

Lake Francis News

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Spring 2019



2018-2019 LFARCC Officers: President Craig Panning (Pirates Cove), Treasurer Mike Oesterreich (Hidden Forest), Vice President Mike Furst (Ranta Lane), and Lisa Christoffersen (East Shore).

Greetings from Lake Association President Craig Panning

Hello to all Lake Francis Home and Cabin Owners!

As we all look forward to the change of seasons from Minnesota Winter to Minnesota Spring, the Lake Association brings you this newsletter in an attempt to keep all lake area residents informed of news and activities from around the lake. As you drove around the lake this past year, you might have noticed a number of For Sale signs in your neighborhood. As a result, we have 12 new cabin/home owners to welcome to our little piece of paradise. Be sure you say hello and welcome your new neighbors. If you are one of the new lake residents, we invite you to consider becoming a member of the Lake Francis Area Recreation & Conservation Club.

Changes in Volunteer Leadership Team

This past year brought changes to the Lake Association's volunteer Leadership Team made up of Area Representatives

from 10 neighborhoods around the lake who serve as our Board of Directors. The Board officers are selected by the Area Reps.

Long-time Board member and now Past President Jan Anderson from Wildwood Terrace and past Vice-President John Ruth from Melody Lane vacated their officer positions in 2018 but will continue as Area Reps. A big thank you to both for their leadership.

I'm an Area Rep from Pirates Cove and have been selected to be President. Mike Furst (Ranta Lane) is Vice-President. Officers continuing in their positions are Secretary Lisa Christofferson (East Shore) and Treasurer Mike Oesterreich (Hidden Forrest). A big thank you to Area Reps who left the Board this past year, including: Stacy Devitt (Sunset Terrace), Holly Edwards (Melody Lane), Don Hauptert (Melody Lane), Bob Fleming (Holiday Beach) and Chuck Tacl (Rustic Ridge).

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Online Membership Form & Payment Options Available

Enjoy the convenience of submitting your membership information and payment online. Or, you can still submit your membership via US Mail—the choice is yours!

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1. Go to LakeFrancisMN.org and click on "Membership Info."
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4. Choose to submit your dues payment via check or click on the PayPal button to charge to use PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express.

The 2019 printed Membership Form is included in this newsletter. Please use the option that works best for you! Suggestions and comments are welcome via email to lakefrancisnews@gmail.com.



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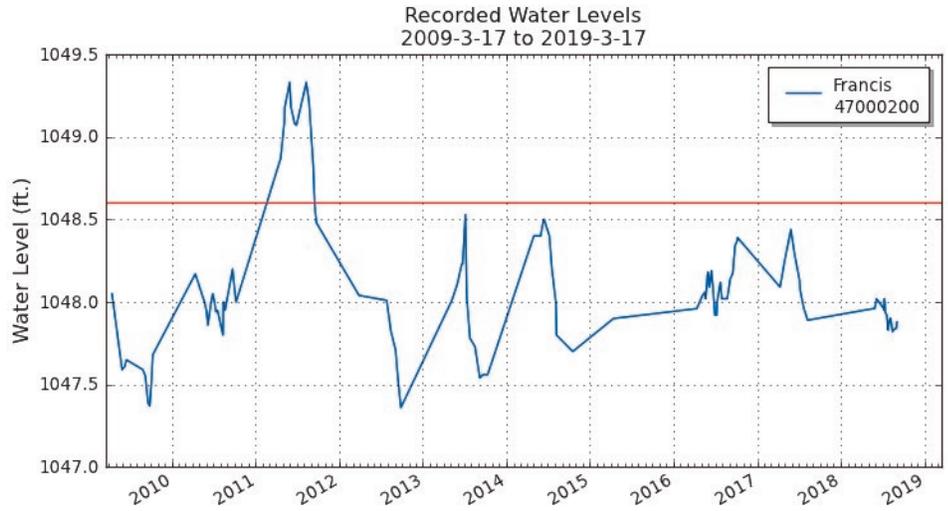
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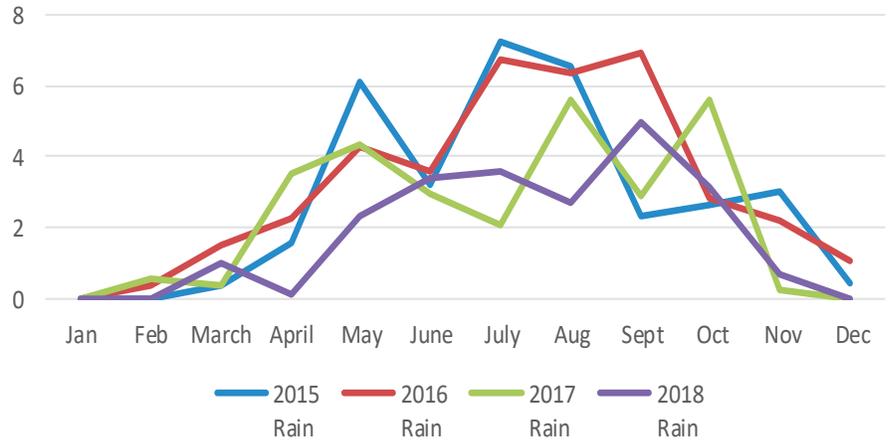
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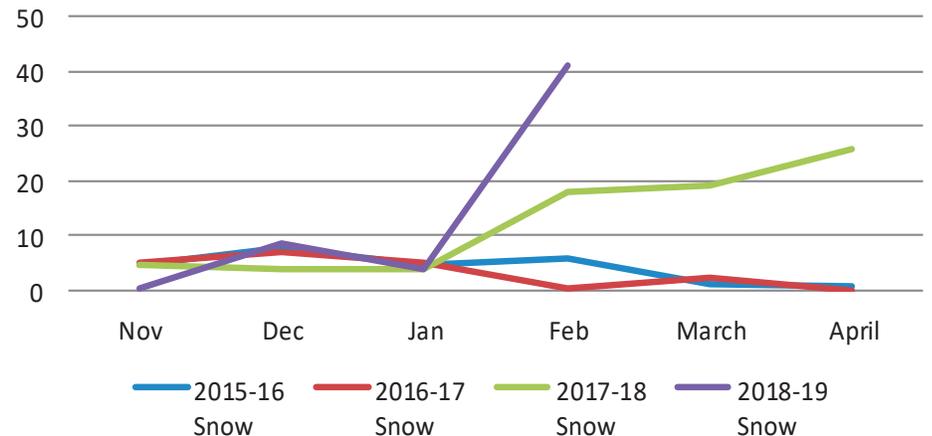


10-Year History: Courtesy of the Minnesota DNR, www.dnr.state.mn.us

Rain Chart



Snow Chart



Rain and Snow Data Courtesy of Wally & LeVonne Erickson, Holiday Beach

Greetings from LFARCC President Craig Panning (continued from page 1)

A warm welcome to new Area Reps Jeff Fish (Sunset Terrace), Jim Kirchofer (Holiday Beach) and Mark Wollschlager (Rustic Ridge). We encourage all lake residents to get to know your Area Reps and bring any questions and ideas to them. You can find a complete list of all Area Reps in this newsletter and online.

Aquatic Invasive Species

One of the most important responsibilities of the Lake Association is to monitor for infestation of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our lake.

A portion of all Lake Association memberships dues goes to a fund set aside to address the problem should Eurasian milfoil, zebra mussels, starry stonewort or others be discovered in our lake. Over the years, the balance in this fund has grown to \$65,828. As you are probably aware, all of these aquatic invasive species have been discovered in neighboring lakes. Brian Knox (Hidden Forest) coordinates a team of lake residents who regularly monitor our lake for AIS. He reports that no AIS was discovered through this past summer. Thank you to all who participate in this very important volunteer opportunity.

To help us against this fight, the main Lake Francis boat launch has been monitored by trained AIS inspectors from Anchor Dock & Lift from May through mid-September the past three years. The number of boat inspections over the three years are: 2016=823, 2017=980 and 2018=954. As of this writing, we are waiting for approval of funds for the 2019 launch inspection program. If you see what you think might be AIS on our lake, please contact your Area Rep so a further assessment can be made.

2019 Calendar of Events

All lake area residents are encouraged to check out the list of 2019 Calendar of Lake Events and Area Happenings found

in this newsletter. This calendar provides a list of area happenings and highlights LFARCC hosted events. Mark your calendars now as these activities will give you the opportunity to meet and get to know more of your lake neighbors. If you have accumulated too many things over the years, the Saturday, June 1, Lake Francis Area Garage Sale will be your opportunity to unclutter. The Lake Association's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 29, at the Kingston Community Center. This is your opportunity to learn more about the Lake Association. It will also give you a chance to ask questions and share your ideas about the organization.

Membership Increasing

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the LFARCC through membership and volunteerism in the past. Last year we had 139 members (12 more than 2017) and 16 business members. Let's work together to increase this number and make our Lake Association even stronger going forward. I would also encourage you to consider volunteering. It's a great way to meet new neighbors and learning about lake happenings.

Additional Area Reps are needed for Melody Lane, Holiday Beach, Rustic Ridge and Outlots. Another current volunteer opportunity is in the area of communications and newsletters. We could really use the talents of someone who has writing, design and or web site expertise. If you have an interest in any volunteer opportunity, contact your Area Rep or e-mail lakefrancisnews@gmail.com. Remember, volunteer organizations only succeed if members are interested in getting involved.

Hope you have a great spring and summer. See you on the lake!

Craig Panning, LFARCC President

TREASURER'S UPDATE

Report submitted January 7, 2019, by Mike Oesterreich, LFARCC Treasurer

Gross Income in 2018 was \$10,896. This includes \$4,160 from member dues to cover AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) treatment, prevention, or is held in reserve. In addition to this, \$4,160 the board committed \$3,500 from our excess income to be held in our AIS reserve fund for future needs. Membership dues including AIS contributions totaled \$6,245 from 139 members. Membership increased by 12 from 2017.

Other sources of income in 2018 include AIS interest \$620, business memberships \$1,400, member donations \$1,232 and the golf tournament fundraiser \$1,400. The golf tournament has become a huge income success due to the efforts of a few board members seeking sponsorships from the business community.

Expenses in 2018, excluding the \$7,660 committed to AIS, were \$2,426. Major expenses include the newsletter \$683, insurance \$648, picnic \$406, water testing \$220, and the annual meeting \$137.

LFARCC reserves increased by \$7,861 from \$66,520 to \$74,381 in 2018. Totals include \$65,828 in AIS reserves and \$8,553 in conservation reserves. The AIS reserves will allow the board to react quickly to address any future AIS issues should it be determined treatment or preventative action is needed. The conservation reserves are held for programs to improve lake water quality and generally would be part of projects with matching funds from the county or other sources.

LFARCC also has \$4,184 in the checking account.

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Mary Lou Pivec, Hidden Forest

When did you become an LFARCC Board Member? I don't remember



exactly the year. I would guess around the late 90s. I rode along with Tim to a breakfast meeting and they were looking for a Board Secretary that year, so I

got the job. After giving that position up, I did membership for a couple of years, then gave that to someone else for a couple of years, and now have been doing membership for the last 10 years.

What is the Lake Association doing that you're most proud of? I think the board is doing as much as it can to keep informed and try to keep ahead of the AIS problem.

What's your Lake Francis story?

Tim and I bought a cabin on Lake Francis in the spring of 1985 and spent almost every week-end there with our kids in the summer. By the time the lots came up for sale in Hidden Forest in 2000, we knew we wanted to retire on Lake Francis so we bought a lot. When our youngest went away to college, we figured why wait until we retire to enjoy living on the lake. So in 2006 we built our home and moved full-time to Lake Francis. We're still working, too!

What do you enjoy most about

Lake Francis? The best part about Lake Francis is how quiet it is during the week. We enjoy when the week-ends appear on Friday evening and we enjoy when they leave on Sunday afternoon. The clean water and sand bottom are also really nice.

Tell us a little more about yourself.

Tim and I have 4 adult sons, and we are grandparents to 3 little boys, with another one on the way. Maybe a girl this time? I am a bookkeeper and work 3 days a week for 3 different companies. I love to do anything on or near the water, enjoy gardening, reading, and snowmobiling.



Wildwood Terrace Hosts Annual Picnic

Morning rain didn't keep us from having a great time at the 2018 Lake Francis Summer Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 4, in the Wildwood Terrace neighborhood! Thank you to everyone who attended, brought food to share and joined in the fun. Special thanks to Roger and Deb Berggren and family for hosting; Jan Anderson and Jennifer Severson, Board members from Wildwood Terrace who also helped organize the picnic; Don Hauptert for the tent; Lenny Hilgers for the smoked chicken and pork; Mary Ward and Holly Edwards for providing gifts for the kiddos and the many others who helped in ways big and small. *See you next year in the Sunset Terrace neighborhood!*

Lake Francis Garage Sale: June 1



Back by popular demand, the Lake Francis Area Garage Sale will be held June 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Lake Association will advertise in the local newspaper and on social media two weeks prior to the event. Participants are encouraged to gather neighbors and share the responsibility of placing signs directing traffic to your garage sale locations. This will help this year's event be a wonderful success!

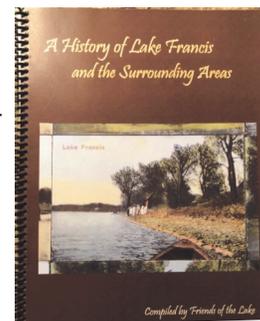
A History of the Lake Francis Area

Have you wondered about the history of the area where you live or have your cabin?

A group of dedicated Lake Francis residents gathered that information for you. In 2010 a book with the above title was published through the Lake Francis Area Recreation and Conservation Club. At that time, the association took orders for hardcover and softcover "coffee table" books. All ordered were sold. In recent years the organization has received requests to again have these books available.

In speaking with the printer, Fox Tracks, they are willing to do soft cover reprints at a price of \$25 plus shipping. The books are color printed and approximately 200 pages. Many of your friends or neighbors may well have a book for you review. The printer thought the lead time would be within a week's time.

If you are interested, you can contact them at solutions@foxtrx.com. Mention that you are a member of the Lake Francis ARCC. Shipping cost will vary based upon the number of books purchased and the method of shipping.





3rd ANNUAL LFARCC GOLF OUTING IS A GREAT SUCCESS

The 3rd Annual Lake Francis Golf Outing was held on August 5, 2018, at the Kimball Golf Club. Twenty-six golfers enjoyed a great day on the course with friends and neighbors. The Lake Association raised over \$1,500 toward its AIS, recreation and water quality efforts!

A big thank you to the golfers, sponsors and prize donors for making for their ongoing support. Special thanks for Jan Anderson, Lisa Haley Christofferson and Janice Smith for organizing the event and to the volunteers and Kimball Golf Club employees who made the day a complete success.

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Anchor Dock & Lift; Carefree Lawn Diva's Inc. Salon and Spa; Fox Tracks Marketing; Heart of the Lakes Travel; Hometown Floors, Kitchens & Baths; Janice Smith Edina Realty; JK Landscape Construction; O'Brothers Wine & Spirits; and Tana Crowell-KG Realty.

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If you'd like to participate, volunteer, sponsor or donate to this year's golf outing, please contact LFARCC Board Members Jan Anderson, Lisa Haley Christofferson or Janice Smith. Additional information will be posted on the Lake Francis Facebook page this summer.

The 4th Annual Lake Francis Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019, at the Kimball Golf Club.

Volunteers Honored at Annual Meeting



The LFARCC Annual Membership Meeting was held Saturday, June 30, 2018, at the Kingston Community Center. Outgoing Board President Jan Anderson was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her tireless efforts in support of Lake Francis, the Association, AIS and water quality. Anderson was Board President from 2014-2018. Outgoing Board members were also recognized, including: Stacy Devitt, Sunset Terrace; Holly Edwards, Melody Lane; Bob Flemming, Holiday Beach; Don Hauptert, Melody Lane; and Chuck Tacl, Rustic Ridge.

Dan Nadeau from the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District, spoke to the membership about measures property owners can take to protect and improve Lake Francis' water quality.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Janice Smith, Outlots

When did you become a LFARCC Board Member? It's been about 10



years that I've been representing the Outlots. I currently assist with business memberships, new property owner information, the local calendar of events, social media

updates, and this year the Lake Francis Area garage sale.

What is the Lake Association doing that you're most proud of?

The board is doing a great job of keeping lake property owners up-to-date and informed of AIS and potential consequences. The board is always trying to get important information in front of property owners such as natural lakeshore restoration to prevent erosion, etc., which helps the entire lake.

What is your Lake Francis story?

As a child, we would frequent the beach as it was one of the nicest around at that time. I have lived here for 20+ years with my family. My husband's family has been on the lake since the late 1940s. They owned a farm here at that time, eventually selling lots and building small cabins on lots along Wildwood Terrace. We have a few acres, which allows us to enjoy the best of both worlds—the lake, motor sports and some privacy.

What do you enjoy most about Lake Francis?

We have enjoyed the lake year-round since moving here. Being near the water has let us create some great family memories. We enjoy fishing, water skiing, wake boarding, paddle boarding, and just cruising around the lake. We try to get on the water 4-5 times a week in the Summer as it's like a mini vacation away from life. We also enjoy cross country skiing and ice fishing in the winter months.

Tell us a little more about yourself!

My husband and I have two college-age kids who still enjoy being home and spending time with us. We enjoy the outdoors and most anything on the water and spending time with family & friends. I am a realtor with Edina Realty which allows me to assist people with their dreams of home ownership whether it's here on the lake or elsewhere in MN, very rewarding!

2019 LFARCC BUSINESS MEMBERS

Locally owned businesses are the backbone of our area communities! Please look to LFARCC Business Members *first* when shopping and dining, or when you're in need of professional services. If you'd like to learn more about the benefits of business membership, visit lakefrancismn.org or contact Janice Smith at 320-980-3487, Nancy Friesen at 763-295-2332, or Ray Hirte at 651-238-3887.



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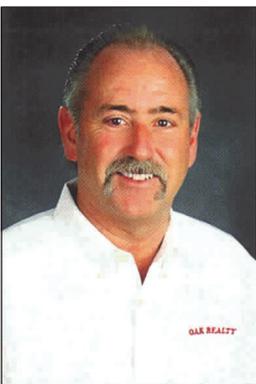


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Interested in Volunteering? The LFARCC has opportunities for you and your family to give back, ensuring that Lake Francis thrives for years to come!

2019 MEMBERSHIP INFO ENCLOSED

For only \$45/year, you'll enjoy up-to-date lake information, special events, a printed lake directory, water level monitoring, lake stewardship, and access to the DNR, Wright & Meeker County, area watershed and other representatives and expertise. **Memberships are due May 15, 2019.**



Watch the LFARCC Facebook page for updates!
Contact your Area Representative with concerns, comments or questions you'd like the Lake Francis ARCC Board of Directors to address.

2019 LFARCC Calendar

March 23	Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., South Haven City Hall
May 15	Membership Deadline
June 1	Lake Francis Area Garage Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 29	Annual Member Meeting, 8:30 a.m. Social, 9 a.m., Meeting, Kingston Community Center
June 29	Board Meeting, After Member Meeting, Kingston Community Center
August 3	Lake Francis Annual Picnic, 1 p.m., Sunset Terrace
August 4	Golf Outing, Noon, Kimball Golf Club
September 14	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, TBD
September 14	Board Meeting, Location TBD
December 7	Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m., South Haven City Hall