

LEAPO NEWS May, 2004

Community Service Award

Although the deadline is past for 2004, it is not too early to think for next year. The 2004 Community Service Award will be given at the Annual Meeting on June 5. We hope to have a big turn out to help celebrate the achievements of a member of the community. All of the details are available on the website or can be mailed to you with a phone call to 995-2629 or log on to www.leapo.com

Fireworks donations YOU can HELP

We have been collecting for the Fourth of July Fireworks. Each year, your LEAPO organization financially supports the Elks Club with their 4th of July fireworks display. Last year we were able to provide \$2,500.00 and as of 4/20/04 we have collected \$1,487.86. We continue to collect aluminum cans for funds towards the fireworks. To date our community has amassed \$549.90 from the collection of aluminum cans. You can help by bringing your cans to the caged trailer parked on the west side of LEFPD Station 4.

New policy for Seasonal Trash service

In the past we have attempted to have automatic start and stop service for those with seasonal trash service. Due to the increased number of customers, this has become a bigger challenge to track. We find that some customers have left for the season without letting us know and we have been charged when service is not used. We wish to continue to offer seasonal service for those who are here only part time. To do this in the future, it will be the customer's responsibility to notify LEAPO when they leave and again when they return. A message on the answering machine or an email, or note in the mail will suffice. We will be happy to service for short periods of time of one month or more. If you fail to notify LEAPO of your absence, you will be responsible for all charges incurred. Also, for those who are leaving for an extended vacation, please let LEAPO know when you leave and when you return so that we may hold your service and credit your account for unused service. Midwest Waste and LEAPO always strive to service your needs. We appreciate your patience during the winter months when the roads become hazardous and when we have substitute drivers making their way through our subdivisions. LEAPO phone 995-2629

Don't Be Fooled by misinformation

There has been some advertising indicating that our service is not "home" based. It is a service provided to you by your neighbors and community around the Lake. Although a large corporation owns the vendor it employs locally and is run

locally. We deal with people who live in the lake community. We do have the best prices considering all the discounts from our supporting merchants. The list grows each year. One member claims he can realize the recovery of dues by taking all his relatives to dinner at Walt's just one time.

IEMA

We have enclosed some information from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). This information could be a lifesaver and should be read and kept at hand in case of emergency or natural disaster. For more detailed information and information about the classes provided by this agency you can contact them through their website or by writing the Springfield address. They do have an office in Marion. This is a serious subject and we should always be prepared.

Health Care Issue

Have you written your legislators? It would be a good thing to express your concerns regarding the high cost of malpractice insurance and loss of health care personnel from the southern Illinois region. It is a scary thought that you may need a special doctor and he isn't close at hand -and you could have done something to prevent his departure. Write your legislature today!

Trading Around

Have you seen the new trader spot on the Website? We have someone looking for a canoe, kayak and someone else selling a johnboat with oars and oarlocks. Check it out. Follow the instructions if you wish to list something.

SIPC Tours

The Power Company plans to conduct tours of the plant again this spring, we are scheduling for May 20 at 9 AM and May 25 at 1 PM. We expect the tours to last between 1 ½ to 2 hours. This will be a walking tour with some stairs. To sign up for a tour, call 995-2629 or email leapo@leapo.com.

Annual Membership Meeting

The Lake of Egypt Association of Property Owners will hold their Annual Membership Meeting, Public Relations, and Social Committees have planned the event to include several changes from last year and a new menu. Letters were sent to various service organizations inviting them to have a manned booth at the "Information Fair" to be held before and after the meeting. A short business meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. with a meal to follow. A speaker has been invited from SIU Fisheries to present a 15 minutes program. Marti Hinz will

present the first Annual Citizenship Award to be given by LEAPO. The check to the ELKS to help fund the Fourth of July Fireworks on Lake of Egypt will be presented to the ELKS representative. Instead of a Member Participation Session, this year a suggestion box will be available for member concerns, ideas, and suggestions. Bar-BBQ, bratwurst, chips and desserts will be served. A number of very nice 'door prizes' have been donated from subdivisions and LEAPO. Meeting on June 5, 2004 from at the SIPC shelter house on Lake of Egypt.

50/50 Raffle to benefit the Fire Works Fund

Some of the door prizes: One Lake Weed Removal

One House Wash

Weather Radio

One Deck or Dock Wash

One Boat Wash

Eagle Point Bay Pancake Breakfast

The annual pancake breakfast to benefit the Security Patrol for Eagle Point Bay will be held Saturday, May 29. They have a great cook and a great time, plus you help out. It's a great place for breakfast. Call Harry Chester, 995-2774 or Chuck Tuggle, 995-9561 for advance ticket purchase. It's a great way to kick off the summer season!

LEAPO Sponsors "MEET THE CANDIDATES"

On February 28 LEAPO sponsored "Meet the Candidates" forums for the primary election candidates from Johnson and Williamson Counties. Eagle Point Bay donated their Association Building for the meeting with Harry Chester and Allene Lehr facilitated the well-attended meeting. The Williamson County forum was not as well attended, but was ably facilitated by Linda Escherich at LEFPD Firehouse #4 on Lake of Egypt Road. The candidates from both counties were impressed and thought the meetings were a great idea to reach out to Lake and County residents. The LEAPO Board has discussed the success of the events and decided to hold 'Meet the Candidates' forums again in September, before the General Election.

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Blood Drive Scheduled

On June 12th from 1 PM through 5 PM, THE SECOND EVER LAKE OF EGYPT BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Fire Station #4, 11708 Lake of Egypt Rd. LEAPO and LAKE EGYPT FIRE PROT DIST will sponsor the Blood Drive. When considering whether or not to donate, please realize that one-pint of donated blood can save up to three lives. One of which may be your own. A nurse at the Fire Station will answer any questions regarding one's ability to donate on the afternoon of June 12. To register prior to June 12th, you may call 964-1278 on weekdays between 8AM and 4 PM. Pre-registration will enable THE AMERICAN RED CROSS to provide expedited service. With the entire community's support, this will be another successful drive.

SUBDIVISION OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER DINNER

The semi-annual Subdivision Officers and Board Members Dinner was held on April 29, 2004 in the Luxor Landing Clubhouse on Lake of Egypt. The invitation list had been expanded to include not only subdivision presidents and the LEAPO Board of Directors but also all the Board members from the subdivisions as well as guests who do not have representation on the Board. With the inclusion of more guests, the LEAPO Board hopes to give the leaders of our community the opportunity to meet and hear what the LEAPO Board is taking into consideration. We wish to thank Bob and Sue Wolfe for donating the use of the clubhouse for this event.