

Lake Somerset Property Owner's Association

Spring 2020 President's Letter:

I am proud to be part of such a great community. We have had several great successes last year and look forward to many more this year. Looking forward to another great summer and praying for warm weather early!

Dredging started in the Fall of 2019 and we are already counting down to start again in the spring. Savin Lake Services is discussing the possibility of two dredge boats working our lake this summer to complete the job this year. I understand that many of us will have inconveniences this summer working around the dredging. With the pipes and the barrels on the water, please make sure we are careful around the equipment and I will do my best to keep everyone informed of the schedule. Savin is also looking at dredge maintenance to keep the lake cleaner longer. One example is a "pond like hole" at inlet 2 to catch the sediment that flows in during the next 4 years. That way we can maintain that one section before our permit runs out. We are also in the planning stages to build a Weir at inlet 1. Much needed and long overdue. Since Savin will be out digging holding cell 2 this spring, we are able to take advantage of a significant reduction in price if we build the Weir at the same time. Design and quoting are pending as I write this letter.

With all the lake maintenance and working to protect our investments, the board has been very busy. Our Water Quality Chair Don Tappan signed Savin for lake management last summer and I can say I have never seen the lake look better. This summer has the advantage of data and Savin is working on our plan for next season. Ice fishing season looks to be short this year due to lack of favorable conditions, but our Security Chair Jeff Bennett has implemented a new tagging system that will further help protect our investment from outside anglers. Pick up your tag free of charge at the office for those who will brave the thin ice this year.

This year also boasts a new website. Please take a moment and visit lakesomerset.org and check out our new look. Kacy Utterback has done a fantastic job redesigning our website and made it more user friendly for updates and current information.

Included in this mailer is a survey about the Lake Somerset Gazette Trading Post. Your feedback is very valuable. We encourage all residents (owners/renters) to provide any ideas so that we can continue to make improvements to the Gazette to serve the community better. We have made it available on our website and will be sending you an email with a link in a few days if you prefer to fill it out electronically. Please take about a couple of minutes to complete. If you use the hard copy, please return it to the LSPOA office. We would like to get your feedback by May 31, 2020.

With the dues increase, we will be able to improve our parks with more lighting and better facilities. More picnic tables are on the way to replace the old wooden ones that seem to cause splinters in little fingers. We will continue to replace the wooden ones to ensure full lake enjoyment for everyone. Remember, you can prepay your dredging assessment this year to help reduce the amount of the loan we will need to take. This will also save our community more money; money that we can put to good use elsewhere to increase our lake enjoyment.

Just a friendly reminder for new and veteran lot owners. Any dwelling erected, placed or altered on any lot in LSPOA subdivisions must be approved, in writing via permit, by the Building Control Committee prior to the start of construction. Examples include, but are not limited to, garage, house, porch, deck, fence, pool, solar panel, etc. Please see the Red Book and Members Handbook for further information.

We need replacements to the board this October, so if you are interested in serving our community, please see any of the board members to discuss. We will be losing our accounting experience, so if you have skills in that area, we would love to have you join. If you have any suggestions, please attend our board meetings that are the **Second Thursday of each month**. We love to see your participation.

Have a wonderful Lake season this year and look forward to waving to you as we float by.

Jodi Dahlberg