

Lake Francis News

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
Mike Furst.....320-398-5010
Melody Lane
Al Smith.....612-280-3607
Sunset Terrance
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Jeff Fish.....320-226-7904
Wildwood Terrace
Jan Anderson.....612-695-5306
East Shore
Lisa Christofferson.....612-270-7063
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Jim Kirchhofer.....320-398-8103
Pirate's Cove
Craig Panning.....952-449-1286
Adrian Rossman.....320-493-0589
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Mark Wollschlager.....612-210-1089
Kris Nelson.....320-980-6208
Hidden Forest
Mike Oesterreich.....612-599-1455
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Outlots
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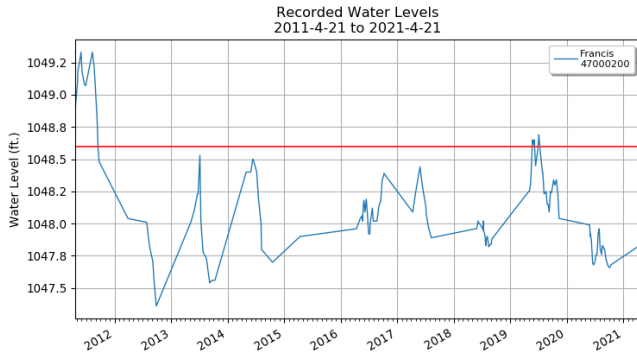
COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

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



If you're interested 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
TOTALS	22.46 IN.	50.0 IN.

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.

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.

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 or contact Janice Smith at 320-980-3487 or Nancy Friesen at 763-295-2332.



Cruise-In Nights
2nd Wednesday
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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!