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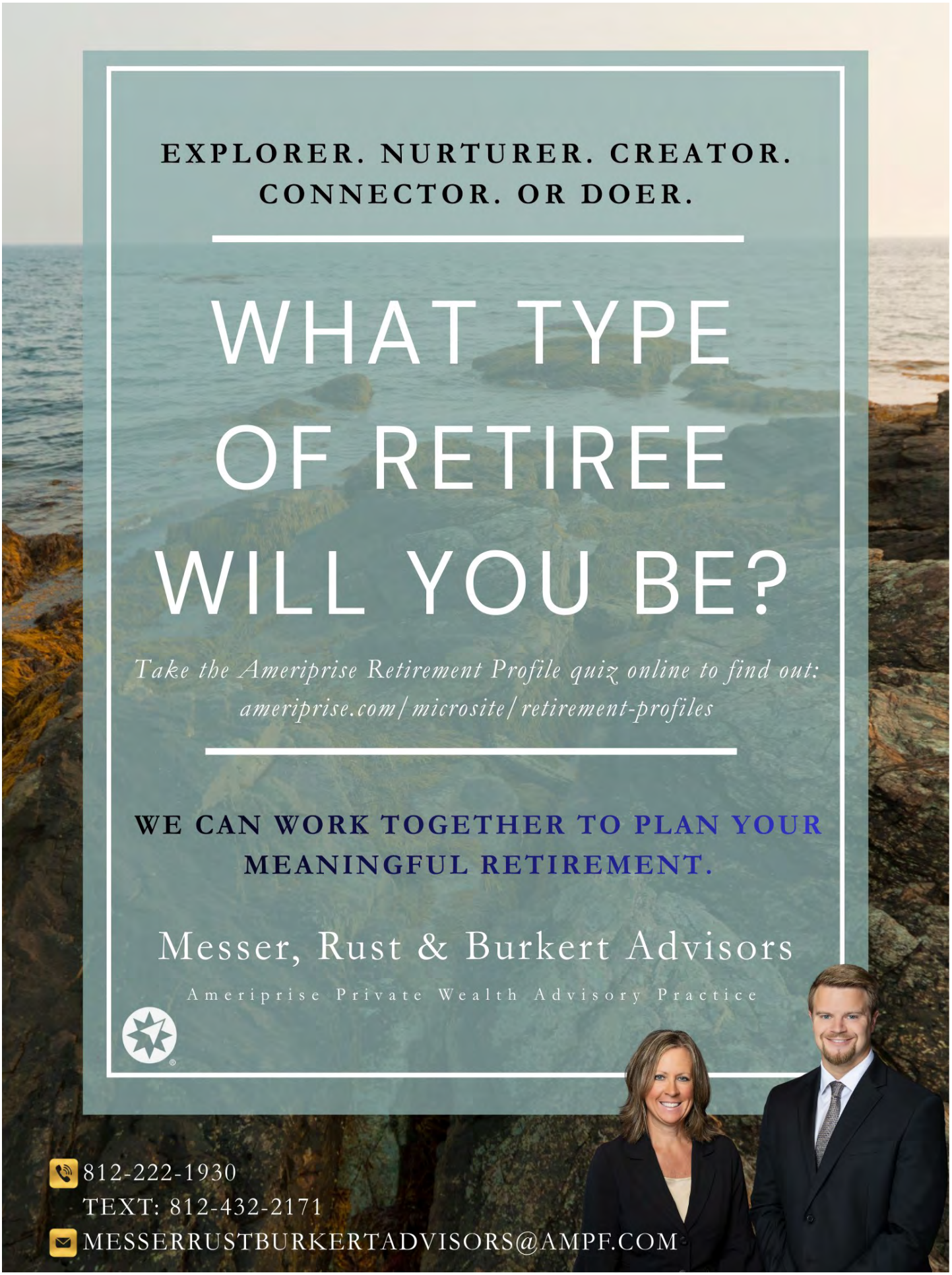
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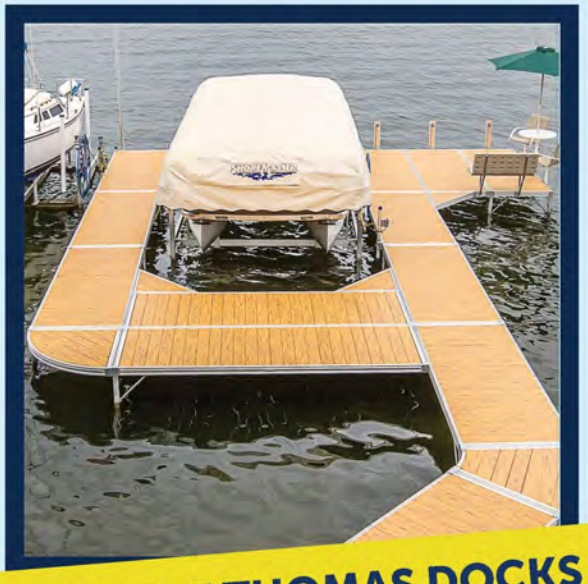
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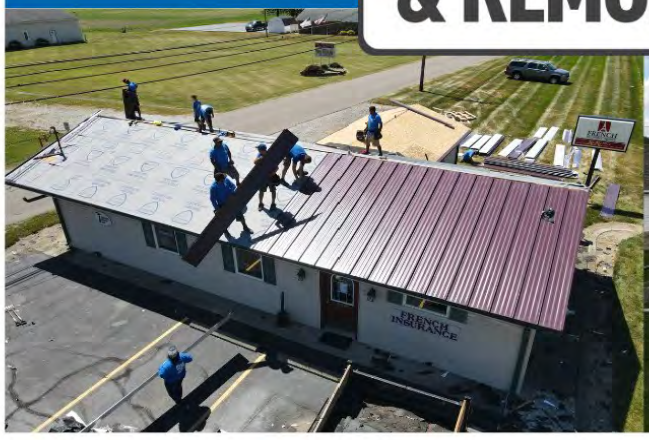
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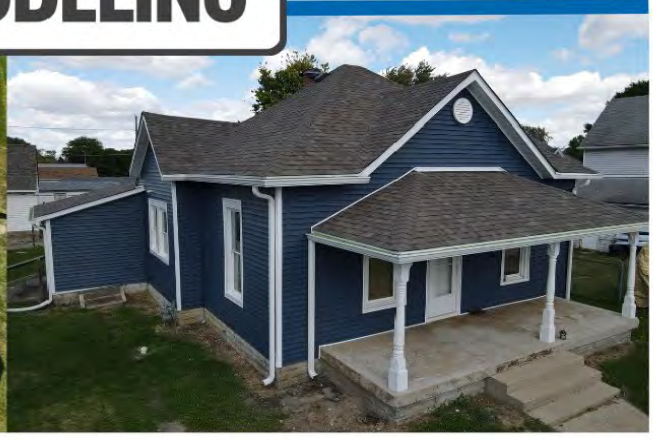
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Thank you to Fugit Township Community Engagement for their $3,333 donation and Lake Santee Connection for their $2,290 donation for the dam repair project. We appreciate you volunteering your time and efforts to raise this money to offset member's cost for repairs!

2026/27 Budget changes are detailed on our website under Latest News. Annual Dues & Assessments will be mailed to members around February 13th.

Any member that has questions about the annual budget can make an appointment with me to review the income and expenses. I welcome the opportunity to answer those questions and can meet during office hours, evenings and weekends.

I want to remind anyone that is purchasing a new boat to check with the office with the make and model to confirm the length is within our guidelines.

Attention Absentee Home Owners

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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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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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9:00 am - 11:00 am
This Event Will Benefit:
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JUNE 13
Electronics Recycling & Paper Shredding
9:00 am - 11:00 am
This Event Will Benefit:
New Directions

AUGUST 8
Electronics Recycling
9:00 am - 11:00 am
This Event Will Benefit:
Agape Center

SEPTEMBER 12
Tire & Tox Day
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

OCTOBER 17
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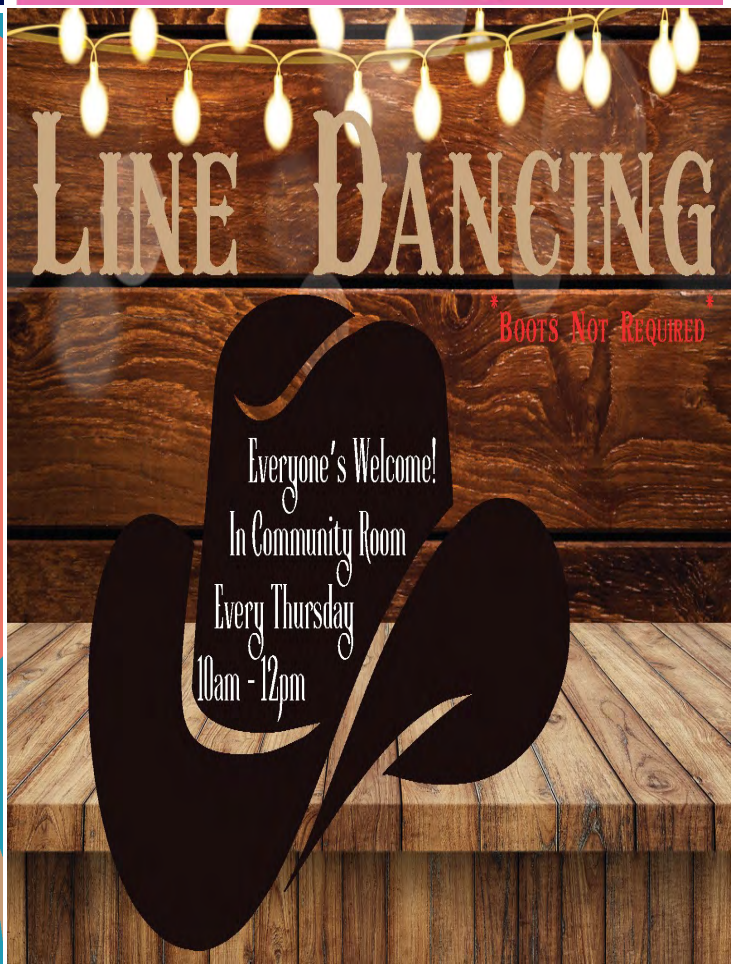
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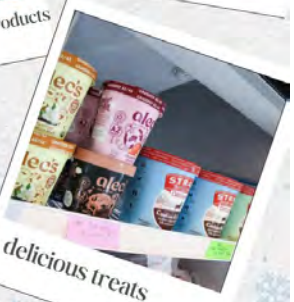

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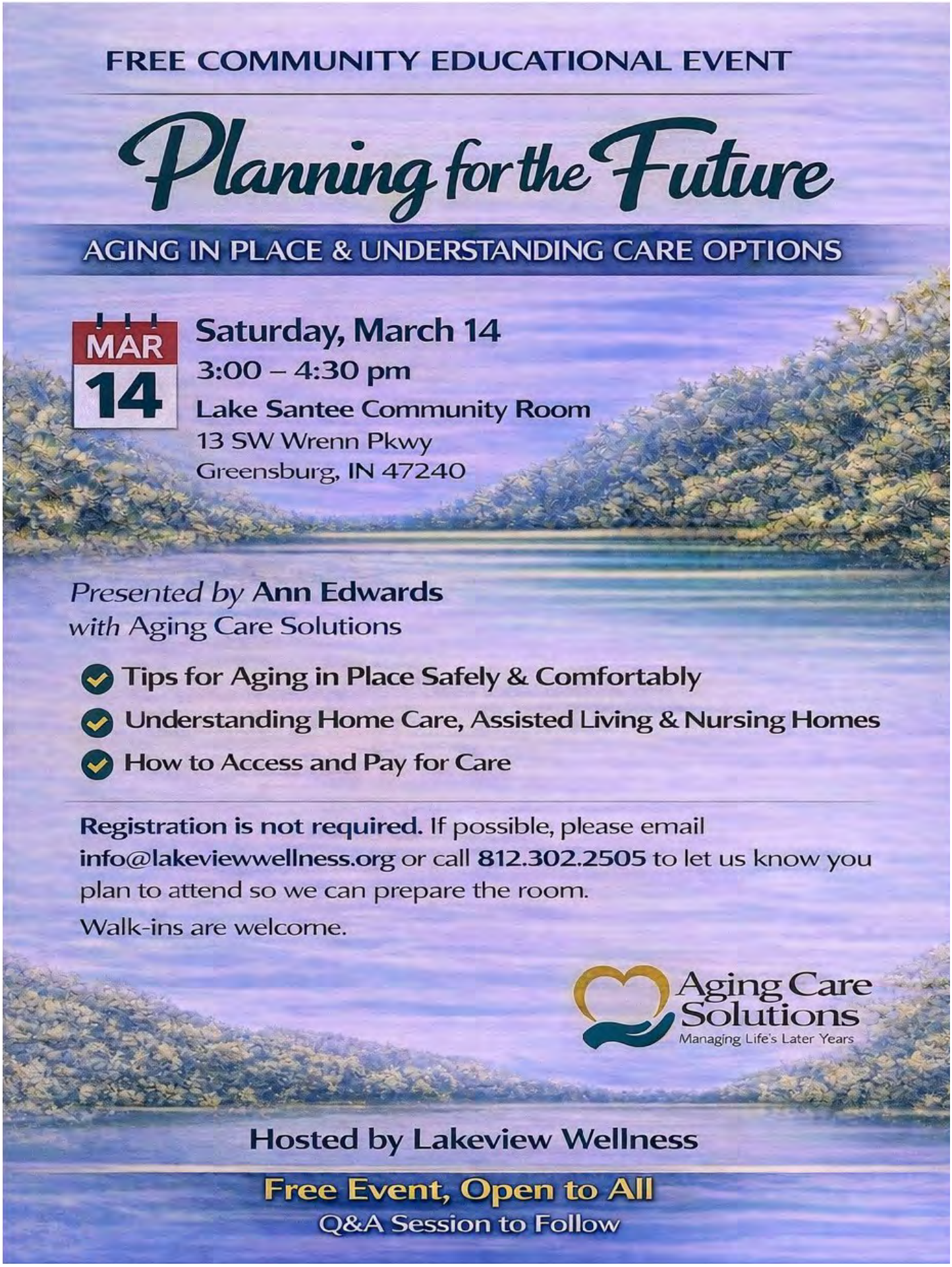
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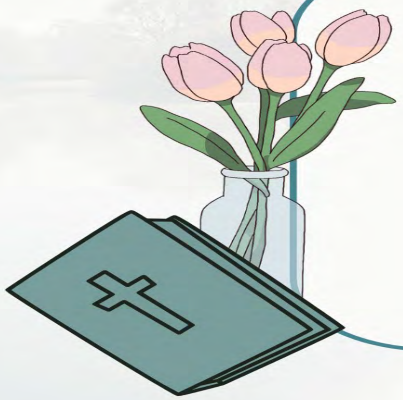
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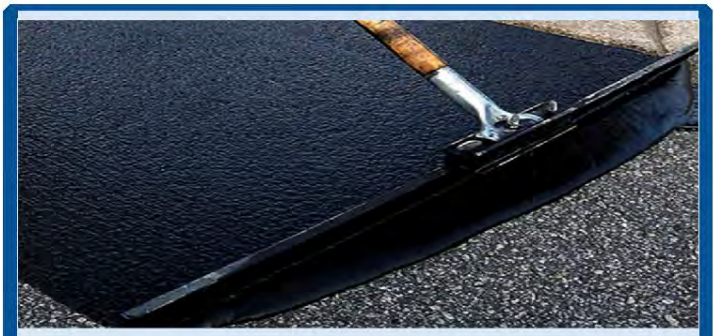
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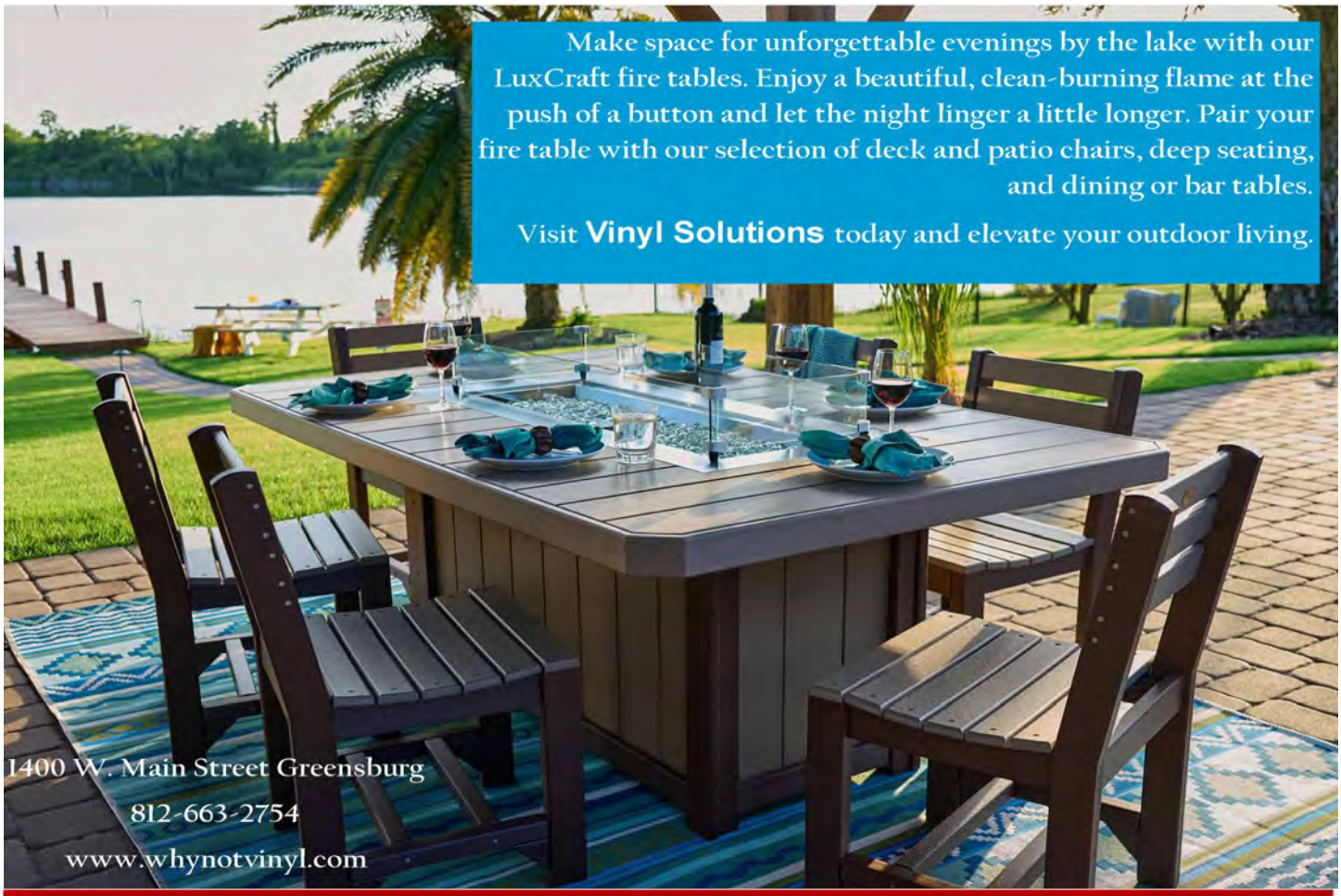
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In late November of 2025, the USA Bassin tournament group once again purchased, transported, and stocked over 150 largemouth bass into our beautiful Lake Santee. These bass, obtained through a longtime partnership with Clear Creek Fisheries of Martinsville, IN, were mature, adult largemouth bass.

The funds used for this project are donations from competing teams which are collected at each tournament event held throughout the season.

While considerably more expensive to obtain, studies have determined that largemouth bass of this size have been found to have a much higher rate of survival and are not as likely to become victims of predation by larger prey.

We would like to thank the Lake Santee Board, Eric Hess and all the great folks at Clear Creek Fisheries, and our USA Bassin members who take part in this program. Without all these folks' support, this program would simply not be possible.

To date, we have stocked well over 2,000 adult largemouth bass into Lake Santee through the donations of our fishermen.

While the funds generated for this project are derived from our tournament anglers, remember, we always welcome and encourage additional contributions from the recreational anglers who do not take part in our events but still enjoy our fabulous fishery and would like to "pay it forward" to our community like our USA Bassin anglers do.

Until next time, please remember to always **Practice Catch & Release** on all our Lake Santee bass!

God Bless,

Lisa & Chip Ayers

I realize it's been about a month since Lisa & I traveled to Martinsville, IN and relayed the bass back to the lake from Clear Creek Fisheries. I want to apologize for not getting you the report and associated photos sooner, but work kept me busy all the way up to the Christmas holiday

Attached is a short write up which Paul can put into the Smoke Signals along with the photos.

The actual date we released the bass was November 21. We didn't call everyone to come to the release as it was raining, windy, and raw that afternoon by the time we got all the way back. All in all, not a nice Friday afternoon to exchange pleasantries at the edge of the water!

Here's to a Happy & Healthy New Year!

As always, please feel free to contact us if you all have any questions!









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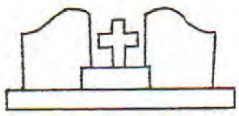
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*2nd Monday in the Community Room. Lunch at 11:30am, meeting to follow



Lake Santee Book Club

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*3rd Mondays at 11:30am in the Community Room. Look for updates in the Smoke Signals.

Lake Santee



Meets the 3rd Monday of every month in the Community Room at 11:30. Bring your own lunch. In April, July and September we will meet 6:30pm. Join us and enjoy a good book discussion and lots of conversation.

Books will be available at the Greensburg Public Library. Copies of the next month's title will be available to check out after the prior month's discussion.

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Book Club Selections for 2026

January
The Women
by Kristin Hannah

February
Fever in the Heartland
by Timothy Egan

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

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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 Pizza Party!











The Lake Santee Women's Club met on January 12th to put away the Community Room Christmas Decorations.

They had a pizza party and played games to chase away the winter blues!

Friends of Wildlife at Lake Santee

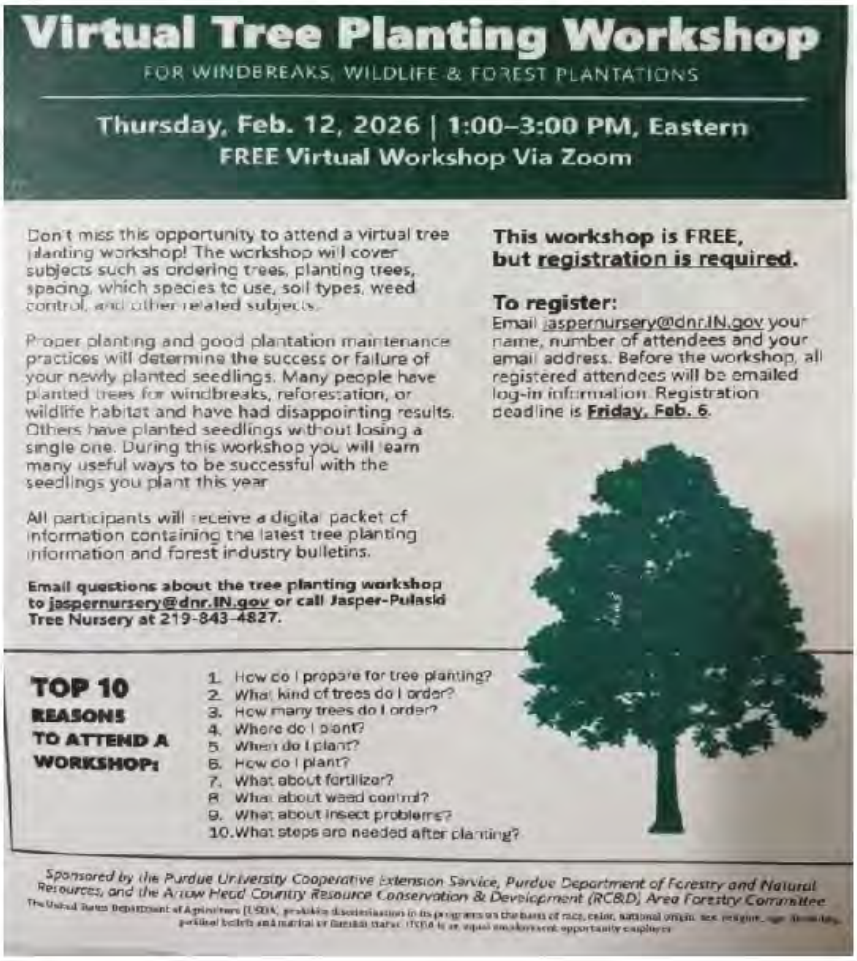
Everyone Welcome!

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

Come slurp some soup for lunch with FOWALS!

Join us Wednesday, February 4 in the Community Room at 1p.m. for the annual Cabin Fever Soup Slurp! Bring yourself and a side or dessert to share. Chili and other soup will be provided, with all the fixings. View some nature-related videos and relax with good food and conversation to kick the midwinter blahs.





It's not that far off!!!

Want some info on what, when, where and how to plant trees?

Attend a free tree planting online workshop by Purdue Extension and other experts Feb. 12 in the comfort of your own wherever!

Lots of good info to use this year or save for your next tree planting experience.

Vulture issues - keep an eye out!

Turkey vultures are large dark brown/black scavenger birds with bare, red heads, silvery-gray undersides on their flight feathers, found across North America. Black turkey vultures are also large dark scavenger birds, but have bare, dark gray heads, wings with white patches at the tips, a short square tail and are mainly found in the southeastern US and down through Central and South America. But black vultures have moved north, experts say probably due to global warming, and are now a threat in our area.

According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, black turkey vultures are causing damage to vehicles parked at boat ramps in southern Indiana, especially around Monroe and Brookville reservoirs. They have been reported to tear out rubber seals, peck pieces out of truck bed liners, and scratch paint with their claws. DNR says no one really knows why - could be something attracts them to rubber and vinyl, or they are just bored when hanging out together in groups called "committees." Southern Indiana is their current hotspot, but they have been seen as far north as Tippecanoe County.

Black turkey vultures also create problems for livestock farmers, because they attack newborn animals. They are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which makes it difficult to control them. Farmers can get permits to lethally manage them. According to The Avian Report, these birds do not pose a threat to healthy pets and farm stock because they can only subdue sick or injured animals by surrounding in a flock and pecking with their beaks. They can carry only small items in their beaks, and are not known to approach healthy animals.





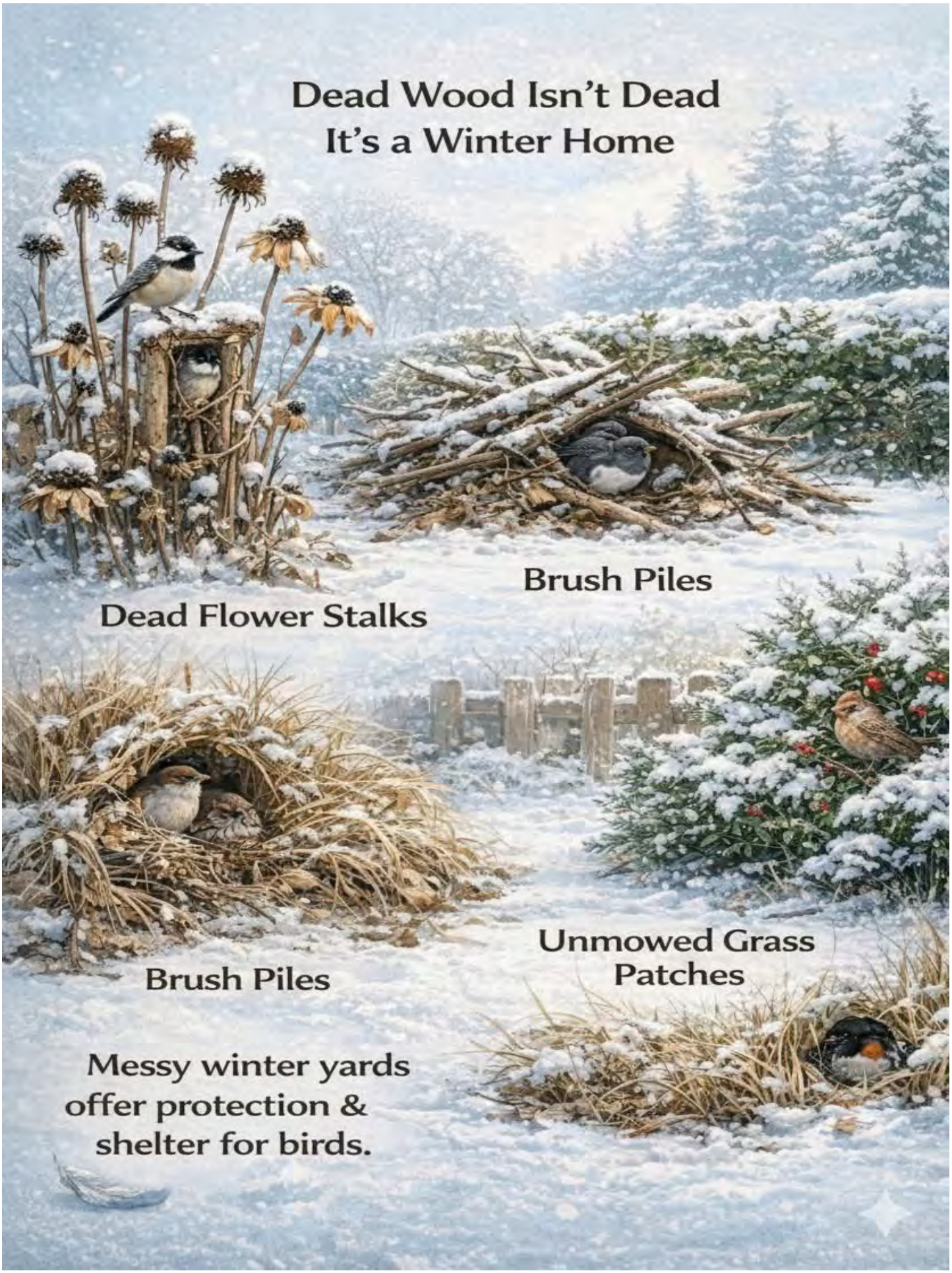


Coming Up

Weds, Feb 4 - February Soup Slurp lunch meeting at 1 pm in the Community Room. Join us for chili and soup!

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, March 4, at 1 pm in the Community Room.

Want to know more about FOWALS, or have a question? Contact Charm Seright at charm.seright@gmail.com.


Dead Wood Isn't Dead
It's a Winter Home
Brush Piles
Dead Flower Stalks
Brush Piles
Unmowed Grass
Patches
Messy winter yards
offer protection &
shelter for birds.

Nature Talk

By Carol Goodwin



People who go to Florida for the winter are called "snowbirds". However, there is a real bird with that same nickname and it's the Dark-eyed Junco. Dark-eyed Juncos are called "snowbirds" because they spend the winter in the cold midwestern climates having migrated from northern Canada and Alaska where they spent the summer breeding. Our winters are a lot milder in comparison to those climates! Not all Juncos migrate if they find an area that has perfect weather for them, but this is not the norm. Those that do migrate usually go back to the same areas each year. When the weather and food supplies are good, they typically do not shop for a different venue.

Dark-eyed Juncos (Junco hyemalis) are a New World species of Junco and have six color variations ranging from reds, pinks, browns, grays and blues. In Indiana the males are slate gray with females being gray-brown. They have white beaks, bellies and outer tail feathers. Occasionally you might see another subspecies, Oregon Dark-eyed Junco, known for having a reddish back. No matter what subspecies you see across North America and Canada, as they fly away you will see a distinctive flash of white from the outer tail feathers. Possibly because of their wide range of habitations, Dark-eyed Juncos number approximately 200 million.

These birds eat a diet consisting of about 75% seeds and during breeding season round out their diet with beetles, butterflies, ants, flies and caterpillars. Dark-eyed Juncos eat a variety of seeds from chickweed, ragweed, smartweed, pigweed, buckwheat, sorrel, lamb's quarters, vetch, thistles, crabgrasses, and purslane. If you want to have them feeding in your yard, make sure to provide hulled sunflower seeds, nyjer seeds, white millet, and cracked corn. Dark-eyed Juncos prefer to eat off the ground so you will see them hopping around the base of trees and shrubs and under the bird feeders looking for dropped seeds.

Migration happens at night and at very low altitudes. This behavior helps Dark-eyed Juncos avoid predators. It does not, however, keep them from occasionally running into man-made structures such as communication towers. They sleep at night by roosting in dense, protective spots like evergreen trees (conifers), thick bushes, brush piles, or even under porches.

Along with preferring to eat on the ground, Dark-eyed Juncos nest on the ground. This practice makes the eggs an easy meal for mice, squirrels and chipmunks. Not only that, but Brown-headed Cowbirds often lay eggs in a Dark-eyed Junco nest and Momma Junco ends up raising the baby Cowbird. She cannot distinguish between her own eggs and the imposters.

Dark-eyed Juncos are members of the Sparrow family. They are of average sparrow size, being slightly larger than a chipping sparrow. They measure head to tail between 5.5 and 6.3 inches (14-16 cm), have a wingspan of 7.1 to 9.8 inches (18-25 cm), and weigh between 0.6 and 1.1 ounces (18-30 grams). A flock of Juncos consists of six to twenty birds, and their range is around ten acres.

For a small bird, these guys have a loud song that can be heard several hundred feet away. It is a continuous and sharp chirp lasting up to two seconds sounding much like a car alarm. This song is easily one of the most recognized due to its simplicity. Now's the time to be listening.



Teepee Talk

Happy Birthday

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



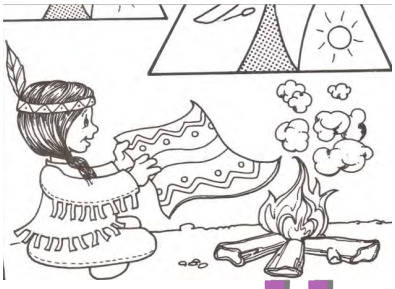
We are trying to update our list of Birthdays and Anniversaries. If you would like to let your friends and neighbors know when you will be celebrating this special event send me an e-mail with the dates.
smokesignals@etczone.com
Paul G. Editor

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.



March

Dustin Maupin	2
Alex Beyer	6
Chuck Hartley	6
Bennett Loudenback	7
April Pursley	8
Percy Deno	10
Marty LeClerc	10
Karter Boggs	11
Lynn Fields	11
Donna Knight	11
Stephen Thurman	11
Mark Hirt	14
Steve Alverson	15
Caroline Kennelly	15
Robby McKell	15
Kathy Tarzwell	15
Mia Thurman	18
Donna Smith	23
Stephanie Larison	24
Polly Fox	26
Maureen Lakin	26
Viola Hunt	28
Cindy Evans	29
Randy Reisert	29
Angela Choate	30
Jacob Kissel	30
Charles Suiters	30
Jenny Bird	31
Teresa Suiters	31



Teepee Talk



Happy Anniversary

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



March

Stephen & Mia Thurman	10
Brian & Maureen Lakin	15
Carson & Pam Trent	23
Warren & Bobbi Norris	29



Photo of White Pelicans taken by John Hunt Jan. 5 ,2026

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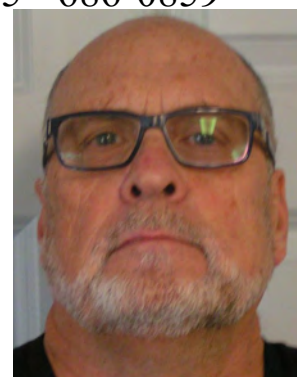
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Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of December 18, 2025 - 3:30 PM
Lake Santee Community Room



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 Kiernan, Bob Kasee and Steve Yost. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher, Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin and Utility Operator Dom Huber. Larry Nicks was absent.

Guest introduction and short comments

b. Anne Hayes from Wessler Engineering..

Consent Items

c. Minutes of 11/20/25 Meeting
d. Financial Report
e. Register of Claims – Water
f. Register of Claims – Sewer

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

Superintendent Report

g. Sewer Status Report
    i. Greg reported that a short section of the sewer line froze up. The pumps were on, but nothing was pumping. They put hot water through it and it thawed out.
    ii. Greg noted that the oxidation ditch (items 37 & 38) needs to be gone through. He is still waiting on the second quote. He noted that it is better to do this work in the winter, so he will stay on top of it.
    iii. Greg discussed the north clarifier bracing that has rusted off. He is working on getting the settings to work properly and working with American Pump on a quote.

h. Water Status Report
    i. Greg reported that he changed out Membrane One and everything appears to be working correctly.

i. Plant Operational Review Report
    i. Greg stated that four banks of fluorescent lights that drop into the water to scramble the molecular structure needs replaced. He has worked with Trojan on getting replacements and the cost is $36,975. After some discussion Maurie motioned to proceed with that bid. Joyce seconded the motion and it carried.
    ii. Greg stated that he is still waiting on quotes on the rotors that need gone

through (37 & 38 and are items included in the AMP)

iii. Greg stated that the drying beds quote is coming in awfully high. He and Dom discussed how a water dumpster works and how using that method could come in much cheaper and still work.

j. Exam Status Report
   i. Greg passed his On-site exam.

Administrator Report

k. Status report
   i. John reported 17 leaks notices sent out and with the 23 ongoing it has created a lot of time consuming administrative work. A discussion was had about getting a quote from Neptune on their system that could lesson that work. It will be looked into.
   ii. One disconnect notice this month.
   iii. One leak adjustment on account 0343 for $292.26. It meets the standard for a refund. After some discussion Larry K. motioned to approve the adjustment.Steve seconded the motion and it carried with Joyce abstaining.

l. Write-offs / adjustments – None.

m. John informed the board that the NG911 initiative has had another meeting. This time all the parties that should have been included the first time were included.Once all the vital information was presented it would serve everyone's best interest, so it will be proceeding.

n. John also stated that the firewall for our IT needs renewed at a cost of $1449 with a three year life expectancy. Maurie motioned to approve the renewal. Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer Report – Larry K. stated that the $132,000 approved on pumps etc. was paid.

Old Business

o. Wessler projects status were updated by Anne Hayes.
   i. Asset management plan – should be completed by the end of January, we will begin the deep dive into the large amount of information contained in these spreadsheets upon its completion.
   ii. GIS mapping – We have now received all of the equipment necessary to operate the system. The online request has been submitted for the software to operate the system has been submitted and training will begin early next year.

p. IDEM water plant inspection of 7/9/25 – Since Greg has passed both of his exams we are down to two items that need to be completed. One of the items that is needed is a Cross Connection policy (used mostly for commercial use). This has been prepared tying our policy to that of the Decatur County Health Department. Maurie motioned to approve the policy and was seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

q. Excavation safety training – No update.

r. Management Agreement –

Final adjustments were made to the agreement, so Maurie motioned to approve the 2026/2027 Management Agreement between the POA and the RWWD. Steve second and the Agreement was approved subject to the POA's approval at their next meeting.

s. Additional property purchase - after further research it does not appear that this will be the last opportunity to purchase this property as thought and our need for additional property isn't as great as originally thought; therefore, neither the POA or the District will proceed further at this time.

t. Plant Tour - has been scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 2pm.

i.

New Business

a. Maurie motioned for the existing board to be reelected as is for the coming year. There being no objections, Bob seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustees Reports and comments

a. Bob Kasee asked that Dom's picture be put in the Smoke Signals given his Responsibilities.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Larry K. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Steve Yost, Secretary

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



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

Ordinance 03-19-2003

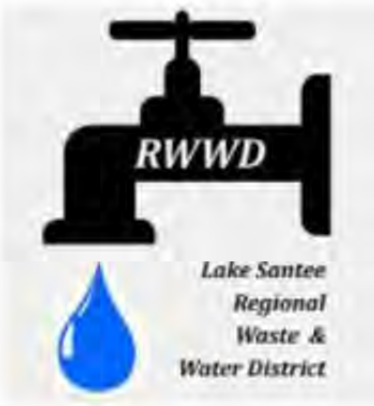
2.5 **Connection of Downspouts, Drains, Etc.** No person shall hereafter connect or reconnect roof downspouts, footing drains, areaway drains, driveways, parking lots, garage floor drains or other sources of surface, runoff or groundwater, to a building or house sewer or building or house drain which 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 TEAM REMINDER:

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

SAFETY
IS
EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!

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NEW SECURITY VEHICLE JAN. 2026



NEW MAINTENANCE VEHICLE JAN. 2026



LAKE SANTEE SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY TASKS FOR DECEMBER 2025

MILES- 1593

HOURS PATROL- 465

HOURS ON CALL- 279

RADAR- 19

ROAD WARNINGS- 16

ROAD CITATIONS- 2

WATER WARNINGS- 0

WATER CITATIONS- 0

ROAD ISSUES- 7

WATER ISSUES- 0

ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 4

ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 4

REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 0

VANDALISM- 0

PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 33

RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 0

GOLF CART INSP.- 0

SOLICITORS- 0



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SECURITY REMINDERS FROM THE TEAM

POSSIBLE SLICK ROADS AND SIDEWALKS TAKE YOUR TIME AND SLOW DOWN!
REMINDER, NIGHT CARTS WILL BE INSPECTED THIS YEAR. (FLAGS 6 FEET), (VISIBLE NEW PERMITS, LOT NUMBERS), TURN SIGNALS, HEADLIGHTS, BRAKE LIGHTS, MIRROR,
LET US BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

RICK CRAWFORD



RANDY DEPEW



ANDREA FLODDER

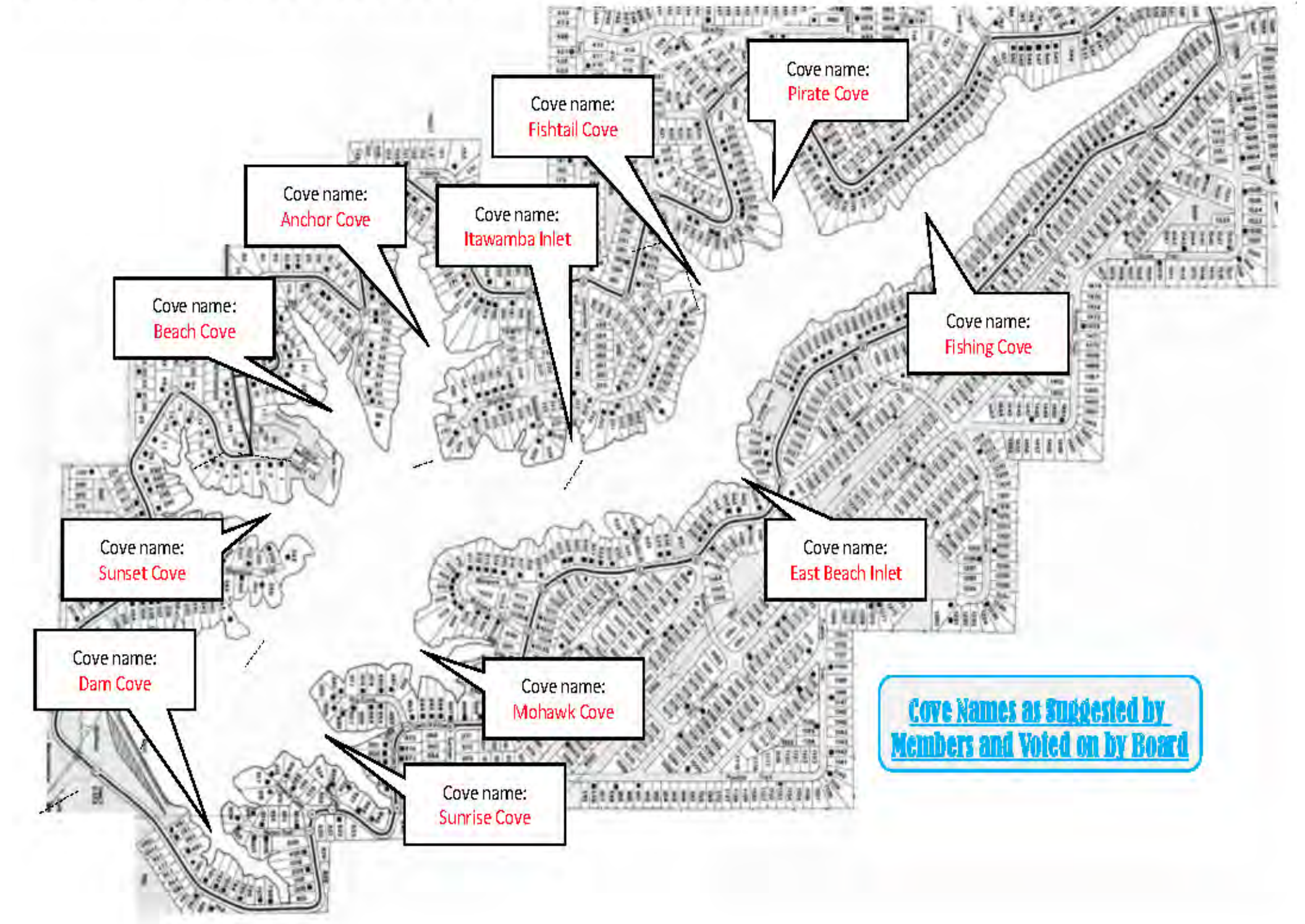


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Beach Cove
Cove name:
Fishing Cove
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Sunset Cove
Cove name:
East Beach Inlet
Cove name:
Dam Cove
Cove name:
Mohawk Cove
Cove name:
Sunrise Cove
Cove Names as Suggested by Members and Voted on by Board

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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2026

President Steve Knight called to order the January 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 January 14, 2026 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 (virtual), Gina Julien, Steve Gray, Aaron Fitzgerald (virtual), and Ryan King. Members in attendance were Dave Julien (851), Bruce Bryan (842), Stephanie Peetz (640), MW & RD Griffin (1486), Debra Haboush (536), Scott & Debbie Higinbotham (1338), Mark Hirt (1107), Joe Hooten (371), Lacy & John Hunt (912), Tony & Connie Adelman (198), Paul Gosnell (1147), Cathy Gray (911), Rick Crawford (1482), Chris Hembree & John Crowe (1466), Ann Moss (1004).

President Knight called for a review of the minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Polly, seconded by Gina.

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	Rumpke	$	1,576.70
Colonial Life	$	194.64	Stone's NAPA	$	131.29
Crossman Fire and Safety, LLC	$	424.90	Summit Microsystems	$	100.00
Elan Financial	$	6,090.81	Telispire	$	105.00
Foudray, John	$	300.00	The Office Shop	$	40.99
Greensburg Tool & Supply	$	123.42	Tops Home Center	$	161.52
Hoeing	$	36.64			
Indiana Salt Supply	$	2,099.30	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lake Santee Connection	$	482.30	Bob Poynter GM	$	23,638.89
Lake Santee RWWD	$	905.03	FilterShine Indiana LLC	$	60.00
Larison, Tyson	$	161.48	Greensburg Dec Co Chamber	$	130.00
Lecher, John	$	237.32	Kings Asphalt	$	24,000.00
McReynolds IT Solutions	$	1,617.93	R B S K	$	80.50
New Point Stone	$	1,563.41	Reflection RPM	$	483.07
Pieczonka Unlimited	$	943.25	Rydin Decal	$	3,713.88
Premier	$	4,739.88	Spirit Seminars Consulting	$	396.00
RBSK	$	80.50	**Total all Disbursements**	**$**	**74,673.65**

Marina

First Financial Bank	$	94.35	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lake Santee RWWD	$	221.28	Premier Energy	$	394.38
GPC	$	169.01			
RBSK Partners PC	$	57.00	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**936.02**

After presentation, the bills were approved for payment on a motion by Michael, seconded by Steve.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

- Member stated they attended the budget meetings and came away impressed with how expenses and revenue were spread out amongst several areas. Member was pleased with the process and the results of the budgeting process.
- Member stated they were disappointed with the budget when the dues and fees were sent out. Member understood the need for dues increases but did not agree with the additional fees for new homes and buyers. Member requested a roll call vote of the budget to see who actually was in favor of the budget.
- Member stated they hoped the board was considering the other members who lived off of the water and not just on the water when considering the budget.
- Member asked about the July fireworks and wanted to confirm that we were planning doing the fireworks on July 3 instead of the 4th which was confirmed. There will be other activities and member fireworks on July 4th.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

2nd Reading – Rule 15.1

Current Rule:

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.

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f) The community room is not available to the general public, unless approved by the Board of Directors.

Rationale:
To protect open hour rentals with published events.

Nathan made a motion to accept the second reading. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Nathan made a motion to accept the third and final reading. Polly seconded the motion and the motion passed.

1st Reading – Rule 19.1

Current Rule:
1.19 The amount of Multiple Lot Assessments shall be 10% of the annual dues and assessments.

Proposed Rule:
1.19 The amount of Multiple Lot Assessments shall be **15%** of the annual dues and assessments.

Rationale:
As a part of the Longe-Range Planning Revenue & Finance Sub-Committees one of the recommendations to support additional future capital expenditures was an increase in MLA share.

Nathan made a motion to accept the first reading. Polly seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Recreation – Steve Gray
- 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 December.

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien

Fishing Tournaments:
The USA Bassin Division IN-47 Lake Santee has requested approval for 2026 Bass tournaments. The dates for 2026 are as follows:

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026	8:00 AM*	
SUNDAY MAY 17, 2026	6:30 AM*	
SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2026	6:00 AM*	
SUNDAY JULY 19, 2026	6:00 AM*	
SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026	6:30 AM*	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026*	7:00 AM	*END OF SUMMER OPEN*

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF USA BASSIN
Entry Fee $60.00 Per Boat; Includes Big Bass Pot ($10.00 Per Boat) Plus, Mandatory $2.00 Bass Restock Enhancement Fee Per Boat. *Open Tournament Entry Fee $65.00/Includes Big Bass Pot. (Membership

Not Required For Open). All Tournaments will be Six (6) Hours in Length. Any Questions please Contact Chip Ayers (812) 593-8915 or Lisa Ayers (317) 750-1782 or hayers@isp.in.gov.

Gina made a motion to approve the 2026 tournament schedule as outlined above. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership – Polly Fox

We welcomed two new memberships in the month of December.

Marina – Polly Fox

Again, thank you for your patience with the new fuel system install. We believe the slow pumping situation has been resolved. We will continue to monitor this situation. The 911 call box and phone line final install is set to occur this week.

Marina Shop
Nothing new to report at this time. Marina Shop lease is due for renewal on July 1, 2026

Lakeview Wellness (Marina House)
Lakeview Wellness is once again partnering with the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County on Run the Santee, a 5K–10K run/walk with brunch, taking place Saturday, March 28. As one of the county's largest communities, Lake Santee plays an important role in countywide health efforts, and this partnership reflects a shared commitment to strengthening access, visibility, and connection for rural residents.

Renovation designs and timelines for the marina building are currently in process and will be shared following LSPOA board input, with plans to host an open house later this spring for the community.

Marina Store
We still have indicated interest in the Marina Store from the 3 parties interviewed. We likely will be in conversation with those parties again in February to get more clarity on a go-forward plan. We are still targeting a plan to be in place by April 1, 2026.

Building Committee – Craig Stilwell
The following Building Permits were issued in December:

Evan Stickford	381	House
Craig Duncan	846	Boat Dock
John & Kim Luber	277	Seawall
Harry & Georgia Wright	177	Fence
Joellyn Hartley	858	Concrete Porch
Derek & Jenni Roudebush	265	Concrete Porch
Nathan & Suzie Shinkle	795	Shingles
Judy Walker	166-168	House Addition

Clean Up – Craig Stilwell
A cleanup round (by roads) was conducted on December 10th. As a result, 3 courtesy letters; 6 fines continue letters; 6 thank you letters were mailed to residents. There are currently 16 properties on

"watch", meaning they might have trash or debris on the premises at the time of the cleanup round, but some evidence that the property owners were in the process of removing it.

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

- Equipped a new security truck with emergency lights , and siren.
- Installed new stop signs at the entrance and exit at the guard shack.
- Truck maintenance.
- Installed new security lights at maintenance building.
- 1 water leak repair.
- Crack sealed roads and office parking lot.
- Gravel road maintenance.
- Cleaning lake culverts and riprap stone.

Security – Ryan King

MILES- 1593
HOURS PATROL- 465
HOURS ON CALL- 279
RADAR- 19
ROAD WARNINGS- 16
ROAD CITATIONS- 2
WATER WARNINGS- 0
WATER CITATIONS- 0
ROAD ISSUES- 7
WATER ISSUES- 0
ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 4
ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 4
REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 0
VANDALISM- 0
PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 33
RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 0
GOLF CART INSP.- 0
SOLICITORS- 0

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Ryan made a motion for the purchase of the security truck not to exceed $24,000. Gina seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve 2026/27 Budget & RWWD Management Agreement – Ryan made a motion to approve the budget and agreement, Craig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- MLA clarification on Non-Members – Michael made a motion to revise the non-member MLA per the by-laws. Polly seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Additional $5,000 to replace 2000 John Deere Gator with UTV – Nathan made a motion to approve the additional $5,000, Michael seconded and the motion carried.
- Special Event – Lakeview Wellness & Dec. Co. Hospital Foundation "Run the Santee 5K on March 28th - Polly made a motion to accept the event. Gina seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Special Event – Lakeview Wellness. Aging in Place on March 14, 2026. Polly made a motion to accept the event. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Thank you to First Financial Bank for their donation to Lakeview Wellness pool project.

Thank you to Scott & Nancy Ranz for donating a tree for the lawn area at the main beach.

Thank you to Fugit Township Community Engagement for their $3,333 donation and Lake Santee Connection for their $2,290 donation for the dam repair project. We appreciate you volunteering your time and efforts to raise this money to offset member's cost for repairs!

2026/27 Budget changes are detailed on our website under Latest News.

Any member that has questions about the annual budget can make an appointment with me to review the income and expenses. I welcome the opportunity to answer those questions and can meet during office hours, evenings and weekends.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary

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Source Articles:

- USA Today: "These invasive trees smell like rotting fish and kill plants. State bans want Bradford pears gone."
- Classified Forest & Wildlands Newsletter 2020: "Callery Pear: Street Side Dream Becomes Natural Area Nightmare"

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