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## Lakewood Property Owners Association

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Mike Templeton

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors to all Lakewood property owners. While May seems a ways off, it will be here sooner than we think -(hopefully). Those of you interested in running for the board of directors, there will only be one more newsletter before election time. If you are serious, let your intentions be known in writing, and if you want, submit a brief campaign statement for the March "LAKEWORD". This is your opportunity to share your views with other owners and tell them how you propose to serve.

The board has worked the past year trying to get permission to install floatation devices at the lake front to protect swimmers. We submitted a drawing to the DNR office at Rhinelander, WI and I talked to the man in charge 3 or 4 times. We did receive DNR permission, but the Strongs Prairie Town Board rejected it with the lame excuse they feared liability. We on the board feel they have invited liability by refusing this protection. The board voted to advise them accordingly and to name the Township Board as defendants in any action

which might arise from injury because this protection is denied. Regardless, we did not get their approval and will not be able to install these life protecting floatation devices.

At our last Meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to turn over to our attorney for collection any property owner 3 or more years delinquent in their dues. This month a certified letter will go out to each of these owners advising them of this fact. This will be their last chance to settle with the Lakewood Board of Directors or make arrangements for a payment plan. If the property owner does not respond within 30 days, their account goes to our attorney for collection or foreclosure. All attorney costs and court costs will be added to the delinquency. A non court response will mean an eviction and auction of your property. While we regret to have to go this far, we have been more than patient.

We hope you all have a nice holiday, and prosperous new year - and a HAPPY winter.

Mike Templeton - President

## Seasons Greetings

However you celebrate the Holiday Season (or even if you do not), we wish each of you the best of luck, a happy and prosperous new year and total enjoyment of your Lakewood Property whether it is your year round home or just a sometimes retreat. The LPOA Board

## NOTICE

It is sort of a quiet time of year for many of us so far as Lakewood is concerned. The snowbirds have gone south for the winter and only the all year residents and winter sports enthusiast are active up north now. For those not devoting much attention to Lakewood, keep in mind that spring will bring a new active time and a little thought now may be in order. This is especially true for any owner who intends to run for the one board position up for reelection this year.

Secretary Treasurer George Robinson is the member whose term expires this year. If you are serious about pursuing a position against an incumbent, you must make sure to notify Board in time to get on proxy ballot and you may also wish to write a brief article for "LAKEWORD" to let others know you and your thinking. We would suggest 1/4 to 1/2 page (subject to

available space and how many candidates run). You can look at some of the articles in this issue to determine how many words this might be. Type size can be varied to give some flexibility.

Secretary's Report

I am pleased to report that there are fewer than 30 owners now who are not current in their association dues. We have not filed any new liens on these yet. The Adams County Courthouse is very busy during December getting real estate tax bills prepared. During January I will spend a few days in Lakewood and it appears I will at that time face the unpleasant task of filing a few liens for delinquent dues. My thanks to all who have paid up to save me this unpleasant chore and to those few who have not, there is still time. Pay up or contact us to arrange a payment method and schedule. PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

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