

Spin Lake Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year a major topic of conversation at board meetings was about our by-laws and restrictions. The discussion was both about the need for updating and enforcement of the existing rules. As you have already noticed we did identify some areas where change may be needed and those will be (or maybe have been) voted on at our annual meeting. A big thank you to all those who met to review our rules and to discuss changes. I know a lot of thought and discussion went into this project and I think it will be something we continue to discuss.

The other issue is enforcement. This isn't a new discussion, but one that I think our board realizes needs a bit more attention. Our challenge has always been the cost of enforcement. We can speak with residents about violations and we can send them letters and those are at minimal cost to the association. If there is not voluntary compliance or if there is short term compliance and then the problem continues our hands are tied. Referring to our attorney for enforcement is a costly proposition. Enforcement through the courts could cost us \$3,000 or more for each situation. Our rules do allow us to pass this cost onto the resident, but in reality this doesn't always happen. We don't feel that sending everything to the attorney for enforcement is an appropriate way to use association funds. We are discussing a fine system, but that will require much discussion and further consideration. Please remember that your disagreement with a rule does not justify you in disregarding the rule. A rule you think is silly, might be the most important rule to your neighbor. We will continue to work on this topic and ask for your patience and understanding. I encourage everyone to read our by-laws and restrictions and become familiar with their content.

We have had some lots purchased in Spin Lake that seem to be moving towards construction. This is great to see and we welcome the additional development. Recently McLean County Building and Zoning contacted me about a new home construction project within Spin Lake. No concerns just touching base as part of the permit process. In the course of that conversation I asked when a permit was needed for work done at your residence. Our rules require residents to get our permission for buildings, fences, etc., but our typical response is that if the County allows it then it is fine with us. That is assuming it complies with our rules as to size, number and a few other requirements that are specific to our development. His answer surprised me as my first example was a pergola which I assumed would not need a building permit. He said it would require a permit. The answer he gave me was anything that is constructed onsite or offsite and transported onsite would need a permit. I only share this with you so that you can avoid a costly mistake. A prior resident learned the hard way when they invested money into an enclosure and some prep work only to find out they were in violation of County Code and had to take it all down. We currently don't ask for a copy of any permit when you bring a request to the board for approval nor do we intend to start. All we ask is that you provide us notice so we can make sure there is compliance with our rules and give approval. It avoids the board emailing each other asking "what is so and so building?". and then the follow up question "did they get board approval?".

I thank everyone who contributes to make Spin Lake a fantastic place to live.

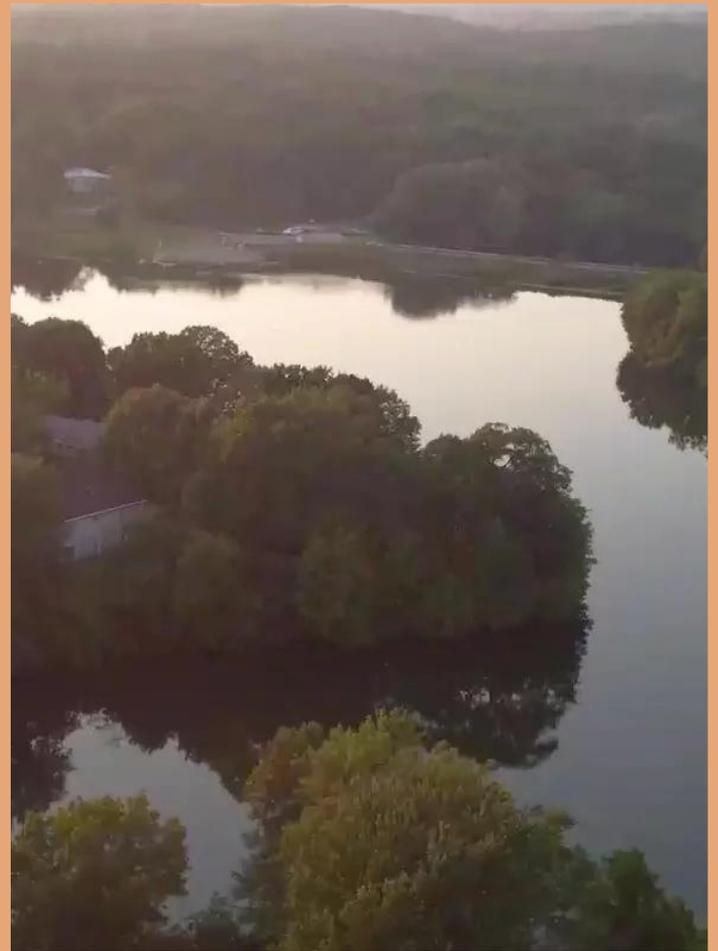
Thank you,
Joe Dehn

SPIN LAKE NEWS

The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 11:00 am at the pavilion at the beach.

If you wish to be on the ballot for a board position, please let us know and we will include you. Please email jadehn@prodigy.net or mar_79us@yahoo.com if you wish to be on the ballot or have any other questions.

There will be hot dogs and chips served afterward.



DANVERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Sep. 13: Mini bagels & cream cheese + Story time & Craft at 10:00 a.m.

Sep. 20: Coffee Cake

Sep. 26: Lost Campsite Escape Room

Sep. 27: Cookies

Sign up for a library card during the month of September, and enter to win a **\$10 Fast Stop gift card**. Already a card holder and know someone who isn't? Bring them and yourself to the library, have them register for a card,

and you both will be entered to win!





Graduation Corner



Canyon Palmatier

Canyon is the son of Jeff and Anissa Palmatier. He graduated from Olympia High School May of 2022. Canyon is attending Heartland this fall. Congratulations, Canyon!



Sierra Priebe

Sierra is the daughter of Tom and Lori Priebe. She graduated from SIU in 2021 with a triple major in Economics, German, and International Business. Sierra graduated from U of I August of 2022 with a masters in Economics. Congratulations, Sierra!

**Is your child or grandchild graduating in December?
please let us know so that they can be added to our next
newsletter.**

If you would like to be added to the Spin Lake One Call, please contact Mary Raney or Joe Dehn.

If you have anything for the quarterly newsletter, please contact Lori Priebe. You can either email the document to priebe@frontiernet.net or text 309.262.6459.