



President's Report

March 1, 2025

Spring is upon us Lakewood Prairie neighbors, and what comes with it? Spring cleaning of course, and the Board has been very busy cleaning house. We are happy to announce we hired Molly Maid of Shorewood to be our cleaning crew for the clubhouse. We are starting with a deep clean this Monday and we are thrilled to start working with them. In addition, we are seeking bids to paint the clubhouse and our goal is to have it done before the pool opens. Which brings me to the next announcement. The Board has decided that we would like to seek contractors, if possible, from within the neighborhood. We have a lot of talent and hard-working small businesses right here at home. We will be seeking bids for painters, concrete work, carpentry, and more. Flyers will be posted on our socials and Townsq looking for potential businesses, so be on the lookout for those. Businesses must be insured, licensed, with pictures of work, and verifiable references.

Another exciting update is this pool season will be lifeguard free! We heard your requests for more access to our pool and we are making it happen. There will be an attendant on duty who will check guests in, be a point of contact for incidents or injuries, maintain the cleanliness of the pool deck, and skim the pool when needed. We want to assure you this has been run by our legal team as well as insurance. Signage will reflect a swim at your own risk. This is a huge change and we will be implementing stricter rules for homeowners and a zero tolerance policy for poor behavior. Parents will be responsible for attending to their kid's safety and pool privileges will be revoked for an allotted time if the updated pool rules are not followed. Casheema, our Board Secretary, has been working closely with the Joliet Fire Department to schedule some free first aid and CPR classes to our homeowners, as a way of taking an extra step in providing another layer of knowledge and safety. Dates for classes coming soon.

After talking with our lawyers about adult swim, we were informed that it is discriminatory to limit swimming by age. However, we can and will implement a lap swim time for more seasoned swimmers. The details on this are still being worked out, but we are discussing making lap swim for the last hour or so of the day on certain days of the week. We will post the lap swim schedule once we've finalized it.

With spring comes Easter, and the events commission will be planning an egg hunt and pictures with the Easter bunny. We are in the early stages of planning so watch closely for registration which will come soon.

The Board is hard at work looking for accountants to do our audit, as well as a reputable company to do our reserve study. We are very over due for both, and with a new management company, new Board, and our lack of available records, we want to ensure the financial health of our neighborhood is tended to. Updates on our progress will be made to you when we know more.

A quick update on the Ammendments Commission. We have seven members who meet every other week, and we have completed three meetings already. We are almost finished with the Bylaws and will be moving to the Declaration. This is an awesome team of volunteers who are diligent and committed to the cause. You will be seeing updates on our socials and Townsq as progress is made.

Lastly, we have been working for two months with no Operations Manager, and I as Board President felt an obligation to take on William's duties to maintain the operations of our association. The Board put out a notice that we are seeking someone to fill the position, and we are pleased to report we received 4 applications. We will be conducting interviews this week, and hopefully the Board will have an announcement within the next couple of weeks as to who will take the position. The Board has modified the duties of the OM including being on-site at least three days a week. We think it is important that we have an OM who is available to our homeowners, especially in the busy warmer months when the pool is open. They will be an extra point of contact since we will be lifeguard free.

In closing I want to say how proud I am of my fellow Board members who have been working extra hard to make these much needed changes. It is a breath of fresh air to have a team that communicates, participates, and is open to new ideas. The board has a weekly standing meeting with eachother going over board business, and David our Vice President has been guiding us on our new Microsoft 365 subscription, which is really helping with organization. This is also aiding us in keeping immaculate records.

Great things are on the horizon, and we are certain our fellow neighbors will agree. Be sure to make it to our next Board meeting at the clubhouse March 11th. If you can't make it in person please watch the live stream. You won't want to miss it.

Warm Regards,

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