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# Otter Lake Times

Newsletter

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As we approach the end of another great season, I just wanted to take the time to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me. My name is Shannon Collins, and I have the great honor of taking over for Dennis Ross as the Park Manager. While I do have big shoes to fill, I am excited to try my best to do so. Working at the Bait Shop for the last four years has given me the opportunity to meet and become close with so many of you. I cannot thank all of you enough for all the support and love you have shown me since starting in this new role. You guys were a big part of my decision-making process when applying for this position. I have no doubt we will end this season with good times, fall vibes, and LOTS of hot cocoa.

I look forward to seeing you all again next season for another awesome season at Otter Lake!

*Shannon Collins*

## \* SAVE THE DATE \*

- Oct 15th:** Water off—Bath/Shower Houses Closed (Begin Fall Bait Shop Hours)
- Nov 1st :** 2024 Leases & 1st Installment Due
- Dec 1st:** End of Season - Campground Closed



## REMINDER - Electric News

Our electric supplier has made changes in their fees for having meters turned off and back on. It will actually be cheaper for us to leave the power on now all winter for the campground. This means at the end of the camping season you will still have power at your camper. However, you will not receive an electric bill during the off-season, but you will see whatever usage you may have used over the winter months on your April bill.

This may be a benefit to everyone as it will allow you to keep your camper powered to have the battery charger on the camper. Keeping your batteries up is important. You must have a good battery in your camper for some appliances, slides etc to work properly.

As always, if you want to ensure there is no electric usage you need to unplug your main power from the electric pedestal.

If you have any questions about this change, please feel free to stop by the



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To my Otter Lake campground family, thank you for the best three years of a very long career.

I am extremely humbled by all the hugs, well wishes, cards and gifts from every one of you. I had no idea just how many new friendships would develop from this job.

I will be back for visits and look forward to seeing you all again. Otter Lake will always have a special place in my heart, as do each of you.

**Dennis Ross**

## Water is scheduled to be shut off to the campground on October 15th



**A few winterizing reminders:** Water will be shut off on October 15th, which is a Tuesday 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.

**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.

**2025 Season Rate Changes**

Lot Lease - increased from \$ 1,325 to \$1,350  
 Boat Dock - increased from \$ 100 to \$ 110  
 Golf Cart - increased from \$ 31.00 to 35.00

*Check out Ordinance 2024-03 on our website for other fees/charges established by the Commission.*

**2025 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 2025 season is due by November 1st, 2024. 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.

**Things every Camper should consider....**

A surge protector at the 30 or 50 amp plug-in will offer added protection to your entire camper in the event there is a power surge on the incoming power. Surge protectors come in a wide range of price points and are as easy to install as plugging in a coffee pot.

Everyone thinks about insurance on their camper, but how about that structure and deck? These can be covered in your homeowner's policy for a very reasonable rate.



Golf carts are another thing that is overlooked when it comes to insurance. You should have at least liability coverage in the event there is a collision between your golf cart and something or someone else.