

The Spotlight

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Letter from the President & Vice President

Happy Summer!

Although the weather is taking a bit to warm up and we haven't had much rain, it is nice to have the snow and ice behind us.

With school out and nice weather, there are a lot more kids playing outside and people walking. Please be sure you are adhering to the 25 mph residential speed limit. Since we don't have sidewalks in our neighborhoods, we will be asking the LCSO to patrol more frequently to keep everyone safe.

Get out and enjoy our parks, harbor, and beach, all of which may be used by good standing (dues paid) FLHPOA residents and guests that are accompanied by residents. Just a reminder that if you visit the beach, children need to be accompanied by an adult.



Check out the FLHPOA website and Facebook page as the association is planning some fun events. These platforms have the most up-to-date information throughout the year.

Just a reminder if you still need to pay your annual dues, please visit <https://app.townsq.io/login> to pay. Those who have not paid their dues will be turned over to collections with our association law firm.

We look forward to seeing more people outside enjoying this beautiful weather.

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If you have a question, it may already be answered in the FAQ section of our website!

<https://foxlakehills.org/about-us/faq/>

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HARBORMASTER REPORT

The FLHPOA Harbor 2023 boating season has begun, and it is good to see the harbor full of boats. We once again filled up all 70 slips in our harbor and ran through over 125+ ramp keys that we get made annually. **Things down at Bayview Harbor have been quiet and running well so far.**

The new security cameras that we installed last year are running great and are keeping an eye in the sky 24/7/365. These high-tech cameras scan the entire span of the harbor and record in real-time to a cellular cloud. We have saved tens of thousands of dollars with this system compared to the high quotes some security companies gave us.

A reminder, **the reporting system is now in place on the Harbor page of our website** to make it easy for all residents to report suspicious activity, crashes, incidents, missing items, etc. All incident reports for both Chesney and Bayview are emailed to all the harbormasters to investigate. This will help us timestamp the occurrence, ask the right questions, and give you the option to have us pull video surveillance if requested. The form can be found at <https://foxlakehills.org/parks-harbor/harbor/>

A NEW Emergency Text Alert System is now in place. All FLHPOA harbor members probably received their 1st notification in May from the Harbormaster. This technology is being utilized to communicate events in the harbors that affect all members immediately. A much higher percentage of people open their text messages than their emails. Emergencies require fast communication so that all members can be aware of important messages.

A FEW OTHER REMINDERS FOR THE SUMMER FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER:

- Registered harbor members receive permit stickers for each watercraft and those stickers **MUST** be placed in the most visible location and accessible to be seen. The 2nd sticker **MUST** be placed on your watercraft trailer near the tongue for all to see.
- If you are carrying gas to your boat, please use high-quality proper canisters that will **NOT** spill into our waters. And do not overfill your tank.
- Do not leave gas cans on your piers or in the harbor. You must bring them back to your vehicle before getting on your boat.
- Please refrain from picking guests up on a pier that does not belong to you. You can also use the ramp piers to pull up on the outside and pick up guests.
- Life Jackets around the posts are not allowed as bumpers. If you want to install fenders on your pier posts, then only use actual fenders, preferably white to match the aesthetics of the harbor.
- Try and use cleats anchored to the framing of the pier to tie up your watercraft and not tie-up to your posts.
- If you see any suspicious activity in the harbors, please report it immediately.
- If you lose or forget your ramp keys in the locks, please contact us immediately so we can send out an email to track them down and help you retrieve them.

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HARBORMASTER REPORT *continued*

Two years ago, we formed a harbor committee that started meeting 4 times per year (once per quarter). The committee started to discuss ideas to improve the harbors and figure out the best ways to implement those ideas and present them to the board. **If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please contact the Harbormaster (flhpoa.bayview.harbor@gmail.com).**

We will keep pushing forward to ensure that the FLHPOA harbors are the finest on the Chain O' Lakes. We need good, fresh ideas and want to hear from you! Also, if you are interested in helping with the harbors, or assisting the Harbormaster, we would love to hear from you as well.

All the expenditure details can be found on the FLHPOA Harbor Fund accounting report, which is shared at our monthly meetings. Please join us sometime to hear what the board is doing to continually improve your community, parks, beaches, and harbor. The monthly meetings are always on the 3rd Wednesday, and all residents are invited to attend.

Steve Jergensen, FLHPOA Harbormaster

Don Hickey & Ron Duprey, FLHPOA Assistant Harbormaster (Bayview Representatives)

Mark Wilson, FLHPOA Assistant Harbormaster (Orchard Representative)

Tim Brooker, FLHPOA Assistant Harbormaster (Chesney Representative)



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT!

At our 2021 Summer Beach Bash, residents voted on new playground equipment to add to Orchard Park. Unfortunately, installation plans kept shifting because the shipment experienced delays beyond our control.

We are excited to share that the new playground equipment is being installed on Tuesday, July 25!

Be sure to go check it out– we hope it provides lots of fun for those who have outgrown the existing equipment.

A HUGE thank you to our Vice President, Jennifer Parmley, who has spent an enormous amount of time and energy over the past 2+ years to turn this dream into reality.

And thank you to all the volunteers who helped to unload the equipment, prep the park, and/or install everything! We would not have been able to commit to a successful community build without you.

ANNUAL HOA DUES

Please check your account for any unpaid balances you may have. **Any accounts with an outstanding balance will be turned over to collections.** You can pay by logging on to <https://app.townsq.io/login>.

Our website has more information about how to access your account. Questions should be directed to Associa, the management company that handles our HOA financials.

Phone: (847) 882-8207

Email: helpmechicagoland@associa.us

We will be mailing invoices for the 2024 dues at the end of November. As a reminder, you will see an increase in dues.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- AUG 16 FLHPOA Meeting 7PM
- SEP 20 FLHPOA Annual Meeting 7PM
- OCT 18 FLHPOA Meeting 7PM
- NOV 15 FLHPOA Meeting 7PM
- DEC 20 FLHPOA Meeting 7PM
- JAN 17 FLHPOA Meeting 7PM

We encourage all residents to attend our monthly FLHPOA meetings!

Meetings are held at Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Route 59).



SUMMER BEACH BASH



The Summer Beach Bash will be 3–7PM on Saturday, August 5 at Bayview Park.

Bring your coolers and chairs to enjoy a fun day in the park with:

- Live music performed by The Three Beards
- Famous Frankie’s Hot Dogs
- Tropical Chill Ice Cream Truck

Lake Villa Fire Protection District firefighters will also be there 4–4:30PM with a firetruck for kids to see! *Note, they will not be there if needed on an emergency call.*



STAY INFORMED!

Check our website (foxlakehills.org) for announcements.

We also encourage everyone to join our “Fox Lake Hills Home Property Owners” group on Facebook. Please answer the questions otherwise you will not be approved to join.

We’re always looking for help with events and maintenance tasks!

If interested in volunteering, fill out the form on the “Announcements” page of our website.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?



FALL FEST

The Fall Fest will be 1–5PM on Saturday, October 7 at Bayview Park.

This event is still being planned– details to come! Please check our Facebook page or website for more information as we get closer to the event date.

HALLOWEEN



Trick-or-treating will be 4–7PM on Tuesday, October 31.

Fox Lake Hills follows the same trick-or-treat hours as the Village of Lake Villa. Please check their sites for updates.

HAVE FUN and BE SAFE!

Our Entertainment Coordinator, Terri Van Bladel, has been planning the following additional fun activities!

Please check Facebook and the announcements on our website as we get closer to each date to ensure the event is happening and to get additional information.

For all events, meet at Bayview Park Pavilion (subject to change).

WINE WALKS

- 1PM on July 23rd
- 1PM on August 6th

MOVIE NIGHTS

- 8PM on July 31st
- 8PM on August 12th
- 8PM on September 9th

5K WALK

- 8AM on July 30th



CRAFT PROJECT

- 1PM on August 6th

GAME NIGHT

- 7PM on August 18th

FISHING DERBY & BBQ

- August 20th (time TBD)

BONFIRE

- 7PM on September 30th

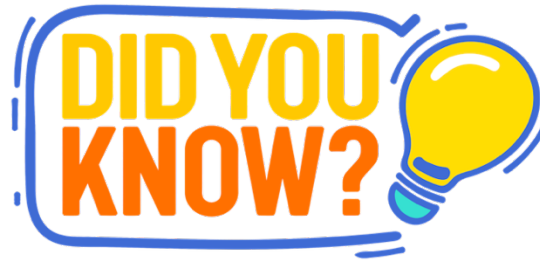
WATCH FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S
HOLIDAY LIGHT DECORATING CONTEST!

FLHPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Our FLHPOA ANNUAL MEETING will be held at 7PM on Wednesday, September 20 at the Lake Villa Township Community Center (37850 N. Rte. 59).

We need YOUR help to keep our association going strong– please plan to attend as we need a quorum to elect board members and approve the budget.

Most of our board members have volunteered for multiple years. We encourage anyone interested in joining the board to come to the meeting and run for one of the positions!



FOX LAKE HILLS IS NOW PART OF AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Earlier this year, Lake Villa Township announced that they had enrolled all township residents and business owners in an electric aggregation program with MC Squared Energy Services, a licensed retail electric supplier based in Chicago. Township officials sent several mailings about the program and how to opt out, if desired. For those who did not opt-out, you will continue to receive bills from ComEd, and they are still responsible for power outages and any other delivery problems.

The negotiated rate with mc² is 7.35¢ per kWh versus the 9.7¢ per kWh currently charged by ComEd. The term of the aggregation program is 13 months, ending in July 2024. It is common for rates from electric suppliers to increase after the initial term. You may want to set a reminder to look closely at your bill a year from now to make any necessary adjustments.

If you have questions, MC Squared has a FAQ page with more information:

<https://www.mc2energyservices.com/Resources/FAQs>

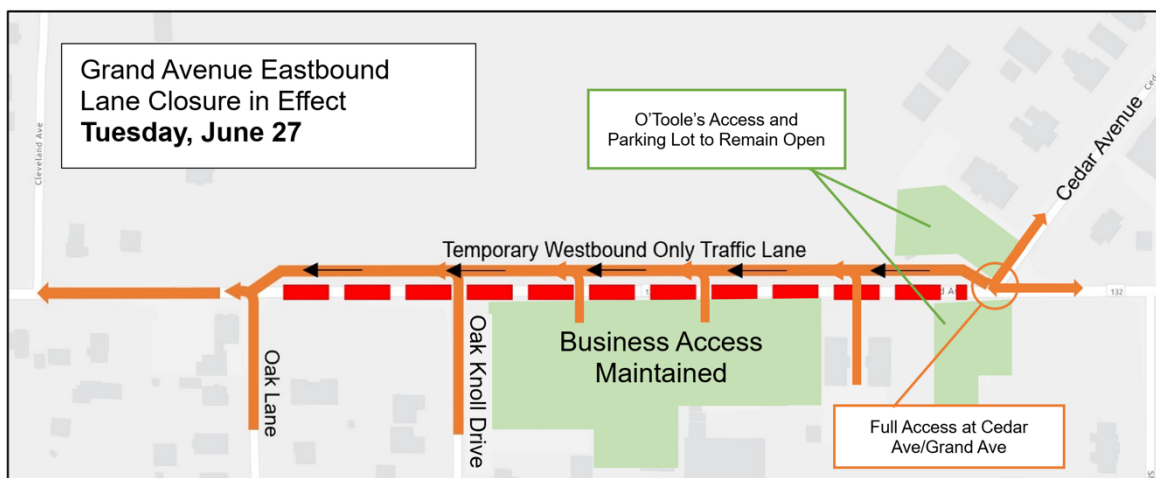
EASTBOUND GRAND AVENUE NEAR DOWNTOWN LAKE VILLA IS CLOSED

Construction is taking place on Grand Avenue (IL Route 132) east of Cedar Lake Road. The project will widen and resurface the road. They will also be making other ADA-related improvements.

Eastbound traffic between Cleveland Avenue and Cedar Avenue is temporarily closed.

Westbound traffic is not impacted. This road closure is anticipated to last 6–8 months.

The Village of Lake Villa has more information on its website: <http://www.lake-villa.org>



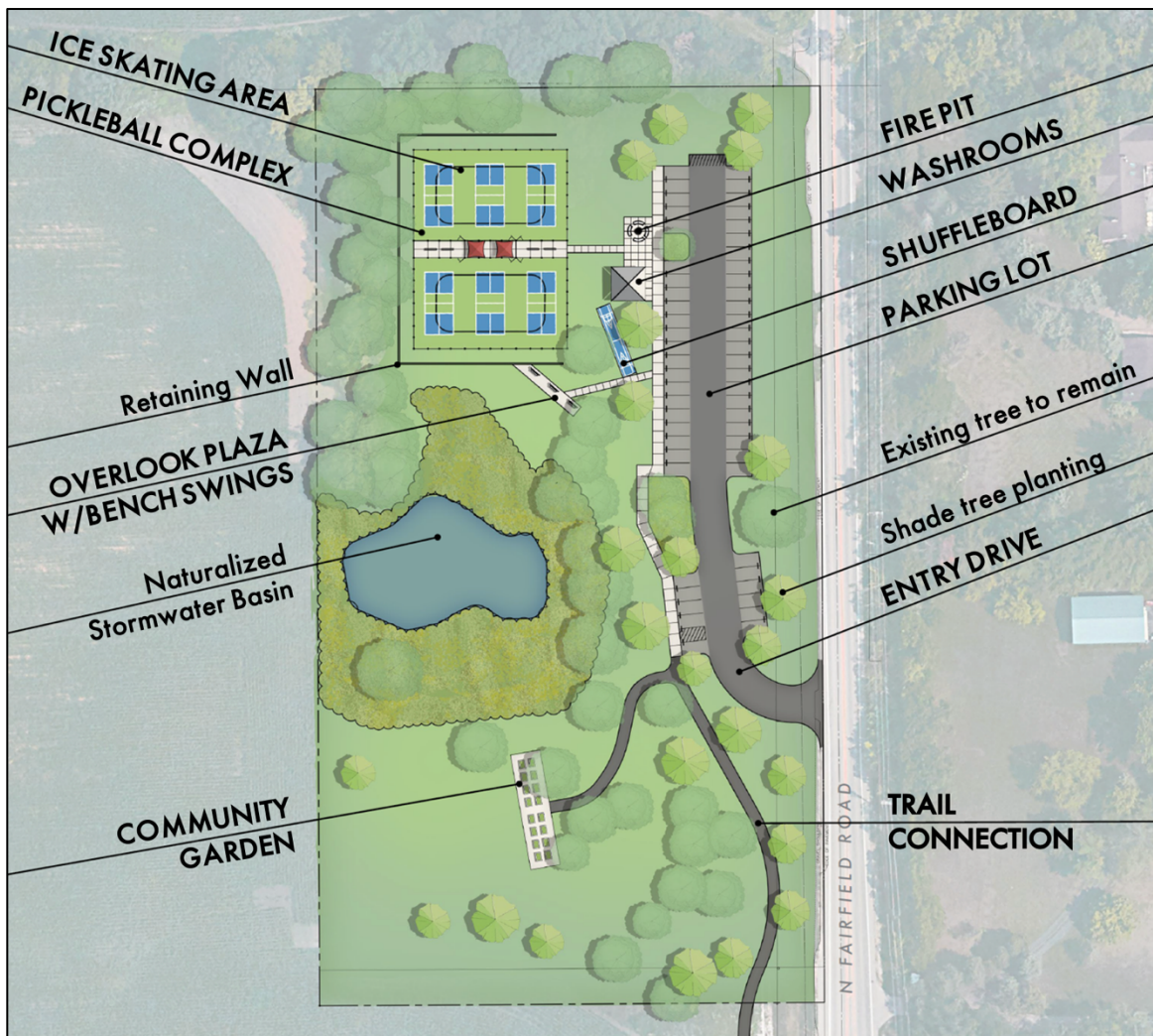
LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP IS PLANNING A NEW PARK

In case you missed it, here's information from the June 30th Lake Villa Township newsletter:

Lake Villa Township is excited to present the **updated** concept plan for the new community park. The park is located just north of Caboose Park on Fairfield Road and will include six outdoor pickleball courts (convertible to tennis), a shuffleboard court, and an inline skate plaza community garden area. Winter uses include two refrigerated ice rinks, one for hockey and one for free skating. The park will have washroom facilities, fire pits, and a warming shelter. The park development and timing is dependent on grant funding, but the projected completion would be fall of 2024.

Lake Villa Township is hosting a public input forum on July 10th. If you want to stay updated on progress, consider subscribing to their e-newsletter if you haven't already. The link is at the very bottom of the "History" page on <http://www.lakevillatownship.org>.

Note, the proposed plan below has been modified slightly for fit and readability. The full version had slightly more information provided in the labels and included a scale.





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the e-Spotlite Opt-in form.

Helpful Contacts

ASSOCIA – CHICAGO

Annual association dues, closing documents

(847) 490-3833

HelpMeChicagoland@Associa.us

LAKE CO. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Report suspicious activity and crimes

(847) 549-5200

LAKE VILLA TOWNSHIP

Updates, events, resources for members of our township

LakeVillaTownship.org

(847) 356-2116

FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

Boat stickers, waterway status

FoxWaterway.com

(847) 587-8540