

# IT'S ALL

# ABOUT THE

# LAKE

1st Edition

March 2019

Fellow Holiday Lake Lot Owners,

This is the very first edition of "It's All about the Lake" and I am super-excited to finally be able to reach out to all of you! I grew up spending my weekends at our little slice of heaven and have so many great memories and continue to make even more, as a lot owner and a business owner, living just seconds away from the beach!

Shane and I are always looking for ways to grow our business and love meeting new people. The questions we get most are, "What's going on at the Lake?" and "Who can I hire to...."? Both full-time residents and weekenders want to do business locally and they want to make the most of their time at the lake. This newsletter is our solution. We hope you find it informative and helpful. I'm always looking for ideas and suggestions for upcoming newsletters. Feel free to stop in at Gator Enterprise, LLC for a chat or send me an email at [jenidegeeter@netins.net](mailto:jenidegeeter@netins.net).



Have a great day!  
Jeni DeGeeter

Lake Fact: A working gas station and restaurant once existed near the current beach, aka Arrowhead Trading Post.

## #HLR Holiday Lake Rocks



Holiday Lake Rocks (#HLR) was created by Marissa & Lillian Rahe in the Summer of 2018 inspired by their love of art and nature. If you find a rock, please post a picture to the Holiday Lakes Rock Facebook page (link below), and then re-hide for the fun to continue. Want to create rocks? Decorate a rock, add #HLR, and hide! All ages are invited to participate in the fun. Please keep an eye out for #HLR events coming up this summer. If you have any questions please reach out to Andrea Rahe at [andrearahel@gmail.com](mailto:andrearahel@gmail.com). Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194285784618604/>



The Holiday Lake Rocks Kickoff will be held at the Powell Park on Saturday, May 25 from 1–3PM. Bring your rocks, supplies, and come on down to the Park to enjoy the company of other rock enthusiast as we kick off the season! We will have a few spare supplies and clear sealant to keep those rocks shiny through the summer. Take your rocks with you to hide, or leave them behind and we will hide them for you! We will be collecting donations to help sponsor future rock events this summer. Here is a link to the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/296517484346489> FREE ICE CREAM!



# Holiday Lake Makes History

By Lot Owner, Blake Wilkinson

Every single day, good times are had, friends are made and memories are generated at Holiday Lake. Since its initial construction in 1961, families have gathered, relaxed, partied and celebrated the freedom of lake living.

A Facebook group, Holiday Lake – History, has been created in an effort to document the good times. The group's 160 members share stories, pictures and videos and enjoy access to hundreds of vintage images. The group contains an 'album' to collect member photos for a 2020 calendar. Holiday Lake merchandise with historical images are for sale at the Office. Any proceeds over cost will be donated to a Lake project.

Thank you for being part of the Holiday Lake Family! Be sure to share your memories with Holiday Lake – History facebook group!

Be sure to look for fun Lake Facts throughout the newsletter!



## Lake Fact:

Water from nearly 1,200 acres drains into the basin which forms the lake.

## Kids Club

Kid's Club is a Christian-based after-school program held at the Community Center. Kent Chapel and the Women's Society lead children through Bible Stories, Music, Crafts and Games.

Join us, Thursdays after school until pick-up at 5:30 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September through Easter.

Contact Pastor Dorothy Banzhaf with any questions  
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## Kids Cove!

Kids Cove is held once per month from February through November depending on the weather and attendance. These events allow kids of Holiday Lake, ages 7-14, to get together and play games, do crafts and make new friends! We post updates and scheduled events on the "Our Lake" Facebook page or you can also reach our website directly at <https://chrisdinaso.wixsite.com/kidscove> or through the Holiday Lake page at [www.holidaylakebrooklynia.com](http://www.holidaylakebrooklynia.com) (click "kids cove" on the left hand corner).

Saturdays at 6-7:30PM at the Community Center  
4/20, 5/25, 6/8, 9/21, 10/12, 11/16

## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Lake Owners' Association, Inc.

All Dates and Times are Subject to Change. For additional information or inquiries on specific events, please contact the Holiday Lake Owner's Association Office.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20, Powell Park 1PM  
Sponsored by Holiday Realty

#### Kent Church 9-Piece Singing Group & Light Lunch:

Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.; Community Center

#### Bake Sale at the Community Center

Saturday, May 25, 8AM—Noon

#### Lake Wide Clean Up Days

Saturday, June 1 and Saturday June 8, 9AM—1PM.

#### Lake Wide Potluck at the Community Center

Saturday, June 1, 6PM

#### Kids Fishing Tournament

Saturday, June 8, 6AM—3PM, Community Center

#### Lake Wide Garage Sales

Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15  
Contact: Mary Little (641) 522-4438



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Trophies will be awarded for:  
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Registration is required by May 15th 2019 so that we can get a head count for food, goody bags and boats. T-shirts are going to be given to each child as a memento so please list their sizes on the registration forms.

<https://heatherenordlund.wixsite.com/holidaylakekids>  
**CONTACT Heather Jones 319-800-3079**

## COME JOIN THE FUN! ADULT GAME NIGHT SATURDAYS AT 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

April 13, May 4, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 19, November 9, December 14

#### Benefit for Mike Brown

Mike Brown is a long time Holiday Lake lot owner who was involved in a severe tractor accident at the lake while mowing there August 18th 2018.

He is still hospitalized at the Veterans Administration hospital in Minneapolis on the Poly Trauma unit. After 6 months of hospitalization the medical bills are mounting. He will also require specialized services when he does return back to Our Lake.

Please come and enjoy lunch with the family and hopefully Mike himself!

**Saturday, June 29 from  
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Lake Fact: Some lake 'pets' have included Susie, the chimp, Wilie, the penguin, a peacock and mhyna birds.

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Lake Fact: Clearing of the timber in the area began in the fall of 1961 and grading operations were started in the spring of 1962.



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# Fish Committee puts on Annual Ice Fishing Derby

The 2019 Holiday Lake Ice Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year (year 3 was cancelled due to poor ice conditions) that The Holiday Lake Fish Committee has hosted this tournament. Committee members, along with several volunteers, put on this event to raise money for future re-stocking of fish and for artificial fish habitats in our lake. Donations were made by area businesses and individuals for raffle and door prizes helped to gain a \$9,900 profit!

There were 270 registrants. Awards were given out for the Biggest Fish for each of these species. The Biggest Fish, were determined by length:

Bass 21" • Crappie 13.5" • Perch 13.75" • Walleye 19" • Bluegill 9.75" • Catfish 27"

Biggest Fish, Age 12 & Under was a catfish at 19.5"

*"Some caught fish and some didn't, but most everyone thanked us for having a great event.  
Some fish were kept, of course, but a lot of fish were released right down the hole after measuring."*  
Commented Lot Owner Mike Ehrig, Holiday Lake Fish Committee



Photos courtesy of Lot Owner Lon Fisher, Signs by Fisher



Lake Fact: By 1962 12,500 bullheads, 6,500 large-mouth bass, 2,000 bluegills, 2,000 crappies, and 8,000 channel cat dumped in the four lakes.

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## **Friday, July 5 Activities**

DARK Kid's Movie at Powell Park

## **Saturday, July 6 Activities**

9AM Yoga in the Park at Powell Park

10AM Paddle Boat Races 10AM at the South Dock

10AM Volley Ball – 10AM at Powell Park

11AM—Dark Walking Tacos/Hot Dogs/Brats at the Community Center

7PM Sky Divers landing in ball field at North Entrance

8PM Boat Parade-South Dock

DARK Fireworks off the dam with rain date Sunday, July 7

## **Sunday, July 7 Activities**

9AM Carnival Games at the Community Center

10:30AM Judging for ATV/Golf Cart Cruise ends

11AM ATV/Golf Cart Cruise

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## ***Calling all writers!***

I am in the process of putting together a newsletter that will be mailed, (yes folks, MAILED) to all property owners of our lake. The main focus of this endeavor is to promote our local businesses and services. But there is also a bit of room for some fun and/or informative articles. Let's focus on the positive and help our community to be more informed! If you would like to contribute or have an idea or there is something you would like to learn more about, please email me at [jenidegeeter@netins.net](mailto:jenidegeeter@netins.net).

Deadline for the very first edition is February 28<sup>th</sup>!