



Celebrating 50 Years~1966-2016

# Seasonal

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## Let the laughter begin with Comedy Night on October 14

Comedy Night returns to LOFS! The LOFS Fundraising Committee invites you to join in a night promising to be full of laughs and fun. We hope to see you there on Friday, October 14. Reserve your tickets with Christie Falls at 219-308-0087, or online at Facebook LOFS FRC.

Seating is limited and tickets are going fast, therefore pre-payment is being recommended to guarantee seats. Tickets are \$15 per person with the show starting at 9 p.m. Come early and enjoy dinner at the Clubhouse. Dinner reservations are separate and can be made by calling 219-988-2582.

Our feature act, Jay Harris, is a local Chicago resident. Jay lives in Chicago and works full-time as a comedian while moonlighting as a financial advisor. His dream is to work 9-5 in offices everywhere. He's had the honor of entertaining various units of the Marines, Army, Navy and National Guard over his 12-year career. Jay has been known as a great roaster, but only for thick-skinned people. He enjoys using sarcasm to get his point across. His interactions with everyday people and his personal quirks give

him a unique perspective on life. Even so, his biggest target is himself. Headlining the evening will be Johnny Dam. Johnny has been performing comedy since he could utter a sentence. As the resident class clown, he deprived his fellow students of any semblance of a public education, all in the name of comedy. Fortunately, it didn't stop there. A native of Los Angeles, Johnny began his actual comedy career in December of 1991. After a six-week class at a community college, he delivered his first five-minute set and was hooked for life.

Since then he has toured throughout the U.S. and Canada, traveled into war zones to entertain the troops, starred in a national commercial, produced and hosted his own 2x award winning radio show in the LA talk radio market, and written and directed two short films, one of which has won an award. He is the busiest comedian you've never heard of.

If he looks familiar it's because you've probably seen him on Comedy Central and most recently TMZ Live where he's a regular commentator. His shotgun-like delivery and scope of material

has made him a crowd favorite among all ages and demographics, except his parents. They still don't know where they went wrong. Be it PG, PG-13, or R-rated, Johnny gives the audience what it wants. But beware,

Johnny's humor is brutally honest, and if asked to define comedy he will tell you that every joke has a victim, and the only thing funnier than the truth is the painful truth. This evening will not disappoint with these two!



Headliner Johnny Dam



Feature act Jay Harris

### Lori E. DuPratt ~ Statement of Candidacy



Lori DuPratt

My name is Lori DuPratt. We moved here in 2006 due to my husband's job relocation. My family consists of my daughter Sky, son Nathan born in 2009, and of course my husband Jim.

This fall Sky enters her third year of college, while son Nathan enters second grade! Needless to say with a 20 and 7-year-old, my job title besides mom, is CEO of a small family organization.

My husband and I were born and raised in Akron Ohio. In fact, we were Jr.

High & High School sweet hearts. I have 5 siblings, one of which is my best friend, my twin sister, Lisa.

When people ask me; "Why are you running for the Board?" several reasons cross my mind. We initially checked out this area via e-mails to agents. Higher-priced Crown Point listings were sent at first. Then, an e-mail with LOFS listings caught our attention. Once we toured the area we couldn't believe it! We pulled in the gate and saw a golf course, lakes, parks, swimming pool, ball fields, 19th Hole, Clubhouse and people driving around in golf carts. It didn't take long—we were all-in.

This year I asked to chair the 50th Anniversary Committee. What a privilege it's been working closely with people I would've never met otherwise. What's impressed me as I grew to know them more was realizing

the number of second, third, and even fourth generations of families who reside here. And, they all want the same as me—being part of LOFS' continued growth and evolving community.

It is our responsibility as residents to do our part to insure our lakes remain healthy, our green spaces, parks and golf course remain beautiful, and our community maintains financial stability.

As so current board members are not running again; it's time for a new generation of volunteers to "step up," take their place. Being completely honest, I'll be going into this new phase blindly, because I've never been on a POA board. You can't learn something new until you take that first step. I like to think of myself as someone who "thinks outside the box" and a very creative individual. I hope to utilize those talents for the betterment of our community.

### Tim Swallers ~ Statement of Candidacy



Tim Swallers

My Name is Tim Swallers. I am married to my wonderful wife Kelly and I have two daughters, Alexandria and Samantha. We are in our second home in LOFS because we love the "lifestyle". I have been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments in St. John, since 1999. I have been a Financial Advisor since 1992.

We moved into Lakes of the Four Seasons in 1994. We found a wonderful place to have and raise our girls. I have been active and vol-

unteering my time, to make this community better, since 1998. I spent one term on the POA Board in 2001-2003. I decided to dedicate my time to my young girls and not run for re-election.

Since then I have served on the Grievance Committee for 13 years, served 8 years on the Girls Softball Board, served 3 years on the MGA Board, and have been active in the business organizations in St. John.

When I was elected in 2001 the community had to borrow funds to get us through the last two months of the budget year. We were able to fix that in the budget and have a cash position to last the whole year. We were able to get a badly decaying sprinkling system for the golf course replaced. We were able to get a cell tower in our community; prior to that cell service was terrible. Lastly, we were able to get out from

under the debt of a ditch project gone badly.

I would like to use my financial and business background to help our community. The Board of Directors has done a great job of being fiscally responsible since 2000 and I would like to make sure that continues. Property values should be goal number ONE of every board member. We must maintain our infrastructure.

We have a few amenities that I don't feel are maximizing their potential. I want to help with some out-of-the-box thinking and use my business background to help out. My goal as a Board of Director is to hire the right managers and let them do their job. We have a lot of great managers.

If elected I will work with the other Board members to help make this a great place to live and raise a family.

### Monthly Update



### House & Garden

Lakes of the Four Seasons

By Timberley Ecklund

Before we know it, Fall will be upon us. I am looking forward to the changing leaves, the crisp air and working in the yard without looking like I just took a shower. I embrace the change that each season brings. There is always something beautiful to be found in the great outdoors.

May some of that beauty come from our Fall Mum

Sale. Thank you for supporting The Lakes of the Four Seasons House & Garden Club. With your help we are able to continue our objective of providing social opportunities and programs for the members and provide financial support for the beautification of The Lakes of the Four Seasons gardens and special projects for the community.

If you are as lucky as I am

to have your mum return the following spring remember to keep it four inches high till Fourth of July.

October marks the beginning of our membership year. Dues are \$20 a year. Please come and join us at our next meeting Tuesday, October 25, at noon at the Clubhouse. No green thumb required!

Most meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at noon at the Clubhouse, with the exception of no meeting in November, when we decorate the Clubhouse for the holidays. In early December we have our holiday party.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia German at 219-662-4162.

### LOFS Historical Memorabilia book now at printer

By Lori DuPratt

The LOFS Historical Memorabilia book is now being printed! Yeah! We were told printing and binding may take a month assuming there are no glitches.

We certainly appreciate all your submissions, pictures, and interviews. We found it difficult to cut some stories and pictures, so we made the decision to simply add more pages; in fact, we added 70

more pages!

But adding more material equals adding more cost as well as time for a larger project. Fortunately, with the great response we received from advertisers, resident support, and increasing the book cost for those not pre-ordered, the funds were available.

Keep watch for our electronic gate signs, webpage (www.lofs.org), and social media to announce when the

books arrive.

I'm sure you will say "the wait was indeed worth it!" once you see your beautiful, approximately 185+ page LOFS Historical Memorabilia book. Thank you to so many who have offered encouragement and kind words. On behalf of the 50th Anniversary Committee, your words of encouragement have kept us fueled during this process.

### Final Date for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Pre-Orders

Pre-order your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lakes of the Four Seasons Historical/Memorabilia book by October 15, 2016, for only \$15 each.

After October 15, 2016, the books will cost \$25 each.

**Monthly Update**  
  
**POA Community Manager**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Ballroom. This required meeting provides a rundown of the POA's yearly progress as well as detailing the activities of the clubs, organizations, and committees.

This is a great opportunity for residents to learn about how the Property Owner's Association functions, meet the Board of Directors, the Chairpersons of the various standing committees, the civic organizations and clubs, and our Department Directors.

At this meeting the newly elected Board Members, Lori DuPratt and Tim Swallers, will be officially installed on the Board and will be sworn into office.

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to see firsthand what has been accomplished as well as what is on the agenda for Lakes of the Four Seasons. The current Board President Jay Robison, the Treasurer Rob Rabelhofer, POA Attorney Ted Fitzgerald, and I will give annual reports of the accomplishments of the previous year. Chairpersons of the Standing Committees of the POA and the Chairpersons of the community's civic groups and clubs will report on their accomplishments. Department Directors will present an annual report on their department's activities. The POA will give an award to a resident as "Volunteer

of the Year" to honor the service that the individual resident contributed to the LOFS. The "Employees of the Year" award will also be presented.

**Dumpsters for Home Remodeling**

It has been brought to my attention that people have been dumping their unwanted items and trash in dumpsters that have been rented by fellow property owners for their home remodeling.

This is considered illegal dumping; in Indiana, it is considered a crime when you illegally dump items without the consent of either the resident or business responsible. After all, you are knowingly and intentionally taking control over (rented or not) the property of another person, with the intent to deprive them, of any part of its value or use.

This is considered a Class A misdemeanor which can carry up to one (1) year in jail and fines up to \$5,000.

**Be "Pet Smart" and considerate of our public spaces**

Pet owners should be aware that their animals are not permitted to do their business, either #1 or #2, within any of the public spaces we share as a community. This includes the beach, the grassy area near the beach, the sports fields, and parks that we enjoy as a community. We have a Dog Park that all residents are welcome to join. Please be cognizant of this as it is be-

coming more of a nuisance and needs to be addressed.

**Leaf Collections for the entire community**

Fall leaf collections will begin October 17, and continue until the final date of December 16. No collections after the December 16 date. Do not mix branches, limbs and garbage with the leaves. DO NOT place leaves over landscape rocks or other objects that will get sucked into the leaf vac impeller.

**Prepare for Winter**

It's that time of the year again to begin preparing for the cold and icy winter months ahead. Make sure your home is winterized. Walk around it and make a visual inspection of everything and take the necessary steps to make any needed maintenance to keep out the cold wind. Inspect the downspouts and gutters to make sure they are not plugged with leaves and debris so the melting snow can drain properly. Also, make sure the culvert under your driveway is free-flowing so ice dams can't form.

Winterize your vehicles, too. Inspect your tires to make sure they have good tread on them so you can have better traction during those icy conditions. Make sure the fluids and filters are changed at the proper intervals and check the windshield wipers too. Keeping an emergency kit in your vehicle will be handy in case you become stranded. This should contain a flashlight, blankets, windshield scraper, jumper cables, a shovel, bag of sand or salt, and a small first aid kit. Be prepared.

**Trick or Treat hours are 5 to 7 pm on Monday, October 31.**

**Monthly Update**  
  
**Keenagers**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Renate Sahulcik, Club President

The Keen-Agers will hold their October meeting on the 20th at the LOFS Clubhouse. The bar opens at noon with a delicious luncheon served at 1 p.m. Entertainment is scheduled for 2 p.m., and after a short meeting adjournment will be around 3 p.m.

Besides the third Thursday of the month meetings the

club attends local plays, gambles at an area casino, sails on a boat in Chicago, and takes a bus trip to a new location every year.

Membership fee is \$24 annually, which is due by this meeting; monthly luncheon cost is \$14. The club is open to anyone 50 and older regardless of residency, and whenever there are openings to join.

Ten successful fundraisers to their credit have helped pay for all their fun activities. Their August Auction was the biggest money maker and the best in new merchandise available for sale in the history of the club! They will be leaving for Myrtle Beach at the end of September and be returning early October.

Please contact Renate at 219-689-3408 or e-mail her at willrenate@yahoo.com to make a future reservation. Thanks to all the Keen-Agers and the LOFS Clubhouse staff for keeping this club the popular place to be!

**POA budget requests due by November 2**

LOFS POA 2017 Budget Requests due Wednesday, November 2.

The Board of Directors and POA staff will soon start the initial phase of annual budget preparations for the upcoming fiscal year. It is important that all requests are available

for deliberation so priorities can be assigned.

After the budget is finalized in late January, it will not be feasible to honor most mid-year project requests except for emergencies.

Property owners are encouraged to forward budget

requests to the POA office no later than November 2.

Include your name, lot number, and phone number with each request. The requests may be mailed to the POA office ATTN: Rick Cleveland, Community Manager, or e-

mailed to cmgr@lofs.org

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By Craig Philp,  
Director of Security

Over the past month there were numerous vehicles entered illegally by unknown subject(s). In 99% of the calls taken it was found that the car doors were left unlocked and none reported entered by force. In all incidents these people went through everything looking for something quick and easy to take. For example, some items that were taken consisted of gift / cash cards, wallets and purses, iPods, radio faceplates, and loose change.

I cannot stress enough to people that you should always lock your vehicle doors each night. We all realize that mistakes happen and sometimes you're just so caught up with carrying in something in your house or in mid-conversation with someone so you forget to do it; again it happens. For me, I'm the guy you hear honking his horn at night because I am hitting the lock button from inside my home two to three times just to be safe (admit it, some of you do it too.)

I can say this though: I don't leave my wallet, my cell phone, checkbook, computer, or anything else of value in my car overnight. After all, I do not want to

leave something in there that someone else could end up taking.

If you hear or see something during the night that seems out of the ordinary on your or your neighbor's property, please contact the Security Department at 219-988-2111 immediately, as it is taking place.

If possible and without putting yourself at risk, try to get a description of the person(s) involved. Anything you see can be helpful in catching these offenders.

**Posting Signs**  
Posting signs in front of your home or off your property is a violation of the Lakes of the Four Seasons covenant 7.3. This covenant states, "No signs shall be displayed on any numbered lot in the Subdivision without prior written permission of the Association." This would include but not be limited to the early display of political signs (outside adopted POA regulation dates), home alarm systems placards,

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to completed construction on property advertisement signs.

The POA will allow contracting companies to display a sign when they are working on any one lot within the community, but that sign must be removed when the work is completed.

Officers from this department will be checking the surrounding properties asking residents to remove signs at that time. Those who fail to remove the signs will be issued violations per the Lakes of the Four Seasons fine structure.

Political signs may be displayed on properties during the period between thirty (30) days before and five (5) days after the date of the election to which the sign is related.

The signs must adhere to the correct size allowed and you are not allowed to display more than two (2) on any lot. The POA is authorized to remove any signs that violate the covenants / resolution-by-laws / rules without notification.

If you would like more information on political signs resolution, you can find it and more at [www.lofs.org](http://www.lofs.org)  
**Halloween**

My favorite time of the year is right around the corner. The ability to scare and be scared by characters at haunted houses, and seeing kids enjoying a night of dressing up as monsters and ghouls is something I look forward to each year.

However, we always, need to make sure that the kids out there are safe. Drivers need to slow down and be mindful of children running around the area on Halloween night, and take extra time to look for children at intersections. Drive slowly, anticipate

heavy pedestrian traffic, and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Here are some helpful hints to pass on to your children before they go out.

- Safety Tips*
- Look left, right, and left again when crossing and keep looking both directions as you cross.
  - Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
  - Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before

crossing in front of them.

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas and trick-or-treat in groups.

As always dress for the weather, Halloween is and will always be held on the day of the holiday, and will not be rescheduled due to rain, snow, or whatever type of weather Northwest Indiana decides to throw at us.

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# LCSWMD to hold final household hazardous waste collection of the year

The final collection of the year will take place Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Griffith Public Works located at 134 South Colfax in Griffith.

The program is a cooperative effort between the Lake, Porter, and LaPorte County Solid Waste Districts to collect household chemicals.

The program operates a mobile collection unit which changes locations throughout the three county area. These collection sites are held on Saturdays starting in the Spring and running through Fall. This program is not available to businesses. Residents can participate at any collection held in the county where they live.

In addition to the mobile

unit, the program operates a Battery Collection Program, a Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program, and is part of IDEM's Mercury Awareness Program (MAP).

Call the Lake Michigan Districts to find out more about these programs at 800-946-4449 or 219-769-3820.

\*This program is for residential household hazardous waste for Lake County, Indiana residents and is **not** for businesses, schools or organizations. Businesses, schools and organizations of Lake County, Indiana can call 800-946-4449 for resource information.

Thank you for understanding the program restrictions.

**Items that will be accepted**

**include:**

- \* Aerosols
- \* Ammunition
- \* Automotive Supplies
- \* Antifreeze
- \* Oils and Other Fluids
- \* Batteries
- \* Automotive
- \* Household
- \* Corrosives
- \* Medication (expired or unwanted)
- \* Mercury Containing Products
- \* Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFL's)
- \* Fluorescent Tubes
- \* Thermometers - Silver Bulbs
- \* Thermostats
- \* Other Mercury Containing Items
- \* Paint and Related Products
- \* Oil Based Paint

- \* Thinners
- \* Solvents
- \* Pesticides
- \* Fungicides
- \* Herbicides
- \* Insecticides
- \* Other Poisons
- \* Sharps (medical needles)
- \* Waste Fuels
- \* Diesel
- \* Gasoline
- \* Kerosene
- \* Other Flammable Liquids

**Items that are NOT accepted include:**

- \* Business / Commercial / Schools / Organizations
- \* Hazardous Waste - Contact us at 1-800-946-4449 for more information on the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program.
- \* Explosives - Contact your

local Fire Department for disposal

\* Latex Paint - There are now two options for Lake County residents. 1) If you have enough useable latex paint, take it to the Latex Paint Recycling and Reuse Program at Hobart City Yard, 340 S. Shelby Street in Hobart. For questions, contact them at 219-942-6121. 2) If you only have a small

amount remaining in the paint can: remove and dispose of the lid; stir enough clay kitty litter into the container until you can't add anymore; let it dry to a solid; then you can place it out on your trash collection day. *Remember to leave it uncovered* so your waste hauler can see that it is dry and solid. \* Medical Waste and Radioactive Materials

## Local dental office offers money-for-sweets this Halloween

One local dental office is redefining the phrase "put your money where your mouth is." This Halloween, trick-or-treaters can bring their excess candy to Advanced Dental Concepts in Winfield and receive \$1 per pound; \$5 max per child. Dr. Danny L. Hayes and Dr. Shaun Freeman are promoting this anti-cavity movement by giving away dollars, toothbrushes, and many prizes and raffles, donated by several local businesses, in exchange for cavity-provoking candy.

"Ditch the candy, that's what we're saying," said Dr. Hayes. "Visiting your dentist

twice a year and brushing daily are great preventative measures, but doing away with excess sweets altogether would really give your teeth a healthy boost."

"Kids can still have all of the fun of trick-or-treating, and now their piggy banks will benefit as well," he said. "Plus, we have many great prizes to be given away to the candy donors."

Candy, as well as damaging children's teeth, can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces.

All are welcome, and wear

costumes to participate in a costume contest. Candy will be collected at the office of Advanced Dental Concepts on Tuesday, November 1, from 4 to 6 p.m.

All donated candy needs to be unopened; please no bites removed. It will then be shipped to our troops overseas via Operation Gratitude in California. This night will also be a great opportunity to meet the latest addition to our team, Dr. Freeman, if you have not met him already.

Dr. Hayes is the owner of Advanced Dental Concepts, located at 10780 Randolph Street, a family dental office that focuses on complete

family, cosmetic, and implant dentistry.

For more information, contact Dr. Hayes or Dr. Freeman at 219-663-6878. You can also get the information online at [www.adc4smiles.com](http://www.adc4smiles.com).

### Become an LOFS Dog Park member

If you are a dog owner and haven't considered becoming a member of the LOFS Dog Park, please stop by or call the POA office at 219-988-2581 and inquire. LOFS Dog Park fees are \$65 per lot.

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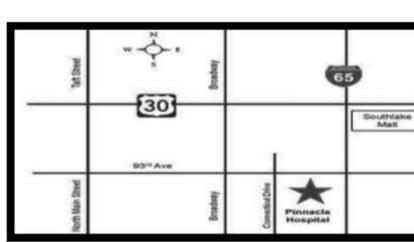
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**Program for CPHS students making a difference for their fellow students has roots in Winfield**

Crown Point High School is making a difference within its own building by starting a food, hygiene, and clothing pantry. The founder, Bryan Hatami says many people don't know how large the need really is.

There's now a room dedicated for food, hygiene items, and clothing for students of Crown Point High School.

"Besides the high schoolers qualifying for free or reduced lunch, there are students or families struggling from sudden financial trouble who are embarrassed to ask for help," said Hatami. He also noted that he hopes the new food pantry gives them a little extra boost.

Hatami came up with the idea after realizing a good friend was needing basic hygiene items like deodorant and toothpaste after his parents had divorced and living conditions were transitioning day by day. The mission of the Student Pantry is to provide basic need items to fellow student classmates confidentially, without any questions, with easy, anonymous access.

The pantry was made possible with the guidance of 11-12th grade Principal Russ Marcinek, and help from the

Pulse Club last year. But this year the pantry is launching into full gear with its own club, 'Students Helping Students', to run and stock the pantry.

"How can someone focus on studying or tests when you're hungry?", asked Kyle Ramus, who is part of the new club's officers. Other club officers Brendan McShane and Brad Kurtz echo the pressure that comes with being in high school and they want to help those who have the added personal pressure of needing food, hygiene items, and clothing.

"I want everybody to be able to have a place where they can come and get food, I don't want one of my peers to have to go hungry, be embarrassed because they have no hygiene supplies at home and not be able to do the best they can in high school," said Hatami continuing, "it might affect someone's self-esteem forever."

Other Student Helping Student officers, Kyla Bruce and Tyler Phillips are hoping that local businesses will donate, along with their classmates throughout the year, to keep the pantry stocked.

Also rolling up his sleeves

and helping the school pantry is Don Samburg, who Hatami says inspires him and

the community by leading with example and donating four bags of food. Advance

Dental Concepts also donated four cases of mouth wash.

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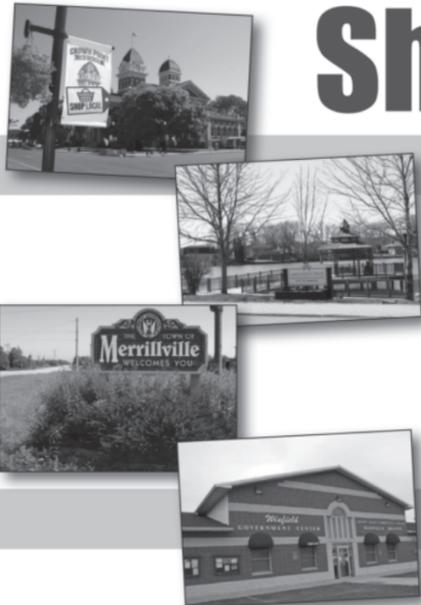
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**Monthly Update**  
**Lakes Department**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Mike Talley,  
MS4 Coordinator

**Giant Canadian Geese**

While many people enjoy seeing Canada geese, problems can occur when too many geese concentrate in one area. Typically, developers and landowners unknowingly cause the problem by creating ideal goose habitat. Geese are grazers and feed extensively on fresh, short, green grass. Add a permanent body of water like our lakes and ponds and you have created the perfect environment for geese to set up residence and multiply.

Geese, including their young, also have a strong tendency to return to the same area year after year. Once geese start nesting in a

particular place, the stage is already set for more geese in successive years.

The problem is further exacerbated when well-intentioned people purposefully feed geese. Artificial feeding of geese tends to concentrate larger numbers of geese in areas that under normal conditions would only support a few geese. Artificial feeding can also disrupt normal migration patterns and hold geese in areas longer than what would be normal. With an abundant source of artificial food available, geese can devote more time to locating nesting sites and mating. Artificial feeding can also concentrate geese on adjacent properties where their presence may not be

welcomed.

Congregating geese can cause a number of problems. Damage to landscaping can be significant and expensive to repair or replace, while large amounts of excrement can render swimming areas, parks, golf courses, lawns, docks, and patios unfit for human use. Since they are active grazers, they are particularly attracted to lawns and ponds located near apartment complexes, houses, office areas and golf courses. Geese can rapidly denude lawns, turning them into barren, dirt areas.

An adult goose can produce between 1 and 2 pounds of feces per day. Multiply that by the 50 geese and that's a lot of ...., well you know what I'm talking about.

Phosphorus and nitrates are some of the primary nutrients entering our lakes which cause excessive plant growth. Those plants include various types of algae, including

Blue Green Algae, which not only looks and smells bad it can be a health hazard. Geese are responsible for about 20% of these nutrients entering our lakes.

When the geese do their business on the beaches, this produces a whole different problem. For the same reason dogs are not allowed on the beaches, animal feces on the sand contributes to the growth of E-coli and other health hazards.

Every morning the Lakes Department uses a tractor to turn over and level out the sand on our beaches. This practice not only makes the beaches look nice, but also exposes the underlining sand to the ultra-violet rays of the sun which kills bacteria including E-coli. To further help protect the residents our three beaches are tested weekly for traces of E-coli.

Geese are particularly aggressive during breeding

and nesting season. Their behavior can cause problems around homes and playgrounds when geese attack and nip at residents.

Urban areas are usually attractive places for geese because they prefer nicely groomed lawns adjacent to water. This preference; reduced predator rates; limited hunting in most situations; and feeding by residents result in nuisance waterfowl concerns in urban areas.

Feeding ducks and geese is a popular practice for many people, but it is also a major reason why geese are attracted to certain areas and remain there for long periods

of time. Feeding geese only leads to human-geese conflicts. Feeding also increases the susceptibility to avian diseases, which have the potential to kill large numbers of geese and other waterfowl.

You can help make geese feel unwelcome and move on by:

- Planting a 20" high vegetative strip or goose fence along the lake shore.
- Do not feed the geese.
- Geese do not like dogs or swans, so placing decoys near the lake will help keep geese from feeling welcome.

For more information, see The Lakes-MS4 Website at [www.lofslakes.com](http://www.lofslakes.com)

*Lakes of the Four Seasons*

# 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Grille

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# Clubhouse Restaurant

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**Monthly Update**  
**Lions Club**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

**“White Cane Day” rescheduled to October 8**

The LOFS Lion’s Club will be hosting “The White Cane Day” on Saturday, October 8, at the front entrance, the 117th entrance, and the Four Seasons Parkway Entrance.

Unfortunately, our original date of September 10 was cancelled due to rain.

We are asking for your continued support to promote vision saving endeavors. The White Cane was developed in 1921 as a way to alert sighted people

of someone with a vision difficulty. Sighted people can proceed with caution,

courtesy, and assistance for those working with the white cane.

Please work with the Lions as well as other competent organizations to assist and hopefully eradicate vision loss. Thank you for your generosity and your support!

**Celebrating 50 Years~1966-2016**

*As Lakes of the Four Seasons celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2016, we thought it would be interesting to take a look back at some of the events that occurred each month during 1966 when the community was first being built.*

**October, 1966**

- October 1 - Newspaper magnate Thomson purchases “The Times”; and the West Coast Airlines Flight 956 crashes with eighteen fatal injuries and no survivors in Oregon. This accident marks the first loss of a DC-9.
- October 2 - LA Dodgers Sandy Koufax clinches 3rd LA pennant in 4 years.
- October 6 - Oriole Jim Palmer, 20, is youngest to pitch a World Series shutout; and LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) is first declared illegal in state of California; other states follow.
- October 9 - Rolling Stones first LP recorded: “Got Live if you Want It”.
- October 12 - Jimi Hendrix Experience forms with Jimi Hendrix, Noel Redding & Mitch Mitchell.
- October 13 - 173 U.S. aircraft bomb North Vietnam.
- October 14 - 175 U.S. airplanes bomb North Vietnam.
- October 15 - Lyndon B. Johnson signs a bill creating the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- October 15 - Black Panther Party created by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale.
- October 16 - Joan Baez & 123 other anti-draft protestors arrested in Oakland.
- October 19 - The Yardbirds begin first U.S. tour in New York City.
- October 26 - First Pacific communications satellite, Intelsat 2, is launched.
- October 29 - Lunar Orbiter 1 crashes on moon; and the National Organization of Women is founded.

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Dead line to order steaks will be October 8, 2016.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email [lkroner1159@comcast.net](mailto:lkroner1159@comcast.net). But remember, steaks do need to be prepaid. We will set up pickup in the morning at the clubhouse on October 15, 2016 from 9am til 11am!

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## Monthly Update


**Operations, Building  
Maintenance, Pool**
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Ron Bedwell,  
Operations Director

Branch collections will be ending soon for the entire community and we are now getting ready for the leaf collection season. This will take place beginning October 17 and will continue until December 16 or until the snow falls, whichever comes first.

When putting your leaves out for collection there are a few things to remember. Please do not mix branches in with them. This is a completely different piece of equipment and was not constructed to suck up branches, rocks or anything else but

leaves.

Please put leaves within six feet of the road or we will not be able to suck them up; the hose can't reach further than that.

Lastly, please be careful when approaching a leaf vac. It is a very loud machine and the operator cannot hear you coming.

The Operations Department wants to remind you that we do have dumpsters for white goods and electronics. They are located in the maintenance yard at 1092 Shoreline Road towards the east end of the yard. You can put stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, hot

water heaters, and tires in the white goods dumpsters. Computers, printers, TVs and stereos go in the electronics dumpster. We do not take any other items.

Winter is fast approaching and snow removal will be our next task. Please check your mailboxes to make sure that they are secure to the post and not rusted at the connection point. Make sure they are not too close to the road as well. If it is too close to the road or rusted out it may get knocked off or knocked over when hit with wet heavy snow from the snow plow. If we do happen to hit a mailbox we will try to repair it as soon as we can.

All landscape rocks should be at least two feet away from the road. This will give us plenty of room and will not cause damage to the trucks or the plows.

## Monthly Update


**Women's Golf  
Association**
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Marge Wilke,  
League Secretary  
WGA August League

**Results**

During our WGA General Membership Meeting on September 1, the 18 Hole League results were announced by Eva Simic, 2nd vice president of the league. She announced the following: The game for August 4 was Odd Holes and with a score of 70 net, there was a three-way winning tie between Rita Winter, Deb Wegman, and Jeana Karas.

The week of August 11, the league championship began and the game for the day was Net Score with another three-way winning tie between Sandi Nicol, Phyllis Wayco, and Jodi Hall.

The August 18 league play was cancelled due to rain, and caused our league championship to be extended one week into September.

On August 25, it was Net Score with the following winners: Phyllis Wayco with a net of 58; Mitzi Levander with a net of 72, and Eva Simic with a net of 76.

On August 4 there were no chip-ins or birdies by members of the 18 hole league. On August 11, Kim Brownlee

had a chip-in on Hole #5 and Sandi Nicol had a birdie on Hole #10.

On August 25, Sharon Strbjak scored a chip-in on Hole #14 and Phyllis Wayco had a chip in on Hole #15. Putter of the month for the 18 Hole League was Phyllis Wayco.

Lori DuPratt, 2nd vice president of the 9 Hole League presented the names of the winners for the past month. For the week of August 4 the game was Even-Steven (on even holes only) with the A Flight winner being Lori DuPratt and

B Flight winner was Linda Pasternak.

The week of August 11, the game was a Par 4 Tourney and this date was the start of the League Championship. The A Flight winner was Lori DuPratt and the B Flight winner was Linda Pasternak, with Lori also having a par on Hole #17.

August 18 was a rain-out. For the week of August 25, the game was another Par 4 Tourney and since there were no A Flight players, two winners were awarded in the B Flight including 1st place to Linda Pasternak and second place to Marge Wilke. Putter of the month for the 9 Hole League was Linda Pasternak.

Congratulations to our August league winners.

## '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' points toward success one book at a time

Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Crown Point Community Library. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years and provide

their children essential early literacy skills.

Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children

promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years. Registration is now underway.

For more information, call the Children's library desk at 219-306-8068 or visit [www.crownpointlibrary.org](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org). This program is free of charge.


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**Monthly Update**  
  
**Golf Services**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Paul Boris,  
 Director of Golf  
**2016 Four Seasons C.C. Club Championship Results**

- Women's Championship Flight – Kim Brownlee
- Women's A-Flight – Rachel Mastey
- Women's B-Flight – Tami Churchman
- Women's C-Flight – Eva Simic
- Men's Championship Flight – Tim Swallers
- Men's A-Flight – Steve Schaefer
- Men's B Flight – Ken Levander
- Men's C Flight – Carl Anderson
- Men's D Flight – Bill Mercer

Congratulations to our Women's Overall 2016 Club Champion Kim Brownlee and Men's Overall 2016 Club Champion Tim Swallers on their well-deserved victories. **...back to the drawing board**

This season, we put in a large effort to vastly improve upon the methods and frequency that the golf shop keeps in communication with the golf community. We tested out a few different options and finally settled on the one that allowed for the most flexibility, ease of use, and future possible integration into our current services without overburdening an already extremely busy environment during the season. We are now heading into the off-season fully leveraging that system to further advance the ball down the fairway. Along with that aforementioned introduction, we will immediately be turning our attention back to the website and overhauling to a completely new template, layout, and integrated services, as our provider early this season updated their content manager giving us more flexibility and options. Unfortunately, they gave us little to no time to focus

our attention on them due to the timing of their release. The website is a major project that we have been gathering images and content for all season long as we dive deep into the pool of possibilities going into the off-season in preparation for 2017. What the community can expect in regards to media and information is a regular stream of content throughout the off-season both in the informational and educational sense regarding the golf course and golf in general. **Golf Season ...from the Rearview**

This year's golf season started out with a game plan already in motion from day one. We were in the process of updating our scorecards and with that beginning the phase of rebalancing the golf course for players playing from multiple sets of tees, testing and gathering data as the early season progressed. The new tested tee locations provided data that backed up the goals that the golf course is trying to secure in bringing both sets of men's tees in alignment with each other from a difficulty standpoint. The scorecards saw a face lift with the new re-orders as

well as the golf course logo revamped along with the 50th anniversary year. The new scorecard design and men's handicap allocations have been a major success, special thanks to Jim Evans, MGA Handicap Chair for his aid in helping gather feedback along the way through the process as it was not an easy road to traverse. This year saw some new clothing lines enter the fray in the merchandise department, namely the Greg Norman collection, with its much improved sizing and styling versus the line that it replaced on the floor of the golf shop. As it was a completely new line, the sizing spreads will be adjusted going into the next season based on sales this season to better cater to the golf community as we fine-tune the ordering process. Overall, we are very pleased with the reception of the line as a whole. **Special Thanks**

It's finally happened... eighteen years. Eighteen years of service. Strange, that's more than half of the time I've been on this earth. I've often contemplated, is this what turning 40, 50 or

**October Golf Shop Hours**  
**Monday: Closed**  
**Tuesday – Friday: 7:30am – 6:00pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday: 7:00am – 6:00pm**  
*(2nd half of October: open 30min. later close 30 min. earlier)*  
**\*\*All times may change due to weather\*\***

"being over the hill" feels like? Surely others have been in this same boat and have had the same thoughts about it that I have, right? Is there a significance to this and if so, how does it change things? The simple answer I came up with is "no". At the end of the day it's just a number. Sure, it's a number that I am proud to be able to say, under the circumstances of its timing in my life, that it means something personally to me. However, to the overall picture? It's just a milestone in a hopefully long future path of milestones that I hope to accomplish. Your support as a community is what gives my staff and I the determination to exceed our physical and mental limits year in and year out, cramming 12 months' of workload into a 9-month golf season, as we try to enhance the golf experience and the community as a whole; next year will be no different. Working from sun up to sun down, on weekends and holidays, and any days of the year when there isn't snow on the ground, we see most of the golfers of this community much more than we do our close friends and family throughout the year and on a weekly basis; therefore, we, like so many other golf professionals and golf staff, consider the golfing community our 'other' family. It means

the world when you show the enormous support and understanding that you have to my staff and I over these last 18 years that I've had the honor to serve you. Most of you golfers see us on a daily basis, that inevitably means, once in a great while, you are going to catch us having a rough day and vice versa. Just remember, this year ... it was Mother Nature's fault. **Black October Is Back!**

Beginning October 1, all remaining summer apparel will be price slashed as we make room for the cool weather gear for fall and winter. Black Friday once again turned into Black October, get your holiday gift shopping done before Halloween rolls around! **Off-Season Discount Green Fee's (October 1, 2016 – March, 2017)**

As the golf season begins to wind down, don't retire those clubs so soon! The month of October holds some of the most beautiful fair weather, scenery and conditions for golf, to top it all off the golf course is rarely crowded and the fall prices are hard to beat! **Upcoming October Events**

- WGA Year End Event - Saturday October 1
- MGA Ryder Cup - Sunday October 2
- Back Room Cup – 10 a.m. Modified Shotgun on Sunday, October 9

**Monthly Update**  
  
**Golf Course Maintenance**  
**Lakes of the Four Seasons**

By Doug Weiss,  
 Golf Course Superintendent

Fall has arrived, the morning temperatures have been on the decline. The trees will start to change colors soon and begin losing their leaves. This is my favorite time of the year to play golf. The cold mornings and warm days are perfect conditions for growing cool season turf. The green speeds will also increase due to lower humidity and dew points. The first

frost will soon be here which will not only kill all the summer annual weeds like crabgrass and goose grass but it will have an effect on the growth of bluegrass and rye grass. This fall, like in years past, we have two projects planned for the month of October as of now. The first is a landscape project where the letters LOFS and a golf ball will be placed on the hill side of the number 11 tee in rock.

The second is filling the ditch on number 10 with rip rap. The fairways and tees have all been over-seeded with low-mow bluegrass. The continuation of the over-seeding the last several years has made a huge difference in the turf quality during the hot summer months. Gypsum and sand have been applied to the fairways as well. Both soil amendments help water penetrate through the soil profile after rain events. The remaining Ash trees, Oak trees, and dead pine trees have also been removed from the golf course. The death of the Ash trees shows why it is important to plant a variety of trees on a golf

course or any large property. I will be spraying herbicide on several locations of the golf course and parks the first week of the month. All the rain this year has helped the weed population. Fall is a great time to control broad leave weeds. I want to thank all the members of the greens committee this year. Your participation helps me correct some of the issues on the golf course. I hope to see all of you next season. I hope everyone can get out and enjoy the golf course and the beautiful colors before the cold makes its way to our area.

POA - October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 All boats must be off Lake Holiday for Lake Draw Down	4 LEA 7 pm @ Clubhouse	5 Lions 7 pm @ Clubhouse	6	7	8
9	10	11 Photo Club 6 pm @ Clubhouse Fishing Club 7 pm Downstairs @ 19th Hole	12 Lions 7 pm @ Clubhouse	13	14 Comedy Night 9 pm @ Clubhouse	15 POA Annual Meeting 10 am @ Clubhouse
16	17 Leaf Collection Begins	18	19	20 Keen- Agers Noon @ Clubhouse	21	22
23	24	25 House & Garden Club Luncheon Noon @ Clubhouse	26 Lions 7 pm @ Clubhouse	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 5-7 pm					POA Office Hours Monday to Friday 9 am- 4 pm

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**Obituary ~ Charles Edward Downs Jr.**

Charles Edward "Cookie" Downs, Jr., age 73, of Crown Point, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2016. He was born on September 30, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Charles and Catherine Downs. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Charles was a dedicated member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Charles will always be remembered

for his benevolent nature. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone. Throughout his illness, his main concern was still other people. He is survived by his sister, Maryann (Michael) Schiffel; brother, Thomas Patrick (partner, Jill Hewitt) Downs; nephew, Joseph Michael (Josefina) Schiffel; niece and godchild, Karen Ann (Michael) Estelle. A funeral service for Charles was held on Tuesday,

September 20, 2016 at 4:30 pm at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph St. Winfield-Crown Point, IN 46307 with Rev. Thomas Mischler officiating. Visitation was held from 2:30 pm until the time of service at the funeral home. For more information, please call (219) 661-2600. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.reesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reesfuneralhomes.com).

**Obituary ~ Stephen "Hobbs" Habenicht**

Stephen "Hobbs" Habenicht, age 57, passed away Sunday, August 28, 2016. Steve was born in Hammond, Indiana on June 25, 1959. He was a long time resident of the Lakes of the Four Seasons. He enjoyed fishing and riding his snowmobile and motorcycle. Steve will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend that was always the life of the party. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Stephanie Habenicht; daughters,

Nicole Nashkoff, Salena (Scott) Torreson, Danielle Nashkoff, Lindsey (Brian) Osika; seven grandchildren, with one on the way; best friend, Jan Banga; mother, Mary (nee Short) Habenicht; brother, Scott Habenicht; sister, Susan Orzechowski; several nieces and nephews and beloved Tucker James. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Martha Thomas; father, Wes Habenicht and brother, Spencer Habenicht. A memorial service for Steve

took place Friday, September 2, 2016 at 8:00 pm at Rees Funeral Home, Winfield Chapel, 10909 Randolph, Winfield/Crown Point, IN 46307 with Pastor Bob Burton officiating. Memorial visitation was held on Friday, September 2, 2016 from 4:00 pm until the time of service at the funeral home. For more information, please call 219-661-2600. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.reesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reesfuneralhomes.com).

**Obituary ~ Alan Edward O'Connor**

Alan Edward O'Connor, age 70 of Crown Point/LOFS passed away Monday, August 22, 2016, at St. Anthony's Hospital. He was born in Liverpool, England, to the late James and Eileen O'Connor. Alan graduated from Christian Brothers High School in Toronto, St. Benedict's College in Kansas, and the Indiana University School of Law. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a captain in military intelli-

gence from 1968-1972. After the war, he worked as an attorney for Draper and Draper in Merrillville and later as a contracts attorney for Hewlett-Packard, retiring in 2013. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Margaret (Margy) O'Connor (nee Datzman); his sisters, Sheila Gibbons of Safety Harbor, FL; Dr. Maureen (William) Brosnan of Narbeth, PA; his brother, Ian (Candace) O'Connor of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; and numerous

nieces and nephews. A memorial mass for Alan will be Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 E. 109th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307 with Rev. Tim Alkire officiating. Memorial visitation is Saturday just prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 A.M. at the church. Cremation services provided by Rees Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winfield Chapel.

**Obituary ~ Mary "Helen" Joyce**

Mary "Helen" Joyce, age 88 of Lakes of the Four Seasons, formerly of Merrillville, passed away August 22, 2016. She graduated from Emerson High School in 1946 and retired from Allstate Insurance in Merrillville. Helen was a member of The Lakes of the Four Seasons Women's Golf League. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-

grandmother. Helen will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her husband- Thomas Graham Joyce; daughter- Barbara Phelps. Helen is survived by her loving children- Jim (Leah) Joyce, Robert (Lori) Joyce, Patricia (Dennis) Zborowski, Jack (Iris White) Joyce, Janet Joyce; 12 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; several nieces

and nephews. Visitation was held from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A funeral service took place at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26, 2016, at Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

**Twin Lakes Utilities Fall hydrant flushing to begin October 3**

Twin Lakes Utilities will be conducting routine hydrant maintenance and flushing within your water system beginning on Monday, October 3, through Friday, November 4. The flushing will be conducted Monday through Friday of each week. Work will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and end at approximately 4 p.m. each day.

During this flushing process, you may experience periods of lower than normal water pressure or possible cloudy water during this time period each day.

Once the flushing is completed, normal water quality and pressure will be restored to your home. Should you experience any water quality issues following this work, we would ask that you please try flushing your cold water line for approx. 2-3 minutes. If this does not improve the

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Monthly Update



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Lakes of the Four Seasons

Captain America and Princess Elsa to attend pancake breakfast

The Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department & Auxiliary will host their annual Pancake Breakfast on

Sunday, October 9, from 7 a.m. until noon at the LOFS Station, located at 745 W, 275 S (123rd St.).

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for those under 13. We will display the color-

ing contest winners from our local schools. We will also have two surprise guests, namely Captain America and Princess Elsa from 10 a.m. until noon. So bring your cameras for pics with them and our fire trucks.

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