

QLCA NEWS

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April/May 2021

Greetings Neighbors!

I hope this 2021 Spring Newsletter finds you enjoying being able to get out of the house to celebrate spring again. This time last year I could not imagine where we would be in 3 months let alone a year later. However, one thing was certain, I knew that our Queens Lake Community, my friends, and neighbors, would help me get thru this. Community was the theme this past year and as far as I can see this has brought out the best in us despite being a difficult time.

Our special springtime issue of the Queens Lake Community Association (QLCA) newsletter is mailed to all QL households so that non-members can read what membership is about and what makes this community so special. Many new families have moved here because of word of mouth about our QL neighborhood spirit, our amenities like the two swimming pools on the creek, the marina, the lake, clubhouse, our tennis courts, and playground. Our community has many of the amenities of a gated community at a fraction of the cost. All these QLCA facilities are supported by our volunteer members. If you are not a member, I invite you to join! We are not an HOA, but we are an association of both deeded and traditional members who pay annual dues. Deeding your property shows your commitment to this community and helps to make Queens Lake a highly desirable neighborhood to potential homeowners and there is no fee to deed. Traditional membership was started over 60 years ago with a non-refundable stock purchase. Beginning January 2022 our traditional stock fee will increase significantly after 30 years at the same rate. I encourage you to join now if you want to be a traditional member, do not wait till 2022!

Here is a snapshot of QLCA socials planned thru June:

April 3rd - Children's Easter Egg Hunt
April 21st - Virtual Ladies Night
April 24th - Men's Breakfast (NEW!)
May 1st - Cinco de May Party
May 15th - Movie on the green

June 5th - Member Social (Adults only evening poolside)
June 26th - THE ANNUAL QUEENS LAKE DAY! (Events planned all day as well as lunch and dinner by reservation, non-members may pay a small fee to participate)

That list continues past June, but I could only fit so much! Also printed in this newsletter are lists of neighborhood teens who can assist you as you clean up the yard as well as babysitters and plant/pet sitters. Wondering what is going on at the Marina or Lake, Tennis Courts or Pools? All the directors of those facilities post what is coming up and what is going on. Our newsletter goes out every two months to members and is packed with helpful information. As a member, you can attend these fun events and help to continue the financial support it takes to maintain our QL areas and your property values. Of the 534 homes in Queens Lake, 380+ are members of the association. Just think if everyone decided to join what an impact we could have in the community!

For membership questions please call the QL office at 757-229-0973 or email me at tombeccacho@cox.net. Information is also available on www.queenslake.net and on our Queens Lake Community Facebook page.

Rebecca Cho, Membership Director

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The QL Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Books and records of the Queens Lake Community Association, including minutes of all Board meetings, are open to members for review.

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Newsletter Layout & Design:

The next newsletter deadline is **May 15, 2021**. Inquiries, articles and ads should be submitted to the QLCA office by email newsletter@queenslake.net or by calling 229-0973

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3 - Easter Egg Hunt - 11am
 April 3 - Pool Clean up Day - 12pm
 April 9 /10 - Spring Cleanup - 9am - 12pm
 April 10 - Marina Cleanup Day - 9am
 April 13 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 April 16 /17 - Spring Cleanup - 9am - 12pm
 April 21 - Ladies' Night - 7pm
 April 24 - Men's Breakfast
 April 24 - Swim Team Sign up - 11am - Pool
 April 29 - BBQ Food Truck
 May 1 - Cinco de May Party
 May 8 - Pool Clean up
 May 11 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 May 15 - Movie on the Green
 May 29 - Marina Flag Raising 10am
 May 29 - Marina Raft up - 1pm
 June 5 - Membership Social - Pool
 June 7 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 June 26 - Queens Lake Day
 July 10 - Movie on the Green / Food Truck
 July 13 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 August 14 - Movie on the Green / Food Truck
 September 14 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 September 18 - Movie on the Green / Food Truck
 October 12 - Board Meeting - 7pm
 October 16 - Seafood Fest
 October 30 - Truck-or-treat
 November 6 - Arts and Craft Show - 9am to 3pm
 November 26 - Tree Sale
 December 5 - Christmas Brunch - 11am
 December 5 - Holiday Cookie Exchange - 2pm

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Yoga -Yoga: Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm, Clubhouse (with masks) along with a synchronous Zoom (ID:89474663016, pass-word:yoga)class. Classes are \$10 each or a five class pass for \$40 ; first class free. Contact Mary Joyner (mjyoga101@gmail.com)

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SUPPORT GROUP

The Widow/Widower support Group meets and discusses topics of interest, meets for lunch, and participates in various outings.

New group members are welcome.

Call Sheila Myers at 220-0965.

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Board Briefs

January 12, 2021

Motion to approve October 28 Board Meeting Minutes: Carlos Tricoche made a motion to approve. Jim McCormack seconded.

Motion to approve November 10 Board Organizational Meeting Minutes: Jim McCormack made a motion to approve. Les Vrabel seconded.

Motion to send November 10 Annual Meeting Minutes to shareholders for next Annual Meeting: Les Vrabel made a motion to approve. Rebecca Cho seconded.

Motion: Ted Lynch made a motion to approve Bob Evans as chair of the Finance Committee. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Bruce Keener made a motion to approve grant applications. John Walters seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Bruce Keener made a motion to approve \$16,400 to authorize the contract with A. M. Thomas and Associates to the hydrologic and hydraulic characteristics of the dam to comply with current standards in a Dam Break Inundation (DBIZ) study. Jim McCormack seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: Bruce Keener made a motion to approve Richmond Primoid, Inc. for Joint Seal Repair at the Queens Lake spillway in the amount of \$5,300.00. Carlos Tricoche seconded. Motion passed.

February 9, 2021

Motion to approve January 12 Board Meeting Minutes: David Dafashy made a motion to approve. Bev Web seconded. Motion passed.

Motion : Leah Duckworth made a motion to approve Town Scapes renewal contract. Carlos Tricoche seconded. Motion Passed.

Motion : David Dafashy made a motion to approve the contract with Chase to replace the clubhouse roof for the cost of \$10,503.08. Kate Helwig seconded. Motion passed.

Motion : Kate Helwig made a motion to approve contracting with Price Electrical of Poquoson for \$34,981.65 to complete electrical upgrades at the Marina. Leah Duckworth seconded. Motion passed.



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Lake

Submitted by Bruce Keener: Director

Committee Members: Rick Toth, John Blommel, Richard McCluney, Neil Hernandez, Jody Hernandez, Jesse Allen, Lana Olson, Rick Lowry, Richard Sebastian, Mark Phinney

A.M. Thomas and Associates completed the Inundation study at the end of February. Finalized report is forthcoming to the committee. Executive summary as relayed by Don Rissmeyer is that the report supports Special Low Hazard classification. The report also supports Low Hazard classification without modification to the spillway. The report established the spillway capacity for a 100-year event as is. Once the report is in hand, the committee will meet to examine the report and determine the course of action forward. Recommendation to the board should be available for the April meeting.

Membership

Submitted by Rebecca Cho: Director

Committee Members: Suzanne Maggio, Stacy Harris, Emily Edmonds, Carolyn Campbell, Julie Dooley, Kerry McGuire

A big "Thank You" to our members who have turned in their 2021 QLCA Dues. Your continued support last year and this year has been most appreciated. Reminder emails have gone out only if you have forgotten to get those dues in and we will be mailing the rest of our invoices at the end of March. A Membership Meeting was held on Monday, March 15th at the clubhouse to discuss and plan for the year ahead. Topics included non-members visits, advertising the Traditional dues stock increase from \$1000 to \$1500 for 2022, and encouraging membership this spring.

Please mark your calendars for the Membership Social scheduled for Saturday, June 5th at 7pm poolside. This event is for adults only, with appetizers, beer and wine provided. The clubhouse will be available if we cannot have it outside due to weather. We will continue to monitor the Governor's guidance on gatherings to ensure safety of our members.

The winter sale of homes is much slower than other times of the year. With spring around the corner there is anticipation that many more homes will be going up for sale. Currently, there are many interested buyers wanting to purchase and move into Queens Lake. I do expect several homes to go on the market this spring and our committee members will make welcome visits once the new neighbors have moved in. Last year we had 20 deeded members move and welcomed 20 new families. There were also 7 new Traditional memberships and 7 new Deeded memberships that has brought our membership numbers above 380.



QLCA
Membership
Social

Saturday
5th June
7 - 9:30pm

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Appetizers, beer and wine

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Marina

Submitted by Kate Helwig-Hobert: Director

Committee Members: Dockmaster : Chris Kolloff, Luther Blair, Van Dobson, Jack Dooley, Chris Eckols, Bryan Edmonds, Bob Evans, Chris Ferguson, Chris Hager, Kate Helwig, Craig Marcuson, Bringier McConnell, Dawn Mullenax Rock Mullenax, Robert Reining, John Robinson, Mike Turkovich and Carlos Tricoche.

The goal of Marina Committee is to bring marina patrons and all Association members, a safe, clean, welcoming marina that can be enjoyed with family and friends!

- **SLIP RENTALS:** As of March 15th, we are at 76% occupancy with 48 of 63 slips rented. Of the 48 renters, 29 are QLCA members, 19 are Limited Members (non-resident). Annual slip fees range from \$150 to \$2,400 and are prorated for new renters! Slips can now be paid by cash, check, credit or ACH bank draft. A list of available slips, with rates, is posted at the marina gazebo and on the website. Contact Dockmaster Chris Kolloff @ 757-642-7019 or cbkolloff@gmail.com
- **RAMP RENTALS:** Annual ramp contracts expire March 31. A new ramp lock will be placed on the ramp April 1st (NO JOKE!). Renew Now - \$100! Forms can be found on line and at the gazebo.
- **SELF-PROPELLED ACCESS:** All QLCA members in good standing enjoy FREE use of the Marina for “self-propelled” watercraft such as canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards/SUPs. Registration is required. Forms can be found on-line and at the gazebo.
- **FUEL:** Fuel sales are by appointment; 24-hour notice is requested. Contact Dockmaster Chris to set your appointment. The Marina is now using a “Square” card reader to process credit card sales. Last summer 4 of 24 fuel clients reported some water contamination in their boat systems. In order to ensure that the Marina’s fuel is not a source, we contracted with USA Fuel Services (757-615-2666) to pump out, flush, polish and return the fuel in the tank. The work was completed on March 3rd and NO WATER was present in our system. Additionally Dockmaster Chris will create a flyer to tell patrons what the marina is doing to ensure our product is free of water and to educate boaters on what steps they can take on their vessels.
- **ELECTRICAL:** The long anticipated upgrades are underway! The Board approved a contract with Price Electrical for \$26,982.29. Work began the week of March 8. QLCA will purchase some items needed for the project directly including the B/C Dock panel box, breakers, and 6 marine pedestals. Since all slips with power are rented, the Marina Committee has the asked contractor to leave room in the panel box to bring shore power to slips B 20-27 & C 20-27 in the future if need. The Marina Committee saved the community significant funds by reducing the scope of work and agreeing to remove the decommissioned system with volunteer labor. Work is ongoing, so please use caution when visiting the Marina.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** The marina’s new database platform is linked to the QLCA website. It allows slip and ramp renters to pay their bills and update contracts in a “password protected” portal. The Marina page on QLCA’s website has up-to-date information including forms, rules and FAQ’S. You can also follow your marina on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/QUEENSLAKEMARINA>
- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Held the 4th Monday of every month. Due to COVID restrictions, we are meeting in a hybrid capacity (via ZOOM & in the clubhouse with social distancing measures).
- **EVENTS:** ALL QLCA members are welcome to participate! Marina Cleanup - Sat, April 10th - 9 am till ?, Memorial Day - Sat, May 29th, 10 am flag raising & 1 pm Raft-up (1:20 pm high tide)

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

MASTER PLANNING & THE SANITARY PUMP OUT: Funds were allocated in the 2021 budget cycle for the Marina Committee to hire a consultant to prepare a multiyear “master plan” to guide the Marina Committee forward in addressing future marina operations. The Marina Committee recognizes that we must ensure we remain a profitable marina operation while acknowledging the limitations of channel depth and the changes in boating culture from large boats to center console/day sailors. We know we should consider floating piers to avoid costly dredging while addressing the real desire from some in our community for non-boating improvements to what is, QLCA property and not a separate business. Some of those ideas include a boardwalk connecting the marina, clubhouse & pool; fire pits; picnic tables; proper restrooms and viewing “pavilions”. In discussing the scope of work with one consultant he noted that per Virginia Law, for a 63 slip marina, our restroom requirements are: Men: 2 commodes, 1 urinal, 2 sinks, 1 shower, Women: 3 commodes, 2 sinks, 1 shower (Source: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title12/agency5/chapter570/section150/>)

These numbers were confirmed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) during our permitting process for replacing the vessel sanitary pump out. VDH provided a 1978 agreement with the Queens Lake Club giving permission to operate the marina with the understanding that other bathroom facilities, on QLCA common area, are available and open to marina patrons. Unfortunately, this is not currently the case. Boating patrons only have access to a single-seat port-a-potty. This issue was brought before the QLCA Board at their March 9 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and duly passed to: form a 9-member special committee chaired by Jack Dooley (of the Marina Committee) and comprised of 3 members appointed by the Directors of the Clubhouse, Pool and Marina Committees, for the purpose of recommending to the Board on or before their June 7, 2021 meeting, the best course of action for QLCA to take to come into compliance with the sanitary requirements for marina’s as dictated by the Virginia Department of Health. All QLCA members in good standing should be made aware of the issue facing the Association and given an opportunity to submit comments/provide input to the Special Committee prior to a recommendation being offered to the Board. The Special Committee shall be disbanded after its final report is submitted to the Board. The committee held its first meeting March 24. A second meeting of the “special committee” is expected with a recommendation for compliance being provided to the Board by the June 7 deadline.

Communication

Submitted by Jim McCormack: Director

Committee Members: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Jean Lien, Mark Schmidt, Yvonne Schmidt, Carlos Tricoche, Kate Roessler, Julie Dooley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WEB SITE: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Julie Dooley, Kate Roessler, Carlos Tricoche.

NEWSLETTER: Bob Gaschen, Leah Duckworth, Cherrie Begley, Jean Lien, Mark and Yvonne Schmidt.

SOCIAL MEDIA LIAISON: Suzanne Maggio

WEBSITE: The QLCA Facebook Page is the official page for posting of notifications and events. The page is not intended as a forum. <https://facebook.com/ILOVEQUEENSLAKE>

As people move in they will see we are there and “follow/like” the page which will mean more followers. The intent is that this FB page becomes the go-to site for official QLCA meetings, events, and notifications. Some of the postings, where appropriate, will also be sent to the FB page “Queenslake Neighbors and Friends”, as information to the entire community beyond just Association members.

A graphic with a blue sky background and a field of green grass at the bottom. The text "Spring Cleanup" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below it, "April 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th" is written in a smaller, yellow, cursive font. At the bottom of the text block, "9am to 12pm" is written in a yellow, cursive font.

Spring Cleanup
April 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th
9am to 12pm

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Clubhouse

Submitted By : David Dafashy

Committee members: Cherrie Begley, Susan Adams, Ann Brown-Hailey, Pat McDermott, Carolyn Campbell, Rebecca Cho, Jessica Pinciario, Barb Timko, Bev Webb, Robin Land, Suzanne Maggio, Chuck Hretz, Tim Hretz, Nancy Burkhart, Stephanie Moser, Emily Edmonds, Les Vrabel, Melanie Houle, Patty Bartneck, Robert Cruz, Doris Cruz

Spring is here, and the Clubhouse committee has been hard at work coming up with a social calendar that you will not want to miss! But first a word about the clubhouse itself. Our beautiful hub of neighborhood activity turns 41 years old this, and she has never looked so good!! Chase roofing replaced the 26-year-old roof with a gorgeous architectural shingle called “Weathered Wood”. It beautifully complements the grey of the building while giving an artistic nod to the warm brown hues of its natural environment. This is a roof that is built to last, and with the accompanying 50-year warranty, we will hopefully still be enjoying this roof in 2070!

Now, just because we have an amazing new roof, doesn’t mean that ALL clubhouse activity needs to take place UNDERNEATH it! In accordance with Virginia guidelines, our kick-off event this year will be held in the great outdoors. The **Pro-gressive Soup Party** was held on **Sunday, March 21st** at **2pm**, immediately followed by the **Sock Burning Festivity** at the Marina. A special thanks to Leslie Stacks for donating, and creating the fabulous vinyl signage for this event that you have likely seen around the neighborhood. Thanks, too, to Chuck Hretz, Suzanne Maggio, and Marie Homer for their help in organizing this event.

April 3rd will be the annual children’s Easter egg hunt in the playground/field area. There will be three separate hunts (little kids, middle kids, and bigger kids) as well as crafts and other fun activities. Please keep an eye out for additional details. A huge thank you to Doris Cruz and Robin Land for chairing this perennial holiday favorite. Adults are encouraged to stick around after the hunt for the first QL Pool clean-up day.

Upcoming **April** activities include:

Ladies’ Night April 21st Susan Adams and Ann Brown-Hailey again lend their expertise to this great gals’ event

Men’s Saturday Breakfast April 24th Because guys just wanna have fun, too!!

Old City BBQ food Truck (exact location TBD) April 29th Thanks Suzanne Maggio for arranging!

Finally, it is time to “Save the Date” for our neighborhood’s very own national holiday--- **QUEENS LAKE DAY, June 26th** -- **- Details to follow via email and Facebook.** Prepare for some serious fun as we prepare for this venerable and timeless QL tradition—this year’s celebration is sure to be particularly special.

A special thanks to Ryan Sanford, now widely known as the “Holcomb Handyman with Heart” for all his help replacing numerous lights in the clubhouse. He has generously given much of his time in recent months to helping numerous neighborhood residents, and we are grateful for him!!

The clubhouse is currently accepting rentals, and is still adhering to the state mandate of a 10 person limit for inside gatherings. Outdoor gatherings of up to 25 are permissible per current state order.



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Community Affairs

Submitted By Leah Duckworth: Director

Committee Members: Mary Louise Gerdes, Laura Nanartowich, Renny Parziale, Lordes & John Farley, Nancy Kilgore, Rebecca Cho, Caroline Broun, Shelia Myers

The members of Community Affairs Committee have been hard at work on several endeavors. A previous item - the placement of the speed check machines on both East Queens and West Queens Drive - seems to have been effective. The machines should continue to appear, disappear, and reappear for some time to come. The committee is preparing two new efforts. First is stepping up the action on the Egger Tract by soliciting volunteers to send out letters to potential financial supporters of the attempt to preserve the battlefield. Information about where to get the letters and to whom to

send the letters will be sent out soon. The next action by the committee will be to collect contributions of canned goods and toiletries for Lathisha's House a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that provides shelter, education, medical and psychological assistance to young women victims of sex trafficking. That event is scheduled for March 27. Details about the drop-off site and times will be sent out closer to the date. If anyone is interested in assisting with any of these efforts, feel free to call a committee member for information.



Egger Tract

We all know that Williamsburg is rich in Revolutionary history but did you know that the peninsula is also rich with Civil War history. On May 5, 1862, near where I64 and Rte199 intersect, the Civil War Battle of Williamsburg was fought. The Union Army won that battle and, ultimately, the Union was preserved. Not only that but, according to one University of Alabama researcher, it may well have been events that transpired during the Battle Williamsburg that resulted in the movement toward Emancipation which he believes began to take shape at the time of the battle. Today, 159 years later, there is another battle going on for the same piece of land. The opposing sides are not the Union and Confederacy this

time but Preservation of the battlefield and artifacts buried there and, on the opposite side, development and concrete. Losing the battle for the land this time will result in a massive loss for the entire community, state, and nation.

Interested? Turn on your computer and go the Community Affairs page on the Queens Lake website where you will find a button labeled "Egger Tract". That button will lead you to a short video where you can learn the details. The video will also explain how we could lose that land and the artifacts it may contain to development and concrete. Then, if you are really interested, be on the lookout for information from Community Affairs detailing how you can get involved in trying to preserve this historical tract.

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Pool

Submitted by John Walters: Director

Committee members: Robert Gaschen, Mark Downey, Marie Homer, Chris Homer, Ted Lynch, Nancy Jo Hubbard, David Dafashy, Andy McNeil, Lana Olson, Carolyn Broun, Todd Bruner, Ryan Sanford, Mya Fields

Our meeting was held on 5 March, with the main topics being maintenance and equipment. The highlights are:

- Pool Manager and Swim Team Coach intent for this year are decided and in process
- First Clean up Day and agenda is scheduled : Apr 3 Noon (strategically selected immediately after Easter egg hunt)
- We are ready to proceed with the purchase of two major items in the budget : Family pool cover and Pool lights. We will request to spend \$9716.55 and \$13148.26, respectively
- We intend to allow credit card payments for pool (and swim team) fees this season.

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General Recreation

Submitted by Carlos Tricoche: Director

Committee Members: Peter Schweitzer, John Harding, Terry Harding, Cherrie Begley, Lana Olson

Good News: We created a partnership with Lorenzo Sison a local Tennis Pro.

He is bringing his group to teach at our courts. He agreed to pay \$50.00 per kid since they are not members. He has 12 kids in his group. The payment may not be all at once it will be in increments.

He also volunteered to help us to maintain the courts. He understands the courts must be shared with members that come to play so if he is using two courts he can adjust to one court for his lessons. He will get the parents to sign the "Hold Harmless" form. He did ask for bathroom facilities, and I told him we have a porta-potty at the Marina. Kate gratefully agreed to let them use it.

I will put out a flyer for our QLCA members announcing the Tennis Lessons. I will add his contact information for QLCA members to call him, and arrange directly with him payments for the lessons. I hope this will encourage membership.

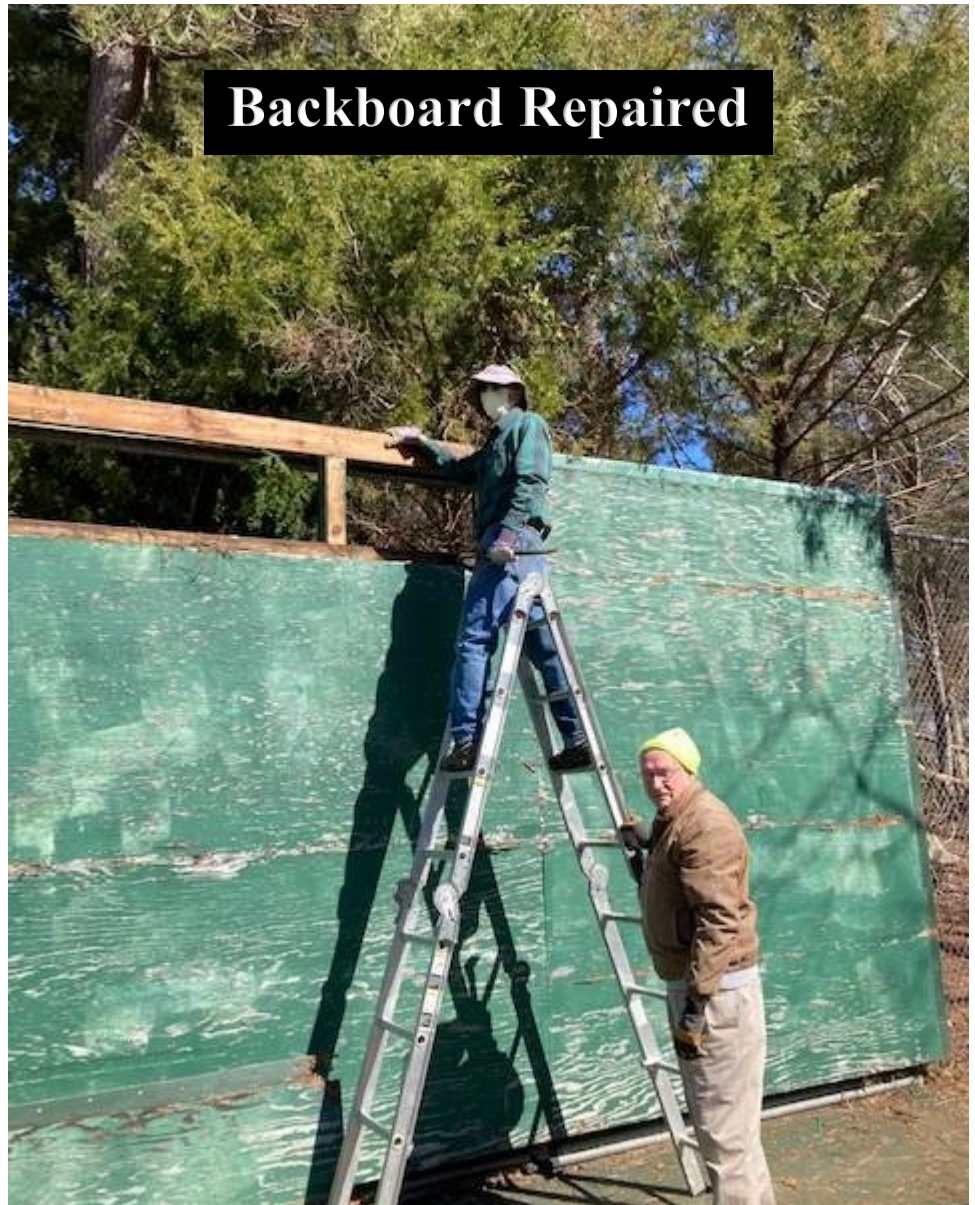
To clarify... If the member is in the QL Tennis Club or made a donation to the QL Tennis Club all they have to do is call Lorenzo directly to pay for the lessons. If the new student is a QLCA member but not a member of the QL Tennis Club or did not make a donation they need to pay the \$35 QL Tennis Club Membership. Any new student Lorenzo enrolls will have to pay the \$50 as a limited member

We have a product in mind to temporarily cover the cracks on the courts. Courts two and three were pressure washed. The heavy accumulation of moss, mold, and grime was removed and these courts are now safe to use.

With the help of John/Terry Harding and Bev Webb we started the backboard repairs. We also remove all branches that were encroaching over the fence. We determined the frame is in good condition so we are only replacing the boards. Please thanks, these neighbors for all their past, present, and future hard work.

Just a brief note to express our sincere appreciation. The QL recreation committee thanks your team for sponsoring the "Soup Social" in support of the "Save the Tennis Courts" Campaign. Your creative effort is an example of the cooperative philosophy of the QL community.

Your generosity and commitment to the tennis court's cause are both heart-warming and vital in our efforts to create community awareness regarding this serious issue.



Maintenance

Submitted by Bev Webb: Director

Committee Members: Buz Wilson, John Blommel

With the time changing and flowers blooming, we can safely say that Spring is almost here. The Maintenance Committee is looking forward to working with the community and other committees again this year to help make improvements for safety and appearance sake. In the past we have asked for suggestions for what could be done to improve Queens Lake appearance and safety. Some of the suggestions we have received are as follows : Have a clean-up-your mail box day .Also, think of upgrading the box and post and removing vines that sometimes can be considered a hinderance to safe delivery of our mail and news papers . Ask if there is proper testing of our drinking water and why not freshen up the appearance of the fire hydrants. Who do we contact to request that the ditches in front of my house be cleared for proper drainage?Suggest to the numerous walkers and bike riders to wear something bright so they can be seen both day and night .

Our committee does not have one specific area of responsibility and we continue to ask you for your guidance and help to keep Queens Lake one of most friendly, safe and comfortable Communities in the area.

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Finance

Submitted by Bob Evans: Chairman

Committee members: Chairman: Bob Evans, Lana Olson, Gordon Angles, Bob Gaschen, Tom Cho, Chris Hager, Jack Dooley, John Pattisall, John Kueser, Rob Loughman

The Finance Committee held a virtual meeting Feb. 8, 2021. Participating were Gordon Angles, Tom Cho, Jack Dooley, Bob Gaschen, Ted Lynch, Rob Loughman and Bob Evans.

The committee briefly reviewed the most recent financials, the end-of-year numbers, and the issues that were likely to be encountered in the coming year. It was agreed that our financials are strong, and that the rate of payment of dues for the year to date was going surprisingly well, given the economic environment.

One of the most important things coming up this year will be hiring a firm to help us do a revision of the reserve study, and the need to find someone to be the chairman of the committee that will hire the firm and implement the review necessary. A strong committee had already been assembled, namely: John Blommel, a member of the Lake Committee, Bob Gaschen, from the Pool Committee; Gordon Angles, a past president and current Finance Committee member, Bev Webb, chairman of the maintenance committee; and Bringier McConnell of the Marina Committee. Gordon Angles and Bob Gaschen worked on the development of the last reserve study.

Subsequent to this meeting, Rob Loughman of the Finance Committee agreed to serve as chairman and began work on the project. And though the firm which has done the past few studies for us has offered a bid that looks attractive, we will seek competitive offers as part of this process.

The full Finance Committee also heard a rundown on the investments of the association's reserves, and the other funds not needed to pay immediate obligations. Because of the continued volatility and uncertainty in the stock market, we have not yet fully invested in the stocks that we expected to be using to increase our reserves. All the money is invested, but predominantly in low-risk (and as a result, lower rate of return) bond funds and other instruments instead. Only about a third of the investments in stocks we had expected at this point have been made. We have made gains, just not at the rate we had hoped when we switched to a professional investment advisor last year. The gains for the general reserves have been about \$8,800 and for the marina reserves \$11,600, as of the date of the meeting. In addition, the investment of non-reserve funds have contributed a few thousand to our gains. All this is in accordance with our very cautious, deliberate investment approach. Tom Cho, who serves as our investment advisor, noted that even though we have very liquid investments now, if we face a capital need in the near future, we might want to consider borrowing instead of paying immediately, because interest rates are so low it is possible to borrow at a low rate and lock it in for years, while we use our cash to benefit from investment opportunities with returns significantly higher than the rate paid on the loans. The Association has taken this approach in the past, with positive benefits.

Financials for February were reported to the Board in early March, and show that we are still on track for the year.



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