

Notes from Hillside

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Wilde Lake friends and neighbors, the CA Board of Directors has not met since our first board meeting of the fiscal year. Due to the lack of meetings, there has been little news to report.

However, I wanted to get the Village up to speed on an issue that started over in Owen Brown.

Recently, Owen Brown residents organized an effort to have the bathrooms at the Lake Elkhorn pavilion opened during daylight hours. The basis for this was to reduce the number of people relieving themselves in the woods that surround the lake but are within viewing distance of households.

CA staff contemplated the request and have agreed to open the restrooms. While this discussion has been going on, I have been advocating for greater bathroom access at Wilde Lake.

I have good news, CA will provide a portable restroom near the barn on a trial basis. I agree that is not the same as a full-service bathroom, but it does elevate the available facilities on par with Lake Kittamaqundi.

I also want to emphasize that this is an ongoing conversation. The Wilde Lake Boathouse is slated for renovation in the next few years, and I will continue to advocate for increased bathroom facilities as part of the renovation.

Wilde Lake residents can help by emailing the CA Board about their thoughts on restrooms and lakes. I also encourage Wilde Lake residents to sign up for resident speakout and show up at our Board of Directors meetings.

Lastly, if you are walking the lake, and have the need, please take advantage of the portable facility. Demonstrated use positively reinforces the need for this basic service.

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