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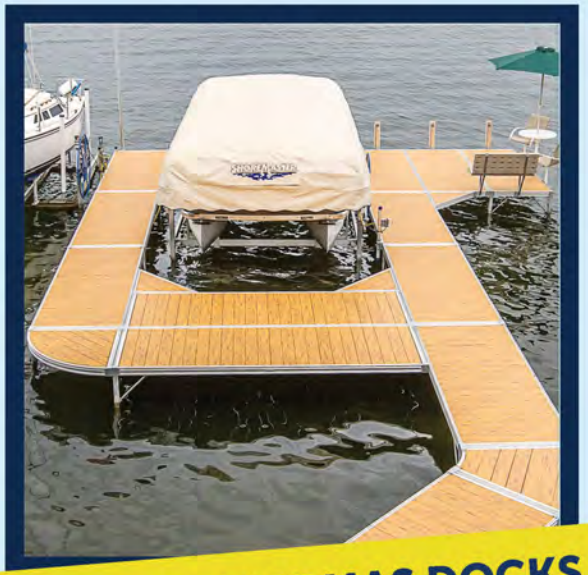
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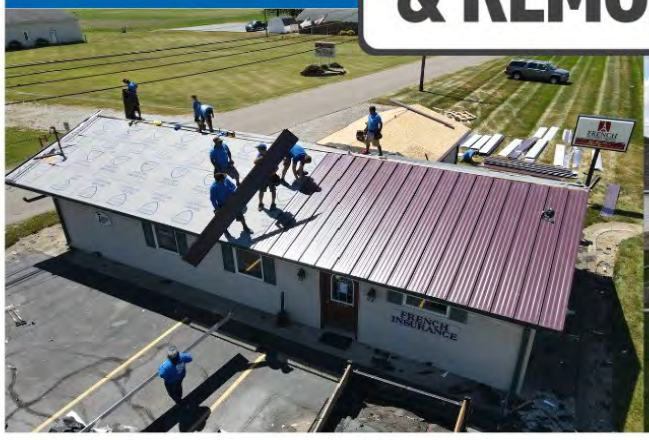
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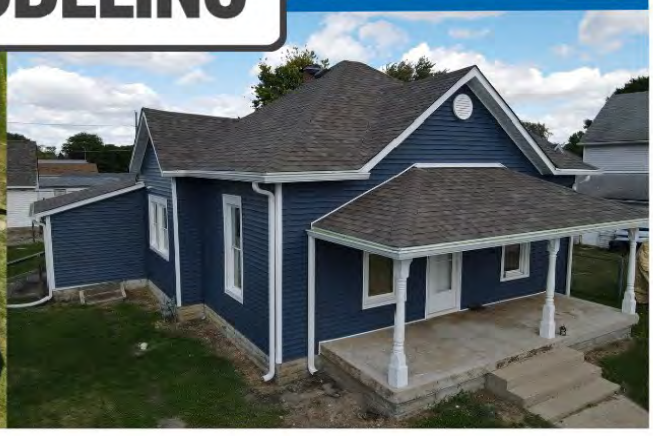
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Thank you to Scott Gibbs for his time serving on the RWWD board.

Welcome to the RWWD board Joyce Eddy.

We will be holding a 2026/2027 Budget & 15-Year Forecast Meeting in the Community Room on January 28th at 6:30 PM. The presentation will be available live via video conference. The recording will be posted on the Member portal following the meeting.

Thank you to First Financial Bank for their donation to the Lakeview Wellness Pool Renovation Fundraiser.

Happy New Year!

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4 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	5	6 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	7 Friends of Wildlife 1:00pm	8 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	9	10 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
11 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	12 Women's Club 11:30am Bookmobile 12:30-1:30pm	13 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	14  LSPOA BOARD MTG 7:30pm Comm Room	15  LSRWWD BOARD MTG 3:30pm TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	16	17 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
18 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	19 Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Book Club 11:30 AM 	20  WATER BILL DUE TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	21  National Squirrel Appreciation Day The Connection Monthly Dinner Mtg. 5pm - 10pm	22 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	23 NATIONAL FUN AT WORK DAY 	24 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER DAY 
25 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	26 Bookmobile 12:30-1:30pm 	27 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CAKE DAY  TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	28	29 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	30	31 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY 

WEEKLY Activity Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Music Trivia 7:00pm 	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	Euchre Club 1:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	Women's Club Line Dancing 10:00-Noon Community Rm Trivia— Trivia—7:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 GROUNDHOG DAY  TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	2	3 NATIONAL CARROT CAKE DAY  TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	4 Friends of Wildlife 1:00pm	5 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	6  	7 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
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The By-Laws of the LSPOA state in Article IV, Section 4 and Article IX, Section 2 that the Association will have an official monthly publication.

Our first Lake Manager, the late Tony Miller, gleaned from his travels to other lakes that the organization of a Booster Club to handle this publication would be beneficial. The first official publication, which became known as SMOKE SIGNALS was first published on March 28, 1969. It was produced by a group of VOLUNTEERS and continues as such to this day.

Funds for this monthly publication are received from donations from LAKE SANTEE MEMBERS and our ADVERTISERS. If you would like to VOLUNTEER or CONTRIBUTE, contact: Paul, Jonie or Connie

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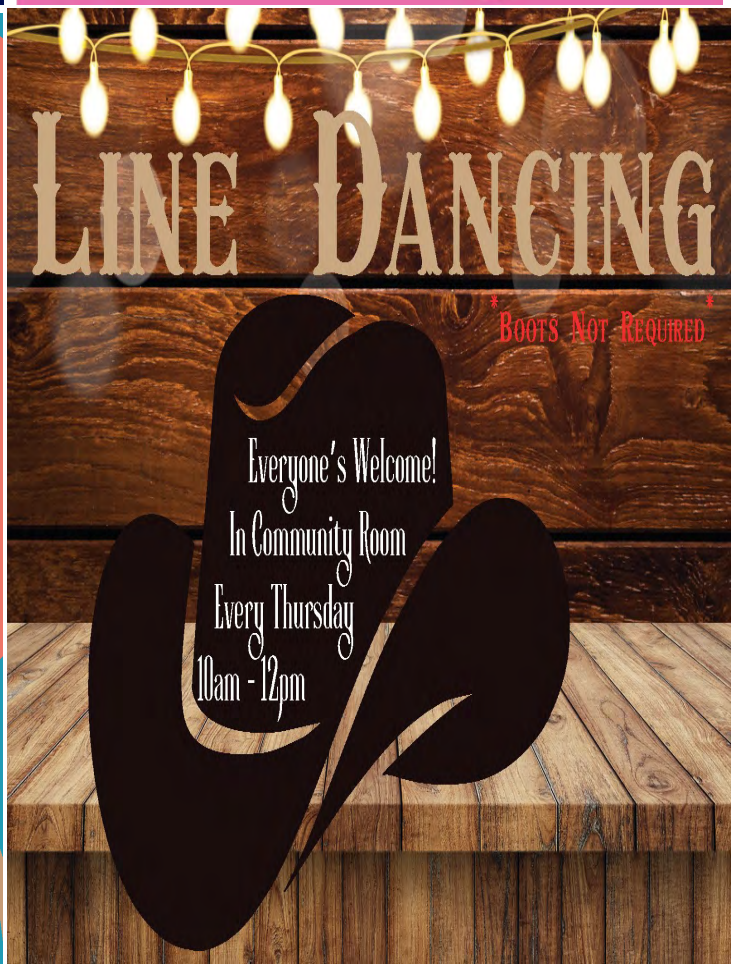
2026 Recreation Activities

Date	*Time*	*Event*
April 4th	11:00 a.m.	**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** At the Community Center Children 0-10 
May 23rd	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	 **Heartstone Crossing Band** At the Amphitheater
June 6th	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	 **Rachel Holt** At the Amphitheater
June 13th	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	 **SPECIAL EVENT** At the Amphitheater
June 20th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Car Show** 
July 3rd	10:00 p.m.	**Fireworks** 
July 4th	Afternoon	 **DJ on the Beach**
July 4th	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	 **Lincoln Street Band** At the Amphitheater
July 5th	TBD	**Youth Fishing Tournament** 
July 11th	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	 **Saphire Express Band** At the Amphitheater
July 18th	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.	 **The Belair's** Sponsor - Booster Club
July 25th	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Farmer's Market** Community Center Parking Lot 
August 1st	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	 **Project 19 Band** At the Amphitheater
August 8th	6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	**Women's Club Auction** At the Community Center 
August 29th	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Farmer's Market** Community Center Parking Lot 
September 5th	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	 **TBD** At the Amphitheater
September 12th	TBD	**Movie Night at the Beach** 
October 31st	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	**Trunk R Treat** 
December 12th	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	**Breakfast with Santa** 


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Pool House Campaign Wrap-Up: Goal Exceeded!

Over the course of 60 days, community members, partners, and local businesses came together to raise $59,011 for the Pool House Campaign. This unlocked the full $50,000 match, bringing the total raised to $109,011. This match was made possible through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's CreatINg Places program.

This community did more than donate. You shared the campaign, talked with neighbors and businesses, hosted events, created and gave in many ways, encouraged us on the slow days, and kept believing in what this space could become.

Grant funds are reserved specifically for construction and renovation. The $9,011 raised beyond the original $50,000 community goal is being used this winter to support program-related operational costs so programs can continue while we prepare for planned renovations and temporary closures.

In the Meantime

The vision for the marina building and pool has taken shape through a process we call co-creation.

Over the past two years, we've listened to hundreds of people who have come through the space, shared ideas, leaned in to help, and kept showing up. What Lakeview Wellness is becoming has been shaped by real use and real voices, always grounded in our mission.

The pool is a good example. Built more than 25 years ago, it was designed for private family use, not to meet the needs of a community. That is why grant funding was secured; to renovate the pool and add accommodations so it can function sustainably as a true community asset, safely and reliably serving people of all ages and abilities.

The meantime isn't a waiting period; it's part of the work. As we partner with our design–build team to shape a renovation timeline we can share, the space continues to be used, learned from, and shaped by the people who show up. Keep coming. Keep moving. Keep engaging. The meantime is where this place continues to take form.

With Gratitude,

Lakeview Wellness Board of Directors: Amy Erickson, Amy Ewing, Sally Kennedy, Shelly Laudick, Spencer Ozbun

Thank you to the following individuals who stepped up to make the Pool House Campaign possible:

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A Heartfelt Thanks to Some Very Special Stars:

A special thank you to **Skip Spetter**, whose beautiful idea led to him and a big team of elves building more than **90 wooden Christmas trees**, with all proceeds donated to the Pool House Campaign. Skip and Jonie showed us all how one idea can help an entire community shine!



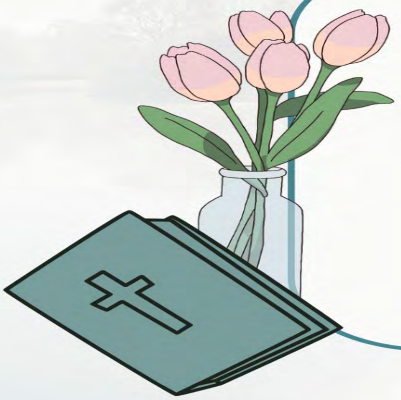




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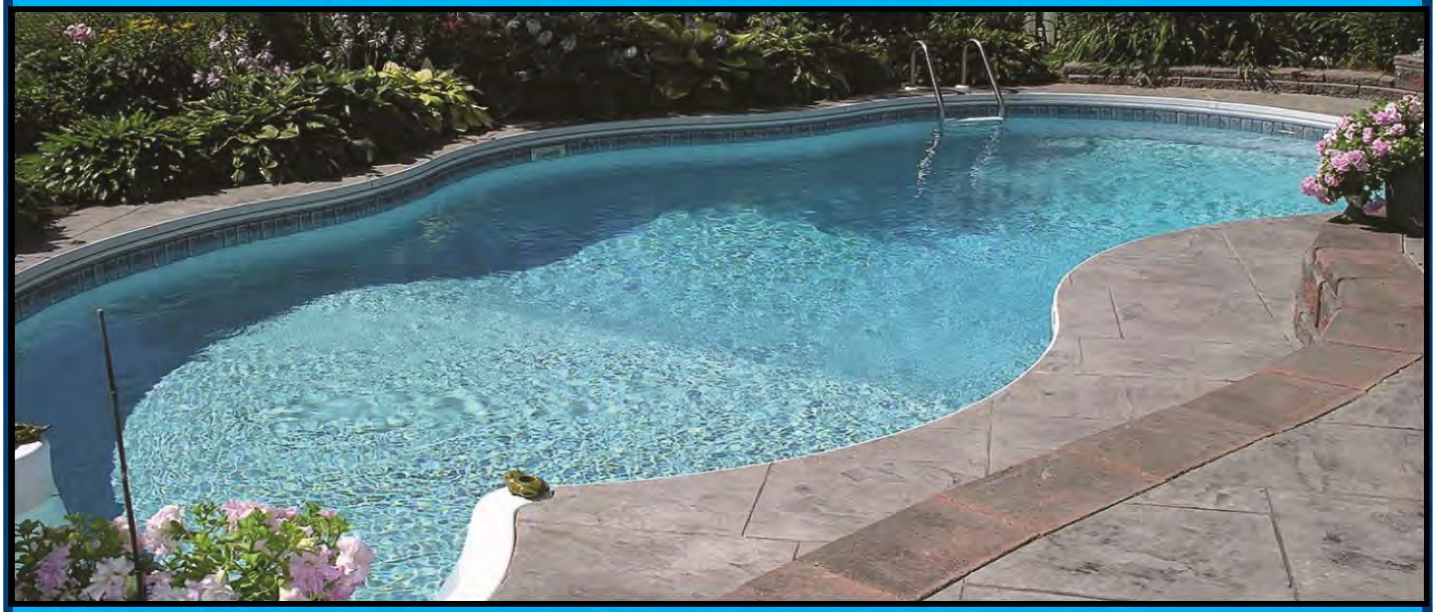
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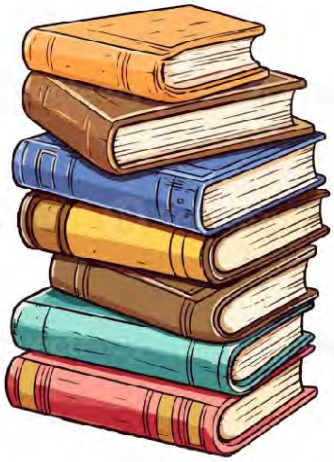
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Thank You Alexander and Troop 578 for picking our location for this great service!

Clarksburg Community Vol. Fire Department is now part of the Project Lifesavers Program

What is Project Lifesaver:

Project lifesaver is an organization developed to help the success of locating missing persons with dementia, Alzheimer's, autism, down syndrome, and other cognitive disabilities.

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The Connection News… Upcoming Events & Happenings

Happy New Year! 2026 Back into the swing of things.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we took time off to be with our families and friends.

A group of us met on December 17th to put together cookie gift buckets for the Lake McCoy families we have been helping. Hopefully, that put some smiles on some cold faces! Thanks to the always thoughtful & giving women we have at this lake.

The Connection lady elves prepared the breakfast for the LSPOA Breakfast with Santa event. Great turnout and there were goody bags for each child. Thank you to Lisa Clark for heading this up and to her happy helpers…Joni Pringle, Annette Coffin, Angela Walterman, Leslie Corbin and Vicki Schrader.







Events

January 21st – **Monthly Dinner** – 6:00pm location to be disclosed later. Upscale dinner event. **Reservations are necessary and a deposit of $30 for a special meal is due by January 2nd.**

The Lake Santee Connection January 2026



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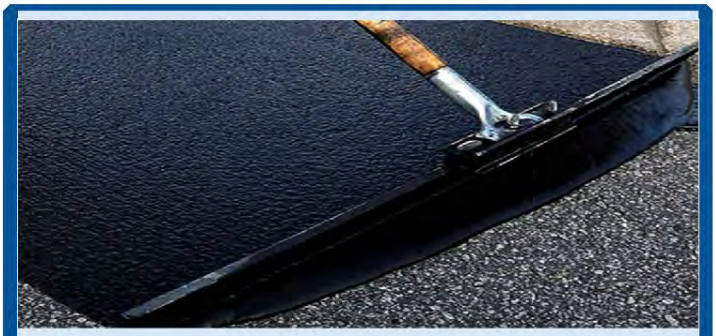
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Connie giving Deb some advice about her new job



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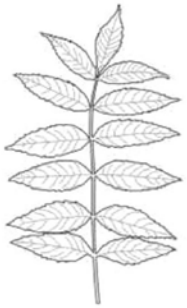


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(Seems like the people who make all those things we buy think we're too dumb to get the lid off, so they make it hard enough to cause us to think they're right.)

Take a look at the next box of cereal you buy, namely on the bottom. I'll bet it says "Open Other End". Now, how many of us make it a habit to open the end of a box when the labels and pictures on the sides are upside down? I've made that mistake a few times, especially early in the morning when my eyelids are still glued together. Later, Judy opens the box on the correct end, the bottom falls open and dumps all the the cereal on the floor. Guess who gets to eat the whole box after she sweeps it up along with all the dust spiders and various other ingredients normally found on a kitchen floor?

I think the producers of packaged goods should make the containers impossible to open from the wrong end. Some of them are impenetrable from either end, but I've never met a paper container that could stand up to an attack by either a sharp steak knife or a temper tantrum. Recently, as I sat at the breakfast table picking little foreign objects out of my bite-sized shredded wheat, I noticed the picture on the side. It showed a bowl the size of a trash can lid filled with wheat squares about the size of the pillows my wife has on our couches. To one side was printed, "Serving Suggestion". Under that it read, "Photo Enlarged". How dumb do they think we are? It would take a gallon of milk, a small shovel and a stomach developed after years of exposure to Milwaukee's finest to ingest that much. I assume the cereal company would expect a lawsuit from a disgruntled buyer if they didn't include a line that read, "Not Shown Actual Size".

One of my favorites is a label that reads "Use of this product may cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, blocked bowels, coronary occlusion, brain death, loose teeth, and can be fatal if not used according to enclosed instructions". All that just to relieve a little gas. I feel like I should have a cage full of lab rats to test products before either rubbing it in or swallowing it.

For years following warnings by dentists about the perils of not using fluoride, I've brushed my teeth regularly with the stuff. One morning while sawing at my choppers with the wire brush they recommend, I read the back of the tube. It said, "As with all fluoride toothpastes, keep out of the reach children 6 years of age or younger. If you accidentally swallow more than used for brushing, seek professional assistance or contact a poison control center immediately".

WHAT? –PTOOIE! —HACK! I 've been poisoning myself for years and paying to do it to boot. Why is it tobacco products have warnings emblazoned all over

them in bold letters but toothpaste has a warning that can barely be seen? Who reads toothpaste tubes anyway? What I mean is, who else reads toothpaste tubes? I don't care if my teeth look like I've been eating tar. If necessary, I'll use a paint scraper and Comet.

Have you ever read the label on a bottle of asprirn? Using a magnifying glass (the print is only 15 thousandths of an inch tall) I read the following: "Children and teenagers should not use this product for chicken pox or flu symptoms before a doctor is consulted about Reye Syndrom, a rare but serious illness reported to be associated with aspirin". Ity goes on to say that it could cause problems with pregnant women as well as ringing of the ears or loss of hearing as well as stomach upset and agitation of ulcers. So, in anticipation of eating another bowl of dust bunny laden cereal I develop a stomach ache. I'm also aware that if I try to brush the tooth enamel dissolving cereal sugar off my teeth I'll poison myself. The solution seems obvious. Have a glass of water and a cheap cigar for breakfast and spend the day trying to stay downwind of your own breath.

Speaking of water, everyone is aware of the quality of that liquid as it comes from the tap in a number of places. As a result, bottled water is a big commodity. Recently, we bought a couple of jugs and again I made the mistake of reading the label. At the top in bold letters it said, "Pure Mountain Spring Water". Under that was a pastoral scene of snow capped peaks and a rushing brook. At very small characters at the bottom it said, "Bottled In Cleveland, Ohio Using Reverse Osmosis". I've been to Toledo a couple of times and the only mountain I've seen is the one at the edge of town with signs that identified it as the city dump. And, what is reverse osmosis? Personally, I'd rather have my water purified by forward osmosis. I don't think Toledo's water can be osmosis'd enough to be used for anything but watering the house plants you wish would die anyway, but won't as long as your wife has anything to say about it.

Like older people I've been taking a shovel full of various drugs, the morning selection and another batch in the evening. I began noticing my having problems getting through a doorway or gracefully going down a flight of stairs. I've had a number of people, especially at church on Sunday mornings asking me about my favorite beer or mixed drink. A couple of times during the sermon I slowly sagged forward and bumped my head on the pew in front of me. The minister paused to let me recover, then proceeded to speak at a higher volume. Curious, because I don't drink before, during, or within a reasonable time after church, I studied the labels on my drugs. Three of them (again in microscopic letters) described the after effects of drowsiness and dizziness. After explaining to the minister, he suggested that I might try a service in Milwaukee, the home of Budweiser, where they might better understand my situation.

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March
The Queen of the Big Time
by Adriana Trigiani

April * Evening Meeting 6:30pm
Someone Else's Shoes
by Jo Jo Moyes

May
.Wish You Were Here
by Jodi Picoult

June* Evening Meeting 6:30pm
The River is Waiting
by Kate Quinn

July
She's Not Sorry
by Mary Kubica

August
The Last One
by Will Dean

September* Evening Meeting 6:30pm
The Couple Next Door
by Shari Lapena

October
The Last Mrs. Parrish
by Liv Constantine

November
Miss Eliza's English Kitchen
by Annabelle Abbs

December
Who is Maude Dixon?
by Alexander Andrews

2026 Lake Santee Women's Club Calendar

(This is a tentative schedule)

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ONE OR ANY EVENT(S).

JANUARY 12	Game Day – Bring a game you like to play Take down Christmas Decorations	Lunch will be provided at 11:30 AM – Pizza in the Community room
FEBRUARY 9	Make Valentines for area nursing home residents & Collect food for BREAD OF LIFE - Drop off & put in Cathy Bryant's van in main parking lot)	Bring your Lunch 11:30 AM – Desserts will be provided (Sign up to bring one) Meeting @ 12:30 PM
MARCH 5	BREAD OF LIFE - Turkey Noodle delivery to Lake Santee Main Parking lot (Place your order with Connie Adelman or Cathy Bryant)	PICK UP IN LAKE SANTEE MAIN PARKING LOT @ 4:30 pm
MARCH 9	Jawcadah Farms Tour	Time TBD Lunch following tour @ Big Four in Batesville
APRIL 13	Teacher Appreciation Basket making	Lunch TBD @ 11:30 AM
MAY 11	TBD – Evening Meeting	Meeting @ 6:30 PM
JUNE 8	Progressive Luncheon (Appetizers, Salad, Main course, Dessert)	Meet in Parking lot at 11:15 AM Main Course @ Deb Richter
JULY 4	BAKE SALE & COFFEE AND DONUTS	Community Room @ 8 AM
JULY 13	High School Scholarship Recipient Reception	Lunch at 11:30 AM Meeting in the Community Room @ 12:30 PM
AUGUST 4 & 5	AUCTION PREP DAYS	TBD
AUGUST 8	**AUCTION**	Community Room 5 PM
SEPTEMBER 14	Evening Meeting	Appetizers & Desserts 6:30 PM Community Room
OCTOBER 12	FALL TRIP	**TBD**
NOVEMBER 9	Make Xmas ornaments for Community Xmas trees Food Drive for Greensburg Jr/High Food Pantry	Lunch - Soups @ 11:30 AM Meeting in Community Room @ 12:30 PM
NOVEMBER 23	Decorate Community Room for Christmas (Sandi Bradford – chair)	Community Room @11:15 AM (Immediately after exercise)
DECEMBER 7	**CHRISTMAS DINNER – RSVP** **(Spouses are included)**	Clarksburg Christian Church Social Hall 6 PM

2026 LSWC Officers:

President – Deb Yost 317-809-7904
Vice President – Debbie Richter 513-615-7404
Secretary – Donna Knight 513-324-3241
Treasurer – Cathy Bryant 513-544-7700

HELPING HANDS

HELPING HANDS is available to any Lake Santee resident needing assistance with picking up medicines, groceries, transportation to appointments, meals provided, etc. ***(Pease contact an officer.)***

Lake Santee Women's Club



THE LAKE SANTEEE WOMEN'S CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE OFFICERS AND ALL THE LADIES & SPOUSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS TIME AND DONATIONS TOWARD THE 2025 COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

BELOW IS A RECAP OF THE LAKE SANTEE WOMEN'S CLUB 2025 COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- **FEBRUARY** – MADE VALENTINE CARDS FOR 2 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN GREENSBURG (Approximately 175 CARDS). COLLECTED FOOD FOR BREAD OF LIFE *(For their Noodle Dinner)*
- **MARCH** – COLLECTED FOOD ITEMS FOR THE GREENSBURG JR HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY (for kids needing food over weekends and school breaks). FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (we made baskets for the teachers at all three of the North Decatur schools)
- **MAY** – PROVIDED A $1000 SCHOLARSHIP TO A LAKE SANTEE STUDENT FOR COLLEGE.
- **JUNE** – WE PROVIDED SNACKS FOR THE YMCA TREE CITY ROLLING TOUR AT THE LAKE.
- **JULY** – WE SPONSORED AN ACRE FOR THE "FEED THE FLOCK" PROGAM WHICH DONATES THESE FUNDS TO THE BREAD OF LIFE.
- **SEPTEMBER** – WE PROVIDED A LAKE SANTEE TEACHER A $300 GRANT FOR THEIR CLASSROOM.
- **OCTOBER** – WE MADE APPROXIMATELY 175 HALLOWEEN CARDS FOR 2 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES IN GREENSBURG
- **NOVEMBER** – MADE BLANKETS FOR OUR PROJECT LINUS LOCAL CHAPTER.

- EVERY MONTH 2 LADIES SERVE ON THURSDAY'S AT BREAD OF LIFE: SERVING MEALS TO THEIR CLIENTS.
- SEVERAL TIMES 4 LADIES VOLUNTEER TO MAKE THE HOMEMADE NOODLES AT BREAD OF LIFE FOR THEIR TURKEY NOODLE FUNDRAISER. WE SELL TICKETS AND DELIVER DINNERS TO THE LAKE MEMBERS.
- THERE ARE OTHERS &THEIR SPOUSES THAT VOLUNTEER TO PREP FOODS AND DELIVER TO CLIENTS.
- EVEN WITH THE LADIES VOLUNTEERING FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTLINED ABOVE, WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL AUCTION IN AUGUST, RAISING APPROXIMATELY $15,000. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE LAKE SANTEE AND OUR COMMUNITY ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE.

  WE HAVE ALREADY DONATED $10,000 TO THE LAKEVIEW WELLNESS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. IN THE SPRING WE WILL BE REPLACING THE METAL SLIDE AT THE MAIN BEACH & REPLACING THE SWING SEATS AT THE EAST BEACH.

BESIDES ALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS SUPPORTED AT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, MANY MEMBERS CONTINUE TO HELP BEAUTIFY OUR LAKE. THIS FALL A GROUP TRIMMED THE TREES AND BUSHES AROUND THE TOTEM POLE. RECENTLY THE PINE TREES AT THE MAIN PARKING LOT AREA HAVE

Lake Santee Women's Club

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PUT ON THEM AND THE PINE TREES IN NANCY FREDRICKSON'S GARDEN HAVE BEEN DECORATED WITH ORNAMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

I HAVE BEEN THE LAKE SANTEE WOMEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS (2021 – 2025) & WAS VICE PRESIDENT IN 2020. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WATCH THE GROWTH OF OUR CLUB AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING THESE YEARS. THE NEW PRESIDENT IN 2026 WILL BE DEB YOST. PLEASE SUPPORT HER AS YOU HAVE ME.



1st Community Decorated Christmas Tree

COMMUNITY TREE DECORATING











COMMUNITY TREE DECORATING











COMMUNITY TREE ORNAMENTS











LAKE SANTEE WOMEN'S CLUB
CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

















OUR ENTERTAINMENT -
LARRY NICKS



Friends of Wildlife at Lake Santee

Everyone Welcome!

Our aim is to encourage the members of the Lake Santee community to appreciate and protect our natural setting.

You'll be ready for this in February!

No monthly meeting in January - join us for the annual Cabin Fever Soup Slurp on Wednesday, February 4, at 1 pm in the Community Room. Bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy some midwinter fellowship as we discuss upcoming FOWALS plans and activities.

Christmas for the birds





FOWALS provided Christmas treats of peanut buttered pine cones and garlands of popcorn, cranberries and other goodies on a tree at the parking lot. A big thank you to the Women's Club for the additional decorations!

How do squirrels find those nuts they hide?



Every fall (and sometimes during the summer), squirrels hide thousands of nuts. Later on they use smell, memory and even theft to get them back. According to Dr. Noah Perlut, a professor at New England's School of Marine and Environmental programs and leader of a long-running gray squirrel project, "You can't be an average squirrel or you'll die. Only the above-average squirrels survive and make babies."

They use smell, sight and even cues from other squirrels' movement and scent marks. In one field experiment, scientists created fake nut stashes that looked identical to the real ones, and even swapped grass swatches to change the scents. The result was that squirrels ignored the imposters and dug up their own actual caches. One 1980 urban study estimated that gray squirrels retrieve roughly 85 percent of their own cached nuts.



In colder climates, squirrels also store food in tree hollows and branches. Some are scatter-hoarders, stashing thousands of nuts across a wide area instead of of keeping them all in one place. And squirrels will bury up to 3,000 nuts in a single season. Others are larder-hoarders, stockpiling food in a single defended "pantry." They also keep tabs on other squirrels - they are not territorial and watch each other's caching behavior, stealing their food and adding it to one of their own stashes.



Coming soon in February!
More info in next month's Smoke Signals!

Nature Talk

By Carol Goodwin



January is one of months that the Red Fox is most active. So, let's talk about them here. The red fox (Vulpes vulpes) is the largest of the Carnivora order. Of course, the red fox most often has a reddish-orange coloring to their fur with black feet and legs known as stockings. The throat, chest and belly are white. The face has a narrow, pointed snout. They have a bushy and long tail tipped in white. Rarely, a "red" fox will be silver, black or "cross" which is brownish with a black cross on the back. However, no matter the body color, all have the bushy, long white tipped tail. They are slender and have a small dog-like stature. Males are slightly larger than females averaging 7 to 15 pounds and measuring 39 to 43 inches in total length. They are not only adaptive, but intelligent.

Interestingly the tail is not only a distinctive feature for the red fox; it is a key feature to survival. It is what keeps their balance and can wrap around the body while resting to help keep heat in.

Red foxes have ultrasonic hearing which means they can hear a mouse squeak or a vole or mole digging underground from a distance. They have a variety of sounds from barks to screams and communicate using up to 28 different calls. Red foxes are the most widespread land carnivores, found in North America, Europe, Aisa and Australia.

They are known to be highly adaptable to rural or urban environments and can survive on a variety of foods from garbage to small animals like rodents. They typically won't go after a cat or small dog. They will eat snakes, even poisonous ones, as well as berries, carrion, birds, squirrels, muskrats, amphibians, reptiles, insects, vegetation, and human garbage. While their diets vary from season to season, obviously they are not picky and can survive on most anything depending on the environment. Unlike many animals, they cache (save) extra food for later by burying it. The red fox is territorial about its food and wil defend it from other foxes.

Red foxes are nocturnal (night) and crepuscular (dawn/dusk) hunters. They prefer to hunt solo and use a stealthy cat-like pounce to grab prey. Red foxes have yellow eyes with vertical pupils which help them judge distance in low light. They can run up to 30 miles an hour and go long distances. These traits make for good hunting in dusk, night and dawn.

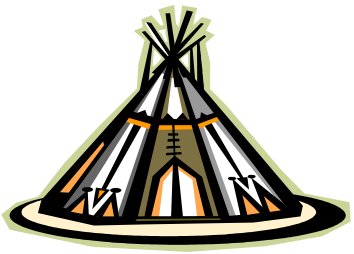
While the red fox hunts solo, it lives in a family grouping of male, female and kits (babies) during the summer then goes back to solitary living in the winter. However, when it's time to mate they become monogamous pairs. Except when raising the kits, they prefer to sleep in the open even in the winter. During the time they are raising the kits, they will live in a den which could be as varied as under a porch, in a shed, or using a burrow left by another animal.

I've mentioned that January is one of the busiest times for the red fox. February and March rank up there too. This is when red foxes hunt for a mate, find a den and breed. The gestation period is 51 to 53 days and give birth to a litter of 4 to 5 pups. By spring the kits are starting to make their debut to the world. While still young the pups are in danger primarily from eagles and coyotes.

The deadliest predator to the adult red fox is humans. This the mainly because they can be viewed as dangerous or destructive. In the animal world an adult can be attacked by bears, wolves, mountain lions and other larger animals.



Teepee Talk



Happy Birthday

January

Doug Banks	3
Mercer Suppiger	4
Susan Burgess	8
Gretchen Barber	8
Wayne Green	8
Terry Pursley	9
Don Smith	9
Isaiah Sweet	9
Mike Walterman	9
Brandon Fields	10
Tim Tennell	10
Brad McAllister	13
Christine Anderson	17
Angela Walterman	17
Drew Pringle	18
Kristian Richardson	18
Marsha Hockersmith	19
Marie Kuck	20
Ellen Marmon	20
Sandi Bradford	25
Patty Crull	25
Chassity Howard	25
Ryan Kennelly	25
Christine Laker	26
Thomas Walsman	26
Clair Fredrickson	27
Gayle Bryant	28
Rick Johnson	30
Evan Lamping	31



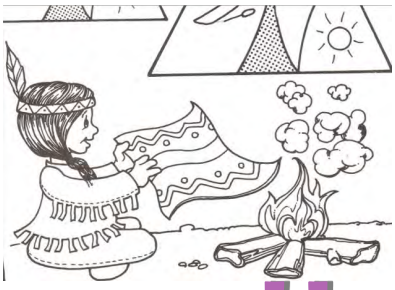
We are trying to update our list of Birthdays and Anniversaries. If you would like to let your friends and neighbors know when you will be celebrating this special event send me an e-mail with the dates.
smokesignals@etczone.com
Paul G. Editor

Phone Numbers Please notify the office if your contact phone number has changed. It is extremely important that we have a valid number on file.



February

Eliza Kennelly	1
Lori Wagers	2
Steve Yost	3
Michael Byrd	4
Cathy McDaniel	4
Bob Jackman	7
Michelle Deaton	8
Jerry Richardson	8
Betsy Vincent	12
Michael Bird	13
Vicki Schrader	14
Camille Bailey	16
Madison Bridges	16
Jordan Ewbank	16
Darrel Jones	16
Jenna Green	17
Ellen Rogers	17
Amy Erickson	18
Dennis Ford	19
Carol Hirt	20
Sara Ford	22
Matthew Lamping	23
Pam Trent	23
Joyce Eddy	24
Tim Weber	24
Gordon Burgess	25
Albert Day	25
Toby Loudenback	27
Harlan Smith	28



Teepee Talk



Happy Anniversary

January

Derek & Jenni Roudebush	1
Mike & Angela Walterman	1
Larry & Laura White	1
Charles & Teresa Suiters	14



February

Kim & Chuck Hartley	**8**
Steve & Janet Kulpinski	**10**
George & Julie Peck	**12**
Mark & Cheryl Vincent	**13**
Dan & Judy Graves	**24**
Sharon & Patrick Morrissey	**28**



Mary Tapke's Deck Nov. 2025

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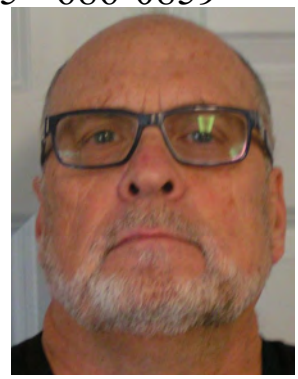
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Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of November 20, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Lake Santee Community Room



1. Call to Order / Roll Call
   a. President Tom DePalma called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Members present were Tom DePalma, Maurie Goodwin, Joyce Eddy, Larry Nicks, Bob Kasee and Steve Yost. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher, Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin and Utility Operator Dom Huber. Larry Kiernan was absent.

2. Guest introduction and short comments
   a. No guests were present.

3. Consent Items
   a. Minutes of 10/16/25 Meeting
   b. Financial Report
      i. Steve Yost asked about the decrease in net income year to date compared to last year. A discussion ensued leading to the understanding that several things changed this year, including an increase in employee expenses with the hiring of Dom, the expenditures needed to catch up on operating items that had not been kept current up by the prior superintendent, and the paying down of the BAN debt, which the board had previously approved.
   c. Register of Claims – Water
   d. Register of Claims – Sewer

   A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Larry N. to accept the consent items. Motion carried.

4. Superintendent Report
   a. Sewer Status Report
      i. Greg reported that the plant is running well.
      ii. Greg noted that the oxidation ditch (items 37 & 38) needs to be gone through. He has one quote already and is looking for a second. He noted that it is better to do this work in the winter, so he will stay on top of it.
      iii. Greg noted that the bracing on the north clarifier has rusted off and needs to be addressed now. He has requested quotes.
      iv. Greg reported that Dom has requested the additional responsibilities to become the sewer superintendent. Greg thinks Dom has earned these responsibilities and recommends that his job duties be changed accordingly after a 90 day probationary period. As part of this process, Dom has asked to proceed with developing guidelines, standards and warranty requirements to begin outsourcing water and sewer taps on new house constructions in order to free up time in the sewer and water operation noting that the costs of these items would be a pass-through expense to the property owner.

b. Water Status Report
    i. Greg reported that the plant is running well and that all items listed as yellow operational items in last month's report have been resolved.
    ii. Greg reported that the high pressure pump rebuilt by Bastin Logan in August has been returned under warranty due to vibrations when operating. He has two concerns with this. First, where to store it when it is returned and, secondly, that testing it for proper operation when returned will cost $2,000-. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be worth that additional expense to be sure of proper operation.

c. Plant Operational Review Report
    i. Greg stated that the plant is in good operational order.

d. Exam Status Report
    i. Greg passed his written exam. On-site exam is scheduled for 11/25. During the process he learned that the state legislature has passed a requirement for some training for board members of municipal sewer and water districts. He will keep us informed as more information becomes available.

5. Administrator Report
    a. Status report
        i. 21 leak notices sent out. Most have been resolved.
        ii. 1 disconnect this month.

    b. Write-offs / adjustments – None..

    c. John informed the board that although the District's employee hours have been trending up this year, he expects that trend to reverse through February as we are getting caught up on the work that had not been done and fewer homes are being built. Due to this he thinks that both the District's board and the POA's board should just wait until the end of the POA's fiscal year to "true up" the employee hours.

6. Treasurer Report – Tom reported for Larry K. that there were no items to address this month.

7. Old Business
    a. Wessler projects status update.
        i. Asset management plan – John, Tom and Steve, along with Dom and Greg met with Wessler virtually to review the multiple spreadsheets they have completed which includes basically all of our assets and their corresponding grades. It was decided to ask Wessler to complete one additional spreadsheet which would be similar to the POA's long term asset plan. There will likely be an additional cost for this spreadsheet but it would be extremely useful. Once completed, we will begin the deep dive into the large amount of information contained in these spreadsheets. Wessler also informed us that this type of report is going to become mandatory to IDEM, so we are already ahead of the game.

ii. GIS mapping – We have received some of the equipment necessary to operate this system; however, some of the items were not the correct ones. Hopefully the correct items will be received in the near future and Greg and Dom can begin working with these in December.
iii. John noted that Wessler has made a donation to the fund raising efforts of Lakeview Wellness.

b. IDEM water plant inspection of 7/9/25 – Since Greg has passed his written exam we are down to two or three items yet to be completed. One of the items that is needed is a Cross Connection policy. This is being worked on, but further discussions will be needed to complete this.

c. Excavation safety training – John Foudray has completed training through United Rentals. Greg and Dom still need the training.

d. Management Agreement – mid-year review
i. The POA is expected to approve this agreement in December. The best guess estimate is for a $104,000 increase to the District. The POA approved an employee insurance policy which is different from the District's; although this is not ideal, it should not affect our policy.

8. New Business

a. Per our desire to allow greater flexibility in running our operation we want to formalize a policy to allow the Utility Superintendent (Greg) to spend up to $7500 per month for plant operations without board approval, our attorney has suggested some language changes to our policy. These language changes will be addressed and then presented to the board for approval next month.
b. A motion was made by Larry N. and seconded by Maurie to approve small dollar Christmas Gifts for all the Districts full and part time employees and to split the cost with the POA for all employees and both boards along with their spouses for a Christmas dinner to be held in the community room in January. Motion carried with Joyce abstaining.
c. It was agreed that we need to educate our members on our bill payment options. A policy will be developed then reviewed by our attorney to begin charging for papered billing after a customer education period. This will then be presented to the board for approval and implementation. This will cover the cost for mailing fees,
d. Greg will coordinate a plant tour for Joyce and Bob as new board members so they can acquaint themselves with the plant's operation. Larry N. asked to be included and Steve Yost indicated that Skip Spetter had requested a plant tour. All of these individuals, along with their spouses, if desired will be included. It was also decided that a spring open house will be offered, since there have been numerous new people who have moved to the lake since the last open house held during the lake's 50th anniversary celebration.
e. A discussion was held regarding some property that has come up for sale next our community. It was decided that this could be a good thing for us to consider given our need for additional storage space and potential future plant operation needs. John will contact our attorney to find out what that process entails. He will also schedule an outing to look at the property so we can educate ourselves as to what is available.

9. Trustees Reports and comments

   a. Larry N. - said that he had been approached about our sewer treatment plant reaching its capacity. A discussion ensued which indicated that we are not really that close to reaching capacity, but it was decided that we are close enough to warrant beginning a look into how close we are to reaching that point and what it would cost.
   b. Joyce - informed the board that she will be attending a webinar December 12th from Neptune on billing software which is connected directly to the meters.
   c. Bob Kasee - invited all board members and their families over to his house after next month's board meeting.

10. Motion to Adjourn was made by Larry N, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by
Steve Yost, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 12/18/2025 meeting.

LAKE SANTEE REGIONAL WASTE & WATER DISTRICT

Monthly Board meetings are held on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month at 3:30 P.M. in the Community Room



Attention Homeowners: Please review the following information about wrongful connections to your sewer grinder pump station

Ordinance 03-19-2003

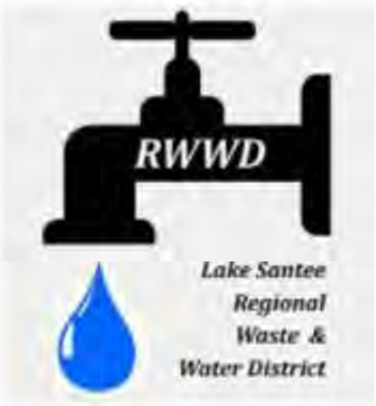
2.5 **Connection of Downspouts, Drains, Etc.** No person shall hereafter connect or reconnect roof downspouts, footing drains, areaway drains, driveways, parking lots, garage floor drains or other sources of surface, runoff or groundwater, to a building or house sewer or building or house drain which is in turn connected directly or indirectly to the sewage system.

Whenever a property owner has plumbing facilities in his basement serving showers, toilets, washing machine, etc., there shall not be any floor drains or footing drains connected to said plumbing that may convey ground water seepage into the sewer system.

Where sump pumps are being used to convey footing drains, floor drains as well as sewage, the property owner shall provide separate plumbing and pumping systems for each and the plumbing not interconnected. The footing drains and floor drains shall not be connected to the sewer system.

Ordinance 9-20-2000

Gives the District authority to direct violators to take immediate action for corrections to any wrongful connections. The District has further authority to assess penalties for these violations. The penalty for violation shall be not less than $100.00, and not more than $1,500.00 as established in the District's discretion.



'Go Green' - On-Line Water Bills are here!

Lake Santee Regional Waster and Water District is going electronic with your water billing. You will be able to receive your water bill via email by calling the office or emailing RWWD@lake-santee.com to request being added to e-billing. We will need your email address to add that function to your account. Please allow 3 business days to process your request. You will also need to add lakesanteerwwd.in@emailbilling.net to your 'safe-sender'/white-list, so your e-bill does not end up in your email Junk folder.

You will also be able to pay your bill electronically **ANY TIME OF DAY** from your computer or phone, without the assistance of the office, using your credit card **OR** debit card.

You will need...

Username (1st 4 letters of your last name, {lower case} and your account number)
(i.e. name0000)

Password (you pick your password, up to 16 characters, alpha-numeric and the office will put that in the water billing system)

Transactions up to $50 = $1.30/Transaction

Transactions over $50 = 2.60%/Transaction

Example: $103.65 x .026 = $2.70

$150 x .026 = $3.90

$200 x .026 = $5.20

To pay your bill, you can log-in directly from Lake Santee website: lake-santee.com and click the RWWD Online Payment tab. Or if you subscribe to e-billing, you can click the log-in URL link from your email.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

WHEN ?
ALWAYS !
WHERE ?
LAKE SANTEE !

Please remember to
NEVER attempt to
drive around a school bus
if the school bus has
it's red lights flashing
with it's STOP ARM extended.

All residents please make sure
that construction vehicles are
NOT BLOCKING the road
from 6:30 am to 8:00 am and
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

BENEFITTING

The children of Lake Santee!

It is Indiana State Law.

It is our duty and the law to keep our children safe.

LAKE SANTEE SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY TASKS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

MILES- 1565

HOURS PATROL- 450

HOURS ON CALL- 270

RADAR- 16

ROAD WARNINGS- 0

ROAD CITATIONS- 4

WATER WARNINGS- 0

WATER CITATIONS- 0

ROAD ISSUES- 4

WATER ISSUES- 0

ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 2

ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 3

REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 1

VANDALISM- 1 (CONES TAKEN FROM NEW HOUSE BUILD)

PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 21

RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 4

GOLF CART INSP.- 0

SOLICITORS- 0



VEHICLE
812-560-1133

BOAT

812-560-1109

SECURITY REMINDERS FROM THE TEAM

POSSIBLE SLICK ROADS AND SIDEWALKS TAKE YOUR TIME AND SLOW DOWN!
NEW STOP SIGNS WILL BE INSTALLED AT FRONT GATE. CITATIONS WILL BE ISSUED.
LET US BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

RICK CRAWFORD	RANDY DEPEW	ANDREA FLODDER	RICH McDANIEL	JIM FCHMID
				

LAKE SANTEE SECURITY TEAM REMINDER:

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

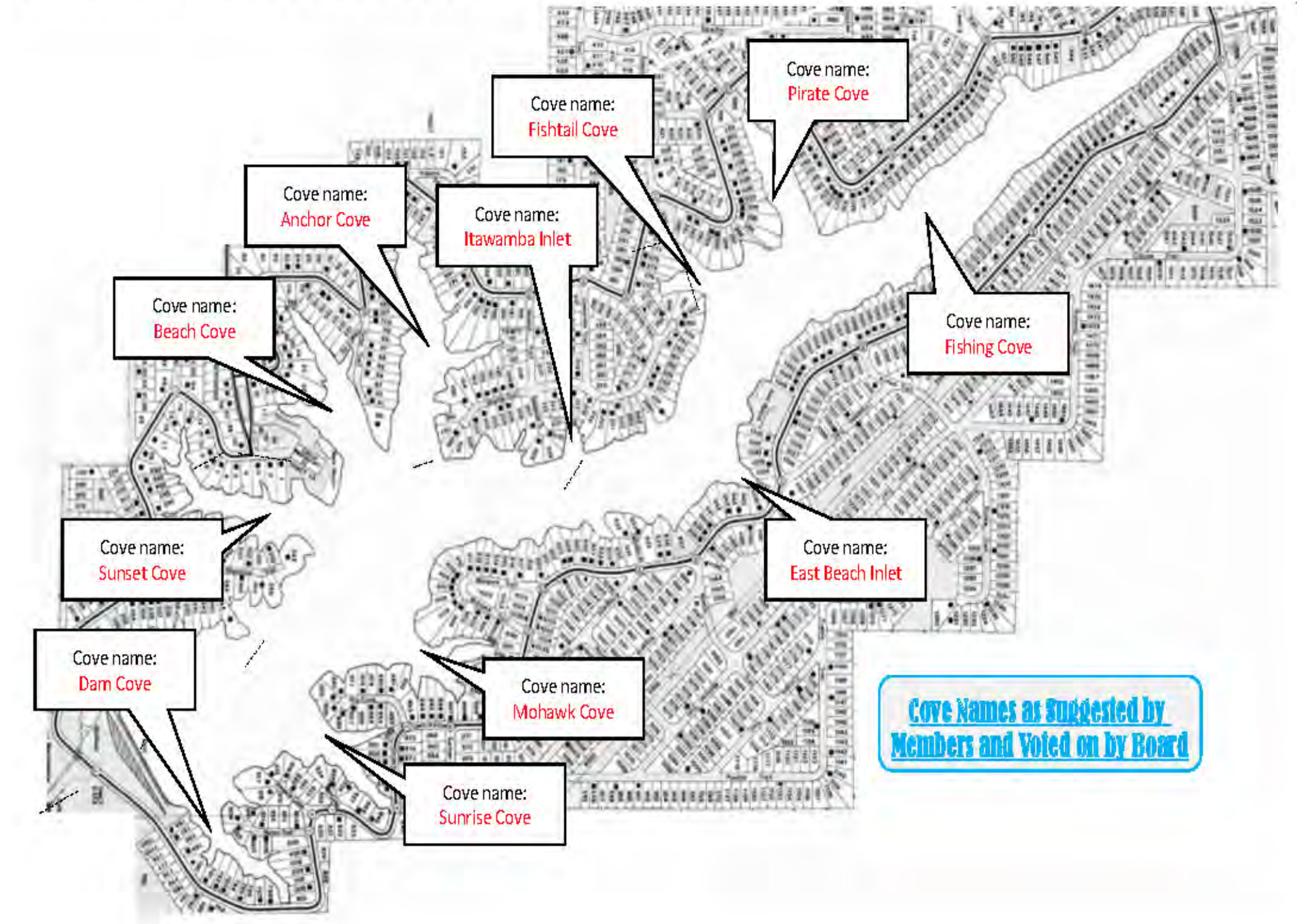


IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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EVERYONE AT THE LAKE IS PART OF THE SECURITY TEAM


Cove name:
Pirate Cove
Cove name:
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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2025

President Steve Knight called to order the December monthly board meeting of the Lake Santee Property Owners Association and welcomed all membership in attendance.

The Lake Santee Property Owners Association Board of Directors met on December 10, 2025 in the Community Room. President Steve Knight presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Other Directors present were Nathan Walsman, Michael Dora, Polly Fox, Craig Stilwell, Gina Julien (virtual), Steve Gray, Aaron Fitzgerald, and Ryan King. Members in attendance were Bill Collings (1387), Tim Hanson (1225), Kim Stilwell (201), Chris Elmore (530), Connie & Tony Adelman (198), Deb & Steve Yost (803), Chris Hembree / John Crowe (1466), Tom & Jodi DePalma (218), Donna Knight (108), Rick Crawford (1482), Joe Hooten (371).

President Knight called for a review of the minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Craig, seconded by Polly.

Michael gave a brief review of the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to review. Michael then presented the following bills to the Board for approval:

Cardinal Pest Control	$	55.00	Murphy Insurance	$	54.00
Choate, Angela	$	115.08	New Point Stone	$	1,839.32
Coffin, Greg	$	120.00	Premier	$	3,863.32
Colonial Life	$	194.64	Reflection RPM	$	1,123.38
Crawford, Rick	$	35.00	Rumpke	$	1,487.46
Elan Financial	$	2,683.63	Saint Maurice Feed and Supply	$	42.80
Foudray, John	$	980.00	Stone's NAPA	$	57.84
Gillman Home Center	$	25.98	Summit Microsystems	$	50.00
Harrison Sand & Gravel	$	728.68	Telispire	$	135.00
Hoeing Supply	$	147.07	The Office Shop	$	53.82
Huber, Dominique	$	30.00	Tops Home Center	$	383.73
Jackson's Nursery	$	2,066.50			
Lake Santee RWWD	$	619.29	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lamping, Eric	$	30.00	Carter, Ryan	$	100.00
Larison, Tyson	$	20.00	Pitney Bowes Global Fin Svc	$	247.61
Lecher, John	$	176.40	Thackery & Sons	$	4,790.20
McReynolds IT Solutions	$	152.50	**Total all Disbursements**	**$**	**22,408.25**

Marina

Great Plains Communications	$	239.88	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lake Santee RWWD	$	214.83	Straber Oil, Inc.	$	2,334.30
RBSK	$	57.00	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**2,846.01**

After presentation, the bills were approved for payment on a motion by Ryan, seconded by Nathan.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

Members were asked to introduce themselves and were given the opportunity to express comments.

- Member wanted to mention that lights have been added to the trees on the right on the main exit as well as Nancy's garden and F.O.W.A.L.S. tree.
- Member stated that the marina appears to be constantly making a profit, but Facebook was stating otherwise.
- New member stated that have enjoyed being at the lake so far and everyone has been very nice to them.
- Member asked if the marina numbers were included in the financials handed out at the meeting. It was stated that any member can come into the office and review financial statements. Same member asked the board to review state law if a quorum of members also need to approve the budget.
- Rick stated that new stop signs are installed at the entrance. Rick also stated that packages have been delivered at multiple buildings belonging to the lake and to make sure members are clear to their delivery service as to proper instructions.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A member inquired about the rocks along Kapok at Cayuse. John informed them that they were placed there permanently to prevent vehicles from short-turning the corner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

2nd Reading – Rule 13.8 & 13.9

Current Rules:

13.8 Domestic animals must be kept tied or under control and not be permitted to run free. Animals running loose may be picked up and held at the maintenance building or turned over to the applicable county agency. The animal may be reclaimed from the Association by paying such fee as established by the Board of Directors. If reclaiming from the county, fees will have to be paid to that agency as necessary.

13.9 No member shall own, harbor or keep more than three (3) household domestic animals over one (1) year of age. In accordance with the Subdivision Restrictions, no fowl or animals other than customary household pets are to be kept. The number of pens for domestic animals shall be limited to one measuring 150 SF or less, which may be sub-divided, and shall be located in accordance with the Land Restrictions. Building permits are required as specified in rule 12.2. Only chain link, vinyl and wood fencing permitted, no woven wire. Prime consideration shall be given to neighbors when establishing and approving a location. Any shelters within or around the pen shall be such that they appear neat and not detract from the overall appearance. Prefabricated pens should be placed on a level area or prepared level surface.

Proposed Rules:

13.8 ~~Domestic animals~~ **Customary household pets** must be kept tied or under control and not be permitted to run free. Animals running loose may be picked up and held at the maintenance building or turned over to the applicable county agency. The animal may be reclaimed from the Association

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Rationale
Match terminology with Restrictions

Nathan motioned to accept the second reading of Rules 13.8 and 13.9, Michael seconded and the motion carried.

Nathan motioned to accept the 3rd reading of Rules 13.8 and 13.9, Craig seconded and the motion carried.

2nd Reading – Rule 13.10

Current Rule:
13.10 Each fall we will open the gate for lake lowering by November 1st and the gate will be closed not later than the first day of March the following year. Only in the event of dredging or in an emergency, or for planned LSPOA/LSRWWD repair/maintenance will the gate be opened or closed at any other time. The winter water level will be set between 3 ft. and 4 ft. 9 in. below overflow elevation.

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Rationale
Update with maximum lake level lowering as designed by the Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District water plant raw water inlet design.

Nathan made a motion to accept the second reading of Rule 13.10, Michael seconded and the motion carried..

Nathan made a motion to accept the 3rd reading of Rule 13.10, Steve Gray seconded and the motion carried.

1st Reading – Rule 15.1

Current Rules:

15.1 WHO MAY USE:

a) The Association and Utility Boards and committees of the Boards may reserve the community room for events as needed.
b) Lake Santee clubs and organizations may reserve the community room for club meetings and Board approved events.
c) Members in good standing may reserve the community room for approved activities.
d) Members in good standing may use the community room at no charge, when the activity is posted as open to the entire community, private activities not included.
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e) Open hours may be scheduled at any time the room is available, but shall be cancelled for a paying reservation **prior to 90 days of the scheduled event and the original renter chooses not to pay normal rental fees.**
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Rationale

To protect open hour rentals with published events.

Nathan made a motion to accept the first reading of Rule 15.1, Polly seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Recreation – Steve Gray

There were no LSPOA events in November

Upcoming recreation events include:

- Breakfast with Santa – December 13th 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Community Room Committee – Steve Gray

There was one community room rental in the month of November.

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien

Dam Spillway Repair:

The Engineer from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., along with John and I met with Indiana Department of Natural Resources to review the engineer's inspection report and repair plan. We were advised by INDNR that we could proceed with the spillway repair work without permits as it is deemed as maintenance. Pending final budget approval, we will proceed with the repairs as outlined in 2026.

Membership – Polly Fox

We welcomed two new memberships in the month of November.

Marina – Polly Fox

Again, thank you for your patience with the new fuel system install. We believe the slow pumping situation has been resolved. The check valves in the pump have been adjusted so that the line should pressurize before it opens the valve. We will continue to monitor this situation. We also intend to keep the tanks about 1/2 full during the winter months so that there is plenty of pressure in the tanks as well. We are working to coordinate Great Plains and Midwest Maintenance to finalize the phone hook up for the 911 call box.

Marina Shop
Nothing new to report at this time.

Lakeview Wellness (Marina House)
Congratulations to Lakeview Wellness in achieving their goal for the IHDCA matching grant. They actually exceeded their grant goal by several thousand dollars. Thank you to the community; members, businesses, organizations, DCCF and outside users of the facility for their support in this endeavor.

Marina Store
We have interviewed three interested parties regarding the marina store. We have not yet made a decision on the next tenant. We have time to evaluate our options and hope to have a go-forward plan in place by April 1, 2026.

Building Committee – Craig Stilwell

The following Building Permits were issued in November:

Stephen & Catherine Gray	910 & 911	House Addition
John Bailey	74	Roofing
Stephanie Peetz	640	Garage
John Luensman	582	Addition
Kim & Mark Crouch	87	Addition
Dustin & Candace Robbins	361	Boat Dock
Eric Richter	930	Detached Garage
Chris Carroll	993	Culvert
Tyce Carroll	1440	Culvert
Jason Nowell	1180	Culvert
Timothy & Barb Hanson	1225	Fence
Bill Hadler	886	Boat Dock

Donita Hopkins	660	Outbuilding
Ron Wilson	510	Shingles
Jeff & Tracey Lusby	895	Dock,Shoreline,Culvert

Clean Up – Craig Stilwell

A cleanup round (by roads) scheduled for December 3rd was rescheduled for December 10th due to snowy conditions at the lake. A summary will be provided before next month's board meeting.

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

- 25 locates
- 2 water leak repairs
- 2 water taps
- 2 sewer taps
- Equipment ready for winter weather
- New tires on service truck and chevy pickup
- Installed new drive by marina for additional parking
- work on roads with road maintainer on gravel roads

Security – Ryan King

MILES- 1565
HOURS PATROL- 450
HOURS ON CALL- 270
RADAR- 16
ROAD WARNINGS-0
ROAD CITATIONS- 4
WATER WARNINGS- 0
WATER CITATIONS- 0
ROAD ISSUES- 4
WATER ISSUES- 0
ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 2
ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 3
REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 1
VANDALISM- 1 (CONES TAKEN FROM NEW HOUSE BUILD)
PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 21
RV/CAMPER CHECKS-4
GOLF CART INSP.- 0
SOLICITORS- 0

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OLD BUSINESS

- Employee Insurance Change – Ryan motioned to accept the insurance revisions discussed in the executive meeting, Steve Gray seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval for crack sealing – Aaron made the motion to approve the bid for crack sealing, Michael seconded and the motion carried.
- Re-addressing project
- Monthly reports for members

MANAGER'S REPORT

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Tyson Larison to our Maintenance staff.

Thank you to Scott Gibbs for his time serving on the RWWD board.

Welcome to the RWWD board Joyce Eddy.

We will be holding a 2026/2027 Budget & 15-Year Forecast Meeting in the Community Room on January 28th at 6:30 PM. The presentation will be available live via video conference. The recording will be posted on the Member portal following the meeting.

With no other business to discuss Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Polly seconded by and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary

All L.S.P.O.A. board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., in the Community Room. It is an open meeting for all of our members .

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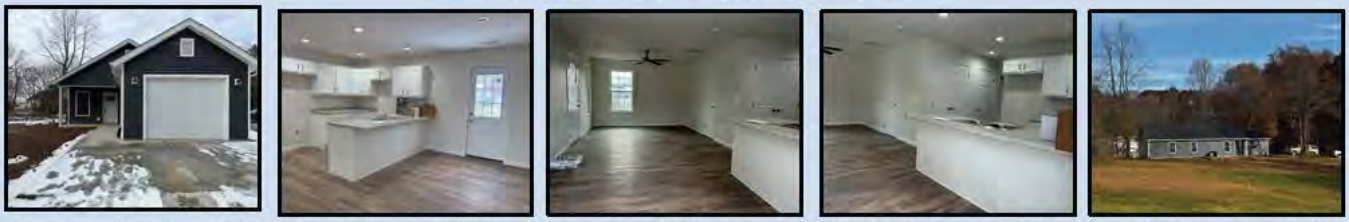
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