

# Lake Francis News

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Spring 2021

## WHAT A YEAR

### Greetings from LFARCC President Craig Panning

I started last year's article with "the newest challenge we are all navigating is the COVID-19 Pandemic". As of today, we aren't out of the woods, but things are looking up. As of April 23, the CDC reported a nationwide 7-day average percent positivity rate of 5.2%. A continued lowering of this positivity rate and three effective vaccines are allowing us all to get back to some normalization in our lives. This will hopefully also include our summer at the lake. If the positive trend continues, all Lake Francis Area Recreation and Conservation Club 2021 activities will return. Details are included in this newsletter.

### THANK YOU! LAKE AREA RESIDENTS

As you are probably aware, all in person LFARCC 2020 activities and board meetings were cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions. Despite this, 135 of your neighbors and 14 area Businesses continued support of our Association through their membership. That was an increase of 7 members over 2019. The LFARCC is only successful with Lake Area Resident and Business support.

As of April 25, 109 of your neighbors joined the LFARCC in 2021. That is 15 ahead of 2020 numbers. 13 area Businesses have also joined. Thanks to all. If you haven't, yet joined, I encourage you to consider it now. The Online and paper membership information can be found in this newsletter.

### WELCOME AND THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The LFARCC is a volunteer organization. The success of the LFARCC depends on the volunteerism of you and your lake neighbors. One new volunteer I would like to welcome is Adrian Rossman. Adrian is a new Area Representative from Pirates Cove.

I would also like to thank 4 volunteers who have decided to resign their Area Representative positions after years of service. These resignations provide opportunities for others to get involved through volunteering.

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## CURRENT FLARCC VOLUNTEERS

### 2020-21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS/AREA REPS

#### OFFICERS:

President.....	Craig Panning
Vice President.....	Mike Furst
Secretary.....	Kris Nelson
Treasurer.....	Mike Oesterreich

#### BOARD MEMBERS/AREA REPRESENTATIVES BY AREA:

Ranta Lane	Phone
Nancy Friesen.....	763-234-4153
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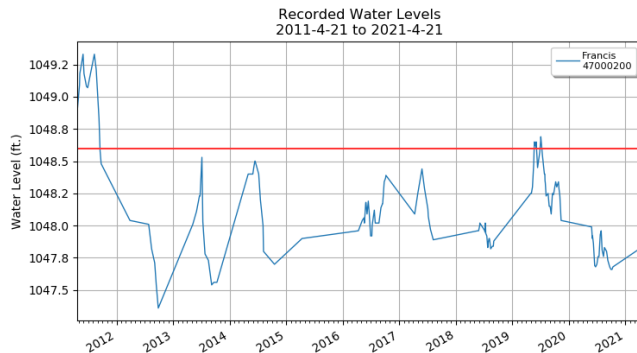
#### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

AIS Watch.....	Brian Knox
Business Membership.....	Nancy Friesen, Janice Smith
Communications.....	VACANT
DNR Representative.....	Mike Furst
Eagle Creek.....	VACANT
Holiday Beach Launch Watch.....	Mike Furst
Meeker Co. Lake Coalition.....	VACANT
Member Recruitment.....	Mike Oesterreich
Mary Lou Pivec, John Stokes, Craig Panning	
Membership.....	Mary Lou Pivec
New Resident Packet.....	John Stokes
Precipitation.....	Wally & LeVonne Erickson
Sign Maintenance.....	Craig Panning
Social Media.....	Janice Smith
Water Testing.....	Brian Knox
Web Site Maintenance & Development.....	VACANT
Wright Lake Coalition.....	Brian Knox

# Lake Francis 2021 Water Level

10 Year History Provided by Minnesota DNR

[www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)



If you're interest in the History of water levels on Lake Francis, you might find this information interesting. The red line on the graph above represents the Ordinary High Water Level for Lake Francis. That elevation is 1048.6 ft. The most recent water level was measured on April 15, 2021. That level was 1047.83 ft.

Water levels since 1954 had a 4.95 ft. range. Highest level recorded was 1049.81 ft. on August 30, 2002. Lowest level recorded was 1044.86 ft. on May 3, 1990. The blue line on the graph indicates the water level has been on a lower projection since middle of 2019.

For more DNR information on Lake Francis, go to the DNR web site listed above and click on Lake Finder. The Lake Francis ID is 47000200. Enjoy the findings.

## Lake Francis Precipitation- 2020

Information provided by  
Wally and LeVonne Erickson

Month	Rain	Snow
January	-	13.0 in
February	-	5.0 in
March	1.77 in	1.5 in
April	1.32 in	2.75 in
May	1.82 in	-
June	2.83 in	-
July	6.33 in	-
August	3.68 in	-
September	1.70 in	-
October	1.51 in	8.50 in
November	1.50 in	8.25 in
December	-	11.0 in
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22.46 IN.</b>	<b>50.0 IN.</b>

According to the National Weather Service, Annandale, MN. averages 30 in. of rain and 43 in. of snow annually.

## AIS WATCH EFFORTS CONTINUE

COVID-19 didn't deter the LFARCC's continued efforts to control (Aquatic Invasive Species) on our lake. One of the main responsibilities of The LFARCC is to monitor and deter the spread of AIS on our lake. All LFARCC members contribute financially to the AIS Reserve Fund through a portion of annual dues. 2020 member contribution was \$4050. (Fund Balance is \$91,085).

Brian Knox, Hidden Forest, AIS Coordinator and his team of volunteers continue monitoring our lake for signs of any type of AIS. Brian reports the only invasive found in our lake is Curly Leaf Pondweed.

Lake Francis will again be part of the 2021 Meeker County Watercraft Inspection Program. Coordinated by Ariana Richardson, Meeker County AIS Coordinator, this program provides a watercraft inspector at our main boat launch site from mid May through early Sept. Hours of inspections are primarily weekends. Inspectors attempt to minimize spread of AIS from lake to lake by inspecting watercraft in and out of Lake Francis. In 2020, the program inspectors completed 927 inspections, with a majority, 76% of inspections conducted on fishing boats. Owners of 69% of all watercraft inspected indicated their boat had been out of the water for 5 days. (DNR recommended time for AIS weeds attached to trailer or watercraft to dry and not spread.)

## WATER QUALITY-HOLDING STEADY

Brian Knox reports the water quality of Lake Francis is holding steady over recent years. Brian samples and has lake water tested annually. If you are interested in 14 years of water quality analysis check out the following web site [www.rmbel.info/data](http://www.rmbel.info/data).

## FUND RAISR AND BURGERS

Kingston Mini Mart, one the LFARCC Business Members, sponsor a weekly Friday Night Burger Night from 5:00-7:00pm .They invite local organizations to help with serving and other duties in exchange sharing some of the evening profits. The organizations part of the profits can range from \$500. To \$700. per evening. The LFARCC has committed to assist with the July 30 Burger Night. You are encouraged to save the date, come enjoy a great burger between 5:00 and 7:00 pm and bring all your friends. A great way to support The LFARCC.

## Greetings from LFARCC President

### Craig Panning (continued from Page 1)

Jim Olson from East Shore and Roger Berggren, Jenn Severson, Ray Hirte from Wildwood Terrace.

A special thanks to Jenn for all the time she devoted, and expertise she brought to the LFARCC as Communication and Social Media Coordinator for the past 8 years

If you are looking for a great way to get to know your lake neighbors while providing a service to your lake community, I suggest you consider volunteering for The LFARCC. If you would like more information, please contact me at 952-449-1286, or at panning931@outlook.com.

See you at the Lake

Craig Panning, LFARCC President

## **TREASURER'S UPDATE:** report submitted April 25, 2021 by Mike Oesterrich, LFARCC Treasurer

Total 2020 LFARCC income was \$10,645. That was down \$1,214 from 2019.

Major income sources included: Membership Dues \$6,075., Business Memberships \$1,400., Member Donation \$1,620., Interest Income \$1,350. 2020 income declines included: Golf Outing fundraiser \$1,330., Picnic donation \$400.

The total 2020 LFARCC expenses were \$8,793. That was down \$2,493. from 2019.

Major expenses included: AIS Reserves \$6,300., (\$4050. from membership dues, and \$2,250 LFARCC Board approved from excess income), Newsletter \$1,001., Insurance \$653., Web Expense \$361. and Water Sampling \$285.

LFARCC reserves increased by \$7,650 to a total of \$91,085. This is split \$82,285 For AIS Reserves and \$8,800 for 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 any project to improve water quality. Mike reports the LFRCC ended 2020 with \$3,459. in the checking account.

## Lake Francis Ice Out 2021

Ice out Judges, Brian and Chery Knox report official 2021 ice out date and time as:

**MONDAY, MARCH 29, 11:30 AM**

Congrats to John and Linda Stokes, Sunset Terrace. They won the guessing game with a guess of March 29, 11:00am. They also won the 2019 contest.

## 2021 SUMMER EVENTS RETURN

The following summer events will return to Lake Francis in 2021. Events will be cancelled if COVID-19 conditions warrant. Watch Facebook and your email for updates.

### -Lake Garage Sale-Sat. June 5

Due to numerous requests, the every other year Lake Garage Sale will be held Sat. June 5 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The LFARCC will advertise in local newspapers and on social media two weeks prior to the event. Participants are encouraged to gather neighbors and share the responsibility of placing signs and directing traffic in your area.

### -LFARCC Annual Membership Meeting- Sat. June 26

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Sat. June 26, at the Kingston Community Center. A Social begins at 8:30am with Membership Meeting starting at 9:00am.

### -Lake Francis 4th of July Boat Parade-Sun. July 4

The July 4 Boat Parade return to the lake in 2020 with great participation. The 2021 addition is scheduled for Sun. July 4, 1:00pm. Those interested in participating should meet at the main boat landing/public beach area. Rumor has it, there might be a Grand Marshall for the parade.

### -Lake Francis Annual Picnic-Sat. August 7

The Annual Lake Picnic is scheduled for Sat. August 7, starting at 1:00pm. Melody Lane will be the host neighborhood for the 2021 picnic. Al Smith, Melody Lane Area Rep. will coordinate picnic details. Let Al know if you would be interested in serving as host site. You only need to provide the grounds. The LFARCC provides the main course with attendees bringing dishes to share.

### -5th Annual Lake Francis Golf Outing-Sun. August 8

The 5th Annual Golf Outing will be held Sunday August 8 at Southbrook Golf Course in Annandale. Start organizing your team now, or sign up as individuals. Event sign-up, details and t-off time will follow. This event is a great way to meet your lake neighbors. Also provides an opportunity to financially support the LFARCC.

## HOW TO JOIN LFARCC

There are two option for completing your membership application. Either Online or through the Mail. Choose your favorite option. Membership fee \$45.00 annually.

### -Steps to Join or Renew Online:

1. Go to [LakeFrancisMN.org](http://LakeFrancisMN.org) and highlight Membership Info.
2. Click on" Online Membership Form-Individual" link.
3. Complete the Membership Form, then click "Submit" (Your membership will be emailed to the LFARCC)
4. Choose to submit your dues payment via check or click on the PayPal button to charge using PayPal, Master Card, Visa, Discover or American Express.

### -Steps to Join Or Renew through the Mail:

1. Tear out and complete printed Membership Form Included in this Newsletter.
2. Return with check to address to Form.

**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



## 2021 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](http://lakefrancismn.org) or contact Janice Smith at 320-980-3487 or Nancy Friesen at 763-295-2332.



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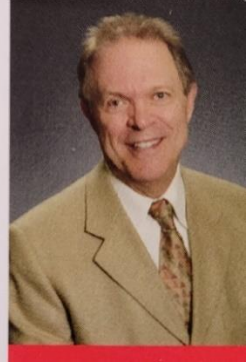
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## **LAKE FRANCIS AREA RECREATION & CONSERVATION CLUB**

### **2021 Individual/Family Membership Registration**

**Registration Deadline: May 15, 2021**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The LFARCC newsletters are delivered via e-mail. We take your privacy seriously and will not share your e-mail address — it will only be used for distribution of the newsletter and LFARCC-related business.

☐ Please check if any of your contact information has changed since last year.

Lake Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone (if different from Primary Phone listed above): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your lake residence?: ☐ Primary ☐ Seasonal/Occasional

*If your lake address is not your primary residence, please complete the following:*

Primary Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

In the past, the Club has printed a complete directory of all lake property owners and members' primary home and lake addresses and phone numbers. The Board makes this directory available only to paid members at the Annual Meeting in June. This is useful to many in helping direct visitors to specific locations on the lake. Lake neighbors can also easily identify names of other property owners to contact in the event of an emergency (storm damage, break-ins, etc).

- ☐ Yes, please list my information in the directory. I understand the directory will only be distributed to lake property owners who are Club members and not to those who would use it for solicitations.
- ☐ No, I do not want my information listed in the directory.

### **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Membership is open to a single person or family, including children under the age of 18. Children 18 or older are expected to have their own membership to participate as Members. NOTE: A portion of your membership fee will go into the Club's "Aquatic Invasive Species Fund." This fund will be used in part to eradicate any type of invasive species should it be discovered. *The Lake Francis ARCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.*

- ☐ My/our \$45 membership fee is enclosed. Make checks payable to Lake Francis ARCC.
- ☐ I/we wish to contribute an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lake Francis ARCC this year to further fund AIS protection and other important projects.

**Please return this form with your membership fee to:**

**Membership—Lake Francis ARCC, PO Box 81, South Haven, MN 55382**

**ICE OUT CONTEST ENTRY** (Entry must be postmarked 72 hours before "ice out.") DOP: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Francis will be 90% ice free on:

(month) \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. (circle one)

**IMPORTANT: Please complete information on back!**

## HELP PROTECT LAKE FRANCIS: Holiday Beach Volunteer AIS Monitors

☐ Yes, I'm interested in volunteering as a Holiday Beach Volunteer AIS Monitor (or learning more).

The Lake Association and Lake Francis residents provide volunteer Aquatic Invasive Species Monitors at Holiday Beach on high-traffic weekends. Volunteers will greet boaters at the landing, inspect for aquatic invasive species and hand out printed material about species that threaten to invade all Minnesota waterways, including Lake Francis. Free AIS inspection training will be provided to volunteers and residents. The training is recommended for volunteers, but not required.

*We welcome anyone to be a volunteer AIS Monitor! Volunteer one hour or 20—we'll find a date and time that best suits you.*

Your contribution of time will help us meet in-kind service requirements for lake conservation grants and water-quality monitoring efforts. **OUR GOAL IS 150 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERISM! *Many hands make light work—let's work together to protect Lake Francis.***

### PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

The LFARCC is a membership-driven organization and the Board values your opinion. If there are topics or projects you'd like to see the Association address or ways you would gain more value from your membership, please share your thoughts below. You are also welcome to contact your Area Rep or any member of the Board of Directors at any time.

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### OTHER WAYS TO HELP LAKE FRANCIS

The support of membership dollars is only a part of what Lake Francis ARCC needs to survive and be effective. What is most important is active contributions from our membership! It takes more than the efforts of a very small minority of members. We need your help, too!

*Check below if you're interested in learning more about the jobs/committees listed below:*

- ☐ Annual Picnic
- ☐ Annual Meeting
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ AIS Watch
- ☐ Signs (Summer Postings)
- ☐ Lake Water Level Monitor
- ☐ Secci Disk Reader
- ☐ Rain/Snow Data Monitor
- ☐ Aquatic Invasive Species Team

- ☐ Facebook Administrator
- ☐ Lake Area Representative
- ☐ Eagle Creek Maintenance
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ New Homeowner Packet
- ☐ Advertising
- ☐ DNR Liaison
- ☐ Floating Bog
- ☐ Water Testing

***Representative to one or more of the following:***

- ☐ Meeker County Association of Lakes
- ☐ Wright County Association of Lakes & Rivers
- ☐ Minnesota Lakes Association



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

## 2021 LFARCC Calendar of Events

June 5.....	Lake Garage Sale, 8:00 am. - 4:00 pm.
June 26.....	Annual Membership Meeting, 8:30 am. Social, 9:00 am. Meeting Kingston Community Center
June 26.....	Board Meeting, following conclusion of Annual Meeting Kingston Community Center
July 4.....	4th of July Lake Francis Boat Parade, 1:00 pm. Participants meet at Main Boat Landing/Public Beach Area
July 30.....	Lake Francis Friday Burger Night 5:00 pm. - 7:00pm. Kingston Mini Mart, 31083 State Hwy. 15, Kingston
August 7.....	Lake Francis Annual Picnic, 1:00 pm. Melody Lane Neighborhood
August 8.....	5th Annual Lake Francis Golf Outing, Time TBD Southbrook Golf Course, Annandale
September 11.....	Board Meeting, 9:00 am. South Haven City Hall
December 5.....	Board Meeting, 9:00 am. South Haven City Hall

Watch the LFARCC Facebook page for updates!

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