

BAYLES LAKE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

WELCOME TO THE LAKE
INFORMATION PACKET

PREPARED BY:

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BAYLES LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 38
LODA, ILLINOIS

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Dear New Resident:

This is part of our "[Welcome to Bayles Lake](#)" information packet.

Please check out our website www.bayleslakehoa.com for the following information:

History of Bayles Lake-1940 to present
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Also, on the website:

2020, BLHOA Board of Directors and Board Officers with committee assignments
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A current copy of our [Rules and Regulations, By-Laws and Lake Covenants](#)
Lake Calendar and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Also, On the website, click on Links / Archives for information regarding:

2020 BLHOA "[Homeowners Assessment Resolution](#)"
Copies of the most recent BLHOA and Auxiliary Newsletters
A promotional brochure: "[Bayles Lake Dream Living](#)"
A brochure: "[Lawn Care, Reduce Algae by Reducing Phosphorous Use](#)"
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Check our website www.bayleslakehoa.com "Links" and click on "Archives" for information regarding:

 Approved BLHOA Board Meeting Minutes
 Plus, much more

Local Information Notes

Nearest Hospital: Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services, 1120 North Melvin Street, Gibson City, 217-784-4251

Nearest Ambulance: Gibson Area Ambulance Service, 239 North Taft Street, Paxton, 379-6911

BLHOA Mailing Address is: P.O. Box 38, Loda, Illinois 60948

Our Area Telephone Code is: 217
Our Zip Code is: 60948

Loda Township Library 386-2783
Loda Fire Protection District 386-2515
Loda / Paxton Post Office 379-3131

Loda Quick Stop/Gas/Food 386-2841

We are in Iroquois County, Watseka is the County Seat, www.co.iroquois.il.us
Administration Center, 1001 East Grant Street, Watseka, IL, 60970, County Clerk: 815-432-6960

Iroquois County Sheriff 815-432-4918

ALL Emergencies...CALL 911

Before you dig, please call JULIE 800-892-0123

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative (EIEC) 217-379-2131

Places to Eat

Loda

Murdock's Place, 107 North Oak Street 217-386-9505

Paxton

Humble Hog, 125 South Market Street 217-579-1082
Coffee and Friends, 218 North Market Street 217-379-5252
Mareci's Bakery, 442 South Market Street 217-379-2253
Pueblo Lindo, 124 West State Street 217-379-5200
Just Hamburgers, 214 East Ottawa Road 217-379-4222
Arcade Pancake House, 132 North Market Street 217-379-3268
Country Garden, 1050 Ottawa Street 217-379-2777
Paxton Public Place, 130 South Market Street 217-379-9671
Country Thyme Tea Room, 595 South Elm Street 217-379-4800
Super Wok, 202 North Market Street 217-379-6868
Monical's Pizza, 500 West Ottawa Road 217-379-4835
Casey's Pizza, 140 South Market Street 217-379-9037
Casey's Pizza, 585 South Market Street 217-379-6037
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Lodging

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, 1280 West Ottawa Street 217-379-5300
Timber Creek Bed and Breakfast, 1559 Illinois Route 9 217-379-2589
Paxton Inn, 980 West Ottawa Street 217-379-2316
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Gibson City Inn, 201 West First Street 217-784-4201

Local Newspaper

Ford County Record, 208 North Market Street 217-379-2356
www.fordcountyrecord.com

Local Radio Station

WPXN, 104.9, 361 North Railroad Street 217-892-9796

Local Churches

Loda:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 215 North Poplar Street 217-386-2232
St. Joseph Catholic, 312 North Hickory Street 217-379-2983 (St. Mary’s Answers)
United Methodist, 200 South Locust Street 217-386-2237

Paxton:

First Lutheran, 301 South College Street 379-2982
Independent Baptist, 651 East Pells Street 379-3034
Church of Christ-Christian, 400 West Ottawa Street 379-4443
Church of the Nazarene, 302 West State Street 379-9117
Evangelical Covenant, 260 South Union Street 379-3554
First Baptist SBC, 430 South High Street 379-3791
Full Gospel Christian, 619 South Railroad Street 379-4758
Grace Baptist, 931 East Railroad Street 379-3456
St. Mary’s Catholic, 407 West Pells Street 379-4033
United Methodist, 210 West Center Street 379-3817
The Upper Room, 425 West Orleans Street 379-4189
Presbyterian-Westminster, 312 East Center Street 379-2017
Federated Church of Paxton, 221 West Center Street 379-2442
Hope Vineyard, 152 West Market Street 379-2800

Libraries

Paxton, 254 South Market Street 217-379-3431
Loda, 105 East Adams Street 217-386-2783
Gibson City, 618 South Sangamon 217-784-5343

Local Schools

Paxton-Buckley-Loda (PBL) Unit 10, www.pblunit10.com
Superintendent’s Office, 700 West Orleans, Paxton, IL 60957 379-3314
PBL High School, 700 West Orleans, Paxton, IL 60957 379-4331
PBL Junior High School, 700 West Orleans, Paxton, IL 60957 379-9202
Clara Peterson Elementary, 580 East Franklin, Paxton, IL 60957 379-2531

Parks and Recreation

Golf Course

Lakeview Country Club, 217-386-2335
147 East 200 North, Loda, IL, offers a private course, features nine holes and 3,180 yards of greens, it has a 35.2 rating. Golfing rates varies for nine holes with a cart. Membership costs varies.

Sportsman's Clubs

Green Acres Sportsman's Club, 217-395-2588

1458 North 1700 East, Roberts, IL, offers upland hunting, duck hunting, dog training, sporting clays and British labs.

Loda Sportsman's Club, 217-379-3565

1900 East Road, one mile north of Paxton.

Loda Village Park

Located on Loda's east side, behind the American Legion Hall. Features covered pavilion, playground and rest room facilities.

Paxton Parks

Located throughout Paxton, 217-379-4203, includes a swimming pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts, skate-park, playgrounds, baseball and softball fields, covered pavilions and a Veterans Memorial and more:

- Civic Center
- Coady Park
- Paxton Dog Park
- Westlawn Park
- Pells Park
- Bixby Park
- Nelson Field
- Memorial Field

Swimming Pool-Paxton

Coady Park, 601 South Fall Street

Swimming Pool-Gibson City

North Park

Bowling-Gibson City

Gibson Bowl, 915 South Sangamon Avenue, 217-784-5412

Sights and Attractions

Paxton Area Chamber of Commerce...217-379-4655, www.paxtonchamber.org

Paxton has a number of Victorian homes, including the Middlecoff Mansion, 440 East Pells Street, built in 1891. Mr. Middlecoff was a former mayor and state representative who was one of the original board members for Augustana College, which was located in Paxton at one time.

Remembrance Hall at Pells and Market Street, built in 1867 as the first permanent commercial building in Ford County.

Pioneer Trail Wind Farm, spanning a 10-mile stretch of Illinois Route 9 from Paxton to Rankin, built in 2011. The wind farm features 94 wind turbines, each nearly 400 feet tall. The energy they produce benefits rural electric cooperative members statewide.

The Illinois Central Railroad Museum located in the old Nickel Plate Depot at Market Street and Holmes Street in downtown Paxton. It covers the history of the railroad from 1900 and beyond. Most items in the museum come from private collections.

Majestic Park sits on the site of the Paxton Majestic Theatre which burned to the ground in 2007. The park features a gazebo, walking path, gardens and benches.

The Ford County Historical Society's Water Tower Museum is located next to Majestic Park and City Hall in downtown Paxton. The water tower and old pump house has a lot of information about the history of Ford County. Call 217-379-3723 or 217-379-4111 for more information.

The Howard Thomas Nature Preserve and Ten Mile Grove, located 3 miles west of Paxton on Illinois Route 9, features a variety of native wildflowers and trees and is the natural remnant of Ten Mile Grove. It also has a preserved historic barn built in the 1900's. It features a quarter mile, marked trail loop. Call 217-379-2459 for more information.

The State Street Mall, located on Railroad Avenue features a showroom of cars from past eras and a separate display of even older vehicles, including a horse-drawn hearse. A historic streetscape lines the interior of the mall with shops on each side of the mall.

Antique Shops:

Cheesecloth & Buttermilk, 203 North Market Street
Mena's Mercantile, 151 North Market Street
Ruby Jewel, 200 North Market Street
The Kegley House, 146 West State Street
Thrifty 'Tiques, 106 South Market Street
Robin's Homespun Dreams, 200 South Market Street
Country Crossroads, 200 South Market Street
Corner Cabinet, 204 East Pells Street
The Gemini Club, 203 North Market Street

The Chanute Air Force Base, located at 1011 Pacesetter Drive, Rantoul. Octave Chanute, Chanute Field / Chanute Air Force Base was an active military installation until 1993 and was known for its technical training programs and the history of military aviation and Illinois aviation.

Harvest Moon Drive In, located in Gibson City is a throwback to the 1950's and '60s. A unique drive-in movie theater, it features two movie screens, enabling two movies to be shown at once. Open each summer through October.

Bayles Lake Fun Facts

Quarterly dues assessments are mailed to 292 BLHOA homeowners of property at Bayles Lake.

Our drinking water comes from the Mahomet Aquifer. Our east and west well houses tap into this aquifer about 225 feet below the ground surface. Water obtained from these two drift wells is chlorinated and fluoridated at each well site. Water from the wells passes to two hydro-pneumatic storage tanks with a total volume of 20,000 gallons.

In 2011 we pumped about 11,800,000 gallons of water, averaging about 32,000 gallons per day. July 6-August 1, was our highest usage period, pumping about 78,400 gallons of water.

Estimating Bayles Lake population at 500 people, each person used about 64.4 gallons per day.

Total acreage (land, lakes, parks/green space, homes, roads, etc) is 336.40 acres, 267.77 north of County Road 200 and 68.63 south of County Road 200.

We have 128.11 acres of water. Iroquois County Assessor's Office indicates we have 130.94 acres of water, a difference of 2.83 acres.

We have 19 named parks.

We maintain 53.08 acres of parks and additional green space areas.

We have 6.16 miles of shoreline...4.73 miles on the north lake and 1.43 miles on the south lake.

We maintain 5.10 miles of paved roads.

The Bayles Lake Natural Habitat Area consists of approximately 1,700 feet of the south shoreline of the south lake. It features a mowed pathway.

The Prairie Restoration Site consists of 8.06 acres and is a prairie restoration project / prairie park setting, located along county road 100 east, south of Country Club Lane. It features a mowed a ¼ and ½ mile walking trail around the perimeter.

Spring Creek begins southeast of the Village of Loda. The Spring Creek basin and drainage area is the footprint that engineers and developers used for the creation of Bayles Lake in the late 1940's.

Bayles Lake watershed consists of approximately 6,938 acres...4,725 acres are located in Iroquois County and 2,213 acres are located in Ford County. About 2000 of these acres have a direct influence on the lake.

The Spring Creek / Bayles Lake Watershed is under the jurisdiction of US Army Corp of Engineers – Rock Island District because Spring Creek flows to the Iroquois River, which flows to the Kankakee River, which flows to the Illinois River.

Lakeview Country Club consists of about 75 acres. The Lakeview Golf Course irrigation pond drains about 500 acres from the south.

Across from Country Club Lane, Indian Hills Lake (Wampler's Pond) drains about 1,500 acres from the southwest and west.

On Sunrise Drive and across from Sunrise Court, Wyman's Pond (Healey Pond) drains about 40 acres from the east.

1 inch of rain falling on 1 acre equals approximately 27,000 gallons of water.

1 inch of rain falling on 1 acre weighs approximately 226,512 pounds or about 113 tons.

When Bayles Lake is full, we have approximately 417,089,790 gallons of water.

Our yearly average rainfall is 36.4 inches.

Our yearly average snowfall is 21.5 inches, 10 inches of snow equals about 1 inch of water

To figure out the number of gallons of water in Bayles Lake: 1 surface acre of water 1 foot in depth holds 32,5851.4 gallons of water.

If the lake is 10' in depth on average, you would multiply 32,5851.4 X 10' depth = 3,258,514 gallons in 1 surface acre of water 10' deep.

Take this figure and multiply it by the lake acreage of 128 = 417,089,790 GALLONS OF WATER IN BAYLES LAKE

Maybe the oldest Oak Tree at Bayles Lake is located on Lucy Goff Lane and has a tree trunk circumference of 13 feet 6 inches.

Other information and services can be found by searching on line or by consulting the yellow pages of the local telephone book: Newspapers, Telephone, Internet, Garbage Pick-Up, Local Radio Stations, Electricians, HVAC, Plumbers, Carpenters, Sewer, Banking, Lawn Service, etc.

Current BLHOA Board Officers, Staff and District Directors:

(This specific information will be updated every June 1, for the most current information, please check the website: www.bayleslakehoa.com – “Board of Directors” link or check the lake telephone directory for telephone numbers.

- Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, February-October.
- Annual Homeowners Association Meeting is held on the first Monday in May.

2019-2020 BLHOA Board Officers and Staff:

President: Jim Bash	Cell: 217-550-7441, jim@bashfamily.org
Vice President: Allan Lee	Cell: 815-735-8663, aklight2013@gmail.com
Treasurer: Pam Zajec	Cell: 630-901-3104, zajecpamela@gmail.com
Admin. Assistant: Rod Cardinal	217-386-2873, rodneycardinal@gmail.com
Legal Counsel: Ellen Lee	217-784-8216, eckhardt-lee@sbcglobal.net
Security: Gene Miller	Cell: 217-979-2581, genemiller742@gmail.com
Building Permit Inspector: Ray Soltysiak	217-386-3099, ray12262@yahoo.com
Maintenance: Bob Siddall	Cell: 217-781-0951, lodabob@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Carol Wilen	Cell: 847-226-6566, carolwilen1@gmail.com

BLHOA Board of Directors:

- District One: Rod Banks, Jerry Grodesky, Jerry Bauman
- District Two: Paul Zajec, Tom Parker, Viva Siddall
- District Three: Jim Bash, Allan Lee, Stephen Hennessy

Specific committee responsibilities can be found on the website: www.bayleslakehoa.com

Current Bayles Lake Auxiliary Officers:

(This specific information will be updated every June 1, for the most current information, please check the website: www.bayleslakehoa.com ---check the lake telephone directory for numbers.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, April-November.

AUXILIARY BOARD OFFICERS:

President: Cathy Rosen rosencathy@gmail.com
Vice President: Linda Miller lkmiller4@gmail.com
Secretary: Lisa Harlow lisalynne62@gmail.com
Treasurer: Marty Bash marty@bashfamily.org
Newsletter Editor: Carol Wilen carolwilen1@gmail.com

Auxiliary District Representatives:

- - District One: Susan Lamb, Teri Watt, Rose Marie Foley
 - District Two: Pam Zajec, Jan Caspary
 - District Three: Ramona King, Kim Zajec

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IMPORTANT BOATING INFORMATION

Bayles Lake Security reminds you:

- Make sure the State of Illinois registration number is displayed or identifiable on the side of your pontoon boat.
- Make sure the current State of Illinois registration sticker is displayed or identifiable on the side of your boat.
- Make sure the Bayles Lake house number is displayed or identifiable on the side of your pontoon boat.

Does your pontoon boat have?

- Life preservers for each passenger, regardless of age. They must be accessible, not in storage.
- A throwable flotation device that can be thrown to a person in the water and is not worn.
- Paddle.
- Towing rope. In case you become stranded
- Accessible and operational fire extinguisher.
- Horn or whistle.
- Engine cut-off device. Is it operational?
- Running lights that work? They must be on from dusk to dawn.
- Docking lights that work. They are to be used for docking only, not traveling on the lake.

Other information to have on your boat include:

- If you are fishing, a current copy of your State of Illinois fishing license.

The individual operating the boat MUST not be drinking alcohol, beer, wine, etc.

Review our BLHOA Rules and Regulation section on BOATS at www.bayleslakehoa.com.

Please review the State of Illinois section on Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. Information can be found at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in making Bayles Lake as safe as it can be.

Bayles Lake Security
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Iroquois County Information

Iroquois County is located in the northeast part of the state of Illinois along the border with Indiana. It is the third largest county in the state in terms of area, covering over 1,100 square miles. According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 29,718, which is a decrease of 5.2% from 31,334 in 2000. The county seat of Watseka is located near the center of the county, which is the only county in the United States to be named Iroquois, after the American Indian people.

Iroquois County was created on February 26, 1833 out of a portion of Vermilion County. It was named for the Iroquois River, which was named for the Iroquois people. The first county seat was established at the town of Iroquois in 1837, though no official buildings were constructed there, and offices were rented. Several other sites for the county seat were examined, and in 1839 it was moved to Middleport; a courthouse and jail were built there.

There was a long battle between Middleport and Watseka (also known as South Middleport) as to which should be the county seat; in 1865, it was finally moved to Watseka. The town of Middleport no longer exists, but there is a township of that name. A courthouse was built in Watseka in 1866 at a cost of \$28,000 and included a jail in the basement; this building was expanded in 1881, and a new jail was built in 1893 just east of the courthouse

The northern border of the county is about 60 miles south of the city of Chicago. The county is bordered on the east by the state of Indiana and its counties of Benton and Newton. To the north lies Kankakee County. Vermilion County, out of which Iroquois County was originally formed, lies to the south. To the west is Ford County.

The Iroquois River enters the county from Indiana and flows westward along the south side of the village of Iroquois, then along the north side of the city of Watseka, whereupon it veers to the north and joins the larger Kankakee River near the city of Kankakee in the county of the same name; the Kankakee River then flows into the Illinois River further to the northwest in Will County.

The Iroquois County State Wildlife Area, a 2,400-acre state park, is located in the northeast corner of the county. There are also three nature preserves: Bonnie's Prairie, Hooper Branch Savanna, and Loda Cemetery Prairie.

Ford County Information

Ford County is a county located in the U.S. state of Illinois. According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 14,081, which is a decrease of 1.1% from 14,241 in 2000. Its county seat is Paxton. Ford County was formed February 17, 1859. It was the last of Illinois' 102 counties to be formed, and was created at the behest of some residents of Vermilion County, who complained to the General Assembly that they were located too far from the Iroquois County seat. Ford County was named in honor of Thomas Ford, who served as Governor of Illinois from 1842 to 1846.

President Gerald R. Ford visited Ford County on October 24, 1974, on the occasion of the retirement of Congressman Leslie C. Arends of Melvin who served in congress for 40 years, including over 30 years as Republican Minority Whip.

City of Paxton Information

Paxton is located in east-central Illinois, surrounded by six major cities: Chicago, Champaign, Bloomington, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Springfield. The City's ideal location allows quick trips to major Metropolitan areas but maintains a quint, hometown atmosphere. The seat of Ford County, Paxton is home to historic architecture, top-notch schools, and a strong sense of community pride.