

LAKE POINTE NEWS



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3 year term, January 2022-December 2025

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3 year term, January 2020-December 2023

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

SPRING & SUMMER REMINDERS

- Please drive slowly. Now that it's warmer outside, children of all ages are playing, walking and crossing the streets.
- Fishing on the pond is reserved for residents and guests. Please carry a Lake Pointe bobber with you when fishing down by the pond for identification. To learn more, visit lakepointe.webador.com.
- For information about lamp post repairs and mail box replacement, visit lakepointe.webador.com.
- City code requires dogs to be on a leash when off the premises of the owner, and to pick up after them.
- The City of Franklin offers brush pick up on Monday, May 9th as well as the Residential Brush Drop-off and Recycling Center. For more information, visit: www.franklinwi.gov/Recycling/Brush

FRANKLIN ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Free trees on Saturday, May 7th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon. For more information, visit <https://www.franklinwi.gov/About-Franklin/Annual-City-Events/Arbor-Day-Celebration.htm>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Sean Dotson

It's that time of year when our thermometers start moving in the upward direction and we can pack away those extra layers of clothing and snow removing tools. The start of Spring elicits many types of symbolism. Most notably, Spring is a time for change and transformation. Looking out your windows and doors during the Spring, you will see changes taking place all across the landscape. One of my favorite transformational processes to witness is the stages of butterfly growth. They commonly start out as a slow colorless caterpillar and in a few short weeks, through metamorphosis, turn into this beautifully curious winged creature bouncing from flower to flower. To commemorate the butterfly's transformation and the symbols of Spring they bring, the Lake Pointe Estates HOA has selected a spot around our pond to install a Monarch Waystation. Monarchs are fairly prevalent to our area as this section of the State are usually their starting point for southern migration. Each fall, they migrate south to mountains in Central Mexico where they wait out the winter before heading back north. The Waystation will provide them resources necessary to reproduce and support their migration. As you enjoy walks around our beautiful pond area, keep an eye out for the Waystation and our wonderful winged friends. Enjoy your Spring!

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The report is completed, and the annual statements and HOA bank account statements balance each other. This report is in the HOA Secretary's binder of meeting minutes and documents. If anyone wants to review this report, send an email to lakepointeestates@gmail.com.

ANNUAL LAKE POINTE POND CLEAN-UP & TREE PLANTING

Maintaining the grounds around the pond for the enjoyment of all is a big job. To hold down costs, and ultimately everyone's dues, we rely on volunteers vs. hiring landscapers to do the work. In addition to the satisfaction of making our neighborhood beautiful, we do offer service hour credit in the amount of \$10 off of next year's dues for every hour of work done. This year, there are a number of jobs that need to be done. Some of these tasks will be done at the annual pond clean up day and others can be done on your own schedule.

Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Begin landscaping clean-up and cutting invasive willow trees around the pond.

Sunday, May 15th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Milkweed and tree planting, additional pond clean-up and tree cutting. Meet at the walkway by the north end of the pond to register. Please bring your own garden tools such as rakes, wheelbarrows, shovels and gloves.

SPRING PROJECTS

In order to avoid hiring out for this work and to keep dues down, volunteers are needed for the following projects around the pond:

- Plant grass in the areas where we cut down several trees around the pond.
- Cut down some of the sapling trees along the shoreline and haul to the dump.
- Trim shrubs around the pond and in the outlot on Puetz twice a year.
- Place fieldstone around the culverts to stop erosion.
- Pull weeds in the planting area in the outlot on Puetz road on a regular basis.
- Spread mulch under the trees around the pond.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above tasks and earning service hours to do so, please drop us an email at lakepointeestates@gmail.com or call Don at 414-333-5716.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR & NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY

Friday, June 10th, 5:30 p.m.

More information to follow.

NEIGHBORHOOD FUN FACT

Did you know that prior to 1839, Franklin was covered with heavy timber, mostly hardwoods such as walnut, butternut, and hickory. Also, there was an abundance of wildlife such as bear, panther, wolves, wild-cats, deer, and wild turkey. Can you imagine how your backyard must have looked in 1839?

RECIPE BOX: STRAWBERRY LIMADE

shared by Nicole Hauch

Ingredients

4 limes (1/2 cup lime juice)
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
1/2 lb sliced strawberries
20 mint leaves
2 cups cold water

Directions

To make the syrup, combine the sugar and water in a saucepan, and cook over medium high heat for 5-8 minutes until the sugar is dissolved and the liquid is clear. Then, in a large pitcher, combine the lime juice, syrup, strawberries, mint, and cold water. Let sit in the refrigerator for 2 hours. Serve and enjoy! Marinade the strawberries in sugar for 30 minutes before adding the pitcher for more flavor and a sweeter taste.

For more recipes from Lake Pointe Estates neighbors, visit the Recipe Box on the Lake Pointe website at lakepointe.webador.com. Share your favorite recipe by sending an email to lakepointees-tates@gmail.com.

DRAW THE POND FOR FUN!

Anyone can participate! Use any art medium, make it any size, and send us an image. Your artwork will appear in the newsletter or on the website at www.lakepointe.webador.com. Please email artwork submissions to nhauch@gmail.com.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT: THE STANISZEWSKI FAMILY



Joe and Robin Staniszewski bought the last available Lake Pointe Estates lot in 1997 and built their family home. They love the wetlands behind their home with a little bit of nature as well as the rural area. The Staniszewski family includes one adult daughter (Samantha), three adult sons (Thomas, Matthew and Christopher), and seven grandchildren. Their family also includes two Shiba Inu dogs (Peso and Kohana) that Joe walks around the neighborhood. They are the first Lake Pointe residents to install solar panels on their home to help the environment and save on their energy costs. The solar panels feed power into the grid and their home draws off the grid, which offsets their bill.

Joe is a retired tool & die maker and enjoys woodworking. Robin has worked in day care for over 30 years and enjoys sewing and crocheting. They both appreciate the friendly neighbors who say hello and wave as they go by.



Artwork by Stella Dodge (11)