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Upcoming Events:

A Message from LJIA President

With the Covid 19 restrictions we will not be having our annual meeting this month. We hope we can have a meeting later this summer. The annual meeting is our biggest fund raiser and without funds we cannot move forward on lake projects. The annual report will be included with newsletter and you can email any questions about the annual report.

Reminder LJIA business year is July 1st to June 30th. We will welcome new and renewal memberships.

LJIA treated 15 acres for Curly Pond Weed this spring. Our weed surveyor had trouble finding areas to treat that are more than 150 feet from shore line and under 8 feet deep. The last winter put a dent in the Curly Pond weed growing season.

This newsletter is the end of my 3 year term as president. I would like to thank all of our members for your support on improving Lake Jennie. Please send email addresses to: lakejennieimprovement@gmail.com. Have a safe summer.

4th of July Boat Parade

Boat Parade will on Saturday July 4th at 2 PM with backup date Sunday July 5th. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Patriotic, Most Original Dock, and Most Original Boat. LJIA would like everyone to participate in the boat parade even if you do not decorate your boat. The parade will circle the whole lake. The starting point for the parade will be at the North boat landing.

Loon Platform Is In Place



The Loon nesting platform is in place on the south shoreline.

Lake Jennie Improvement Association Purpose, Membership and Progress By Peg Truax, former LJIA board secretary

What is a 501(c)3 Charitable Designation?

When the Lake Jennie Improvement Association board decided to begin the application for the federal 501(c)3 charitable designation in 2014, it meant more than changing the fact that donations may now be tax deductible. It meant a change in the vision and the purpose of the work that the board and the Association would be engaged in.

At the time, I was the board secretary, and I remember that we struggled with defining who we are, and what our purpose should be in regard to the stewardship of this lake. We knew that we were more than a home-owners association, in fact, the designation required that our mission serve the larger community. But what did that mean? In what ways could we achieve that?

It turns out that much of what we were aiming for—we were already doing! We were already: educating the community about improving the environment and understanding what individuals can do to support a healthier lake; being interested in supporting the fisheries for sportsmen; helping lakeshore owners to improve and protect shore land areas; and keeping Jennie cleaner for recreational users of the lake. We just needed to formalize this, and to start, we began by changing our bylaws to reflect this work. You can read the current bylaws by visiting the archives on our website LakeJennie.com.

Grants and Funds

Becoming a 501(c)3 charitable designation allows the board to apply for grants and funds as an independent entity. Instead of having to find another organization to “host” our funds, we are able to directly receive funds—allowing us to keep more of the money for our projects. And of course, as a federally recognized charitable organization, the Association is tax exempt, and your donations may be tax deductible!

Membership

With that subtle change in the membership definition in the bylaws, there was an invitation for anyone to join the Lake Jennie Association! You do not have to be a property owner to be a member. If you enjoy fishing or boating on the lake and want to do your part as a steward of Lake Jennie—you are welcome to join!

Six years later...

The board has accomplished some major projects since becoming a 501(c)3, such as treating for curly leaf each year, engaging lake scientists to determine the needs of the lake, completing a major excavation project with a local farmer to divert farm runoff, provided support for small projects around the lakeshore, and delivered regular information to members and the community through the newsletter, website and Facebook. They have raised funds to do all of these projects through grants and local funding and by gifts and donations from people like YOU. Thank you! Your continued support is essential to the work and the continued health of Lake Jennie for now and future generations

Roll-A-Docks | Docks | Boat Lifts | Pontoon Legs
Hydraulic Lifts | Floating Lifts | Canopies | Swim Rafts | Staircases | Accessories

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From The Dock - Mitch Fabel

"The Fishing Boom"

What better place to be during a pandemic than on the lake fishing! Evidently everyone feels the same way. The boat traffic and vehicles at the Lake Jennie landing are proof of that. With other activities very limited during this Covid 19 time people are choosing to get back to the outdoors. Fishing license are at a high and boat sales are through the roof.

It's great to see people out fishing and enjoying our great lakes. There are a lot of positives to the recent "Boom" in fisherman. As mentioned before it is great for boat dealers, tackle shops and anything else surrounding fishing gear. It also gets the youth outdoors and introduces them to fishing. There is some frustration with the tackle shortage due to increase demand and slow supply chain. It's about as bad as the toilet paper fiasco for some of us!

Instead of hearing again about safe practices and masks during this time, I think it's a great opportunity to talk about conservation and safety for our lakes. The obvious one is with all of the boat traffic and people going from lake to lake is the extra precaution in stopping the spread of invasive species. Now more than ever following guidelines of clean, drain, and dry are a must. We need to take extra time and pay more attention to our boats and trailers when leaving the lake. This is also a fragile time for some of our fish species. Sunfish and Crappies are now just starting to spawn and can be easy targets for anglers. It doesn't take much pressure to wipe out the spawning class of either of these fish so only taking what you plan to eat or catch and release are critical to keep a healthy population to enjoy for years in the future. Get out and enjoy the great sport of fishing but lets all do our part to ensure that we have healthy lakes and fish populations so the kids we bring out now can also pass it along to theirs!!!!

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Jeff James at Randy & Mary Nass's

On June 27th Jeff James who was scheduled for annual picnic will be performing from 4 to 10 PM at Randy Nass's house. Social distancing is advised There will be no food or beverages being served. There is still a limit of 25 people at this gathering. Guest are welcome to sit in boats out front and listen to music.

Patriotic Berry Dessert Lasagna From Mary Nass

Patriotic Berry Dessert Lasagna

Prep Time: 60 minutes

Cook Time: 0 minutes

Yield: 12-16 1x

Ingredients

FOR OREO CRUST:

36 Golden Oreo cookies

½ cup unsalted butter-melted

FOR STRAWBERRY LAYER:

1 ½ (3 oz.) box strawberry flavored gelatin (like Jell-O)

2/3 cup boiling water

¾ cup strawberry Greek yogurt-cold

1 cup diced fresh strawberries

2 ¼ cups Cool Whip

CHEESECAKE LAYER:

½ cup unsalted butter-softened

1 cup powdered sugar

8 oz. cream cheese-softened

1 ½ teaspoon vanilla

1 ¼ cup Cool Whip

FOR BLUEBERRY LAYER:

1 ½ (3 oz.) box berry blue gelatin (like Jell-O)

2/3 cup boiling water

½ cup blueberry Greek yogurt-cold

1 cup fresh blueberries

2 ¼ cups Cool Whip

TOPPING:

2 ½ –3 cups Cool Whip

6 oz. white chocolate bar or block-to make the curls

½ cup fresh blueberries

½ cup diced strawberries

Instructions

OREO CRUST

To make the crust ground whole Oreo cookies with the filling in a food processor to make fine crumbs.

In a bowl stir together ½ cup melted butter with Oreo crumbs until evenly moistened, then press the mixture in the bottom of 9 x 13 x 2-inch dish, set in the freezer to firm while making next layer.

STRAWBERRY LAYER:

In a large heath proof bowl place strawberry Jell-O, add 2/3 cup boiling water and stir to dissolve completely.

Whisk in ¾ cup cold strawberry Greek yogurt until combine, then stir in diced strawberries. Add 2 ¼ cups Cool Whip and mix until combine evenly.

Pour the mixture over Oreo crust layer and smooth the top. Place in the freezer for 25-30 minutes to set.

CHEESECAKE LAYER:

In a bowl cream together ½ cup softened butter, 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth. Add 1 ¼ cup Cool Whip and mix to combine.

Spoon over strawberry layer and gently spread into an even layer. Place in the freezer for 10 minutes to firm.

BLUEBERRY LAYER:

In a large bowl place berry blue Jell-O, add 2/3 cup boiling water and stir to dissolve completely.

In a food processor pulse blueberry Greek yogurt and fresh blueberries. Then, pour the mixture in the Jell-O and whisk to combine.

Add 2 ¼ cups Cool Whip and mix until combine evenly. Pour the mixture over cream cheese layer and smooth the top.

TOPPING:

Refrigerate until set, then spread 2 ½ -3 cups whipped cream on top.

To make the curls, carefully draw a vegetable peeler across the broad surface of a bar of white chocolate at room temperature. Sprinkle curls on top. Refrigerate for 2 more hours before serving, or overnight.

Garnish with fresh blueberries and diced strawberries before serving.

Store in the fridge.

Notes

You can use thawed whipped topping like Cool Whip (you'll need about 8 ¾ cups) or make home-made whipped cream. Beat 4 ¼ cups chilled heavy cream with 2 teaspoon vanilla until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar to taste and continue mixing on high speed until STIFF PEAKS form.

Lake Jennie Improvement Association 2020 Annual Annual Report

The LJIA is a nonprofit association dedicated to improving the quality of Lake Jennie and its shoreline, thereby enhancing the recreational opportunities provided by the lake. In general, the association runs on (1) your donations and (2) grants from public agencies. Please help LJIA continue this work by donating and participating in our future raffles and auctions.

Lake Jennie Improvement Association Financial Recap

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| Beginning balance 7/1/2019 | | 25,707.40 |
| Expenses | | |
| Meeker Coop Electric | 137.88 | |
| Misc. Expenses | 848.13 | |
| Lake study- Weed Treatment | 23,464.02 | |
| Property owner treatment | 1,051.00 | |
| Lake Shore Grant | 1,250.00 | |
| Equipment | 194.12 | |
| Total Expenses | | 26,945.15 |
| Revenues | | |
| Clothes sales | 125.00 | |
| Thrivent Choice Funds | 366.00 | |
| Grants | 5,000.00 | |
| Aluminum Cans | 186.33 | |
| Misc. Revenue | 105.00 | |
| Dues | 1,700.00 | |
| Total Revenues | | 7,482.33 |
| Ending Balance 6/15/2020 | | 6,579.58 |

Expenses on Lake study- Weed Treatment LJIA is waiting reimbursement from matching grants at this time.

Dues, raffle and auction income from last annual meeting would show in the 2018—2019 annual statement because income was received before July 1st.

Grand Finale 4th of July

A private individual is putting on a Grand Finale display on July 4th. If you would care to donate to their expenses this would be greatly appreciated. Give contributions to Dick Nesvold.

Ads in Newsletter

If you would like to advertise your business in LJIA newsletter contact Randy Newman at newman@newulmtel.net. Cost is \$25 for 2" x 2" ad and runs in the newsletter 4 times per year.

Membership Goal 90% for July 2020 – June 2021

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LJIA Financial Director

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The suggested donation for annual dues is \$50. Other suggested donation packages include:

___ \$50

___ \$100

___ \$500

___ Fish Stocking Donation

___ Authorize e-mail for LJIA purposes. E-mail will not be for other purposes.

We are a 501c3, your contribution MAY be tax deductible.

You can pay online with PayPal at Lakejennie.com or Mail membership donation. Dues run from July 1st to June 30th.



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