

# Bayles Lake

*Business and committee news reported semi-annually by your Bayles Lake Homeowners Association Board of Directors*

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William Dick, (Still) Interim Editor

## President’s Message

With this Fall Issue of the Bayles Lake HOA Newsletter in your e-mailbox, we can all begin to hunker down for the winter. This issue brings you scads of information about recent activities on the lake, as well as reports on the actions of your Board of Directors. It has been a wonderful spring and summer filled with lakeside and park programs, live music, a great fireworks show, and an ever-growing sense of community pride.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I warmly welcome our new residents and hope to share our great experiences with our life-long friends. I would also like to thank our Board Members, employees and volunteers for all their hard work this spring and summer. Without them our community could not function nor would it look so beautiful.

## About Your Board

Every homeowner at Bayles Lake is a member of the HOA. The Board of Directors is “responsible for the general management and direction of all affairs of the Association.” It includes nine elected members, six of whom also serve as chairs of the Standing Committees. Three members serve as representatives from each “District” around the lake with the intention that the members representing each district are residents of that district. (This has been generally true, though we have resorted to at-large members when we have been unable to get enough members from each individual district.) The term for each elected Board member is three years; elections occur annually for three members enabling rotation of members while maintaining continuity and expertise. Be sure to check the organization chart at the end of this newsletter to see who represents your area.

## Board of Directors Monthly Meetings

Bayles Lake Homeowners Association Board of Directors meetings are open to all and held monthly at Lakeview Country Club at 7:00 pm. Meeting agendas are posted on [www.bayleslake.com](http://www.bayleslake.com) one week prior to the meeting date, along with minutes of prior meetings, HOA budgets, program plans and statements, and other related documents. Meetings are open to all homeowners and residents. Please join us in building our community! Upcoming meeting dates:

November 26	January 28	February 25	March 25
April 22	May 27	June 7 (Annual Meeting)	June 24
July 22	August 26	September 23	October 28

Bill Dick – President, Bayles Lake HOA

**Immediate Job Opening:** the Board is seeking a Bayles Lake community resident to serve as the Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter is published twice a year. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and only knowledge of Microsoft Word or another modern word processing system is needed. Content is supplied by members of the Board and the Auxiliary. The editor’s role is to compile, edit and format the newsletter. Contact Kate Stryszak or Bill Dick if you are interested. Please consider joining the team!



## Finance

In February 2024 the Board approved the annual operational budget of \$317,011 for the 2024-25 fiscal year. This budget has been posted on the Bayles Lake website. The operations budget includes staff salaries and other cost to support the day-to-day operations in running Bayles Lake (taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance and grounds, etc.).

We are eight months into our fiscal year that started March 1, and we have spent \$194,217 on the day-to-day operations of Bayles Lake. We see positive balances in every line item category, except for Water & Sewer maintenance, where we are reflecting a slightly negative (\$3,066) balance. This year we have experienced numerous sewer/flooding issues and this is an old system we have in place and is need of improvements. This account will be reviewed in detail later in our upcoming 2025-26 budget review.

The Board has been working and reviewing current and upcoming infrastructure projects for Bayles Lake. This summer we completed the chip-and-oil project of the main arterial roads around the lake (3.5 miles) completed by Gray's Material Service at the cost of \$174,011. Many areas of our roads were in dire need of repair — this upgrade has extended the life of the roads for an additional 5-7 years. In the meantime the Board is researching other low-cost options for the eventual replacement of the primary and secondary roads around the lake. The chip-and-oil invoice was paid on a Line of Credit loan obtained from Federated Bank of Loda and will be paid off within a year. We will utilize the next three to four quarterly billing infrastructure assessments to pay back the loan.

The next project was renovating the Robinson Pavilion floor at the cost of \$10,700. This project leveled the numerous trip-hazard areas and caulked the cracks. The good news? This project was paid in full through our regular 2024-25 operation budget fund designated to the Parks & Lakes program.

In the next few months, we are heading into our 2025-26 budget season and will review and prioritize all the maintenance and repair of the upcoming projects. These included (1) resurfacing the remaining five miles of road planned for next year, (2) riprap repair, (3) upgrades to our effluent collection system, and (4) drainage improvements and upgrades.

Note that improvements to Bayles Lake's infrastructure may lead to an increase to our quarterly infrastructure assessment. The Board is aware this is often a challenging conversation with Bayes Lake homeowners regarding assessment increases (which have been infrequent over the last few years), but we need manage these upcoming expenses in a proactive manner and not a reactive one.

Prior to any 2025-26 infrastructure increase, the Board will provide complete information and details to homeowners of Bayles Lake homeowners regarding the infrastructure project, the cost, and benefits to the Bayles Lake community.

Thank you.

Cathy McMullin – Chairperson

## Roads and Drainage

**Roads** – The perimeter roads around Bayles Lake have recently undergone significant improvements, enhancing safety and accessibility for both residents and visitors. Key enhancements include the resurfacing of paved roads, extensive pothole repairs, and the installation of clear, informative signage to guide travelers. These upgrades have created a smoother driving experience and facilitated better access to the lake's many scenic spots, inviting more outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and picnicking. Additionally, the improved infrastructure supports local events and gatherings, fostering a stronger sense of community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support and patience during the resurfacing process. As we look ahead to the winter months, please be aware of winter weight restrictions that will be in effect as colder weather approaches, helping to protect our roads during freeze-thaw cycles. Let's remain mindful of our speed and adhere to local traffic regulations, ensuring that everyone can appreciate the charm of Bayles Lake safely and responsibly.



**Snow Plowing** - Snow will be plowed after a two inch accumulation. Outer roads will be plowed first followed by inner roads. Our plowing service works hard to keep our roads clear. Please help by:

- Keeping vehicles parked in driveways rather than on the streets.

- Removing any lawn ornaments or hardscape items that may hinder snow plowing equipment.
- Refraining from shoveling or blowing snow into the streets. This creates a hazard for drivers, especially at night.

**Road Weight Limitations and Restrictions** - Our road weight restrictions run January 15th through April 15th. If you are planning any large deliveries, major construction or big maintenance projects, please contact Jason Rushing or Bayles Lake Security.

**Drainage** - There were several separate drainage repair projects completed around Bayles Lake during Summer 2024, some small, some large, all drawing attention from the HOA. Some of the physical facility damage is evident, though much of it is underground. As we all know, the storm drainage system is old — some of it dates back to the original installation in the 1950s — and we have been nursing it along for decades.

Everyone is asked to inspect their property closely to look for signs of damage to HOA facilities as well as your own. We can minimize flooding issues by individually keeping leaves and debris out of drainage areas around your home and clearing the culvert entrances and exits at the sides of your driveway. Remove any and all rocks from these areas. They may look pretty, but free flowing water is critical under and around driveways.

Please email me at [rushing5538@gmail.com](mailto:rushing5538@gmail.com) with any issues you find.

Jason Rushing – Chairperson

## Lakes and Parks

Well it's been an active year regarding our lakes and parks. First I would like to say thank you to all the residents who have helped keep our parks beautiful with plantings and flowers. Certainly every effort adds to just how wonderful our community continues to be a great place to live.

The cicadas were not the awful invasion that was predicted for 2024, though we were all prepared to battle them! Just as we were fully prepared for their onslaught, much of what the Lakes and Parks Committee does is to prepare for an uncertain future.

**Robinson Pavilion** – This year we made major strides maintaining the Robinson Pavilion. The exterior siding was spot repaired and stained. This needs to be done every few years to keep it protected and looking great. The electrical outlets that are utilized during many events were increased and upgraded with new wiring and fixtures. We now have enough power for numerous crock pots and other electronic devices. During the last few years the floor in the Pavilion has had serious issues with shifting concrete. This problem has been rectified — the concrete slabs and sidewalk have been poly-lifted to be as level as possible. It has been a great improvement and should last for many years.



Creative use of PVC pipe as fish habitat.  
Call Bob Jabs for design help.

**Lakes** – We were able to have the lake surveyed this year by both Herman Brothers fisheries and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Herman Brothers did not supply us with an exact accounting for the fish surveyed, but it was one of the most successful surveys that they have ever seen. The number of fish that were encountered was substantial. They encountered numerous species both good and bad. The largemouth population was healthy but had limited numbers for our type of lake. The amount of catfish and rough fish collected was troubling. Their suggestion was to stock larger-sized largemouth to help survival rates and help eat some of our numerous forage fish. This year we stocked 2,300 largemouths in the 6-9 inch range. In addition they have also advised to create additional fish habitat and aquatic vegetation. Certainly adding vegetation is easier said than done with our natural herbivores that reside in our lake. We have added numerous fish structures in the lakes consisting of plastic pallets and field tile creative habitats.

Mike Garthous from the Illinois DNR gave a great presentation during the October Auxiliary meeting regarding the fish survey and the status of our lake overall. The presentation is posted on the Bayles Lake website.

The issue of most concern is the imbalance of bass-to-catfish, especially “White Catfish” (a non-native type of bullhead). Next year we plan to stock some larger predators to reduce the number of white catfish. Although most of us do “catch and release” fishing at Bayles Lake, Mike recommended removing all white catfish that are caught.

His other concern was vegetation and fish habitat. On behalf of the DNR, Mike has already approved collecting spatterdock plants for our use. The plants that we brought in this year seemed to have survived at about a 60% rate. Some of these may come up in spring and surprise us!

While on this topic, we most strongly discourage individual homeowners and residents from privately importing any unapproved fish or vegetation into the lake. Uncontrolled imports raise the likelihood of damage to the lake in terms of both pathogens and nonnative specie infestation. The white catfish noted above are not native to this part of the US and were probably brought into the lake by a well-meaning party. Unfortunately they now pose a serious problem in balancing the fish stock in Bayles Lake.



**Parks** – The parks look great this year. We had a wet beginning and a very dry and warm fall so far. We lost a few trees but not too many. Try to get out and enjoy this great season while you can!!!

**Ban on using Lawn Fertilizer with Phosphorus** – Finally a fall reminder to all residents that our Rules and Regulations ban the use of lawn fertilizer that contains phosphorus. Consistent with the Illinois Department of Public Health ban on the application of phosphorus containing fertilizer by commercial lawn care companies (Lawn Care Products Application and Notice Act established July 2010, 415 ILCS 65/1), residents who apply their own lawn chemicals may not use phosphorus-based products. If you use a lawn care service, please remind them that fertilizer application must have zero phosphorus.

*Why is phosphorus bad for the environment?* Phosphorus and other nutrients in the lake destroy the natural habitat. It causes eutrophication, a reduction of dissolved oxygen in water bodies caused by an increase of minerals and organic nutrients. This reduced level of oxygen in water ends up suffocating fish. Algae blooms become toxic, water clarity is reduced, and depleted oxygen levels affect fish and other aquatic creatures.

Bob Jabs – Chairperson

## Rules and Regulations



Please take some time to read and familiarize yourself with the Bayles Lake Rules and Regulations to be sure you are in compliance, especially if you are new to the lake. The most current version is always available on our website at <https://www.bayleslake.com/p/Governing-Documents>

**Care of Property** – Unfortunately a number of residences are failing to meet our Care of Property Regulations (which includes your front, back, and side yard). Take a hard look at our Rules and Regulations regarding Care of Property to ensure that you are in compliance and not at risk for fine.

G. CARE OF PROPERTY: 1) It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Bayles Lake Homeowners Association, whether residing in the home or acting as landlord, to properly maintain and when possible to enhance the appearance of their property. To this end, homeowners shall prevent the occurrence of any unclean or unsightly condition on their property including the home thereon, which does (or would) decrease the attractiveness and value of any property at Bayles Lake.

Violations of the Rules and Regulations are handled with a formal notice and generally time is provided to avoid any fine.

**Upcoming Rules Development** – There are several areas of HOA concern that will be subject to new Rules and Regulations in coming months. These include modification of building permit rules, septic system inspections, home selling

rules, and land surveys. We expect that these will not be onerous changes, rather clarifications that will make it easier for homeowners to satisfy. If you would like to participate in Rule development and/or comment on content and application, please contact Bill Dick (wdick.bayleslake@gmail.com).

Bill Dick – Chairperson

### Building Permits and Construction



We commend all the homeowners who have improved their properties this year. Bayles Lake homeowners have continued to make our community a very special place to live!

If you are planning any winter or early spring home projects and will be in need of a building permit, please check the building permit application process and review the rules and regulations in section D, permits and other non-fee building permits on the Bayles Lake website. Contact Brad Cosgrove at (text 217-379-7954 or email at isp2120@yahoo.com) to ensure that your project is in compliance. Be aware that building permits will not be issued without a current lot survey for any project that expands the size of the structure. Prior planning and advance notice will ensure your project stays on schedule.

Tony Glazik – Chairperson  
Brad Cosgrove – Building Permit Administrator

### Water and Sewer



Our renovated water system has been functioning well and we have been free from significant repairs or operating issues this year. Two flushing hydrants that were inoperable have been replaced. Two repairs have been made to our effluent collection line on Country Club Lane — the line had collapsed in two places. The West Wellhouse water storage tank will be drained for inspection and cleaning on November 4th. It has been five years since the last inspection and cleaning. The Illinois EPA suggests that the cleaning and inspection be done every five years.

**Septic Inspection** – The Water and Sewer Committee will be introducing a new Rule in the coming months that will require certified, periodic inspection of all septic systems at Bayles Lake. The health of our community and the lake itself depends critically on the safe operation of ALL residents’ septic systems around the lake. The Illinois EPA recommends that septic systems be inspected every three years and mechanically pumped every three to five years. The effluent produced by your system drains into the Bayles Lake HOA effluent collection piping. If your system is not in proper working order, you may be impacting the entire lake system. Our system is tested periodically and failure of a test may have catastrophic results on our community. If you can’t remember the last time you had your septic system inspected or pumped, it’s probably time.

**Water Usage Capacity Limits (and Summer Water Restrictions)** – The residents are strongly commended for their summer water conservation over the past two years. First during the East Wellhouse renovation in 2023, then throughout the summer of 2024, the use of our community-treated water has been easily within our daily limits. Great work team!



In planning for next year, keep in mind that we impose a summer usage ban on using Bayles Lake community water for sprinkling lawns from June 15 through August 30. Only lake water is to be used for lawn sprinkling systems, car washing, etc., during the summer. Our well water is pumped from the Mahomet Aquifer, 230 feet below the surface, treated locally and distributed through our community water system. The available flow volume is limited by the size our of system, which is used more heavily in the summer months when we have additional people in residence.

Eric Lee – Chairperson

## Security, Maintenance & Grounds

### Security and Safety

Neighbors Watching out for Neighbors – Bayles Lake residents should report any suspicious activity to the Iroquois County Sheriff's Office by calling 911 or 815-432-6992.

Just a reminder: Please keep a watchful eye on your neighbors' property and let them know if you observe anything outside the norm. Neighbors watching out for neighbors has always been a strong feature of the Bayles Lake community.



Some things to look out for are open doors, lights on that typically are off, burst water pipes, open or broken windows, strange vehicles, garage door open, etc. If your vehicles are not parked inside a garage, please lock your doors.

Property Appearance – Work hard to keep your home and yard looking sharp. Remember your neighbors to your right, left and across the street have to look at your place as well. Please keep it neat. We always have guests at the lake, or prospective new homeowners checking out realtor's signs. Be proud of your neighborhood and keep it looking nice. Let's continue to help each other.

Be sure to keep everything locked up including parked cars! If you observe any suspicious activity, contact the Iroquois County Sheriff's Office by calling 911 or 815-432-6992.

Campfires – Please be careful when utilizing a campfire on your property and follow BLHOA rules and regulations regarding campfires.

G. CARE OF PROPERTY: 14) Campfires on Homeowners Property. Residents are allowed a campfire or fire pit for burning on their property. Please site your campfire or burn ring carefully. Keep the fire a reasonable distance away from neighboring property and completely away from any flammable materials, including all structures, bushes, trees, dry ground cover, etc.

- Be considerate of adjoining neighbors and wind direction when considering a campfire.
- Keep adequate tools and water nearby in case the fire escapes.
- Never leave fire unattended and always fully extinguish all fire by stirring water into the ashes until it is cold to touch - hot coals can reignite quickly.
- NO burning of any garbage, trash or any man-made material is ever allowed on homeowner's property.

Winter Weather Readiness – Please take proper precautions for winter, whether you are a full or part time resident, and especially if you are a snowbird. Make sure all exterior doors and windows are properly closed and locked, and disconnect all exterior garden hoses. If you are going to be gone for any length of time, shut off your water, keep your thermostat high enough to prevent pipes from freezing, and have a neighbor periodically check inside your residence. It's also good to notify Security that you will be away.



### Water/Septic

- Locate and mark your water shut-off valve in your yard and put a stake in the ground to mark it. When there is snow on the ground, finding it can be nearly impossible.
- Know where the water shut-off valve is inside your home so if your pipes freeze and break you can reduce some of the potential damage by shutting off the water.
- Find and mark your septic tank and clean-out port and put a stake in the ground. Once again, with snow on the ground it can be hard to find. Locating this unit now could save you time and money if you have septic issues in the winter.

Caution on Ice – Be mindful of the potential hazards of ice. Our lake is great for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and ice skating in the winter months but proceed carefully. Water depths vary greatly along the shore and at the end of docks. The water may be three feet deep off your dock, but in other places as deep as 10 feet. The best rule of thumb when thinking about getting on the ice is to believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise. Be careful with your pets as snow covered ice can look just like snow covered grass. Put safety first!



### Maintenance & Grounds

Leaving For an Extended Period of Time – Homeowners are encouraged to shut off water line service to their house before leaving for vacation or even the week (if you are a weekender). Plumbing and water line problems can and do occur any time, but this is especially important during winter months when exterior and interior pipes can be susceptible to freezing.

Should a water line break or water leak develop while the homeowner/resident is absent, and the water line had not been shut off, the homeowner will be charged a service call fee of \$50 plus all expenses incurred by BLHOA to remedy the problem.

Burn Bins – Fifteen leaf burning bins will remain up while yard cleanup continues this fall. Please use the bin nearest to you to burn up the leaves you collect in your yard. Do not let these leaf bin piles get too high – burn as you go as this will help control the flames / smoke. Be aware of the wind and do not burn when it is too windy. Be considerate and use good judgment. Burn bins will be removed in December. *Never put grass clippings in the burn bins as clippings don't burn ... they smolder and stink!* If you use a lawn service, please make them aware of this restriction.

Brush/Burn Pile at Maintenance Building – The burn pile behind the maintenance shed is for twigs, branches, brush, and tree limbs. *The brush pile is not for leaf burning.* Residents may bring brush, tree branches and tree limbs, under four inches in diameter to the brush pile. If you use a lawn care service, they are expected to remove lawn waste and grass clippings from the lake.

Do NOT dump any material in plastic bags on the burn pile. Prohibited items: furniture, lumber, garbage, plastic, cardboard, electronics, and construction/remodeling waste.

Note: The only person authorized to light the brush/burn pile is our Maintenance Supervisor.

Bayles Lake Maintenance Shop Hours 8-6:30 pm – The gate at the maintenance shed will be open daily from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm until December 1st when we switch over to our winter hours schedule. The storage area, maintenance shed/shop and brush burn pile will operate December 1st to March 1st as follows:

Monday-Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - Noon

Sunday: CLOSED

If you need access outside of these hours contact Brad Cosgrove.

Brad Cosgrove – Maintenance and Grounds Supervisor  
217-379-7954    isp2120@yahoo.com

## Bayles Lake Storage

Storage space behind the maintenance shed is available to Bayles Lake residents on a first come/first served basis for an annual fee of \$100 per item. All residents are required to have a copy of our Storage Contract on file for items that are stored at the maintenance area. If you have an RV, any kind of boat or boat trailer, any kind of storage trailer or utility trailer or miscellaneous items stored at the maintenance shed area, you need a contract. Please make sure that your house number is on the stored item.

Storage Request Forms are available from Karen Mach, 217-386-2465, kmach47@yahoo.com. There are also forms in the mailbox outside of the maintenance shed. Karen will follow up with a storage agreement once she receives your storage request form.

Karen Mach – BL Storage Facilitator

## Administrative Assistant / Treasurer

**Bayles Lake Website** – Have you joined our new and improved website? If not, head over to [www.bayleslake.com](http://www.bayleslake.com) and sign up. The website is an amazing source of information for our residents averaging over 250 views per week. When you sign up for an account you will be able to view all items that are closed to the public, post homes for sale, make online payments, and get weekly email updates on what’s going on at Bayles Lake. Please bookmark it as one of your favorites and check out the latest news, board agendas, meeting minutes, photos, and upcoming events.

**Contact Information** – If your email, phone or primary mailing information has changed please contact Kate Stryszak at [kate0085@yahoo.com](mailto:kate0085@yahoo.com) so your information can be updated.

**Bayles Lake Renters Information** – If you plan to rent your home, be sure to review the BLHOA Rules and Regulations (Section G, Care of Property #2 - page 15) regarding renting. BLHOA Rules and Regulations require that leases be no shorter than twelve months in duration. Air B&B, VRBO or similar short-term rentals are not permitted at Bayles Lake. A Renter Information Form must be completed and provided to the BLHOA Administrative Assistant/Treasurer.



**Bayles Lake Sellers Information** – Please make sure when selling your home that a plat of survey is completed by a professional as it is a requirement per the Bayles Lake Rules and Regulations. Not having a survey in advance could impact your closing date. The Board also requires that all sellers to have a septic inspection before the sale and that the inspection report be submitted to the Administrative Assistant. Please be sure to have your realtor or attorney send the purchaser’s contact information to Kate Stryszak at [kate0085@yahoo.com](mailto:kate0085@yahoo.com) so assessment billing and directory information can be updated.



**BLHOA Communications** – Assessment invoices and other information from the Board of Directors is shared electronically via email, on the Bayles Lake website, and on Facebook. Assessments are no longer mailed. If you have not provided an email address, please contact Kate Stryszak to avoid disruption in communication.

**Follow us on Facebook** – Join the “Bayles Lake Residents” Facebook page where you will find postings of items for sale (boats, houses and more), items for free, news on Bayles Lake events, as well as tons of fun things to do in the surrounding area with “Around the Town with Bob” posts. This page is for residents only.



**AED – Automated External Defibrillator** – There are now four AED machines throughout the lake in the case of an emergency. The units are in the process of being kept in a weather controlled box that will be available throughout the year. The four locations of the AED Machines are the Robinson Pavilion, Maintenance Shed, West Wellhouse and the Maintenance shed at the Country Club located at the end of Country Club Lane.

**Bayles Lake Assessments** – BLHOA Assessments are emailed quarterly using our accounting software program. Please watch for an email from “Intuit e-Commerce” that will contain the invoice for your quarterly dues. Invoices are sent the

first week of each calendar quarter for dues/assessments from the prior quarter. Example: April's invoice is for January/February/March. See page 13 of this newsletter for the assessment billing schedule and payment due dates and mark them on your calendar.

Kate Stryszak – Administrative Assistant / Treasurer  
kate0085@yahoo.com

**2024 Music on the Lake - Thank You**

A huge thank you to the Auxiliary, Katrina Cheney and Bill Dick, Steve and Karen Hanuska, and Tedd and Ramona King for hosting such a wide variety of great musical talent this summer. Is there any better way to celebrate summer than with family, friends and neighbors, and music?

**Bayles Lake Community Fireworks Show**

It was wonderful to see so many boats on the water and our shorelines packed with families and guests again this year for our fireworks celebration! This fun-filled family event is possible each year through the generosity of the Bayles Lake and Lake Iroquois residents, with the cooperation of their Board of Directors. This is not a Bayles Lake HOA, Board of Directors or Auxiliary sponsored event. We want to thank everyone in our Bayles Lake community for all of your contributions to support the 2024 Bayles Lake / Lake Iroquois fireworks show. Once again, you did not let us down and we are looking forward to another spectacular show on July 3, 2025.



**Loda Township Library**

As residents of Bayles Lake your tax dollars entitle you to use the Loda Township Library whether you are a full- or part-time resident. The library is part of the largest consortium of libraries in North America, and as a patron you can order books from over 520 libraries in Illinois.



The library is located at 105 East Adams Street. For more information, visit [www.lodatownshiplibrary.com](http://www.lodatownshiplibrary.com), or call 217.386.2783.

## BLHOA Auxiliary 2024

Greetings Dear Neighbors;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many of you that chaired, help support or attended the Auxiliary events this year. I truly hope everyone had a great time. I know I enjoyed getting together with friends and neighbors. It was a great time to meet new people also. (We still have a few ideas for more fun next year!)

I would like to THANK the Auxiliary board who worked so closely with me this year. Without your ideas and help we would not have had such a fun summer.

Lisa Dunn	Vice President
Marty Bash	Treasurer
Ann Stoll	Secretary
JoAnn Lockwood	Parliamentarian

It was a dry season again for the hanging baskets and berms. Thank you to the many residents who “adopted” them and kept them watered and beautiful.

The luncheon October 12th had a great turnout at LCC. I would like to thank Mike Garthous from DNR for his informative presentation on the fish survey that was done. You are able to see the results on the website in case you missed it. It was very interesting to see what kinds of fish we have in our lake, and he gave ideas on how to improve the lake with structures and vegetation.

Our last meeting of the year is November 9th at 1pm. We will be nominating and installing the new board members.

Last but not least, I would like to wish our many Snow Birds safe and happy travels and hurry back next year. We will miss you!

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or ideas you would like to share. [maryj1516@gmail.com](mailto:maryj1516@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Mary Jobs  
Bayles Lake Auxiliary President



**ASSESSMENT BILLING / PAYMENT DUE DATE SCHEDULE**

Bayles Lake HOA assessments are sent four times a year at the beginning of each calendar quarter.

- Invoices are emailed from our accounting software program “Intuit e-Commerce.”
- Assessments invoices are for the prior calendar quarter. Example: October 1<sup>st</sup> invoice is for July/August/September.
- Payment is due by the end of the month in which the invoice was issued; due date is on the invoice.
- A late fee of 10% and interest is applied to late payments.
- Per Bayles Lake Rules and Regulations, water to homes will be shut off if payment is 91 days late.

Mark the due dates on your calendar and check your “spam” or “junk” folder if you don’t readily see the invoice.

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>1</b>	Assessment invoice for October/November/December
	<b>31</b>	January invoice payment due
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>1</b>	Assessment invoice for January/February/March
	<b>30</b>	April invoice payment due
<b>JULY</b>	<b>1</b>	Assessment invoice for April/May/June
	<b>31</b>	July invoice payment due
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>1</b>	Assessment invoice for July/August/September
	<b>31</b>	October invoice payment due

Contact Kate Stryszak, BLHOA Treasurer with any questions ([kate0085@yahoo.com](mailto:kate0085@yahoo.com)).

**Bayles Lake Homeowners Association  
Organizational Chart – October 2024**

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**DISTRICT #1 - All of South Lake and starting at East Gate, 106 Sunrise Drive to 246 Ocala Drive**

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106 Sunrise Drive	101 Northshore Drive	144 Sunrise Court

**DISTRICT #2 - From 250 Ocala Court to 531 Karr Lane**

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rushing5538@gmail.com	bjjabs@gmail.com	wdick.bayleslake@gmail.com
218 Ocala Drive	517 Sunrise Drive	518 Sunrise Drive

**DISTRICT #3 - From 533 Sunrise Drive to 1253 Sunset Drive, and ending at West Gate**

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**BLHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TERMS**

2022-2025: Bob Jabs, Eric Lee, Jason Rushing  
2023-2026: Brad Bradley, Bill Dick, Tony Glazik  
2024-2027: Steve Hanuska, Terry McLennand, Cathy McMullin

**2024 BLHOA BOARD COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE**

Cathy McMullin, Chairperson (+ Kate Stryszak)  
Bob Jabs  
Terry McLennand

**LAKES & PARKS**

Bob Jabs, Chairperson  
Brad Bradley  
Eric Lee

**ROADS & DRAINAGE**

Jason Rushing, Chairperson  
Tony Glazik  
Steve Hanuska

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

Bill Dick, Chairperson  
Tony Glazik  
Cathy McMullin

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Tony Glazik, Chairperson (+ Brad Cosgrove)  
Brad Bradley  
Bill Dick

**WATER & SEWER**

Eric Lee, Chairperson  
Steve Hanuska  
Jason Rushing