Welcome Back Campers!

It’s great to be back. After a long cold winter, it’s nice to welcome the spring season back to the lake. It’s always fun to greet new and old friends with “Happy New Year” as we begin a new camping season. I wish everyone a safe and happy new season. My “March Madness” bracket is not only “wrecked”, it’s “totaled”. I should have bought bracket insurance. But by the way I pick, my policy would be dropped. Spring Training is over and it’s time for the Cubs and Cardinals to get down to the nitty gritty. I’m always open for friendly banter. Bring it on! You know what side I’m on.

Play Ball! Tom

SAVE THE DATE!!

March 1st  Campground Gates Reopen. Electric On. Bait Shop Open: 7am - 3pm (Closed Tues/Wed)

March 31st  2018 Boat Stickers expire. 2019 stickers available at the bait shop.

April 15th  Water On Bait Shop Open: 7 days a week, 7am - 7pm

May 1st  2nd Installment 2019 Lot Lease Payment Due including Dock Fees (if applicable)
Electric Upgrade
Project is Complete

The entire campground now has new electric and water services to each campsite. Areas in the South and West campgrounds were completed this past winter. Please be patient as work will continue dressing up the areas where trenches were dug and where meters and uprights were installed. This takes time as dirt will need to settle, rock will be replaced, and grass will be seeded.

For those of you who received new services, reconnecting services will be your responsibility. The new electric meters will provide 20-30-50 amp outlets. Campers must be connected to the new service with a “UL Approved” cord & plug rated for the amperage equal to your campers rating. Campers should only be plugged into the outlet they are rated for and at no time should both the 50 and 30 amp outlets be used simultaneously.

The new services are positioned so that you just need to plug your camper directly into the outlet and a 25 foot water hose will reach the water upright. No longer will cords or hoses be allowed to be buried. Additionally, the new meter bases shall not be modified in any manner, including decorations, structures, or anything that impedes full access to the meter/upright.

Blue Tanks

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires complete compliance with the laws governing waste water (gray-water and black-water) discharge.

FULL COMPLIANCE (100% of the campground) must meet following guidelines:

- All connections from camper to blue tank are to be sealed and/or tight fitting.
- All blue tanks and connecting hoses are to be above ground and easily visible.
- All drain lines are to be connected to blue tanks and/or capped at ends.
- No drain lines are to be observed or evident or discharging onto ground.

Sign in your Guests

All guests must be registered at the bait shop office. They will receive a “Guest Parking Permit”.

You are responsible for your guests.
**ENTERTAINMENT**

**R.U.N. Weekly 50/50 Drawing**

*Sign Up! This Helps Fund The 4th of July Fireworks Display.* Once again we will be holding a weekly 50/50 drawing with 50% of the proceeds going to the fireworks fund; the other 50% going to the winner. Every campsite number will be put into the hopper and one lot number will be drawn each week on Saturday evenings beginning with Memorial Day weekend and continuing through the Labor Day weekend. The “catch” is the winner must be “signed up” and to have paid $2.00 that week to be eligible to win. If the chosen campsite has not signed up for that week, the money “rolls over” to the following week. When the jackpot reaches $500. we will keep drawing numbers until there is a winner. **OPTIONS – YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OR YOU MAY SIGN UP EACH WEEK.** YOU MUST SIGN UP AT THE BAITSHOP/OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

**TAKE NOTE**

All lots must have the lot number visibly displayed somewhere at your campsite. This is important for emergency responders to locate premises. Additionally, all docks must have numbers displayed visibly from the shoreline and from the water side. Red plates with reflective numbers can be obtained at the Bait Shop / Office.

**NEWSROOM**

**Boat Storage**

For those of you who have Boat Parking/Storage spots - stickers are due. The boat storage fee is NOT included on your Invoices. Please remember to pick up your 2019 Boat Storage Stickers when you pay for your boat storage spot. The boat storage sticker is the one that goes on the tongue of your boat trailer, designating that trailer for that particular spot. Also, any boat parked in these spots must also have a current Annual Otter Lake Boat Sticker.

Beginning this spring, we will be conducting a “Queen of Hearts Raffle” that will run through the end of the camping season. Proceeds from this raffle will be used to update the restroom / shower house facilities in the campground.
Check Out The Otter Lake Park Website
otteralakepark.net

I think you'll find this site very helpful with news and information. You will find policies and ordinances, bill paying options, waiting list information, building and work requests forms, Otter Lake Management Status Report from IDNR, and much more.

BE SURE TO SUBSCRIBE to the notifications and alerts from the website. Get up to the minute information on current projects, power outages, schedule changes, etc. straight to your email in-box or via text messages. This is important information for you. You will not be bombarded with junk emails and alerts, you will receive only pertinent information.

2019 Calendar of Events

May:
25th—1st R.U.N. Drawing

June:
15th—Otterlympics

July:
3rd - Fireworks**
4th - Cardboard boat race**

August:
31st—Final R.U.N. Drawing

September:
21st—Camper Appreciation Party

October:
12th—Chili Cook-Off

**EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT.
ANY CHANGES WILL BE POSTED VIA THE WEBSITE ALERT SYSTEM