from the Wurst,

German potato salad, sauerkraut, and strudel. Yes, we saw a few people go back for seconds. Thank you, Rick, for not only being our speaker, but providing samples of various types of bratwursts and even giving us a gift certificate from your store.

Even though it's the end of the year and we have no meeting in November, we couldn't be busier. We sponsored our second Halloween House Decorating Contest and winners were announced

at our October 22 Trunk or Treat. You cannot beat LOFSers for creativity, fun, and sometimes spooky.

How to keep folks engaged during the necessary October annual business meeting? Start with a potluck lunch. Happily allowing one's overindulgence to digest guarantees rapt attention while listening to committee and budget reports. Our members love to have a good time, but they also take their work very seriously, and we applaud their efforts.

For example, our Day Tripper Committee has been very active, and they are winding up the year with a

Halloween card party at the 19th Hole and, in December, the Christmas show and luncheon at the Munster Theater for the Performing Arts.

No meeting in November doesn't mean we'll be idle. Members decorate both the Lake House and the 19th Hole, and what a beautiful job they do.

Thursday, December 8, we will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas luncheon at the Seasons Lakehouse, an opportunity to sit back, relax and enjoy friendships as the turmoil of the season looms ahead.



Ricky Hanft with Nita Powers



House and Garden Club Annual Report

By JoEllen Simoni, House & Garden Club President

Four Seasons House & Garden Club was started in May 1969; the first service club to organize in LOFS. Currently we have 65 members.

The purpose of the club is to provide social opportunities for its member and to provide financial support for the beautification & enhancement of LOFS gardens and special projects for the com-

munity. The club provides funds for plants, mulch, and lights at the gardens at Walt's Pond. The club also paid for the purchase of tulip bulbs to be planted throughout the community and paid for the new sculpture at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Sunnyslope Drive.

We also paid for the improved lighting for the Lakehouse Restaurant sign. House & Garden Club purchased and will be decorating

both the Lakehouse and 19th Hole for the Christmas holiday season.

In addition, the House & Garden Club has ordered two benches to be placed at the playgrounds at Big Bass Beach and Sandy Beach. The benches are scheduled to be placed in the spring of 2023.

These enhancements were accomplished through our fundraisers. This year's fundraisers included a bus tour to Savannah, a basket auction, a painting party, a popcorn sale and our annual mum sale. The House & Garden Club is most grateful to all who supported our fundraisers.

'Yard of the Month' nomination recipients for 2022 were jointly given in June to Jim and Barb Wood, 1115 Country Club Drive, and Jacob and Kathy Hine 1113 Country Club Drive. In July, to Rex and Kim White, 3199 Rustic Lane. (Yes, the same Kim White that does the gardens for LOFS).

In August, The Warren Family, 4115 Augusta Drive; and September, William and Paige Brei, 2493 East Lake Shore Drive. For October, Tom and Karen Pavel, 3900 Brookside Drive.

The Four Seasons House & Garden Club wants to

thank all the residents who help make our community so beautiful. Only five houses out of hundreds are featured each year; many others were nominated; our yard of the month committee had a challenging time trying to decide. In addition to the 'Yard of the Month' the House & Garden Club once again sponsored the 'Best Halloween Decorated House'; with LOFS gift certificates being awarded to the top three houses.

Some of the social activities the club enjoyed this year were a day trip to Geneva, Illinois to enjoy the Japanese

gardens at Fabyan Forest Preserve and shopping at the historic Little Traveler Shops. In July we had a pool party at Mary Cavallini's home. In October, the club scheduled a Halloween themed luncheon and game day at the 19th Hole. In December members will have a luncheon and the Dickens A Christmas Carol Show at the Theater at the Center in Munster. Our annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th at the Lakehouse.

Lakes Department Annual Report

By Ryan Grady, Lakes Director

The Lakes Department had a great year; we accomplished many of our goals. Lake Patrol did a great job assisting boaters and helping the lakes stay safe and enjoyable for everyone throughout the year.

Big Bass Beach storm drainage was fixed and is now draining properly. There

is no more sand washouts or flooded areas around the beach.

This past spring, we used the electrofishing boat to remove shad and carp from Lake Holiday and Big Bass Lake. We will continue to remove these nuisance fish in the spring and fall.

There have been more green flags on all the lakes this year compared to years

past. Over the past few years, we implemented a plan to let some of the native rooted vegetation grow and act as a filter to combat the excessive blue/green algae blooms we have been getting. Along with the bacteria/water conditioner treatment plan for these lakes, this has all been working. The algae blooms we get are minimal and more controllable. We will continue to manage the vegetation accordingly and hopefully this trend continues.

We added six (6) new aerator diffusers to Lake

Holiday on the south side down the middle of the lake, and replaced six (6) old diffuser heads. All the aerator compressor boxes have been replaced this year on Lake Holiday and with proper maintenance, these should last ten-plus years. Next year, we will be adding eight (8) new diffusers to the north end of Lake Holiday.

Lake on the Green had a fish kill in July caused by a weather event. We will be conducting an electrofishing survey in the next few weeks out there to determine what

will need to be stocked this coming spring. We are also looking into some options to prevent this from happening in the future that will be discussed with the new Board of Directors at the upcoming budget meetings.

I would like to thank Rick Cleveland for his help and guidance throughout the year and the current Board of Directors for giving the Lakes Department the funds to move in the right direction. I would also like to thank Tim Rachoy and Blake Bardeson for their time and dedication

to the community over the past few years. I look forward to working with the oncoming board members and making more improvements to the lakes next year.

Please Recycle!

Master Plan Committee Annual Report

By Jake Lenson, LOFS Master Plan Committee Chairman

In 2018, the LOFS POA commissioned the Arsh Group (Architectural and Land-use Planning firm, Merrillville, Indiana) to develop a master plan for the neighborhood. The process involved a steering committee of LOFS residents along with LOFS Board members and administrators. The process also involved an extensive survey that was sent out to all property owners. The data was collected and then priorities were arranged so the current and future Board members could utilize this document as a tool for both short- and long-term improvements to the neighborhood. The finalized plan was presented on September 5,

2018.

In February 2021, the LOFS POA Board of Directors requested volunteers (via an advertisement in the monthly Seasonal) within the neighborhood to serve on a Master Plan Committee that would continue the effort and vision that was started by the Arsh Plan. The POA Board of Directors reviewed all interested candidates and selected the following POA members to serve on the Committee:

- Jake Lenson
- Charles Bradsky
- Anthony Mansch
- Brandon Towle
- Kevin Horst
- Daniel Anderson
- Kelly Ryan
- Brad Zupan – POA Board of Directors representative

All of the Master Plan

Committee members listed above were reappointed at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The Committee met on October 20, 2021; November 17, 2021; December 15, 2021; January 19, 2022; March 23, 2022; June 8, 2022; and October 3, 2022. The LOFS Master Plan Committee also presented the proposed southwest land development project at a (Public) LOFS Special Meeting on April 11, 2022.

The charge of the committee was to set goals and priorities for potential neighborhood improvements that would continue to make LOFS a premier neighborhood within Northwest Indiana. The Committee decided to focus on both short-term and long-term priorities that could be strategically implemented based on current and potential funding.

List of priority projects (short-term)

- Front gate security im-

provements

- Pavement markings for golf cart paths/ crossings
- Dam C (Southern-most dam, Lake Holiday) golf cart path
- Bathrooms at Cleveland Park
- Implement uniform signage throughout neighborhood
- List of priority projects (long term)**
- Develop vacant land (approximately 80 acres) northwest of Randolph and 123rd Avenue Intersection – development would consist of mixed residential units (single family homes, cottage homes, townhomes, and condominiums). The retention pond (for dredging) and the maintenance facilities will remain.
- Redevelop the current peninsula where pool, pool house, and Lakehouse are currently located. Reconstruct Lakehouse, pool, and add accessible boardwalk and amphitheater.

2021-2022 Update

• *Southwest Vacant Lot Development:* The Master Plan Committee recommended that the LOFS Board proceed with the initial contract for developing the southwest vacant lot that is owned by LOFS. The initial contract would include engineering and due diligence by the developer at no cost to LOFS, however, it would determine if this proposed development is feasible given the known and unknown constraints of the property relative to utilities and municipal guidelines. The Master Plan Committee also developed a draft set of development guidelines that could be utilized in addition to the existing building development standards contained in the current LOFS covenants. The Committee also would be involved in reviewing the proposed engineering documents of the development to ensure the

intended quality is realized prior to construction.

• *Dam C Improved Path:* The LOFS Master Plan Committee recommended that the LOFS Board include engineering services and a feasibility assessment for implementing an adequate east/west improved path at the south end of Lake Holiday on Dam C. Funding for this study was included in the most recent annual budget.

• *501c3 –* The Master Plan Committee is currently pursuing a 501c3 designation so funds may be raised to provide additional support to the presented priorities.

Assuming that all current committee members are retained, there will be one vacancy after the October 8, 2022 annual meeting. Anthony Mansch will resign his position on the committee as he transitions to an elected position of the LOFS Board of Directors.

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House Resolution

House Resolution 30

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Author: Lisa Beck



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Obituary ~ Phillip Michael Hanslits

*December 27, 1985 -
September 23, 2022*

Joshua, TX - Phillip Michael Hanslits, 36, passed away on Friday, September 23. Phillip was born December 27, 1985 in Vero Beach, Florida to James Hanslits and Diane (Ranschaert-Hanslits) McFadden. Left to cherish Phillip's memory are his father, James Hanslits, of Joshua, TX, mother, Diane & step-father, Bruce McFadden of Crown Point, IN; brother, Andrew Hanslits, step-brother, Mike (Becky) McFadden, step-sis-

ter, Jodi (Ryan) Phelps, and step-brother, Kevin (Kristin) McFadden; grandmothers, Ectorine Hanslits and Phyllis Ranschaert; aunts, Sue (John) Creal, Mary (David) Wheeler, and Judy (Rob) Bremer, uncles, Joe (Collette) Hanslits, Tom (Sandy) Hanslits, and Tony (Rosa) Hanslits; best friend, Vanessa Cadwell; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Phillip was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Maurice Ranschaert and Joseph Hanslits. Phillip was a member of the Spina Bifida Association of Texas.

He graduated from Crown Point High School in 2005 and attended Vincennes University. Phillip enjoyed music, scary movies, and doing craft work. He had a good heart and many friends who cared about him. His smile and laugh were contagious. Phillip was a gift from God, treasured by his family. Visitation for Phillip will be 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, with the funeral ceremony beginning at 3:30 pm on Friday, November 11, 2022 in St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Rd, South Bend, IN 46619. Condolences for the family may be made at www.sifh.net.

Message from REMC; Your Electric Service Provider

Since early summer, KV REMC has been working on updating our mapping system to continue providing the best service and outage response time for our membership. We have contracted with Global Mapping

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The GMS crews will begin working in the LOFS area in the coming weeks. Their task will involve taking a physical inventory of each pole, transformer, etc.,

on the system. Crews will be in vehicles marked with the KV REMC logo and be seen using trucks, on foot, or ATVs to access equipment. If you have any questions, please contact KV REMC at 800-552-2622.

(Christmas from Pg. 1)

the \$50 fee to participate and submit to the POA Office. Don't delay, spaces are limited, so you will want to get this turned in right away. The vendor market will be in the Tennis Courts. The spaces are 10 x 10 each. Each vendor will need to bring everything needed for their individual space. We heard you loud & clear, the vendor market needed more lighting. We are on it! We think that you will be happy to know that there will be sidewalks to the tennis courts and will wrap through the Lakehouse grounds.

Santa Details: The BIG MAN WILL BE THERE - that's right Santa Claus has committed to spending an evening in LOFS! So exciting that he can take time out of his busy season to take a night off from making toys to come on down to see our local kiddos. We have a few other very special guests to see too. There will be ONE LINE to see Santa and our other visitors. That means that you will only need to wait in ONE LINE to see Santa and our special guests.

The first 800 kids to visit Santa will be able to leave with a photo in hand. Limited to ONE photo per visit, quantities are limited.

Food Details: We have some awesome food options that have committed to LOFS at Christmas at Lake Holiday - all of the food will be up top in the upper parking lot near the Lakehouse entrance. Also in this area will be the Beer Garden, where the Lakehouse staff will be pouring beer and mulled wine. They will be selling souvenir cups too. There will be three options for the souvenir cups; one for beer, one for wine and a special one for the kids.

The DJ: DJ Kenny Gibbon has generously committed his time to spin up the best hits for you to dance the night away. DJ Kenny G has graciously offered his services and will be donating his time to NWI No Child Hungry - what an awesome trade-off for us. We will be making a donation to NWI No Child Hungry in lieu of payment for DJ Kenny G playing.

Sponsorship Opportunity:
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LOFS Christmas at Lake Holiday depends on the generosity of our community, local businesses, local families, etc. to help make the event a day to remember. Profits from Christmas at Lake Holiday will be split between the NWI No Child Hungry, LOFS Fire Department & LOFS Masterplan committee for an enhancement right here in LOFS. Help LOFS make Christmas at Lake Holiday great, while promoting your business or organization. The sponsorship signs will remain up until the end of the holiday season displays! Lots of exposure. It will be brightly lit up too. Also, all sponsors will be in The Seasonal by category after the event. Sponsorship levels are as follows:

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Obituary ~ Nancy J. Starkey

Nancy J. Starkey, age 72 of Lakes of the Four Seasons, passed away October 17, 2022. She graduated from Andean High School, Class of 1968, and received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and her master's in elementary education from Purdue University Calumet. Nancy taught for 35 years at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and in the Merrillville School System. She was an avid I.U. fan, and above all loved watching her children

and grandchildren participate in sports, music, and other activities and performances. Nancy was an active member of the community, volunteering her time at Meals on Wheels and Chicagoland Christian Village. She was preceded in death by her son- Joe Starkey; parents- Gerald and Marie Ehram. Nancy is survived by her husband- Joe Starkey; son- Luke (Christine) Starkey; daughter-in-law- Kelsey Starkey; grandchildren- Kylie, Lyla, Joe Starkey; siblings-

Michael (Kathy) Ehrsam, Sue (Marty) Leahy, Carol (Tim) Dobis, and numerous extended family and in-laws. Memorial visitation was Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Friday, October 21, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E 109th Ave, Crown Point. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Crown Point Christian Village, Meals on Wheels, or St. Jude's Children Research. www.burnsfuneral.com

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Seasonal and submit it to the POA Office. OR - if you have questions, please reach out to Michelle Zupan at 219-613-6020.

We are so excited to share this amazing evening with all of you! We have more surprises for you to make LOFS Christmas at Lake Holiday 2022 a night that you do not want to miss.

Please remember this is a LOFS event, and for our LOFS residents and their invited guests only. You will need a current LOFS decal to park in the lot. We highly encourage you to bring your golf carts. Our LOFS Maintenance Department will be helping with our expanded parking area.

completed application packets is February 10, 2023. Be advised that there is a later date listed on the website, which is our chapter deadline to submit candidates for state level scholarships.

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Golf Course Maintenance Annual Report

By Doug Weiss, Golf Course Superintendent

Last winter dead trees were removed from several locations on the golf course. The stumps were ground, and the areas have been seeded. Several drainage ditches have been cleaned out allowing the water to flow properly. The biggest improvement was the trees and scrub bushes that we removed from behind the number nine tee.

This spring several new trees have been planted in various locations on the golf course. The area that received the most attention was the driving range and Pro Shop area. The new driving range mats and clock tower have really improved the practice facility and the aesthetics of

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Golf Services Annual Report

By Matthew Meneghetti, Director of Golf

2022 was another great year for our golfing community, started a little slow with not-so-great weather in March and April, but after that it was perfect. Our success starts with my wonderful staff, my assistants Joe and Finn, my inside staff Stephanía and Elizabeth, my rangers Jim, John and Zach and to my outside staff Jack, Noah, Sarah, Gavin and Hayden a huge ‘THANK YOU’. I’m very blessed to have you all as my employees but also great employees to this beautiful community.

Memberships

The golfing community continues to grow, our membership hit a new record with a total of 419 members, which is a combination of

387 adult members and 32 junior members. Last year we took in \$331,968 in membership fees compared to \$358,218, which is an 8% or a \$26,250 increase.

Green Fee and Driving Range

The game of golf continues to grow, which is a big part of our success. Green fees as of the end of August is up \$2,000 compared to 2021 and September was a very good month. I’m seeing more members and residents bring out more guest (non-residents) to this beautiful course. The driving range has increased tremendously with the help of our Player Development Programs and the Boost Golf Academy, golfers of all skill levels love to practice, our range is up 12% compared to last year at this time, end of August.

the entire area. The additional landscaping around the clock tower is beautiful.

The entire Pro Shop area was a stop on the Lake County Masters Gardeners tour. Kim, Timberly, and Helen continue to do an amazing job with the flower beds on the golf course and in the community. We are lucky to have them.

This summer, like most summers, the focus is to give the golfers the best playing conditions possible. The greens, tees, and fairways

have held out well especially with the amount of play and cart traffic on a daily basis. This is the second year with the new electronics in the irrigation system and it continues to be a huge success. The only project this season was the completion of the new ladies’ tees on holes six and eleven. Both tees are filling in well and will be ready for the 2023 golf season.

This fall/winter we are going to continue our bunker renovations when the leaves are done falling and the grass

slows down. The plan is to install the bunker liners in six bunkers. That will put us past the halfway point in the renovation process.

The 2022 golf season has been one of the most successful because of my amazing staff. The retired guys who not only did their jobs but are willing to help with whatever I asked them to do. The teenagers who worked this summer did a great job of maintaining the bunkers and keeping up with the trimming. Bob Lukas has done an amazing job the

entire season. I can’t express how important Bob has been to the overall quality of the golf course.

Thank you to Rick Cleveland, MGA, WGA, and the POA Board for their continued support. Gina and Fara at the 19th Hole have been a pleasure to work with this season.

Lastly, it has been great working with Matt Meneghetti all season. I appreciate how he has kept me informed on upcoming events.

Not only is the driving range busy, but our practice putting green and our practice chipping area (bunker area) was very busy.

Player Development Programs

As the head of the Player Development Programs, we increased all aspect of the Academy compared to last year. We started with the Bootcamp 101, which these future golfers really had no idea or a little on anything with golf for example where to go for range balls, drive a golf cart, the 19th Hole for food and beverages, anything with golf.

This 4-hour program taught them all of that plus lessons on the swing, chipping, putting, and course etiquette and have a great time. We had a total 14 future golfers compared to 9 last year.

Then there is Boost Golf Academy for Ladies and Juniors, which is a 4-week program with two lessons

per week. We had three semesters this year and for each one I taught the game on how to play thru drills and instruction, also taught sportsmanship, and lastly and most importantly, have fun with this great game. We had a total of 31 Ladies compared to 24 last year and we had 33 Juniors compared to 22 last year.

Then we had our future 36er’s program for our youngsters aged 3-6, which is a 4-week program. It introduces them to putting, chipping, and the swing thru fun drills and excitement. We did this three times this year and we had a total 23 future pros compared to 14 last year.

Then we end it with our Junior Golf Academy, which is 8-week program on Tuesdays, and we had a very impressive 75 juniors participate. They learned all aspects of the game and once they received instruction, they either

played 2 holes, 4, 6 or 9 to see if they pass to the next level. On our final day we crowned the winners of The Johnny Classic, the hard worker of the year award, then the prizes, pizza party and our massive water balloon battle where Joe, Finn and I got the worst of it AGAIN. Next year I have to call the LOFS Fire Department’s truck for backup!

Merchandise

This has been a huge year of merchandise sales for us so far and we expect to finish strong. As of the end of August, my budget for sales was \$140,000 and in six months we did \$139,101, which is \$40,783 more than last year at this time. I brought in more different companies from clothing, clubs, balls, bags, shoes, shorts, skorts, dresses, and more.

I saw an opportunity for our community with Ringo’s closing, so we opened the

Golf Shop to the public (not the course) with advertising in Golf Plus and word of mouth. I really see next year to be even bigger.

Final Note

I would like to give a huge thanks to the Women’s Golf Association and the Men’s Golf Association for their continued support to our operation, the golf course, and the golf community. Both organizations’ relationships have been so great to our goals and vision of what we want to accomplish. It has been a pleasure working with all the outgoing Board Members and looking forward to the newly elected ones.

One last final note, I want to thank the LOFS Community, its residents, the golfing community, Rick Cleveland and especially the POA Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to serve this great community as your PGA Professional.

LOFS recognizes its ‘Volunteers of the Year’

It’s tough to choose just one person or one committee for volunteer of the year because there are several residents who give their time and work hard for the community.

This year we chose a committee of three that have put in a lot of time for the last several years. They meet once a week. They are tasked with looking at every permit application for anything that is proposed to be constructed within the community; usually over 100 applications.



They have to make sure every item follows all covenants, policies, and regulations per the POA.

Our volunteers of the year

award this year goes to the Building Control Committee. The members are Ray Miranda, Terry Keenan, and Tom Skaltsas.

which includes a tip and entertainment. The Seasonal Newspaper reports all their latest info and updates, their ad is in the latest LOFS phone directory, they are listed in the Lakes Of The Four Seasons website under ‘Clubs’, and they have a Facebook page that includes all their photos and videos showing how they make fun affordable.

The Keen-Agers club is 40-plus years young and has over 80 active members. Interested people are asked to call Renate at 219-689-3408 or email her at will-renate@yahoo.com to get more club details or to make a reservation to preview or join the club.

The Board consists of; • President, Renate Sahulcik • Vice-President, Travel &

being planned for 2023.

They are a non-profit club but the members donate to the Winfield Pantry every holiday season. They have numerous successful fundraisers to their credit, including this year’s Annual August Auction, which brought in \$1,200. These funds help finance their trips and activities throughout the year. *BULLETIN: Telethon Theme, Give Money To Keep The Sassy Seniors On The Streets.*

Yearly membership dues are \$30 to remain an active member October 2022 thru October 2023. The monthly luncheon cost is \$20,

POA Treasurer’s Annual Report

By Jackie Katz, POA Board Treasurer

This report covers our fiscal year, which ended February 28, 2022.

For the year, our total revenue was \$5,959,601 vs. the prior year of \$5,987,238. Our total expenses were \$6,097,313 vs. prior year of \$5,960,575. Our combined total fund balance, or equity, decreased from \$5,368,489 in 2021 to \$5,230,727 year

over year.

We ended the year with unrestricted cash of \$695,872 vs. \$760,996 prior year.

This Board continues to help property owners make their annual assessments such as offering quarterly payment plans, half-payment plans, and accepting payments by credit cards.

At the end of the last fiscal year we had 25 property owners that did not make any payment of their dues. Our office

staff and attorney continue to communicate to those that are delinquent and work on getting their assessments paid in full. On occasion when this does not happen the POA is forced to file liens and or foreclosures. This is necessary to help protect the association’s property values including your homes.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the employees of LOFS for all the work they do for the community. I want to thank my fellow Board members for their service. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Board Treasurer.

Keenagers Annual Report

By Renate Sahulcik Keen-Ager Club President

The Keen-Agers is a social club for the 50 (LOL) and older crowd, and the average age is 80! In addition to their third Thursday of the month meetings (except for January) at the Seasons Lakehouse, they enjoy day trips such as a boat ride luncheon on the Spirit of Chicago, gambling and shopping at the Four Winds Casino in Michigan, plus their every year September Diamond Tour bus vacation; this year they went to Niagara Falls; next year it will be Dollywood. More day trips and activities are

MGA Annual Report

By Tim Swallers, MGA President

We would like to thank the POA Board of Directors and the LOFS Community for helping the MGA raise funds through our various events this year.

We had our annual membership raffle at the beginning of the year and our Vegas Night in April. We raised enough funds to help better the golf course and to give back to the community.

We worked with the POA Board to help fund a desperately needed driving range mat. That will help with

the heavy use of the driving range and allow grass to grow. We were able to donate \$10,000 towards that project.

We hosted our second Vegas Night on October 22.

We donated \$2,500 towards the bunker liner project that will help save the community money. This will allow the community to buy less sand annually.

Saving the best for last, we awarded two \$1,000 college scholarships to two Four Seasons residents, one young man and one young lady. Our winners this year were Tyler Knight and Rhena Kiger.

Early promoters planned several dream cities near Lake Michigan

By Walt Pluchinsky, LOFS Historical Society



While the early pioneers in our area were building their log houses and creating farms, another form of activity was taking place along the southern shore of Lake Michigan. Speculators were busy planning harbors and cities which they hoped would surpass in importance Michigan City and the bustling young town of Chicago.

In 1837, several foresighted men laid out a town which they called City West. It was located on both sides of the small stream called Fort Creek that flowed into

Lake Michigan in what is now the Indiana Dunes State Park. They also built a hotel, the 'Exchange', with 22 rooms, and it had the largest tavern in the area. A sawmill, blacksmith shop, and a store were built, and about 20 families established homes in the new town. The promoters also planned to build a canal, to be known as the Lake Michigan and Kankakee Canal, which would tie into Salt Creek. Long range plans also included building a railroad from City West to the Kankakee River.

The greatest day in the brief life of City West was July 1, 1837, when Daniel Webster visited the town

during a tour of the west. The senator and family were making a leisurely voyage on a lake steamboat from Chicago to Buffalo. Eager for a Congressional appropriation to build their harbor, the promoters of the town lavishly entertained the senator. However, due to prior agreements, nearby Michigan City was given the initial appropriation for a harbor.

Failure to get Federal aid for a harbor brought an end to the plans for the city at Fort Creek. By the end of 1838, all the inhabitants had moved away. Some of the buildings were moved, and those that remained were destroyed by

fire several years later.

Meanwhile, the town of Manchester was being planned and platted just west of the mouth of Salt Creek, near the present Bass Pro Shops complex off Route 249 in Portage. Since a branch of the Chicago-Detroit Road crossed the nearby Little Calumet River, a navigable stream, the place was considered an excellent site for a city. As previously mentioned, a canal was planned to provide access to Lake Michigan at City West. A few lots were sold, but later the remainder of the site was auctioned off to satisfy a mortgage on the property.

The promoters of Manchester most likely were only interested in making a quick dollar from gullible investors.

Also in 1837, the town of Indiana City was laid out on the lakefront just west of the old mouth of the Grand Calumet River, now in Gary's Marquette Park. The place was apparently a 'paper city' as no records have been found that any lots were sold or that it ever had houses or inhabitants.

Waverly, another early region town, was founded in 1834 on a site about two miles northwest of the present Chesterton. There, John Foster began what he hoped

to be prosperous lumber town. Valuable improvements were made only to be destroyed in 1939 by a forest fire. Present Waverly Beach is named for the Waverly Road, which passed through the town site on its way to the lakeshore, is the only reminder today of Foster's dream in those early years.

Although some historians feel the failure of these 'dream cities' was caused by the Panic of 1837, it remains significant that the only cities to survive and prosper in this period were Chicago and Michigan City. These were the ones that received Federal aid for the development of their harbors.

Operations & Building Maintenance Departments Annual Report

By Roy Green, Director of Operations

Another year has come and gone. The Operations and Building Maintenance Departments kept quite busy all year long. Starting last fall with helping Bruce and Jill Nix putting up the Christmas display on the front lawn of the Lakehouse for the tenth year. Thank you two for all the work you do to make the Holidays more enjoyable in Lakes of the Four Seasons.

Last year was our initial set up for the Christmas on the Lake event. All went pretty smoothly with lighting trees and decorating all different areas of the Lakehouse. There was a pretty good turnout; matter of fact a lot of the residents said that it was the largest turnout they have seen in years for any event and this year is on its way to being even bigger. We have

added more electricity to the tennis courts, installed a new walkway from the parking lot to the tennis courts and extended the sidewalk from the pool to the tennis courts. We are also going to decorate the front gate, the 19th Hole and both of the side entrances.

While setting up for Christmas we also have our normal duties to perform, like leaf collection which will go until mid-December, garbage pickup which is all year long. Then of course there is getting ready for winter. Putting out snow stakes, getting plows and salters on the trucks and then snow plowing.

Last year we started out on the light side of plowing in December. We were able to keep the leaf vacs running till the 19th. We got them all cleaned up and stored away for the winter. In January we had a few snow events that

kept us busy. Then we went into February. On the 2nd we made the news with 14", the most in the Chicagoland area. That event kept our trucks rolling for 36 hours straight.

In March we were able to get the snowplows off the trucks and get ready for Spring. We started with our annual Spring leaf pick up, which took up most of March and part of April. Got the lawnmowers out and started cutting the 250+ acres of POA property.

We prepared the baseball and soccer fields for their seasons and even laid some rock to finish off the new pathway that we put in at Cleveland Park. We got the parks ready for the season with a new layer of mulch for the playground areas, fixed some of the playground equipment that was damaged over the winter and put a new coat of paint on some of them.

Then into branch collection that takes us into the end of May. We got the pool ready to be opened but were

delayed to no fault of ours, we had to wait for a contractor to complete repairs to the gutter plumbing before we could do our stuff. But we got it opened.

June brings on the concert season. Every Thursday afternoon you could see the crew putting up tents, bringing out the garbage cans, bringing up the Fundraisers trailer and putting up signs. This concert season was great, from the bands to the weather. We didn't get rained out once.

The 4th of July was a hectic one since it fell on a Monday. We set up for the regular Thursday concert then on that Friday we started setting up the tents, snow fence and picnic tables for the

fourth. On the 4th we had a crew working to help with final set up and taking care of the parks, beaches and the Lakehouse grounds. They did a fantastic job.

August brought the end to the concert season. But one large one was still coming. The LOFS Lions Club had their 'End of the season Bash' planned for September. We set up and took that down; it was actually larger than the 4th of July. It was a nice event that I hope turns into a tradition.

Then into fall. We have now finished branch collections for the year. If anyone still has any branches they want to dispose of they can bring them to the maintenance yard. The Maintenance Department worked short-handed for this year and we were still able to keep the Seasons looking good, neat, and clean. I would like to thank my crew for all the hard work and long hours that they put in to make my job a little easier.

I would like to thank this year's board for putting their trust in me to do this job and giving me the tools to do it. I would like to thank Blake and Tim for volunteering their time to do this job.

I would like to welcome back Herb Rogers and our new board member Anthony Mansch. I look forward to working with you.

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Beautiful updated open concept ranch style home with three bedrooms and two baths. The main bedroom has vaulted ceilings, an ensuite with a corner tub and separate shower. The home has cathedral ceilings making it open and airy and has new frieze carpet, stylish black lighting fixtures and black plumbing fixtures. Large fenced yard with shed for extra storage. **\$194,913**



Ground Floor Lakefront Living at its Finest! Don't miss this Awesome 3 bedroom one level Condo Located on the Main Body of Lake Holiday! Beautiful Open concept Home w/ Laminate plank flooring, Frieze carpet, Plantation shutters, Ceramic Tile, & updated bathrooms. Updated Kitchen w/ Black appliances and walk out to big patio. End unit with Lake sunset views from Living room, Dining room Kitchen and all bedrooms. **\$399,899 UNDER CONTRACT**



Beautifully Updated!!! This 3-bedroom, 2 bath home sits on over 1 acre of mature wooded land nestled between Crown Point & Valparaiso w/ easy access for commute, dining, shopping and more! Home has been freshly painted and updated throughout & has new vinyl plank flooring & frieze carpet. New SS appliances, New furnace and A/C in 2021 and Hot Water heater in 2022. Big 23' x 21' - 2.5 car finished garage **\$349,894**



Fabulous Custom built Brick 2 Story home with finished walkout basement on Lake Holiday! Premium features throughout include Large 2 Story Atrium that brings light through the center of the home. The large timber construction allows for wide open areas with windows in nearly every direction. Awesome Lake Views with 5 sliders on giant living room that walks out to big deck with built in entertaining table. Big Kitchen w/ walkouts. 4 Big Bedrooms Plus office on upper level all with walkouts to decks **\$1,199,998**



Charming, fully updated 2 Bedroom with 1 Bath, ranch home on a large lot. This home is move in ready! Recently updated with fresh paint throughout, plank style flooring or carpeting throughout the home through the nice size bright living room open to the kitchen! The kitchen also received new fresh paint, new cabinets, new sink/faucet, new lighting and new granite look countertops! Both bedrooms are generously sized with fresh paint, new carpeting and fans! The bathroom was updated with tiled tub/shower, ship-lap, fixtures, lighting, and the vanity with mirror. Laundry room with storage cabinets. **\$149,897**



Beautifully updated home located on Serene LAKEFRONT lot in a resort style community with loads of amenities. Soaring Open concept with panoramic lake and golf course views. Upgraded features include laminate plank flooring thru-out living, dining & kitchen. New entry door welcoming you to big living room with Wood Ceilings, Minka fan, walkout to a wraparound deck with awesome views. **\$559,876**

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