



Eagle Point Bay Association



July, 2017

Eagle Point Bay Association Parks

Vandalism, littering, trespassing, unattended fires, disrespectful adolescents, and more! We are experiencing major trouble in our parks! Please read on, as we need your help to preserve our parks and keep your dues down. Here are some of the problems we face:

- **Vandals** have recently destroyed a picnic table and benches within the park.
- **Locks** have been cut to gain entry, and the gates have been damaged.
- Aluminum cans, bottles, and assorted **litter**, along with articles of clothing, have been left in the parks for others to clean up.
- **Fires** have been left burning overnight, the pit filled with beer cans and broken glass, to the extent that we have had to eliminate the fire pit in order to prevent damage to park attendees and neighboring properties.
- **Disrespectful adolescents** harass members who attempt to enjoy our parks.
- Teenagers/hoodlums are **partying** into the late hours, drinking alcohol, leaving their litter for others, and making noise, aggravating our members who live near the parks.
- **Non-members** have been taking advantage of our parks, leaving the gates open, taking up parking spaces meant for members, and **gaining access to private property at the boat slips**.

We need your help! Please observe the following rules:

1. **Lock the gate, both after you enter and again when you leave.** Do not leave the gate open while you are enjoying the park, as it allows entry to non-members.
2. If you see the gate open at any time, **lock it!** Do not worry about locking anyone in, as those who are in should have a key!
3. **Never loan your key** to anyone you have not listed on your membership form.
4. **Do not make copies of your key!**
5. Always **accompany your guests** to the parks. If you do not, they are trespassing and may be prosecuted.
6. **Know where your teenagers/young adults are at night.** If they are caught in the parks, they may be arrested. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has been notified of our problems and do patrol the area.
7. **NO overnight parking** in park lots!
8. **Children** should always be supervised.
9. **Remind others** to follow these rules, especially when you see infractions.
10. **Do call the sheriff when you experience a problem at the parks.** The Johnson County Sheriff's phone number is 618-658-8264.

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EPBA Parks, continued:

A new security light has been installed in the outside parking area of Park 1 to illuminate the gate and fence line and to help prevent some of the late-night abuses. Everything costs money. Our goal is to keep your dues to a minimum, but we need your help in keeping our parks ready for your enjoyment.

Our thanks go to the Stegle family for delivering the sand for the beach, to Matt and Michael Maeser for their equipment and help, and to Bill Moseley for the refreshments for the workers on the May clean-up day. Special thanks to those who already are closing gates, picking up litter, and discouraging abusers. We all need to pitch in and help keep our parks clean and safe for all our members!



EPBA Board News

The Board regrets having to say good-bye to Vice-President Sherry Sullivan. Sherry has taken a new position at Blackburn College in Central Illinois and will be unable to fulfill her Board duties. Thank you, Sherry, for your dedication during these past few years, and congratulations on the new position. Carol Oldham has stepped up to fill the vice-president's position until the March 2018 Annual Meeting. The empty Board seat has been filled by Peggy Griffith, who volunteered and was appointed to the Board at the July meeting.

We meet the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the EPB Association Building. All members are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please encourage your neighbors to join our Association.

Total Eclipse of the Sun

During the total solar eclipse, on August 21, 2017, please be advised that the area of longest duration is just southeast of Carbondale. The eclipse will begin at approximately 11:50 a.m. and will end around 2:50 p.m., with the totality lasting 2 minutes, 41.6 seconds at that spot. It is important to use eclipse viewers except during the time of totality, when you may view the aura. Once the smallest portion of sun reappears, you must go back to using eclipse viewers. Supervise children to protect their vision! Viewers are available at many local locations. Be prepared for an influx of visitors to our area during the event. You may want to stock up on necessities prior to the 8-18-2017 weekend.

****Telephone Numbers****

- Lake Patrol: Dial 527-2006 to reach the boat.
Dial 964-1448, Ext. 232, for the office.
- Fire District: 964-1278
- Eagle Point Bay Assoc. Office: 995-2887
- Power Outage: 1-877-399-8405
- Water Department: 888-314-2053
- Sewer Department: 888-314-2055
- Johnson Co. Sheriff's Office: 618-658-8264

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