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Newsletter

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Welcome back Otter Lake Campers! Looks like winter is still trying to hang on (and maybe the “little bears” will stay in hibernation for a while), but spring is just around the corner, bringing forth Spring Flowers, Spring Training, and Spring Cleaning. Do yourself and your neighbor a favor by keeping your camping lot clean (this doesn't mean raking/blowing last fall's leaves onto your neighbors lot for them to clean – also do not burn leaves until water is turned on). A clean campsite is a safe campsite. Speaking of safety, my wish for everyone is to have a safe and happy new year.

- S – Safety
- A – Always
- F – First !
- E – Enjoy
- T - This
- Y – Year !



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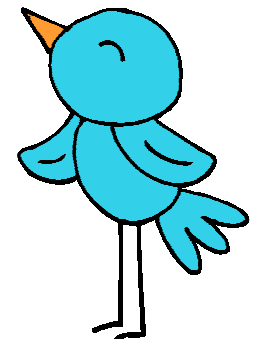
Entertainment

Take Note

Just For Fun

SAVE THE DATE!!

- March 1st** Campground Gates Reopen
Bait Shop Open : Thurs - Mon, 7am - 3pm
- April 15th** Water On
Bait Shop Open: 7 days a week, 7am - 7pm
- May 1st** 2nd Installment 2015 Lot Lease Payment
Due including Dock Fees (if applicable)



Electric/Water Upgrade Project Continues

The first section of the West Campground has been completed with installation of new electric and water services. The remainder of the West will be done in Winter 2017-2018. Work will continue dressing up the areas where trenches were dug and meters and uprights were installed (please be patient while the dirt is settling). The new electric meters will provide 20-30-50 amp outlets. However, only the 50 or 30 amp outlets may be used individually and under no circumstance shall the 50 and 30 amp outlets be used simultaneously, Doing so will be considered an illegal connection and may result in loss of privileges (see pictures of correct & incorrect connections). The new services were positioned so that you just need to plug your camper directly into the outlet and a 25 foot water hose will reach the upright. No longer will cords or hoses be allowed to be buried. Additionally, the new meter bases shall not be modified in any manner, including decorations, structures, or anything that impedes full access to the meter/upright.



Please remember any new construction and/or maintenance requires a building permit and must conform to the Otter Lake Commission Ordinance #2008-01 and must be approved by the campground manager. Stop by the bait shop/office and complete the proper forms.



JUST FOR FUN



Finally, Congratulations to all of you **Cub Fans** for a **World Championship**. Roar if you must you “little bear” fans, but the “Birds” will be chirping this Spring.

**Any commentary towards the Cub Fans was purely intentional and solely the responsibility of the author of this newsletter.

Sign In Your Guests

All guests must be registered at the bait shop office. They will receive a "Guest Parking Permit". This benefits all of us and makes everyone accountable for their actions.

You are responsible for your guests.

Blue Tanks

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires complete compliance with the laws governing **waste water (gray-water and black-water) discharge.**

FULL COMPLIANCE (100% of the campground)
must meet following guidelines:

- ◆ All connections from camper to blue tank are to be sealed and/or tight fitting.
- ◆ All blue tanks and connecting hoses are to be above ground and easily visible.
- ◆ All drain lines are to be connected to blue tanks and/or capped at ends.
- ◆ No drain lines are to be observed or evident or discharging onto ground.

Drain lines and waste-water receptacles to be present at all campsites.

Firewood

Please keep your firewood off the ground to prevent infestation of pests and rodents. Use pallets or racks. This will also keep your wood dry and keep it from rotting. Bundles and racks of firewood are available at the bait shop / office.

Otter Lake Park Launches a New Website! Subscribe Today!



Otter Lake Park is excited to announce the launch of our new website.

OTTERLAKEPARK.NET

I think you'll find this site very helpful with news and information. You will find policies and ordinances, bill paying options, waiting list information, building and work request forms. Otter Lake Management Status Report from IDNR, and much more. **BE SURE TO SUBSCRIBE** to the notifications and alerts from the website. Get up to the minute information on current projects, power outages, schedule changes, etc.. Straight to your email or via text messages.

Boating Safety

I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting a boating safety course at the Otter Lake Water Commission's maintenance building, just east of the North Campground entrance, the first 3 Saturdays in June from 9:00 A.M. to



Noon. This course, 2017 Boating ABC's, will be presented by the Land of Lincoln Power Squadron. This is a FREE course. Those who successfully complete this course will receive the USPS boating card, which is recognized in all states, and the IDNR card. This course also meets the requirements for youth boaters (those born after January 1, 1998), who will be required to carry the IDNR card or the USPS card while boating in

Additional Speed Bumps have been installed in various parts of the campground.

This is to slow the traffic of all vehicles, including golf carts, and to insure safety for you and the children. Please observe all of the golf cart rules, use common sense, and promote golf cart safety.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY:

27TH 1ST R.U.N. DRAWING

JUNE:

3RD, 10TH, 17TH BOAT SAFETY COURSE
16TH GOLF CART DRIVE IN

JULY:

3RD FIREWORKS
4TH CARDBOARD BOAT RACE
22ND OTTER IDOL – POT LUCK

AUGUST:

18TH GOLF CART DRIVE IN

SEPTEMBER:

2ND FINAL R.U.N. DRAWING
16TH CAMPER APPRECIATION PARTY

OCTOBER:

7TH CHILI COOK OFF

R.U.N. Weekly 50/50 Drawing Once again we will be holding a weekly 50/50 drawing with 50% of the proceeds going to the fireworks fund; the other 50% going to the winner. Every campsite number will be put into the hopper and one lot number will be drawn each week on Saturday evenings beginning with Memorial Day weekend and continuing through the Labor Day weekend.. The “catch” is the winner must be “signed up” and to have paid \$2.00 that week to be eligible to win. If the chosen camp lot has not signed up for that week, the money “rolls over” to the following week. When the jackpot reaches \$500. we will keep drawing numbers until there is a winner. **OPTIONS – YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OR YOU MAY SIGN UP EACH WEEK. YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE BAITSHOP/OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**



March 31st 2016 Otter Lake Boat Stickers Expire. 2017 stickers are now available at the bait shop.. 2016 Fishing License expires.

Boat Storage

****For those of you who have Boat Parking/Storage spots - stickers are due.**

Please remember to pick up your 2017 Boat Storage Stickers when you pay for your boat storage spot. The boat storage sticker is the one that goes on the tongue of your boat trailer, designating that trailer for that particular spot. Also, any boat parked in these spots must also have a current Annual Otter Lake Boat Sticker.

**LOT FEES AND DOCK FEES
(IF APPLICABLE) ARE DUE MAY 1ST.
PAY EARLY AND AVOID
THE \$10 PER DAY LATE CHARGES.**

2017 Lot Leases

If you have not signed your 2017 Lot Lease, do so immediately. These should be signed each fall for the upcoming season. **AN UNSIGNED LEASE IS AN INVALID LEASE.**

Lot Numbers

All lots must have the lot number visibly displayed somewhere at your campsite. This is important for emergency responders to locate premises. Additionally, all docks must have numbers displayed visibly from the shoreline and from water side.. Red plates with reflective numbers can be obtained at the Bait Shop/Office.