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# Otter Lake Times

Newsletter

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Another season is nearing an end. It has been yet another fantastic season for me, and I hope the same is true for you. As you sit around the campfire with family and friends enjoy something pumpkin spice, reflect on what a great season and great place the Otter Lake Campground is. What makes it so great? The lake is fantastic and being able to sit out and see the stars is most enjoyable, but what makes this a great campground is the campers! We have a wonderful community of diverse and interesting people. As a camper you are a large part of what makes everyone's experience a pleasant one. I want to thank each and everyone of you for being exactly who you are.

I am asked quite often are you coming back next season, I am happy to say YES I will be back next March! I wish each of you a very happy and blessed off season.

*Dennis Ross*

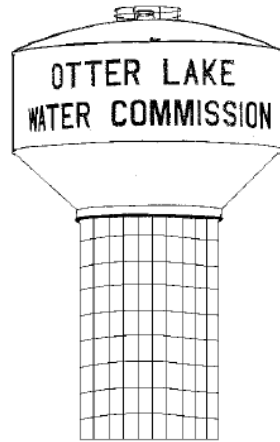
## \* SAVE THE DATE \*

- Sept 23rd:** Water Plant Tour
- Oct 16th:** Water off—Bath/Shower Houses Closed (Begin Fall Bait Shop Hours)
- Nov 1st :** 2023 Leases & 1st Installment Due
- Dec 1st:** End of Season, Electric off Campground Closed



## OTTER LAKE WATER PLANT TOUR

September 23rd  
3:00 pm



Have you ever wondered just what goes on in those buildings across the road?

Now is your chance to see up close and personal the complete operations of the Otter Lake Water Commission water plant.

The tour group will meet at the bait shop before heading over to the water plant.

**Question:** Can I have a fire in a fire pit after the water is turned off?

**Answer:** Yes, but it must be kept under control with someone over 18 keeping watch on the fire at all times. A bucket of water close by is highly recommended.



**Question:** Can I burn leaves?

**Answer:** Yes, but not after the water goes off. You can also put your leaves in brown paper bags and place them at the road by your camper and we will haul them away.

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## No Bake Peanut Butter Cornflake Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 3 cups cornflakes cereal



### Instructions:

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper. Set aside.
2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring the sugar and corn syrup to a boil, stirring often. Allow the mixture to boil for about 30 seconds.
3. Mix in the butter and peanut butter until melted and well blended.
4. Place the cornflakes into a large bowl. Gently fold peanut butter mixture into the cereal until evenly coated. The result will be very sticky.
5. Using two spoons or a small cookie scoop, scoop the cookies into about 20 to 25 mounds on the prepared baking sheet. Allow the cookies to continue cooling at room temperature for about 15-20 minutes.

## Water is scheduled to be shut off to the campground on October 16

WATER SHUT-OFF



**A few winterizing reminders:** Water will be shut off on October 16th, which is a Monday this year, depending on the weather. Updates will be given through our alert system, so be sure to sign up.

While getting your campsite ready for old man winter don't forget to cap your sewer line and your blue tanks.

Fire wood must be stored off the ground per IL Department of Public Health rules.

## Fall Clean Up

Soon the leaves will begin to fall. As you clean up your lot there are a couple options for your leaves. Mulching them with a lawn mower is always an option. You can also rake them and bag them in a brown paper leaf bag and leave them by the road for our crew to pick up. They must be in brown paper lawn bags. Leaves can be burned as long as the water has not been turned off in the campground.

The end of season is a great time to clean up around your site. If you have items that won't fit in the dumpster **DO NOT** place them on the ground next to the dumpster. You must take those items home or find another way to dispose of them.

*Your cooperation in this helps keep your campground the beautiful and enjoyable place we all love.*

**2024 Season Rate Changes**

Lot Lease - will increase from \$ 1,300 to \$1,325

**2024 Invoices & Leases**

Your lot leases and invoices are included with this newsletter. Be sure to get your lot leases signed and turned in to the bait shop office before November 1<sup>st</sup>.



**A new lease MUST be signed each year and a current driver's license for each person listed on the lease must be on file, failure to do so will jeopardize your lease.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> installment for the 2023 season is due by November 1st. Remember there is a \$15 late fee per day for all late payments. Payments must be processed through our office by November 1st, meaning any payments that are sent through the mail or bank authorization payments that are received after November 1st will be subject to late penalties.

**Guests, Guests, Guests....**

Every season has a few bumps in it, this is the perfect time for me to remind you of the quote everyone has heard "you won't get yourself kicked out of the campground, but your friends will". Almost every issue that I have to deal with has a common factor, that factor is what I refer to as the two degrees of separation rule. A guest or even worse the friend of a guest is quite often the root of the problem. Each of our lease holders have waited too long and worked too hard on their campsite to mess things up. But that guest or friend of a guest has no investment and dare I say little respect for your fellow campers. With all this being said my point is to remind you that the action of your guests are your responsibility. We are hopefully all blessed with a long list of friends, be sure you consider the level of responsibility each of those friends will display before inviting them to the campground. If you have never had an issue with one of your guests, you are in the majority and I thank you. If you have had issues I appreciate your willingness to work with me to prevent any further issues.

