

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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By John Braden

QUORUM CALL -- Sixty faithful (and qualified) Lake property owners showed up Feb. 15 at the Clubhouse, exceeding a required quorum necessary to elect five candidates to five open Lake Board seats.

Five uncontested candidates elected to Lake Board

By John Braden

With five vacancies on the Lake Tapawingo Country Board, property owners elected the only five candidates nominated to fill those seats at the Feb. 15 Property Owners Meeting and election at the Clubhouse.

Elected to three-year terms were incumbent Darren Davis, 133 Dockside; incumbent Mike Stiles, 26 Beach; Andy Gibler, 32 Dockside; Brian Zoller, 87 Dockside, and Scott Patton, 102 Anchor.

Sixty qualified property owners met at the Clubhouse easily making the minimum 50 property owners required for a quorum. There was one absentee ballot.

At the time that the election notice was mailed to property owners, only four candidates had been recruited to run for the Lake Board: Davis, Stiles, Gibler and Zoller.

Patton was recruited later, in time to have his name on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor.

Contrary to her previous announcement, Lake Board President Jayme Dean said property owners would not be voting on a motion to ratify the \$1,500 annual assessment on Lake properties. Dean said that ratification occurred at last year's annual election.

Three members leave board

Leaving the Lake Board at the end of their terms were Dean, 62 Beach; Bill Ellwood, 52 Dockside, and Allison Holmes, 43 Anchor.

Continuing on the Lake Board are Clayton Holland, Scott Johnson, Sarah Jordan, Wes Knox, T.J. McGinnis, Kim McReynolds, John Nicol, Joe Rush, Brian Smith and Susan Stiles.

MAYOR'S MINUTES

City Council focuses on sales, use, personal property taxes

By Mayor Tom Rodenberg

Greetings, all. I hope you all had a very nice Valentine's Day and a great February. The weather has certainly helped to make February 2024 a great month. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Women's Club for their making my Valentine's Day special and for their well wishes. It was unexpected and very appreciated.

It has been a quiet month from a City standpoint. I think that can be a good thing. One thing that the Board and I have been discussing is increasing the City's revenue sources.

Right now, our primary revenue source for the City's general expenditures is the real estate property tax. And in spite of what some may think, the City does not greatly benefit from Jackson County's property appraisal increase.

The state sets our operating levy and reduces it based on a formula so that we do not receive a big windfall from the increase in assessed value and the corresponding increase in property taxes. In spite of the great increase in assessed values

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Around the Lake

BIRTHDAYS

March 3 Amy McDonald, 159 Dockside
 March 10 Johnnie Lowther, 85 Dockside
 Jerry Miller, 41 Anchor
 March 12 Gretchen Bretz, 150 Dockside
 Jackie Gale, 95 Beach
 March 15 Kay Coen, 31 Emerald Shore
 March 24 Gina Chavez, 34 Anchor
 Peggy Davis, 7 Clipper
 MaryAnn Rivera, 40 Clipper
 March 26 Tracy Kirksey, 99 Anchor
 March 27 Cathy Pirner, 81 Anchor
 Kathy Summers, 5 Anchor

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Darren and Lisa Davis, 133 Dockside, moving from 22 Clipper

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Sympathy, Birthday greetings, Congratulations or Welcome to New Resident, call or text Lisa Davis of the Women's Club at (530) 386-1629.

Get invasive species training March 16

The next invasive species training session is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Lake Office. Training is normally scheduled on the third Saturday of every month.

Preregister for training by contacting the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or (816) 228-3721 to make arrangements.

Training is required before residents may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity." Rules require a member of each household to be retrained every two years.



City seeks responses for lead pipe inventory

Lake residents received notice in their utility bills that the city and state would like their help in surveying for lead in household pipes. A letter from the city said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is requiring each community water system to submit an initial inventory of lead water lines by Oct. 16, 2024.

Residents are asked to report the composition of their service lines, even if they are not lead. The flier demonstrated how to perform scratch tests on pipes.

Results are to be sent to City Clerk Paul Blixrud by e-mail to pblixrud@laketapawingomo.org or by phone to (816) 229-3722.

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City loses personal property taxes on unregistered boats

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and hence taxes, the City may only realize a few thousand in extra tax dollars each year.

A primary focus of our discussion has been on the possibility of imposing a sales tax on the purchase of new vehicles and boats/trailers/motors. Right now, I believe that all other municipalities have a sales tax on these purchases. We do not.

We have also discussed a use tax that would apply to Internet sales, which we could only impose if we first passed a sales tax. I am sure you have noticed that when you purchase on the Internet, you might now be seeing a "tax" being applied. That is not going to Lake Tapawingo.

Another area of lost tax revenue to the City is the failure of those owning boats, trailers, and motors to register those with Jackson County. The City then loses the personal property tax that should be paid on those items. It doesn't matter if your

boat never leaves the Lake. It should still be identified in your annual personal property tax declaration (possibly including the motor) and a personal property tax assessed and paid to Lake Tapawingo. I am aware of owners who have not identified these on their personal property tax declaration.

No sales tax or use tax could be imposed without a vote of the people. We have been discussing ways to try to require people to register their boat/trailers/motors with Jackson County to generate the personal property tax revenue.

Please let me know your thoughts on the City's efforts to increase revenues. E-mail is a great way to communicate with me, mayor@laketapawingomo.org. Or feel free to speak to me if you see me out and about walking the dog or just out walking. It is important for the City to hear from you on the actions we are taking.

I hope you have a fantastic March!

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

License plate reader camera presentations heard

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Feb. 1 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Rodenberg presided.

Visitors: Darren Davis, 133 Dockside; Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore; T.J. McGinnis, 102 Dockside; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Lisa Dunn, FLOCK Safety; Kyle Reinoehl, Electronic Technology Inc. (ETI).

Police: For a presentation on license plate reader cameras, Alderman Gary George introduced Lisa Dunn of FLOCK Safety and Kyle Reinoehl of Electronic Technology Inc. (ETI), two competing providers of LPR camera systems. George, a former police chief, said he had good experience with such cameras in neighborhoods, business areas and street intersections.

The representatives said the FLOCK and ETI software programs include license and vehicle recognition, retaining information in cloud online storage and network sharing with other police departments. Systems can be monitored in office or on a cell phone.

Dunn said FLOCK has been installed in some Lowe's Home Centers, Target stores, and other businesses. Reinoehl said Kansas City, Mo., has 600 LPRs.

Chief Tammy Taylor expressed concern that the Police Department has problems with reception in police cars in certain portions of the city. She said the department does not have staff to monitor the cameras. She added the police computer system is already at maximum capacity utilizing home computers that are seven or eight years old.

Lt. Mike Zielinski said many cars operate on stolen license plates or plates that are otherwise not on file, making it impossible to trace suspect cars. Other concerns were expressed about quality of night vision on the cameras, privacy of individuals and city expenses for the system.

Dunn and Reinoehl said LPR can be a crime deterrent and can solve crimes faster. Both firms offered free demonstrations for a trial period.

Additional Revenue Sources: In response to a proposal to increase property taxes to pay for additional police coverage, Mayor Rodenberg said he wants to have a task force study additional income options, including increasing property taxes, imposing a sales tax and use tax or requiring Lake residents' unregistered boats and trailers to be registered with the county so the city can collect personal property taxes on them.

Rodenberg said the group could study the needs of the community and closely review of the budget. Alderman Steve Magel volunteered to serve on the task force. Alderwoman Via suggested it be a diverse group that carries out its study in a timely manner.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said there might be a water service line leak in D Block, but it is on a resident's **See Concern, Page 5.**

City of Lake Tapawingo				
Revenue & Expense Report				
July 2023-Dec. 2023 Six Month Financial Report				
	Net Budget	YTD Balance	% YTD Unexpended	
General Fund				
(Admin., Police, Court)				
Total Revenue	427,800.00	234,430.99	54.80%	193,369.01
Total Expenses	423,325.00	202,440.60	47.82%	220,884.40
General Total	4,475.00	31,990.39	714.87%	-27,515.39
Sewer Fund				
Total Revenue	340,300.00	127,989.42	37.61%	212,310.58
Total Expenses	331,405.00	143,547.06	43.31%	187,857.94
Sewer Total	8,895.00	-15,557.64	-174.90%	24,452.64
Water Fund				
(Water Dept. & Water Bond)				
Total Revenue	506,400.00	251,389.80	49.64%	255,010.20
Total Expenses	567,270.00	168,227.27	29.66%	399,042.73
Water Total	-60,870.00	83,162.53	-136.62%	-144,032.53
Trash Fund				
Total Revenue	91,500.00	36,947.95	40.38%	54,552.05
Total Expenses	82,500.00	41,573.99	50.39%	40,926.01
Trash Total	9,000.00	-4,626.04	-51.40%	13,626.04
Total Profit/Loss	-38,500.00	94,969.24	-246.67%	-133,469.24



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March 6 last day to register to vote in April city election

March 6 is the last day for new voters to register to vote in the April 2 City Council election.

Voters may register at Lake Tapawingo City Hall; the Jackson County Election Board, 215 N. Liberty, Independence; or in Blue Springs at City Hall or the Blue Springs License Bureau on Missouri Highway 7.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by written request to the Jackson County Election Board until March 20. An application form may be obtained from the board Internet site at <https://jcebmo.org/voter-information/absentee-voting>.

The seats of three of the six Lake Tapawingo City Council members are up for election on April 2. All are for two-year terms.

Only the three incumbent city aldermen filed, unopposed, for the seats: -- In Ward 1 (A Block), Alderman Steve Magel, 14 Anchor; -- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Lisa Hodges, 17 Beach, who was appointed to complete the term of Tom Rodenberg, who resigned last year to become mayor; -- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Alderman Bob Seago, 12 Emerald Shore.

The remaining three council members, Traci Via in Ward 1, Gary George in Ward 2 and Morgan Combs in Ward 3, have terms that expire in April 2025 as does Mayor Rodenberg.

Concern seen with return of cable borers

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property and is not currently leaking up to the ground level where it can be detected.

Seago said he is concerned about AT&T contractors resuming boring for underground fiber optic cable near the Clubhouse where they cut a sewer line in two places in January 2023. It was noted the city must provide location service to them to avoid again hitting sewer or water lines.

Official city minutes may be read at City Hall or on the city Internet site, www.laketapawingomo.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to Dean, Ellwood, Holmes; I look forward to meeting residents

By President Darren Davis

First, thank you to Jayme Dean for her eight years of service as President of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors. I have heard that these are "Big Shoes" to fill and I don't doubt that for a moment!

Thank you to Bill Ellwood and Allison Holmes for their years of service on the board, to the Nominating Committee for ensuring director candidates for the 2024 election, and all

property owners that participated toward a successful Annual Meeting.

I am honored to be the President of Lake Tapawingo Country Club. The 2024 Board of Directors is excited to manage this beautiful neighborhood that we all know and love. I look forward to meeting all of you!



COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Darren Davis named Lake Board president

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Feb. 5 and 20 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Brian Bronson, 40 Dockside; Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore; Andy Gibler, 32 Dockside; Kris and Kim Hall, 8 Clipper; Gary Mallen, 9 Dockside; Charlie Plank, 38 Dockside; Brian Zoller, 87 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Christian DeLozier, Mike Keith Insurance.

Property Owners Meeting and election: President Dean congratulated the five newly elected Lake Board members, incumbents Darren Davis and Mike Stiles and three new members Andy Gibler, Scott Patton and Brian Zoller. Dean inaugurated the five members. She expressed thanks to departing Board Members Bill Ellwood and Allison Holmes, whose terms ended, as did Dean's.

Dean called for nominations for Lake Board president for 2024. Mr. Stiles nominated Darren Davis. With no other nominations, the board elected Davis president, 13-0.

Davis deferred to Dean to remain in the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Board Member Kim McReynolds nominated Mike Stiles for vice president and Board Member Scott Johnson moved to approve him. With no other nominations, the board elected Mr. Stiles, 13-0.

Board Member John Nicol nominated Kim McReynolds for secretary and Board Member T.J. McGinnis moved to approve her. With no other nominations, the board elected McReynolds, 13-0.

Board Member Clayton Holland nominated Scott Johnson for treasurer. With no other nominations, the board elected Johnson, 13-0.

Dean said President Davis would be assigning board members to committees.

To-Do list: President Dean said she updated a board "to-do" list of regularly scheduled tasks and issues the new board should talk about and consider. She said the board has come a long way since she became president in 2016, including in the way the board handles and tracks its finances.

She said a number of items are necessary to "keep the Board out of trouble."

Dean suggested new board members "sponge in" information in their first year, bringing ideas but seeing what has been done before. She said board members should not be afraid to say "no."

She said she wanted to complete work on non-Lake driveway access to roads, bylaws merger and preparation for a boatlift variance lawsuit filed against the board.

Board Member Kim McReynolds thanked Dean for her eight years of service as president.

Lake Office: President Dean welcomed Cassandra Marcotte as the new office administrator and said she started working in the office on Wednesday, Jan. 31. She said Marcotte worked for the Buckner Police Department prior to accepting the position with the Country Club.

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Appraisal appeal cuts tax bill for U.S. 40 entrance lot

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Dean said the exiting administrator, Diana Reyes, would be in the office until Feb. 13 and available by phone until the end of the month. Dean also said Reyes is familiar with all the documents and process of the Jackson County property appraisal appeal and will be notified and consulted to follow up with the Board of Equalization on the appeal.

Dean thanked Reyes for all her help in changing the community for the better. Reyes responded that it's easy to be good to good people.

Secretary Kim McReynolds said the Lake Office copier that was damaged by a lightning strike late last year can either be replaced or repaired. She said repairs are estimated to be between \$1,900 and \$2,600. She said a lesser model can be purchased for \$2,850. She said there is a lease agreement in place for the damaged copier. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by McReynolds to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000 in repairs for the damaged printer. Board Member Sarah Jordan agreed to help McReynolds research insurance options for office equipment and electrical.

The board approved payment of \$2,280 for HOA Start, which McReynolds said is a new homeowners association interactive website hub that would support a resident portal. She said the HOA Start website would be able to link to the QuickBooks account so that residents can review and pay their bills. She said other features include a communication board, a resident directory and the ability to test invasive species knowledge from the website.

Jackson County property assessment appeals: President Dean said retiring Office Administrator Diana Reyes and former Mayor John Sellars, Lake Tapawingo's member on the Jackson County Board of Equalization, met with Board of Equalization officials. Dean said Sellars was instrumental in the review of documents involving tax assessment of the U.S. 40 entrance parcel (Gate 1 former Station lot).

The Lake Board had paid the property tax on the parcel under protest before the end of the year and appealed. As a result of the meeting, Dean said, the county reduced its market value for the parcel from \$218,800 to the \$175,000 it



By John Braden

IT'S A START -- Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf, left, and helper Andy Rogers are up to there necks and then some behind the Clubhouse as they begin clearing brush from behind the fence along the Kansas City Southern tracks. The Lake Board decided to fund fence rehab from the regular Maintenance budget, with the crew to attack the problem as part of regular workload.

had been assessed in 2022, which makes it eligible for a partial tax refund.

Dean said the Lake Board could still appeal to the full Board of Equalization or to the state. She said they were unable to change the classification of the property from commercial. She said the parcel, which is outside the boundary of Lake Tapawingo's original warranty deed and covenant, could be declared to be common area, for reduced taxes, if it were owned by all property owners. She said the property also could be deeded to the city, making it tax exempt. She said the new board would have to decide how to deal with the matter in future.

Miller's pond dam: President Dean said Debbie House, heir and co-owner of the Miller farm property south of the Lake, cancelled their previously agreed meeting with a small group from Lake Tapawingo about the pond that drains into the lake at AB Cove.

Dean said she contacted engineering consultant Affinis Corp. about options to rehabilitate the Miller pond dam. She said Project Manager Jason Davis at Affinis told her there is a way to reinforce the dam while confining work to the Lake side of the property line. She stated it would be easiest and more cost effective to have the cooperation of the Miller farm owners but it is not a necessity.

Dean said continued delays in negotiating with the Miller heirs would allow the project cost to continue to increase. She explained reinforcements would need to span the entirety of the Lake side of the road as opposed to only the affected area if both sides were being reinforced. She said the single sided repair would be similar to that of the Wood's Chapel Road inlet to C Cove. She said additional cost would come from the expansion in size. Dean said she requested a new project design bid from Davis for the Lake side only.

At the subsequent meeting, President Davis said he met with Jason Davis who suggested several board members meet with him to brainstorm how to carry out the project when it appears the Miller farm heirs are unlikely to cooperate with the board. President Davis said Mr. Davis still thinks it would be less expensive and better to dredge the pond and be able to work on the Miller side of the property line. Affinis previously said there is a way to reinforce the dam while confining work to the Lake side of the property line, which runs through the pond while the dam and road are on Country Club property.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Scott Johnson noted a final payment of \$15,147 to engineer Own Inc. for completion of repairs
See Lakefront, Page 9.



LAKE SIDE NEWSLETTER

HELLO MARCH

From Lisa Hodges, Realtor KS & MO



MARKET NEWS

The market is no longer as aggressive in pricing in rate cuts, which is right for how the data has come in so far for this year. The data in January could just be a one-off and that as we see February data, we get a better idea of where the economy is heading, specifically inflation and the labor market. With the January data, rate cuts have been pushed. If we continue to see stronger data in February, we could see the market beginning to fear that rate hikes might be back on the table which could take rates even higher. Existing home sales were higher than expected but mortgage applications have been low.

MONTHLY CHECKLIST

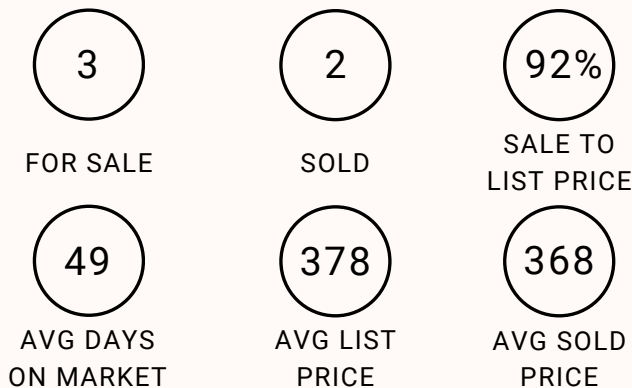
- Touch up mulch - especially its depth
- Clean out & inspect birdhouses, feeders & bird baths
- Clean clay pots and garden tools
- Clean gutters of debris so spring showers drain away from house
- Remove leaves from water features in your yard



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MARKET UPDATE



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Lakefront blockage prompts rule violation finding

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to the dam, which Board Member Mike Stiles said was completed under budget.

The board passed, 13-0-1, a motion by Johnson that the board invest \$600,000 from its two checking accounts in a Treasury bill for 60 days, earning 5.04 percent.

President Dean said the annual financial review of Country Club accounts performed by Marr and Co. PC was good and that a final report is to be submitted. Office Administrator Diana Reyes said the annual financial review should finalize the transition between office administrators, serve as the 2023 review and provide information for the first quarter financial review of 2024 at one cost to the Country Club.

Insurance: Board Member Sarah Jordan introduced the new insurance broker for the Country Club, Christian DeLozier of Mike Keith Insurance. DeLozier presented board members copies of the brochure he had submitted in response to the board's request for qualifications. He said he works with public entities and non-profit organizations.

DeLozier said 2023 was the ninth consecutive year of significant disasters in which the insurance industry has had to pay out benefits. He said because the companies have not been making profits, insurance premiums have continued to increase. As a broker, he said he would continue to look for competitive insurers that cover homeowners associations. He said the Country Club's coverage is complicated by the need for insurers to cover a dam and lake.

Rules and Regulations: Board Member Susan Stiles said modifications along

the seawall and Country Club lakefront easement by Louis Caskey, 14 Dockside, were made without a permit or record of materials quarantine. Ms. Stiles stated violations of hindering the common passage, using materials without quarantine, and modifications made to the shoreline without a permit total 12 penalty points.

Ms. Stiles said modifications have continued since Kristy and Andy Rogers, 120 Dockside, submitted photographs to the board on Jan. 15. She said the resident has stacked more stones on the lakefront preventing the Rogerses from using their 120-D dock at that location.

Ms. Stiles requested that Caskey and the listed owner of the property, Daniel Brown, 27 Emerald Shore, both be cited. President Dean said a previous issue in which Caskey used Lake property for his personal use included a notification letter that could serve as an example for a new notification.

Dean suggested the Docks and Waterfront subcommittee send a notice of clean up with the citation to the resident outlining that if cleanup is not performed by a specific date, Lake Tapawingo Country Club would perform the cleanup and bill the resident for cost.

Ms. Stiles said she would take more recent photos of the situation at 14-D to start the citation process. Ms. McReynolds agreed to accompany her.

Docks and Waterfront: 142-D. Board Member Mike Stiles presented an application from Scott and Kim Osborne, 142 Dockside, for a boatlift at the 142-D dock, located on the seawall at 59-D.

Because there was insufficient space to the adjacent 65-D dock to allow a boatlift, Mr. Stiles said Colton and Keri Stuckmeyer, 65 Dockside, agreed to move their dock about 6 feet farther away, centering it on their lakefront patio.

Mr. Stiles said there was sufficient room on the other side of the 65-D dock and that the move would allow room for the 142-D boatlift. He said contractor Randy Gregory was to move the dock. The board passed, 12-0-1, a motion by Mr. Stiles to approve the boatlift pending quarantine and the movement of the 65-D dock as specified.

120-A. John Braden asked President Dean for an update on the board's decision in November to temporarily halt installation of a 120-A dock next to a recent 183-A dock, which was installed about 19 feet from the foundation of a former boathouse at 58-A. The board had halted action because Jeff Spalding, 58 Anchor, said the newer docks would restrict boat access for side entry to the boathouse foundation, which he desires to convert to a boat slip.

Dean said history of board action on Spalding's former boathouse had to be reviewed. She said Spalding did not have permission to convert the foundation to a boat slip, which likely would not conform to rules for dock dimensions.

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox said the board needs to decide whether to buy a new motor for a Water Patrol pontoon boat for possibly \$6,000 to \$7,000, buy a refurbished motor for possibly half that price, or to sell the boat as is. He said the rest of the boat is fine.

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Residents urged to report Canada goose nesting

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Board Member Scott Patton said he thinks the motor is repairable but it might be troublesome. He said technical support and service is not available except from Evinrude. Knox said the Water Patrol does not need three boats. President Dean asked Knox to bring cost options to the board and make a motion for a solution.

Board Member Brian Smith said the outboard motor on the Maintenance barge is not good and only Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf can keep it running.

Canada goose control: Board Member Clayton Holland said he was preparing to renew the board's regular application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct Canada goose control activities, including inventorying goose nests, adding or oiling eggs to prevent their hatching, scaring off migrating geese and relocating resident geese.

Holland noted in 2021 the board worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to relocate 59 resident geese. However, he said it is much better to discourage migrators from establishing nests and to addle and oil eggs in established nests.

Holland said the board needs residents' help to report to the Lake Office when they find geese pairing off to establish hidden nests around the lake. If the board is informed then steps can be taken to prevent eggs from hatching. Board Member Brian Smith said previously nests have been established in docked pontoon boats without the owners' knowledge.

Fourth of July fireworks: President Dean said the Fourth of July fireworks display has been scheduled for Thursday, July 4, with the same contractor, plus permitting and insurance. The rain delay date is set for Saturday, July 6. Dean added that residents may not shoot fireworks from the dam, after a resident closed the dam road and shot commercial grade fireworks after the Super Bowl without permits or permission.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: President Dean said the B Block Boat Lot had been cleaned up to remove unregistered or abandoned property. She said three remaining questionable boats are to be removed while a fourth is likely to be registered.

Lake Environment: Board Member Brian Smith said he would be placing quarantine stickers on propellers of boats in the A and B Block Boat lots, indicating at the boat ramp that the boat does not have to undergo invasive species quarantine. John Braden noted, in the case of sailboats, the sticker is placed on the boat's transom. Smith said the quarantine period currently is 28 days.

Board Member T.J. McGinnis said residents should be advised to have a board member cable-lock boats to trailers if a boat is to be removed from Lake Tapawingo for service or storage. Having a cable-lock allows the boat owner to avoid invasive species quarantine when the boat is returned to the Lake.

Board Member Wes Knox said he would ensure a cable cutter is in lockbox on the Water Patrol dock. It was suggested board members obtain their own cable cutters or rotary grinder for removing the tough cables at the boat ramp.

Real Estate/Lake road access: President Dean said Rick and Mary Bedsworth, 1 Anchor, have an existing driveway and placed a new concrete driveway across Country Club-owned property giving access to Anchor Lane from unincorporated pastureland adjoining 1 Anchor. She said the Bedsworths have offered to purchase the Country Club-owned land under the driveways.

Board Member John Nicol said he thinks the board should move forward with a lease of this specific land instead of an easement. He said a lease would be the proper instrument to use in this situation. Nicol said there is more freedom on the board's side with a lease, as far as adjusting it as needed, versus being tied down with an easement if the owners of 1-A ever sold their property.

Dean said consultation with the board's lawyer would help to determine the best course of action.

At the subsequent meeting, Dean said she was pursuing contact with Catherine Wilson, owner of non-Lake property at 125 1/2 Beach Drive, and the owners of 5101 S.W. Tapawingo Lane, another non-Lake property just inside the U.S. 40 gate, about reaching agreements for those properties to have access to Lake-owned roads.

She also said there is an effort to renew a Lake road access agreement by

the Blue Springs School District, whose maintenance buildings have access to Tapawingo Lane just outside the U.S. 40 gate. She volunteered to continue the initiative if the new board agrees.

President Davis said a contractor for Evergy will begin removing unused utility poles from along Lake roads beginning in March. He said that would include a couple of poles on and below the dam. Board Member Mike Stiles said access to the pole below the dam would not affect recent drainage system rehabilitation. Dean suggested that work be scheduled during the hours of Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf to provide access and oversight. Board Member Scott Patton also volunteered to be on hand for the work.

Maintenance: John Braden asked whether the light pole in the yard of the Lake Office is broken, since it never seems to be lit. Using that as an example, he told board members they should be observant and if something looks odd, they should question it, such as a driveway that was completed on Country Club property without Board permission before anyone questioned it.

Official Country Club minutes may be read at the Lake Office.

Unpaid Lake assessments to be charged interest

The Lake Board charges interest, retroactive to Jan. 1, to property owners having unpaid Country Club assessments as of April 1.

Lake Rules state that Lake Tapawingo Country Club fees are due Jan. 1 each year. While fees not paid by March 31 are considered delinquent, many property owners delay paying until March 31 or until they seek boat registration stickers before launching their boats.

Interest of 8 percent annually can be charged to delinquent assessments.

Residents who have not paid the annual assessment by March 31 also lose all Lake privileges including use of the lake for swimming, fishing and boating, and use of recreational space.



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WOMENS CLUB NEWS



Thank you to everyone that participated with our Valentine chocolate roses event.

Special thanks to Lisa Hodges, Jane Quinn, Jennifer Weigel, Chrissy Wilson, Julie Davis, Amy Lengyel, and Brooke Payne for making cards and deliveries.

March

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Sunday, March 17

Participate by being in the parade or being in your driveway to wave and catch the candy!

Decorate your car, bike, walking stick and join in. Always lots of creative outfits and floats. We've even seen the elusive green puppy or two. Parade leaves at 2 p.m. Be sure to have plenty of candy to toss to spectators on the parade route.

April

Club Meeting to plan the summer – Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse

Come have some fun and help us sort through all the great ideas to see what we want to support and how much fun we can have!

Board Positions are open and the club needs to have some new faces help us organize the year. Please come to the April meeting and let us know you are interested. It's one of the best ways to be involved in our community and make a ton of friends!

Announcement!

The Women's Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners for the 2024 Scholarships.

Both candidates exemplified high standards in class and their many outside school activities. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, we congratulate both of you!

Aiden Payne

Molly McDonald

Look for more information about our recipients and our scholarship in next month's newsletter.

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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

St. Pat's Parade on March 17; Smoked corn beef, beans on sale

By John Nicol

The calendar aligned this year to have St. Patrick's Day, March 17 on a weekend. Our Lake St. Patrick's Parade will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17. Decorate a float or vehicle to join in the parade and bring plenty of wrapped candy to toss to residents along the route.

The parade will line up at the Clubhouse at 1:30 p.m. to be led by Lake Tapawingo Police and usually a Central Jackson Country Fire Protection District truck when it circles the Lake on first tier roads: Dockside, Emerald Shore, Anchor, Beach and Clipper drives.

If you can't be in it, come out to see it and greet the happy paradegoers wearing a bit of green, whether you have Irish heritage or are borrowing it for the day.

Starting at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse, the Sportsmen's Club will begin selling one-pound pans of smoked corned beef, and two pounds of baked beans, based on current market prices. Sales will continue until 4 p.m. when the parade comes full circle. First come, first sold; no pre-orders. No other dinner items are involved. Credit card purchases are welcome as usual as well as cash (green).

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt March 31

Be sure to get to the Clubhouse grounds early for the traditional annual Easter Egg Hunt that runs from 1:30



p.m. to about 1:35 p.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31. Bring baskets for your children and grandchildren to find the colorful plastic eggs, in age area categories 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Don't forget your camera or cell phone for photos.

St. Patrick's activities planned

President Jim Clarke convened the Feb. 13 meeting by having Secretary John Nicol read the Dec. 12 minutes. The January meeting was cancelled

due to weather. First Vice President John Harrison gave the membership report, and first-time attendee Kris Hall, 8 Clipper, was introduced and welcomed.

Second Vice President Joe Rush discussed the March St. Patrick's Day parade and is to notify the Lake Tapawingo Police Department. Jim Clarke and John Harrison will prepare traditional corned beef brisket to be sold in one-pound packages and beans in two-pound packages at the Clubhouse. Decorations for the club's trailer "float" will begin at 10 a.m. and will be stocked with candy to toss.

Under old business, Scott Patton is to investigate the costs for re-establishing the aerators at the upper end of C Cove. The updated and finalized Sportsmen's Club 2024 calendar of events was distributed. We are in our 86th year.

St. Patrick's Day Festivities Sunday, March 17

**Parade line-up 1:30 p.m.
at the Clubhouse**



Show your "Irish" heritage, real or for a day

All are invited to join in with their own floats or special vehicles to throw candy to residents who greet the parade as it passes first tier.

Parade begins at 2 p.m.

From the Clubhouse around the Lake: Dockside, Emerald Shore, Anchor, Beach and Clipper drives and back to the Clubhouse.

**Smoked Corned Beef, Beans for Sale
10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

*Offered by the Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club
based on current market prices.*

**1 pound Smoked Corned Beef,
2 pounds of Beans**



**First come, first sold, no pre-orders
Credit and debit cards welcome.**



Country Club, City office hours change

With the hiring of new Lake Office Administrator Cassandra Marcotte, the Lake Office hours have changed.

Lake Office hours will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday. Tuesday through Friday, hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With the semi-retirement of City Clerk Paul Blixrud, City Hall hours changed to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Both offices are closed Saturday and Sunday.



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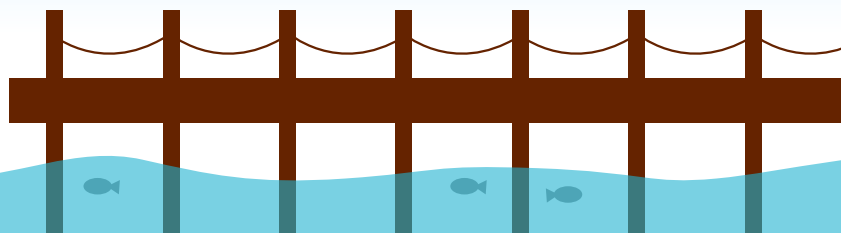


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Motoring carefully into spring

By Officer Sarah Jones

February came flying through, and here we are warming up to the idea of spring. We also have noticed many vehicles flying through the area. We want to remind the residents of the posted speed limits and ordinances through the city.

Lake Tapawingo has many posted speed limit signs. When entering and exiting the Lake at all the gates, the posted speed limit is 20 mph, which is the primary speed limit for our outer roads and primary arteries.

Several of our mainly residential and side streets are posted at 15 mph.



The 15 mph routes include Anchor Circle, Dockside Circle, Dockside Drive following the lakefront and Emerald Shore Drive following the lakefront.

We understand it can seem difficult to maintain these low speeds, but we need to think of others, along with children, animals and large

vehicles that may be moving through.

Speeding ordinance: Lake Tapawingo Municipal Code Section 320.010 declares state traffic laws apply to Lake roads except that the city by ordinance may determine certain speed limits for specified streets. Those requirements are based upon city decisions on speed limit sign placement.



If you have any questions about any of the posted speed limits throughout the city, please don't hesitate to ask.

Stop sign ordinance: The other ordinance we would like to address is Lake Tapawingo Municipal Code Section 335.040, which regulates driver compliance with yield and stop signs.

There are several posted stop signs throughout the city. When entering the city from

U.S. 40, there is a stop sign posted where Tapawingo

Lane intersects with Anchor Lane. We have noticed and ticketed many drivers for not obeying this particular stop sign.

Please take your time, come to a complete stop, and wait until all traffic is clear of the intersection. This can be a dangerous intersection, with cars coming and going all the time.



Let's use extra caution, be considerate and slow down when traveling through Lake Tapawingo.

We hope you all have a great St. Patrick's Day weekend and let's hope the warm weather is here to stay!

See Police Reports, Page 19.

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3	4 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	5 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	6 Voter registration deadline for April 2 election <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	7 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	8 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	9
10 Daylight Saving Time begins 	11 <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	12 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	14 Municipal court 10:30 a.m., Circuit Court, Independence <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	15 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	16 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Lake Office (preregister)
17  St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Corned beef sale 10 a.m., Clubhouse	18 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	19 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	20  Spring begins	21 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	22 <i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter  Egg Hunt, 1:30 p.m., Clubhouse (be early)	<i>Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.</i>	<i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	<i>Lake Office hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>		

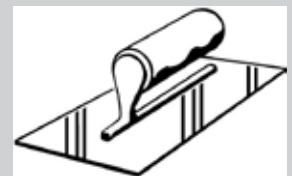
Police Reports

	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31	June 1-30
Traffic - Anchor	5	2	2	0	1	2	1	1
offenses - Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
- Clipper	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
- Dockside	2	3	3	1	0	0	2	1
- Emerald Shore	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
- U.S. 40	11	34	24	27	17	7	26	11
- Total	19	40	29	28	21	9	30	13
Warrant arrests	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2
Arrests	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	2
Calls for service	29	25	20	23	31	26	46	45
Warnings	10	13	14	19	11	8	5	7
Total	59	80	65	72	65	54	82	71



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