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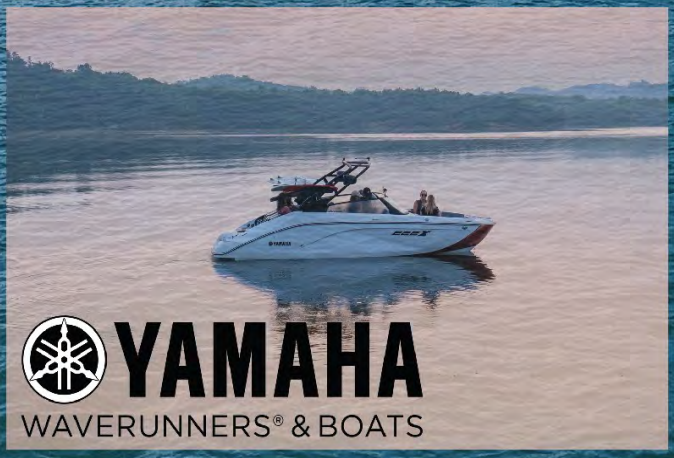
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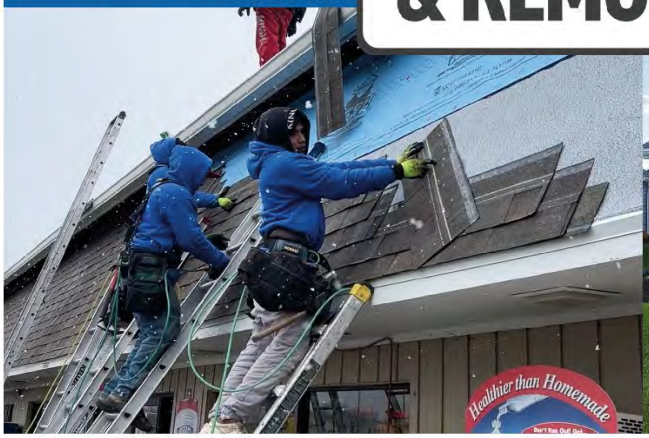


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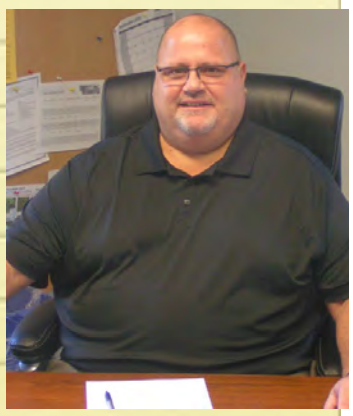
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FROM the DESK of JOHN LECHER LAKE MANAGER



Congratulations to our new board members Abigail, Debbie and Jeff!

Heavy trash will be September 24th – October 4th

Saturday September 5th will be the last Saturday the office will be open until March 6, 2027

The office will be closed Monday September 7th for the Labor Day

An approved list of goose hunters will be hunting Canada geese from September 5th – 13th

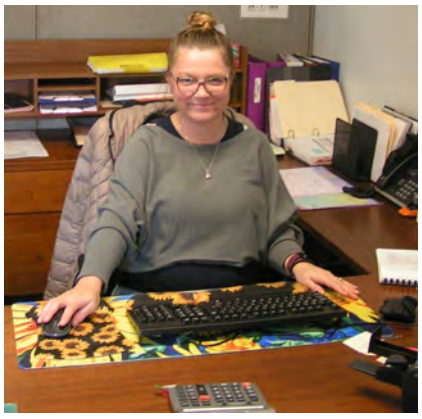
We will be lowering the lake faster this year once we open the spillway gate valve to prepare for the seawall repair in November and December. We will need all boats off the water by November 1st.



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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.

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		1 **BID EUCHRE** **1-4 PM** *TRASH/RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	2 *Friends of Wildlife* *1:00pm*	3 *TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	4 ***Project 19*** ***Band*** ***7-10 PM*** ***Amphitheater***	5 *OFFICE 9a-1p* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm* ***Muddy Bourbon*** ***Band*** ***7-10 PM*** ***Amphitheater***
6 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	7 ***Labor Day*** ***OFFICE*** ***CLOSED***	8 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	9 *LSPOA BOARD* *MTG* *7:30pm* *Comm Room*	10 *TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	11	12 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm* *Movie Night at* *the Beach* *TBD*
13 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	14 ***Women's Club*** ***6:30pm***	15 **BID EUCHRE** **1-4 PM** *TRASH/RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	16 ***Aquatic*** ***Control*** ***Treatment***	17 *LSRWWD* *BOARD MTG* *3:30pm* *TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	18	19 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm*
20 ***Bass Tournament #6*** ***7:00 AM*** WATER BILL DUE *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	21 ***Book Club*** ***6:30pm***	22 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	23	24 *HEAVY TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *4:00 - 6:30PM*	25 *NUTTING FANCY* *BAND* ***7pm - 10pm*** *AMPITHEATHER*	26 *HEAVY TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm* *SAPHIRE* *EXPRESS BAND* ***7pm - 10pm*** *AMPITHEATHER*
27 *HEAVY TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	28 *Bookmobile* *12:30-1:30pm*	29 *HEAVY TRASH/* *RECYCLE* *4:00-6:30pm*	30			

WEEKLY Activity Schedule

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Music Trivia 7:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am Pickleball open 5:30pm	Euchre Club 1:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am Pickleball 9:00am Teaching open play	Women's Club Line Dancing 10:00-Noon Community Rm Trivia— Trivia—7:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am Pickleball 9am Open Play	Pickleball 9 AM Open Play Pickleball 10 AM Advance Play

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	2 **The Belair's —7:00-10:00 pm**	3 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
4 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	5 Bookmobile 12:30-1:30pm	6 **BID EUCHRE 1-4 PM** TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	7 Friends of Wildlife 1:00pm	8 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	9	10 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
11 TRASH/ RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	12 **Women's Club TBD** 	13 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	14  **LSPOA BOARD MTG 7:30pm Comm Room**	15 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	16	17 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
18 TRASH/ RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	19  **Book Club 11:30 AM**	20 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	21 **BID EUCHRE Tournament 12:45 PM-4 PM**	22  **Flu shots 12:30-2:30 pm Community Rm** **LSRWWD BOARD MTG 3:30pm** TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	23	24 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
25 TRASH/ RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	26	27 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	28	29 TRASH/RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	30 	31 TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm **TRUNK R TREAT 5:30PM-7:30 PM**

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Lake Santee Community
2026 Recreation Activities

Date	*Time*	*Event*
April 4th	11:00 am	**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** At the Community Center Children 0-10 
May23rd	7:00 – 10:00 pm	**Heartstone Crossing Band** At the Amphitheater
June 6th	7:00 – 10:00 pm	**Rachel Holt** At the Amphitheater
June 13th	7:00 – 10:00 pm	**Special Event** At the Amphitheater
June 20th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	**Car Show** 
July 3rd	10:00 pm	**Fireworks** 
July 4th	Afternoon	**DJ on the Beach**
July 4th	6:30 – 9:30 pm	**Lincoln Street Band** At the Amphitheater
July 5th	Registration 9:00 am	**Youth Fishing Tournament** 
July 25th	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	**Farmer's Market** Community Center Parking Lot 
August 8th	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	**Women's Club Auction** At the Community Center 
August 29th	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	**Farmer's Market** Community Center Parking Lot 
September 4th	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	**Project 19 Band** At the Amphitheater
September 5th	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	**Wade Griffin Music** At the Amphitheater
September 25th	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	**Nuttin Fancy Band** At the Amphitheater
September 26th	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	**Saffire Express Band** At the Amphitheater
October 31st	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	**Trunk R Treat** 
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Dear Member:

The Board of Directors wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Department, and invite you and your family to attend the annual meeting of the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a free will offering for the chili supper again. The annual meeting will be in the community room of the station. It will be held at 7:00 pm for those that wish to attend the meeting. This will keep the meeting from interrupting the Chili Supper and allow you to visit with your neighbors as long as you wish. The chili supper over the last few years seemed to be well accepted and we have tried to improve the event again this year for our members. You will still be able to pay your dues the night of the Chili Supper the same as you always have in the past. We also encourage everyone to visit our website at clarksburgfiredept.org for more department information. We invite you to come and see the firehouse and have some chili with your neighbors.

When:	September 17th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Where:	Clarksburg Fire Station 1
What:	Chili, Crackers, and all the trimmings served with a free will offering. (If you would like to donate a desert it would be appreciated. Please sign in your dish and what you have brought in the kitchen.)
RSVP:	Not needed

The department would like to thank all the members again for their continued support through donations and sponsored events to support the department. All the members who continue to support the department keep it going and improving to better serve you and the community. As a department we will continue to invest these donations to increase our services, to better our ISO rating, to outfit our department's new recruits and to continue training for all our firefighters, and the many other expenses to keep our department strong.

Your current year's membership expires as of October 1st, 2026 We ask that you continue your generous support of the department by making a $30 dues contribution to renew your membership for the ensuing year. Dues may be paid at the door if attending the annual meeting. If not attending, please make your check payable to the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department and mail it to P.O. Box 308, Clarksburg, IN 47225-0008. If payment is made by mail, your check will serve as your receipt, no receipt will be returned by mail.

Hope to see you on the 17th

By order of the Board of Directors

Chiefs Report 2026

As we approach the new fiscal year for the fire department, I hope your family and those around you are safe. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and assistance with the fire department. I would also like to thank all the organizations that continue to support the fire department and the community in general.

You can check our Facebook (Search Clarksburg Volunteer Fire) as we try to keep up to date information that will keep our citizens safe and informed. Our web page is http://www.clarksburgfiredept.org, we will be updating it over the next year, this has not been done for a while. If there is anything we do not have on the site or Facebook page that you would like to see on either of them, please let us know. Please make sure you use the word Volunteer or Clarksburg, West Virginia will show up. Our goal is to try to keep these pages informative and useful to us all.

Run Report

The department runs have decreased for the past 12 months. We have made 203 runs in the past twelve months, and the breakdown of the runs includes 74% medical runs, 7% were false alarms and standby runs, the remaining 19% were actual fire runs and car accidents.

Department Report

We continue to work in the department to improve our services and enhance our training. This has been challenging year once again. Testing is the next step for us to improve our ISO rating, and we are trying to plan again this winter, hopefully before the end of the year

Services Offered

The department continues to offer Knox Box service to anyone purchasing a Knox lock box for their home or business. There are now some cheaper options available at http://www.knoxbox.com for all to review and purchase. Once the box is installed, only the fire department will have a key to enter the box to retrieve keys to enter the building if needed without causing any damage to the building. If you are living alone or will be away from your home for an extended period, the Knox box is very useful to the fire department to keep from damaging your property. Other agencies can also request a response from the fire department to allow them in if needed.

The department has also been certified and purchased support equipment for Project Lifesaver. This training and equipment include bracelets and search equipment to support finding autistic and dementia patients as needed. If you are interested in hearing more about it please ask any fireman and they will help get you to the right people to get started. We also have brochures and examples available at the Chili supper for you to see.

I would like to thank all the firemen and their families for another safe and productive year at the fire department. These people give their time and money to attend many meetings, training and other events as needed. Please take a moment and thank a fireman if you can. The department, as always, is looking for new recruits to be firemen. If you are interested, please contact a fireman or there is an application on our web site as well.

Thank you for your continued support and help over the past year, with your assistance and the hard work of the firefighters, we continue to improve our department each year.

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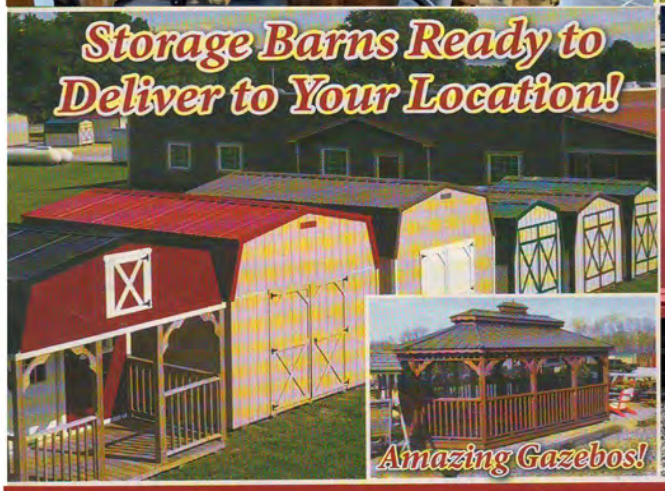


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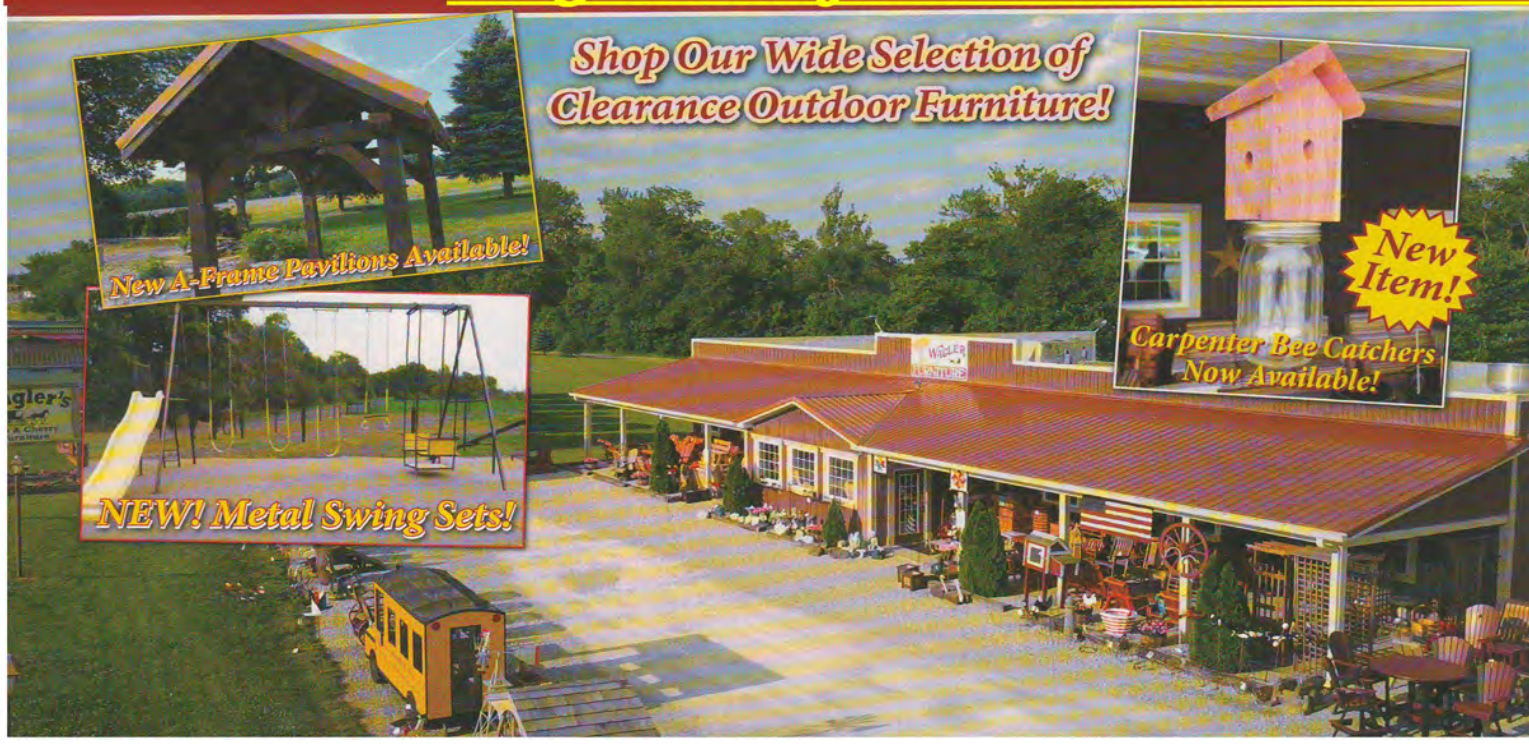








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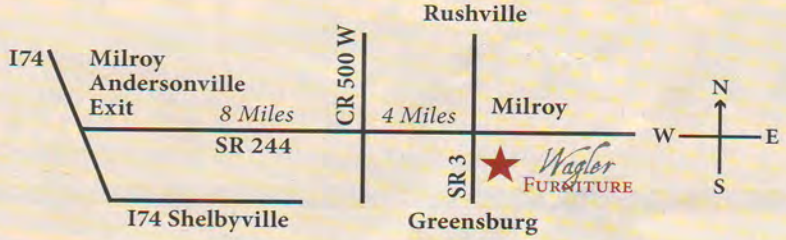


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It is held on the third Saturday of every month May through October starting at 3:00pm at the host stop which is where the food is dropped off for the shared meal after the run is completed. The host provides the main entrée, meat, and the participants bring a side dish or dessert enough for their golf cart riders.

Each stop provides a drink or two with a light snack, some stops offer a non-alcoholic drink and snack for the younger riders. Carts arrive at the stop, stay for about 20-30 mins and then drive to the next stop, ending up back at the host location after a quick stop at the East Beach for a bathroom break. Typically, there are 3 stops and the host for each cart run of approximately 100 to 250 riders.

Riders can stay for the entire run or just a stop or two. Carts ride at a slow speed and practice safe driving so everyone has a great time.

The FTCE non-profit now sponsors the run after many years of Bryant's Bar & Grill sponsorship for the 50/50 raffle at the end of the run. Winners keep their half of the take and the money raised will be donated to a lake project decided by lake members voting.



2026 Lake Santee Golf Cart Run

May 16

HOST: Luensman 582
STOP: Hooten/ Nicks 371
STOP: Goodwin/Tapke 285
STOP: John & Lisa Clark 1421

June 20

HOST: Pieczonka 583
STOP: Gall/Geis 632
STOP: Smith 892
STOP: Need a STOP

July 18 Main Shelter House

HOST: Tarzwell/Collings/Wilson
STOP: Day 1418
STOP: Schrader 618
STOP: Niedenthal 1245

August 15

HOST: Ranz/Bryant 601
STOP: Higinbotham 1338
STOP: Akers 75
STOP: Billi Jo Clark 1154

September 19

HOST: Itawamba Block Party
STOP: Page 1576
STOP: Duncan-Cozart 1032
STOP: Corbin 772

October 17

HOST: Weckop 1046
STOP: Stephenson/Starnes *
STOP: Trimpe 278
STOP: Knafel 1279

* Little Beach



Lake Santee Golf Cart Run July 2026



Hosts
Kathy & Gary Tarzwell
Val & Bill Collings

We had to cancel the ride due to heavy rain and lightening at 3:00 but we still got together for fun. The stops brought their libations and even with the late start we had a good time!





Donna Wright & Albert Day



Lake Santee Golf Cart Run July 2026







Andrea & Tim Niedenthal

Helpers
Kim & Mike Manlick



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AUGUST 9TH. 2026





Lake Santee Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2026

The members of the Lake Santee Property Owners Association (LSPOA) met for their annual meeting on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM in the Lake Santee Community Room. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Knight. Other board members present were Nathan Walsman, Steve Gray, Gina Julien, Ryan King, Craig Stilwell, Michael Dora, and Polly Fox. Employees present were Rick Crawford. Members present Polly Fox (881), Paul Gosnell (1147), Scott Higinbotham (1338), Robert & Karen Kasee (750), Ryan King (142), Cathy & Steve Gray (911), Shannon Gibbs (97), Ed Fox (366), Dick Veach (1384), Janet Stoffel (1366), Donna Clutter (352), Brad & Jenni Hanna (206), Michael & Denise Dora (164), Ronda Peetz (291), Harlan & Charlene Smith (892), Joe Hooten (371), Craig Stilwell (201), Dave Julien (851), Joe & Maureen Barrett (319), Steve & Deb Yost (803), Deb & Jeff Haboush (536), Michelle Deaton (262), Paul Oefinger (550), Kari & Ian Rickerby (603), Donna Knight (108), Mark & Carol Hirt (1107), John & Lacy Hunt (912), Shelli Griffin (1486), Abigail Anderson (1238), Debbie Richter (930), Karen Leisring (378), Tony & Connie Adelman (198), Amy Ewing (157), Larry Nicks (567), Brad & Susan McAllister (1069), Mary Tapke (284), Robert & Autumn Hurm (1349), David & Joyce Eddy (68), Maureen Lakin (1162), John Silcox (606), Chris Ehrhard (915).

President Knight called the meeting to order and made the following statement:
Welcome everyone, thank you for attending today. Our Lake operates under the Corporate Charter established in May of 1965 as well as the governing by-laws approved, adopted, and amended by all members in good standing effective August 8, 2021. As prescribed in those bylaws, we have this annual meeting for the primary purpose of electing new Directors to the Board, to hear feedback from the membership and conduct any other business that may arise as part of this meeting.

President Knight made the following statement highlighting some of the board's accomplishments over his time as President:

- Survived Covid
- Purchased the marina
    - Have working marina shop
    - Have open marina store with 24hr fuel
- Lakeview Wellness
- Restaurant
- Creek stabilization
    - Created a very successful settling pond
    - Professionally designed and created a stabilized wetland area
    - Also stabilized Hatton Farm creek up stream
- Dredging
    - Spent many hours in the cold, wet, icy coves taking sediment depth reading
    - Used this info and other professional sources to create a dredging plan
    - To date have dredged all but the remaining north end area
    - RESULT-With the stabilization and the dredging, we shouldn't need significant dredging for the next 50 years or more.

    - And, we have the clearest water in the last 35 years.
- Added significant shot rock to protect the earthen part of the dam
- Rebuilt the Maintenance Department and RWWD into a well oiled machine
    - Our drinking water is excellent, publics area better kept and painted, gravel roads are much better kept
- Zebra Mussel Campaign
    - The awareness and response to this have been a deciding factor in our success against this invasive pest
- Preventative Spillway Study
    - Spillway corrective work will secure the Spillway for approximately 15 years.
- Committed to Marina Seawall replacement in Fall of 2026
- Created 501(c) 3 Foundation
- New Member Orientation

President Knight then asked Nathan to provide a summary of the highlights from the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes. After reading the minutes, the minutes were approved by a motion from Gina and second by Polly.

President Knight then asked Michael to provide a financial update for the fiscal year.

Michael stated:

For the fiscal year ending February 28, 2026 vs February 28, 2025, LSPOA operated at a deficit of $59,040 (expenses exceeding revenue) vs a negative $68,752. Revenues were 8% higher, (mainly related to management and facilities fees), total expenses were 7% higher (mainly related to maintenance expenses). Funds allocated for future repairs and replacement (set-asides) totaled approximately $78,305 vs $197,771. Membership dues and assessments collected at the beginning of the fiscal year continue to be invested in a money market account at First Financial Bank and in an investment account at Edward Jones to allow LSPOA to earn interest income. Management has evaluated whether there are conditions or concerns over the next year from the date of the consolidated financial statements were issued and no conditions raising substantial doubt were identified.

Member Discussion:

Member thanked board members for their service and especially Gina for her service on Lakes and Beaches. Member had concerned with the enforcement of zebra mussels.

Member wanted to thank everyone that participated in the Women's Club Auction.

Member asked if the board has looked into grants for the dam repair project.

Committee Reports

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

We added one (1) new rule and had revisions to nine (9) rules. Below is a summary of the changes:

- Revised Rule 12.5: The revision required home contractors to carry a minimum amount of General Insurance as well as Workers' Compensation Insurance.
- Revised Rule 12.17: Revised the permissible height of chain link fencing to be 60" tall versus 48" tall for other fencing.
- Revised Rule 13.8 and 13.9: Revised the wording of "Domestic Animals" to "Customary Household Pets" to match the terminology in the restrictions.
- Revised Rule 13.10: Revised the winter drawn down water elevation to be 3'-6" below the overflow elevation.
- Revised Rule 15.1: Revised the language for the Community Room rental to protect from getting cancelled at the last minute by requiring at least 90 days notice for paying reservations.
- Revised Rule 19.1: Revised the language to state the Multiple Lot Assessment to be 12.5% of the annual dues and assessments.
- Revised Rule 7.5, 7.6, and 7.7: Language was revised to change the bag limits for crappie (no restrictions), redear (catch and release), and catfish (no restrictions on bullhead, channel catfish 5 fish under 20" and 1 fish over 20" per day).
- Revised Rule 1.17: Language added to include mention of the initiation fees and transfer fees during the sale of property.
- New Rule 11.18: Rule was added to limit the amount of construction equipment that can be stored on a member's property.
- Revised Rule 2.9(f): Removed the language requiring regular inspections of golf carts for night use and put the responsibility back on the member to make sure their cart is compliant.

Recreation – Steve Gray

It was a busy year since August of 2025. On August 23rd,2025 we were entertained by music from Rachel Holt, we had the 2nd and final Farmers market for the 2025 season and that evening we were entertained with music by the 45 RPM Band. On the evening of September 27th, we had movie night at the beach showing Despicable Me. On Saturday October 25th, we had Trunk or Treat at the lake and we went through about 60 lbs of candy. On December 13th, the Lake Santee Connections group helped with Breakfast with Santa to a great turn out.

The first recreation event of 2026 was our annual Easter Egg Hunt. While rain was threatening, the sky broke, and while it was a little wet, we had a great turn out. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Women's Club helping with stuffing all the eggs. This was followed up with our first band of the 2026 season on Memorial Day Weekend. We heard great music from the Heartstone Crossing Band. A few weeks later we heard great country music from Rachel Holt again. On June 13th we were all entertained by the Woomblies Rock Orchestra which was fully sponsored by many members of the Lake Santee community. The following weekend, June the 20th, the Darrell Peetz Memorial Car show was a great success again this year.

Starting in July the weather started to get rainy, however we were fortunate that on the 4th of July weekend the weather held and was a good success. This year the Lake Santee Fireworks were held on Friday July 3rd and on July 4th in the afternoon we had a DJ on the beach and that evening we were entertained by the Lincoln Street Band. On Sunday July 5th the annual youth fishing tournament was held with great success.

Up until this point the rain had not cancelled any events. Well that all changed on July 11th. Saffire Express Band was supposed to play that evening but was cancelled due to weather. Then on the

following weekend, the Belair's were supposed to play and they also were cancelled due to rain. On August 1st, we had to cancel the Project 19 Band again as well due to rain. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule all three bands for later this year. Saffire Express will be playing on Saturday September 26th and the Belair's will be playing on Friday October 2nd and Project 19 will be playing on Friday September 4th which is Labor Day weekend. The last event to date was the first of our annual farmer's markets the first of which was held on Saturday July 25th. We ended up with about 12 vendors and a great turn out.

Community Room – Steve Gray

Over the past 12 months we had 37 Community Room Rentals and 3 Shelter rentals.

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien

Dam Spillway Repair:
As previously reported, we had an extensive review of our earthen dam and concrete spillway. There are many areas within the spillway that need to be repaired to extend the life of the dam. Instead of only conducting surface layer work, our civil engineer consultant recommended that we expanded our investigation of the dam spillway to determine exact depth of voids within the concrete. By doing so, we can more adequately address all voids. Once all reports are received we will begin repair work.

Erosion Control:
Erosion Control measures were taken within the lake again this year on LSPOA property as well as a washed out area across from the exit point of the sediment pond.

Fish Stock Program:
Fish stocking took place in October, 2025. Aquatic Control stocked 3,500 largemouth bass and 1,500 hybrid striped bass. In May we also stocked 6,000 Redear Sunfish (aka "shellcrackers") to help reduce the amount of Chinese Mystery Snails. We also receive a generous donation of approximately 200 additional adult largemouth bass from the Lake Santee Tournament fishing group. We are very thankful for their donations.

Youth Fishing Tournament:
The youth fishing tournament was hosted during the July 4 holiday weekend. We had a great turnout with 48 young anglers ranging in age from 3 to 14 years old. Generous donations of trophies, fishing rods, tackle boxes, water bottles, sunglasses, and tee-shirts were provided by Ronda and Chris Bennet and Pam and Craig Duncan. Food and Beverages were provided by Dave and Gina Julien. We are grateful for their donations and support at the tournament.

Retention Pond maintenance:
We had our contractor remove sediment captured in our retention pond. An estimated 5,000 cubic yards of sediment was removed. This equates to about $1 per cubic yard to dredge the sediment pond verses $22 per cubic yard to dredge the lake. The capture of this amount of sediment demonstrates that the mitigation project is working well. Maintenance will occur every couple of years.

Coontail (Ceratophyllum demersum) plant growth:
With the North End mitigation project success and dredging we accomplished over the last several years, we are seeing much clearer water than we have in decades. With the clearer water and sunlight being able to penetrate greater depths, we also began to see vegetative growth of coontail in limited amounts in some

of our shallow water coves. This vegetative growth offers many benefits to our lake health and provides fish habitat. However, we have seen overgrowth in many areas that greatly prohibited navigation. After securing a permit through IN Department of Natural Resources, we had Aquatic Control apply a spot treatment to the worst coves. We now have more shallow coves that will be treated with the next Aquatic Control application in September. Moving forward, the plan is to look at alternative measures for removal and to evaluate coves for treatment monthly.

Membership Committee – Polly Fox

New members from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 were 38.

Marina – Polly Fox

The marina purchase was completed July 29, 2022. The purchase and the leases for the marina components have made good progress after 4 years of operation.

The new fuel system was completed September 10, 2025. The install was successful, but not without a few challenges. New fuel lines, telephone system for ESOP, card processor errors and slow fuel pumping were just a few of the challenges that arose during the implementation. Thank you for your patience in working through the issues. Hopefully this will serve the community well another 50 years.

The marina seawall needs to be replaced as it is still the old wooden rails. It is deteriorating and falling. We put the replacement seawall out to bid. We received 4 bids for a concrete seawall. A contractor has been selected and work will begin this Fall. We will replace half of the seawall this Fall/Winter and the other half will be replaced next Fall. This will require the LSPOA to lower the water pool more than normal to complete this work.

Marina Shop – Polly Fox

The Armantrout's requested an amendment to their lease with a modified rate schedule. The amendment was approved. However, the Armantrout's decided to not renew their lease going forward. Two (2) parties were interested and were interviewed regarding a new lease for the operation of the marina shop. A new three (3) year lease agreement was signed with new management on June 1, 2026 operating under the same name, Lake Santee Marine Service with Pat Knafel and Chuck Sieg. We look forward to working with them for this valuable service for our community. Thank you to Dave and Diana for their great service the previous two years.

Marina Store – Polly Fox

Mr. Robbins did not wish to renew the store lease at the end of September. We opened the lease to new interested parties. We had three (3) interested parties. The parties were interviewed and a go-forward strategy was selected based on the vision of the parties interviewed. Lakeview Wellness was selected for their interest and vision for the lower level space. However, due to the magnitude of getting architectural design completed and preparing for the upcoming renovations, they did not have the capacity to yet run the retail space. Therefore, the LSPOA determined we would operate the store for the summer and into early Fall to better serve our membership. We sold fuel, ice, soft drinks, water, energy drinks, candy bars, snacks, ice cream treats and bait.

Thank you to Mr. Tom Robbins for his product and service over the past few years.

Marina Residence – Polly Fox

Lakeview Wellness requested an amendment to their 5 year lease in the Fall of 2025. They requested to increase the lease to a 10 year lease going forward. A 10 year lease would better enable them to apply for grant monies to improve the building for health and wellness services. The 10 year lease amendment was approved. Then on April 1, 2026 the 10 year lease was once again updated to include the leasing of the lower level (marina store area) of the marina building to Lakeview Wellness.

That particular change provided them the opportunity to obtain a matching grant from the IHDCA by raising $50,000 from donors in our community and receiving the match of another $50,000. It was great to see our community, both individuals and businesses, step up to make that happen. They also received a mental health grant from the Decatur County Community Foundation for $285,000 that must be used to renovate the building, make it ADA accessible, and add a separate entrance for wellness services creating space for connection and helping reduce social isolation in our rural community. We look forward to seeing these renovations get underway.

Lakeview Wellness continued to offer pool rentals, water aerobics, yoga, pilates, Bible study, mental health counseling and massage therapy as they are transitioning to renovation. New services that began operation this year include the addition of a Physical Therapist, the Summer School Workshop and the Youth Program.

We are pleased to have partnered with these individuals/entities and we look forward to a continued relationship with them in making the marina a great amenity for our community.

In closing, I want to thank our out-going Board members for their diligent service over the past several years; Gina Julian, Steve Knight and Aaron Fitzgerald. It takes unending commitment and many hours of time. Thank you for your generosity.

Also, thank you to John Lecher for his many hours and service in making so many aspects of our operation go smoothly. I know he endured a lot of stress, physical work and extra hours as we went through the fuel system install, the renewing of leases and preparing and operating the store. Thank you, John.

Building Committee & Clean Up – Craig Stilwell

In 2025-2026, Craig served as Chair of the Building Permits and Cleanup Committees. Below is a summary of the year's activity in those roles:

1. Permit Activity: A total of 77 permits were issued, including 6 for new homes – down from last year's numbers of 93 permits and 16 new homes.
2. Permit Revenue: Fees collected for heavy construction and new home permits generated an additional $12,350 over the past 12 months. Some fees were increased during the budgeting process last fall. This added revenue has been a valuable contribution toward both budgeted and unbudgeted repair needs.

3. Community Cleanup: Cleanup efforts resulted in the mailing of 36 courtesy letters, 19 second notices, 5 third notices, 24 violation letters, and 19 thank-you letters. Last fall, we focused on addressing shoreline stabilization and everyone notified successfully addressed the need for additional rip rap. Later this year we hope to identify inoperable boats and vehicles and have them removed from member lots. To improve response time and efficiency, cleanup rounds have been conducted on a monthly schedule.

A big thank you to Joh Lecher for your endless hours of support & leadership. And I'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to outgoing board members Steve Knight, Gina Julien, and Aaron Fitzgerald. It's been an honor to serve this community alongside you.

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

1. 15+ New water taps/sewer lines.
2. 50+ Utility locates
3. 60+ Sewer(Turtle) Call/Repairs
4. 20+ Water Calls/Repairs

Highlights

-New SideXSide purchased. Will increase productivity for the Mnt crew.

-3 Major water main repairs.

Roads Perspective:

*644 Ton of #8 gravel dropped

*73 ton of #53 stone dropped

*18000 Gallons of Calcium Chloride

*LSPOA paved Itawamba from Santee Dr to Sanchez Trail.

Security – Ryan King

During the 2025–2026 term, I had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Security team. The following summarizes Safety and Security Department activities from August 2025 through July 2026:

Activity Summary

- Miles Patrolled: 21,748
- Patrol Hours: 5,097
- On-Call Hours: 3,285
- Radar Details Conducted: 222
- Road Warnings Issued: 26
- Road Citations Issued: 30
- Water Warnings Issued: 5
- Water Citations Issued: 27
- Road Issues Addressed: 62
- Water Issues Addressed: 19
- Assistance Provided to CVFD, DCSD, and DCEMS: 81

- Animal Calls Responded To (Domestic & Wildlife): 62
- Non-Members Removed: 11
- Vandalism Incidents Investigated: 15
- Property Owner Calls Handled: 643
- RV/Camper Checks Conducted: 58
- Golf Cart Inspections Completed: 221
- Solicitor Incidents Addressed: 3

In addition to my responsibilities with the Security Chair, I remained actively involved with the LSPOA Long-Term Planning Committee. I was honored to continue assisting in the review and development of the Long-Term Planning Survey results alongside fellow board members, helping to ensure that the feedback and priorities of our membership were accurately represented.

As always, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to John Lecher for his countless hours of support, dedication, and leadership. His commitment to our community continues to make a significant impact.

I would also like to thank our outgoing Board members for their service and contributions over the past three years. Gina, Steve, and Aaron, thank you for your exemplary dedication and commitment to making Lake Santee a better place for all who call it home.

It has been an honor to serve this community, and I appreciate the continued support of our members and volunteers.

Recognition of Clubs/Organizations

President Knight gave an opportunity for the recognition of various clubs and organizations at Lake Santee.

Booster Club – Asking for help gaining advertisers for the smoke signals. The costs keep going up so need more advertisers to offset. Please recommend advertisers if you know of someone.

Women's Club – The auction last night was amazing. The community definitely supported the event. The Women's Club has given a scholarship for the past 20 years. Also, responsible for giving a teacher's grant. Women's Club volunteers for Bread of Life and Feed the Flock. Purchased a new slide for the Main Beach. Assisted the Easter Egg Hunt. New swings at the east beach. Will be helping make cookies at Camp Woodsmoke. Decorated the main entrance with Christmas decorations. This years auction $20,000.

Lake Santee Book Club – Book club meets monthly in the community room. 10-20 people usually attend. Looking for new book titles for next year

Optimist Club – Thanks for all the support with the flags. We now have close to 90 flags.

Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department & C.E.R.T. –

Pickle Ball Club – Tournament on Saturday September 5. Please sign up if interested. There is sign up in the main office

Election Committee Results

The election committee consisted of Deb Yost, Chairman, Scott Higginbotham, and Richele Griffin. Deb mentioned that out of 753 members in good standing, only 267 ballots were returned. Two (2) were voided because they didn't have lot numbers associated with the ballot. Deb also encouraged everyone to participate in the voting.

The results are as follows:
1st – Abigail Andersson – 181 votes
2nd – Debra Richter – 170 votes
3rd – Jeff Haboush – 148 votes
All three (3) will serve three (3) year terms.

Runner up was Connie Adelman – 144 votes and Carol Goodwin – 109 votes. There were two (2) write in votes.

President Knight spoke to the membership and summarized all the successes the community has had. And he emphasized that it is a community effort not just the effort of 9 board members. He also recognized the independent projects organized by our clubs and individual groups of members.

And last, he commented that none of this would have happended without the leadership, dedication, and hard work by our Lake Manager, John Lecher.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Ryan and a second by Polly.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary



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Pool closes Sept 1 — how to enter

As promised, **the pool closes September 1** for renovation prep. Our usual pool-area entrance closes with it.

In its place, we're adding a **temporary access door on the lake side of the building** — enter through the kitchen to reach the community gathering room and holistic wellness offices.

COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

Thank you, Camp Woodsmoke!

A huge thank-you to everyone who supported the Lake Santee Family Camping Weekend with donations of food, cash, and supplies — your generosity helped make **Camp Woodsmoke** possible. A full recap is coming soon!

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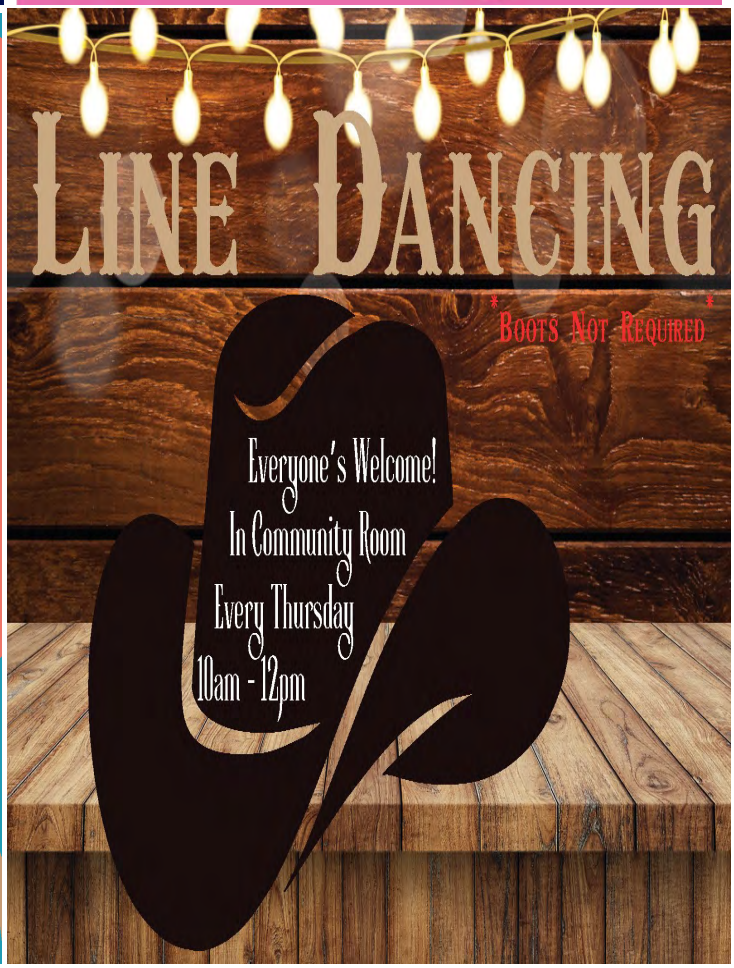
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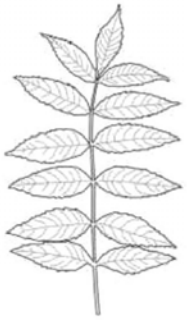


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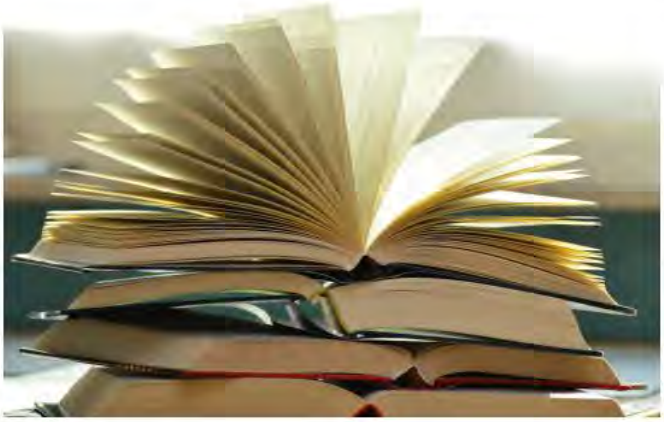
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March
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by Adriana Trigiani

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 Wally Lamb

July
She's Not Sorry
by Mary Kubica

August
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September* Evening Meeting 6:30pm
The Couple Next Door
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October
The Last Mrs. Parrish
by Liv Constantine

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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).

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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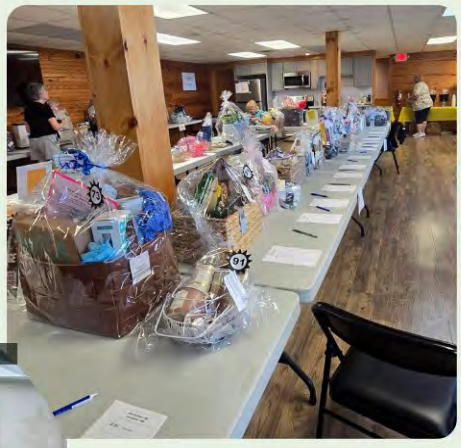
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Green Lawn & Property Maintenance	Tree City Properties - Ronda Peetz
Indianapolis Symphony	Tree City Properties - Stephanie Peetz
Jackson's Nursery	Tree City Stitches
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Friends of Wildlife at Lake Santee

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

The truth about opossums (possums?)

There are a lot of bad things said about these animals, but first of all, which is the correct name? The answer is "opossum" for us in North America. "Possums" are only found in Australia and are distant relatives of kangaroos. There are over 126 species of marsupial opossums in the world, but the only one you'll see in your backyard or forest in the US is the Virginia opossum.

Opossums are said to carry many diseases, including rabies. Not true - opossums actually have a lower body temperature than most North American mammals, making them usually unsuitable for hosting most diseases, including rabies.

Opossums are big contributors to the environment because they eat anything. Plants, fruit, bugs, roadkill, garbage — but especially ticks. One opossum can happily eat over 5,000 ticks a year. They clean up dead animals in the wild and garbage tossed out along roadsides. They often do this without being noticed by humans because they are basically very shy animals who stay away from people.

They have a high natural immunity to snake venom, and are often shown in pictures fighting snakes. This immunity allows them to hunt and eat rattlesnakes and copperheads. And yes, they "play dead" when seriously threatened, which discourages most predators from messing with them because they will also drool and emit a foul odor. Playing dead is actually very common in nature, used by different kinds of birds, snakes, ants, moths and others. But opossums also have 50 sharp teeth, more than any other land mammal in North America.





Travel time is coming up!

The ruby-throated hummingbird is Indiana's only nesting hummingbird species. After arriving in April from Central America for the summer, their southward fall migration runs from early August through September, with most gone by later October. Hummingbirds may be draining your feeders right now, loading up for the long trip — be sure to have plenty of fresh uncolored nectar for them until you're sure they're gone. Use a 4:1 ratio of water to sugar to make your own.





Monarch butterflies leave Mexico from March-June and spend July-August with us in Indiana. They return from late August-November, with a special "super generation" peaking in mid to late September across Indiana. Plant native fall flowers like goldenrod and asters to help them bulk up on nectar for their trip. The Indiana Wildlife Federation's online Monarch and Pollinator Conservation hub has lots of resources about all things Monarch.

Coming Up

Our next monthly meeting is Weds, September 2, 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.

Monarch Habitat Update



Bridget Sargent, district DNR Wildlife Biologist, evaluated our Monarch pollinator habitat in late July and pronounced it to be in great shape. Saying we have "tons of diversity" in our plantings, she pointed out many different plants contributing to the area, including mountain mint, blazing star, bergamot and Maximilian sunflowers. While it has been looking like a mass of yellow from a distance, a short up-close walk around it will show you purples, blues, whites and an occasional red.

The area needs no care at the moment, but some invasive woody plants will be removed during fall and winter. Bridget stressed that the area must not be burned without an evaluation indicating need, and development of a detailed burn plan. She also stated that there should be no mowing — dry plants still standing after winter provide protection for new shoots as well as smaller wildlife. And that we need to remember that a successful habitat doesn't look like a nicely groomed yard. Watch for coming fall colors!





Nature Talk

By Carol Goodwin



Let's talk about owls. Whoooo doesn't want to learn more about them? There are two families of owls; "Typical" and "Barn". Fitted into these two families are more than 200 species worldwide, and Indiana has eight of those species. This total includes four species that live in the state year-round and four species that visit during the winter or migration months. We'll talk about Indiana's owls further down.

Typical owls are also known as "True" owls because they have the round face we think of when we think of owls. That round face is made by the pattern of feathers. The Typical family of owls have about 220 known species. They have large forward-facing eyes in a large broad head that turns up to 270 degrees. Body size ranges from huge Eurasian eagle-owls to very small owls such as the elf owl. Many species sport prominent feather tufts on the top of their heads that look like horns or ears. Their ears are actually hidden on the sides.

These owls are nocturnal (active at night and sleep during the day) or crepuscular (most active during twilight—specifically at dawn and dusk). They have acute hearing and fly silently to ambush their prey. They are carnivorous so eat small mammals, birds, insects and sometimes fish. You can find typical owls around the world except Antarctica.

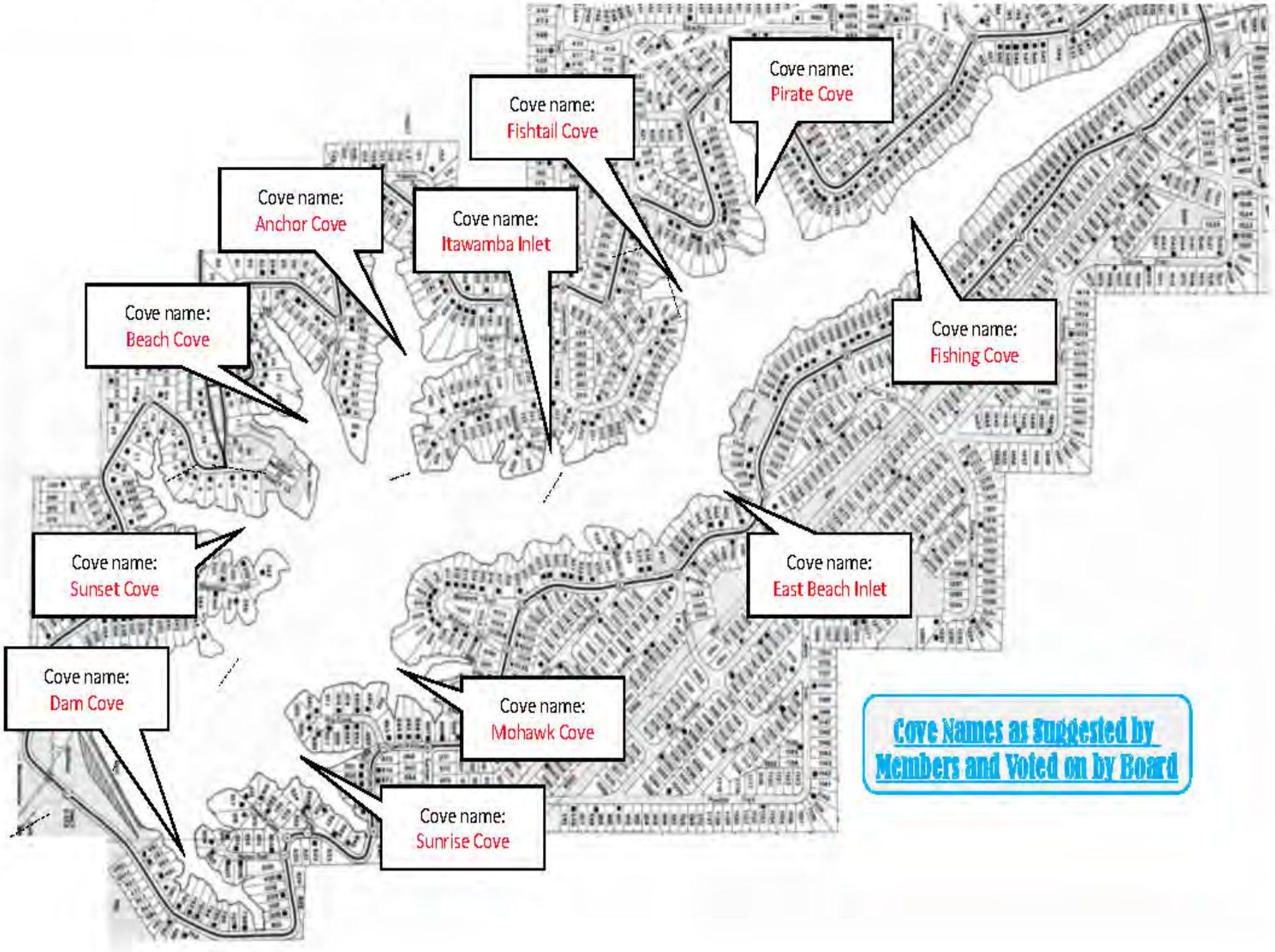
Indiana has full-time typical residents such as the Barred Owl which is very common in forests, the Great Horned Owl which is quite large and powerful with prominent ear tufts, and the Eastern Screech-Owl which is small and found in wooded areas plus backyards.

Indiana's part-time typical residents are the Northern Saw-whet Owl which is tiny and reclusive, the Short-eared Owl which is more rare here and hunts over open fields, the Long-eared Owl which are also reclusive and seen during the colder months, plus the Snowy Owl which is a white color and also rare and seen in open areas.

There are 18 species of Barn owls. Barn owls have heart-shaped faces designed to catch sound waves. Their coloring is white and golden brown with some soft dark spots. Interestingly they do not hoot like other owls but rather make hissing and screeching sounds. Barn owls have one ear higher than the other which helps them pinpoint tiny sounds. They rest in barns, silos, caves, and old trees.

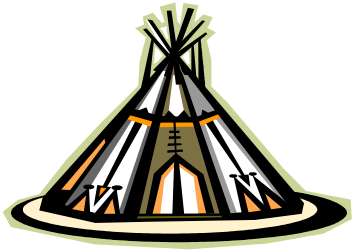
These owls are also nocturnal or crepuscular. They eat small rodents with their favorite being the vole. Adults eat about 3-4 small rodents each night. Farmers love them because of that.

Indiana only has the American Barn Owl living here year round. They are rare and considered endangered.


Cove name:
Pirate Cove
Cove name:
Fishtail Cove
Cove name:
Anchor Cove
Cove name:
Itawamba Inlet
Cove name:
Beach Cove
Cove name:
Fishing Cove
Cove name:
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



Teepee Talk



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

Jessica Richardson	1
Sharon Alverson	2
Erika White	4
Marilyn Pearsey	4
Kevin St. Clair	6
Karalyn Russo	6
Tyson Larison	7
Patrick Morrissey	11
Adam Clark	13
Steve Kulpinski	13
Greg Kulpinski	13
Kari Acton	14
Katy McKell	14
Glenn Dieckmann	15
Gina Julien	16
Benjamin Lamping	16
George Heineman	17
Carol McKinley	20
Cheryl St. Clair	22
Linda Jones	24
Johnny McKell	25
George Peck	27
Samuel Sweet	27
Debbie Heintz	28
Jarod Bailey	30



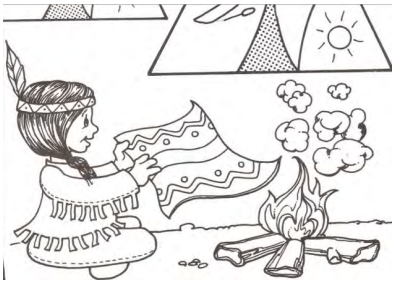
We are trying to update our list of Birthdays and Anniversaries. If you would like to let your friends and neighbors know when you will be celebrating this special event send me an e-mail with the dates.
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OCTOBER

Ernie Gauck	2
Becky Crowe	2
Derek Roudebush	2
Steve Lucas	5
Judy Veach	5
Bradley James Acton	11
Jenna Richardson	11
Maurice Goodwin	13
Debbie Richter	13
Ryan King	19
Beth Lamping	21
Taylor Richardson	21
Sharon Russo	21
Cassie Caudill	22
Cindy Nicks	22
Don Lamping	23
Sue Fortman	23
Justin Howard	25
Donald Smith	25
Gary Fields	26
Ken Hockersmith	26
Terry Fox	31
Linda Grey	31
Karen Jackman	31



Teepee Talk



Happy Anniversary

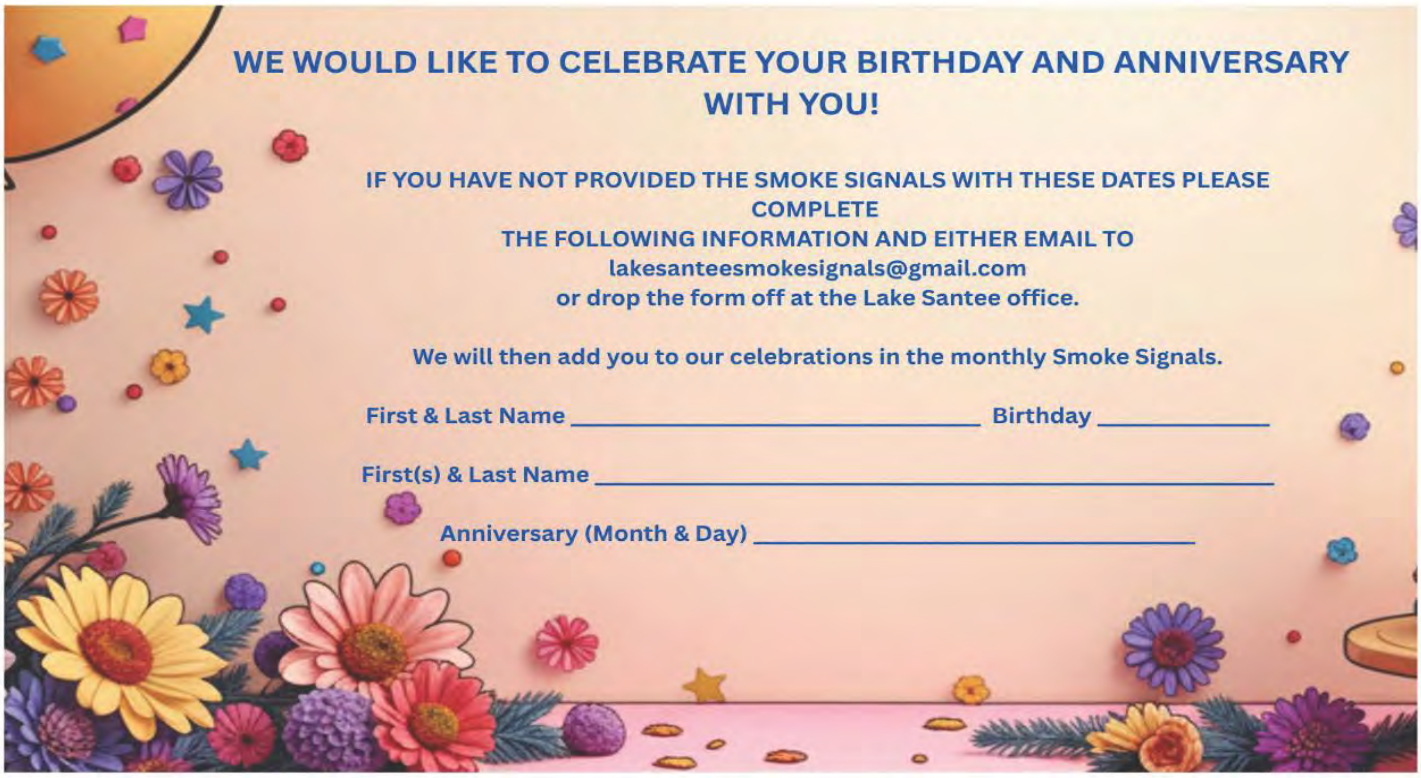
SEPTEMBER

Michael & Jenny Bird	2
Jim & Gayle Bryant	3
Chris & Lindy Grey	6
Jack & Katie Schwierling	9
John & Lacy Hunt	30



OCTOBER

Dave & Gina Julien	1
Ken & Aleta Amberg	8
Drew & Joni Pringle	9
Steve & Donna Knight	13
Tim & Chassity Howard	18
David & Joyce Eddy	21
David & Brenda Merkel	21
Leon & Becky Crowe	26
Steve & Brenda Lucas	26
Bob & Cathy McDaniel	28



SYMPATHY

Dan Graves passed away on July 28. He and Judy made Lake Santee their home in 2007. Dan was known for his thoughtful spirit, love of writing and appreciation for life's simple joys. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Judy and family.

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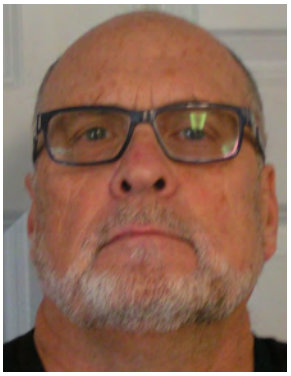
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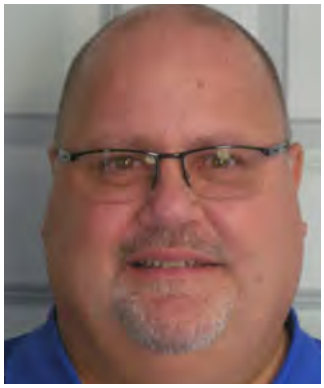
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Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of July 16, 2026 – 3:30 pm
Lake Santee Community Room



1. Call to Order / Roll Call
    a. President Tom DePalma called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. All members were present. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher, Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin, Utility Operator Dom Huber and John Foudray Maintenance Manager.

2. Guest introduction and short comments
    a. Jeff Meinders of C + H/M
    Tom asked Jeff to tell a little bit about his business and discuss how he thought the Itawamba sewer and water tap went. Jeff thanked us for the opportunity to do business with them and stated that they are headquartered in Milan Indiana and have been in business for 44 years with 10 employees and that they do all types of work with utilities and sewer and water districts. He felt the Itawamba taps went well. He said it took longer than normal, as they asked a lot of questions and learned a lot about how we wanted things done as they went along. He said it would have been helpful to have been on the project a little sooner, as the builder had already installed the gutters and buried the drainage, which they had to work around.
    Tom then asked John F., Greg and Dom how they thought things went and they all agreed it went well with all agreeing that C+H/M were well prepared, asked a lot of good questions and had more than enough staff with them.
    Tom thanked Jeff for coming and said we would have further discussions to determine how to proceed and that we would get back with him.
    After Jeff left a discussion ensued about how to proceed, how many we should do and how many they should. Bob made a motion for us to contract them to do the next taps which are up coming before we make a firm decision on how we proceed long term. Maurie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Consent Items
    a. Minutes of 6/18/26 Meeting
    b. Financial Report
    c. Register of Claims – Water
    d. Register of Claims – Sewer

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

4. Superintendent Report
    a. Sewer Status Report
        i. Greg reported that sewer system was running well. He said we had one E. coli test that was higher than it should be, but that the average should be okay. He also stated that the new gear box should be in next week. They will install it and have the old one repaired and then put it on the shelf as a replacement. Greg said he approved a $6,800- expenditure for a new blower on the membrane unit from Midwest the other quotes he received were for $8,000- and $15,000-.

    b. Water Status Report
        i. Greg reported that he still waiting on membrane 2 which has no date for



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delivery yet. He will follow up on that.

ii. The Neptune system – we are currently connecting with 98.37% of the meters. We were down to not reaching 3 meters, but that went back up to 8 recently. They are working on replacing several meters to try work out the problem but will always probably have a couple that won't connect.

c. Plant Operational Review Report
   i. The fire alarm system had been going off for no apparent reason. While tracking down the cause it was discovered that condensation was accumulating in the wall unit. It was replaced and the problem was corrected.
   ii. C + H/M Contracting (See earlier discussion)
   iii. Exam status – Greg has sent an email to get Dom's retest scheduled, but hasn't gotten it scheduled yet.

5. Administrator Report
   a. Status report
      i. 15 leaks of which 5 were new. One was repaired while the others are being worked on.
      ii. 0 Disconnect notices.

   b. Write-offs / adjustments
      i. None

6. Treasurer Report
   i. There was some concern about the amount of money in the water checking account, so Bob made a motion to transfer $50,000- ledger # 128.1 to 131.5 to make sure we avoided any overdraft possibilities. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

7. Old Business
   a. Wessler projects status update
      i. Asset management plan – Steve discussed how the AMP can help manage our P&L so we hopefully get surprised with unexpected expenses down the road. The committee will work to coordinate the two when the committee meets again after next month's board meeting.
      ii. The GIS system continues to get updated as several valves were not listed on the map and three that didn't exist did. The map is pretty usable at this stage, but progress is still being made.
   b. 26 Members toured the Sewer and Water Plant on Friday June 19th making it a success, so it was agreed that we should offer more tours periodically.
   c. Employee Benchmarking – No response from the other lake communities. John will continue to work on that.
   d. It appears the final grade has been completed on the north boring site.
   e. Status of process for customer requests to test and/or replace potentially faulty meters. Greg stated that after working on one on Oneida, that it can hard to determine which side of the meter was leaking, ours or the customers. Nevertheless it was agreed that a written process needs to be developed so there



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is coordination between the office and the field workers, Work will continue on this matter.

f. Muni-Link software conversion. John presented a comparison of Muni-Link, InHance and Contintental Utility Solutions. A lengthy discussed ensued regarding the pros and cons of each system. Maurie motioned to approve $18,000- for the upfront cost and $7,500- annual fee for the Muni-Link which will include a three year history from our old system upon conversion. The motion was seconded by Steve. With this being the most expensive option, further discussed ensued with both John and Joyce expressing how they felt the total integration with Neptune was worth the additional cost. Motion passed unanimously with Joyce abstaining.

8. New Business –
   a. None

9. Trustee Reports and Comments
   a. None

10. Adjourn – motion was made to adjourn by Maurie and was seconded by Bob. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by
Steve Yost, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 8/20/26 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

LAKE SANTEE SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY TASKS FOR JULY 2026

MILES- 1959

HOURS PATROL- 465

HOURS ON CALL- 279

RADAR- 19

ROAD WARNINGS- 1

ROAD CITATIONS- 2

WATER WARNINGS- 0

WATER CITATIONS- 3

ROAD ISSUES- 6

WATER ISSUES- 3

ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 7

ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 11

REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 0

VANDALISM- 3 (CLOGGED TOILET EAST BEACH, BOAT DOCK DAMAGED, MAIL BOX

PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 80

RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 7

GOLF CART INSP.- 18

SOLICITORS- 2





WAYNE SHAKE

SECURITY REMINDERS FROM THE TEAM

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LET US BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!



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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
2026 ELECTION REPORT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The required quorum of 45 has / has not been satisfied by having 267 memberships voting by mail in addition to 0 valid proxies (pink) having been received, for a total of 267.

The results of the director's election are as follows:

ELECTED:

Abigail Anderson, 181 Votes, 3 Year Term
Debra Richter, 170 Votes, 3 Year Term
Jeff Habousa, 148 Votes, 3 Year Term

RUNNERS UP:

Connie Adelman 144 Votes
Carol Goodwin, 109 Votes
_____, _____ Votes

WRITE IN VOTES:

Kyle Kennelly, 2 Votes		_____, _____ Votes	
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STATISTICS:

753 # of property owners eligible	5 # of proxies returned
753 # of ballots mailed	2 # of ballots voided
269 # of ballots returned	5 # of proxies voided

WE, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above tabulated election results represent a true and accurate accounting, to the best of our knowledge and ability, of all ballots and proxies presented to the Inspector of Elections.

Debora K. Yost
Inspector

8/8/2026
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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2026

President Fox called to order the August 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 August 12, 2026 in the Community Room. President Polly Fox presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Other Directors present were Nathan Walsman, Michael Dora, Jeff Haboush, Steve Gray, Debbie Richter, Abigail Anderson, Ryan King, Craig Stilwell (virtual). Members in attendance were Maureen & Joe Barrett (319), Scott & Debbie Higinbotham (1338), Karen Leisring & Ed Nungester (378), Shawn Patrick (888), Stephanie Schene (1133), Paul Gosnell (1147), Dave Fisk (905), Chris Elmore (530), Chris Ehrhard (915), Liz & Clay Kellerman (561), Lori Wagers (856), Gary & Tina Salemme (605), Chad Weldishofer (604), John Kathmann (548), Connie & Tony Adelman (198), John Foudray (1142), Joe Hooten (371), Bob Hurm (1349), Rick Crawford (1482).

President Fox called for a review of the minutes of the July 8, 2026 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Nathan, seconded by Craig.

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:

Aquatic Control	$	643.75		Telispire	$	105.00
Bradley Fire & Env. Svcs	$	575.00		The Office Shop	$	1,053.91
Camp Woodsmoke	$	840.00		Tops Home Center	$	1,536.18
Cardinal Pest Control	$	55.00		Vinyl Solutions Unlimited	$	453.26
Colonial Life	$	496.44		*Bills Paid Prior*		
Elan Financial	$	6,206.88		Allyson Sullivan	$	300.00
Gillman Home Center	$	27.57		Allyson Sullivan	$	100.00
Greensburg Tool & Supply	$	214.64		Best Way Disposal	$	1,821.61
Lake Santee RWWD	$	738.73		Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.	$	59,550.00
Lecher, John	$	238.73		Edward Jones	$	115,000.00
Meyer, Bernard	$	2,184.28		Harrison Sand & Gravel	$	18,901.87
Murphy Insurance Agency	$	9,859.00		Joshua Gaither	$	300.00
New Point Stone	$	637.36		Joshua Gaither	$	100.00
Premier Companies	$	2,826.81		Meyer, Bernard	$	2,123.91
Purchase Power	$	1,441.99		Project 19, LLC	$	1,200.00
RBSK	$	2,000.00		Richard Justus	$	208.62
Rumpke of Indiana	$	1,730.67		Rumpke of Indiana LLC	$	1,676.93
Saint Maurice Feed & Supply	$	143.17		Saint Maurice Feed and Supply	$	167.25
Shelby Tire & Auto Care	$	521.50		Sam Geroulis	$	1,500.00
Stone's Farm Service	$	442.26		UHL Transport, LLC	$	2,705.00
Stone's NAPA	$	42.57				
Summit Microsystems	$	50.00		**Total Disbursements**	**$**	**240,719.89**

Marina

First Financial Bank	$	$691.63		Straber Oil, Inc.	$	$7,569.99
Gauck, Joseph	$	$324.00		*Bills paid prior*		
Great Plains Communications	$	$168.99		Straber Oil, Inc.	$	21,985.70
Lake Santee RWWD	$	$283.30				
Midwest Maintenance	$	$188.38				
RBSK Partners	$	$57.50		**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**31,269.49**

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

- Member commented on the proposed wakesurfing rule. The concern was limiting the number to the current number of boats keeps others from being able to surf. Also expressed concern regarding the fees associated with surfing and that no other activity has a fee associated with it.
- Member echoed the same concern previously mentioned and asked for the board's explanation for the need for the rule.
- Member expressed concern as to how the wakesurfing rule has been processed. Member feels the second reading changed significantly from the first reading and therefore should have been changed to a first reading.
- Member added commentary that adding wakeboarding into the wakesurfing rule is incorrect and should be separated. Member also added that the Women's Club auction was a success and was appreciative of the tent supplied. The auction raised $20,000 and in the September meeting they will discuss how to use those funds. She thanked everyone involved in the auction.
- Member is new to the community and asked for feedback on the coontail situation. The member asked about PH levels being considered and wanted to know the future plans for treatment.
- Member said they appreciated the addition of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer for Leadership.
- Member had concerns on the wakesurfing rule. The member had concerns with wakeboarding being lumped into the rule and should not be included.
- Member suggested the board pause on the proposed wakesurfing rule. The new board members should have a chance to review and didn't agree with such a limited amount of people being allowed to surf.
- Member also expressed concern about the coontail. Member also suggested the lake publish a year to date financial statement vs just the monthly since it appears worse than it is.
- Member stated that larger lakes like Norris are putting restriction on wakesurfing and it needs to be addressed here as well.
- Member expressed concern on the wakesurfing rule and said it is confusing and is trying to combine too many things. Member stated that an untrimmed boat with lots of people cause the same issue. Member had concerned that people are coming here and building expensive homes and not being able to have a surf boat. Member suggested the 2 year penalty for violation is too harsh.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received an email from a member concerning the large number of cargo trailers stored in our community. They consider them to be an eyesore similar to campers and don't understand why they are allowed.
- Received several communications from members about the coontail in the lake. Some members requesting treatment and others complimenting the success of the July 24th treatment. The Board of Directors will be looking at future treatment option.

- Received multiple emails with input on the proposed wake surfing rule. The emails were sent to the new board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

2nd Reading Rule 12.19

Current Rule

12.19 Roofing for structures shall be wood/composite shingles or metal, which shall meet the following specifications:

1) Concealed fasteners or clips are required.
2) Metal must be fully supported by decking material.
3) Must be installed in accordance with architectural standards for seamless metal roofing.
4) Finish cannot be galvanized and must have a minimum 30-year warranty to include color fading.
5) Metal must be a minimum of 29 gauge.
6) Color is subject to Building Committee approval.

All other roofing materials are subject to Building Committee approval.

Revised Rule

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Rationale: Metal roofs have been upgraded significantly since the rule was written and the rule now allows for high quality metal roofing.

Craig made a motion to approve the second reading, Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Nathan made motion to accept a third and final reading of the rule, Craig seconded and the motion passed.

3rd Reading Rule 5.6

Current Rule

5.6 Wake surfing will not be allowed from 11am to 4pm on weekends and holidays beginning the start of

day Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the end of day Monday of Labor Day weekend. Wake surfing will only be allowed in the area from the dam northward to the second cove north of the main beach on the east side. This area will be designated by specific buoys marking the northern most border. While wake surfing, boats must stay 200 feet off the shoreline at all times. Wake surfing (similar to, but not the same sport as, wakeboarding) is a water sport in which a surfer trails behind a boat, surfing the boat's wake.

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A member:

a) **Must own a wake surfing boat in order to retain a wake surfing permit ~~certificate~~.**
b) **Can retain their wake surfing permit ~~certificate~~ for as long as they own a wake surfing boat and purchases a certificate every year. Any lapse in renewal of the permit will require the permit to go on the membership waiting list. Permit year follows the fiscal year which is March of current year to February of the following year.**
c) **Will lose their ability to apply for a permit ~~certificate~~ for two years if they wake surf or use ballast or wedge ~~any wake enhancing equipment~~ outside the designated wake surfing area for wake surfing, wake boarding or any other reason.**

Rationale: With many communities not allowing wake surfing, the rule is intended to limit the amount of additional members coming to wake surf. The rule also keeps the use of ballast to the deeper and wider part of the lake.

Steve made a motion to reject the rule as currently stated and to recraft the rule. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Recreation – Debbie Richter

The following recreation events occurred since the July 8th, 2026 LSPOA meeting:

- Saffire Express Band – July 11th, 2026 (Rained Out, Rescheduled for Sept. 26th)
- The Belair's – July 18th, 2026 (Rained Out, Rescheduled for Oct. 2nd)
- Project 19 Band – August 1st, 2026 (Rained Out, Rescheduled for Sept. 4th)

Upcoming recreation events include:

- Farmers Market – August 29th, 2026
- Project 19 Band – September 4th, 2026
- Wade Griffin Music – September 5th, 2026

Community Room Committee – Debbie Richter
There were six Community Room rentals and one Shelter rental in July.

Lakes & Beaches – Jeff Haboush

On August 11th we did an inspection by boat of our coontail growth. John Lecher and board members Polly Fox, Debbie Richter and myself observed 9 areas of heavy growth. Those areas will be treated by Aquatic Control when they do there monthly scheduled treatment as well both scheduled for August 19th.

Membership – Steve Gray

We had six new memberships in the month of July.

Marina – Steve Gray

I am meeting with Polly and Sally on Thursday to discuss Marina, Wellness Center and Marina Shop projects and other details to get up to speed.

Marina Sea wall – More details to come

Marina Shop
This may be a good time to get with Pat and Chuck about scheduling them to get your boats out of the water in the fall.

Marina Store
Just a reminder. The Marina Store hours are as follows through Labor Day.
Sunday 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Labor Day 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Future hours TBD

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

Shawn Roberts	20	Outbuilding
Randell Depew	1160	Concrete Pad
Joe & Ana Hooten	371	Concrete Pad
John & Kimberly Luber	277	House
Aric Durr	1386	Asphalt Driveway
George & Julie Peck	297	Asphalt Shingles
Randy Ragin	1461	Deck
Nathan & Suzie Shinkle	795	Asphalt Driveway

Lacie Warren	1451	Asphalt Shingles/Pool
Mike & Kim Manlick	350	Boat Dock
Kristen Evans	778	Fence
Bruce Smith	152	Drainage Tile
Carol Reger	122	Boat Dock
Robert Hollars	535	Asphalt Driveway
Nathanial Burgess	1510	Outbuilding
James & Traci Ward	1379 & 1380	Concrete Walkway
Kristi Thomas	909	Seawall
Kenneth Dilkes	54	Driveway Culvert

Clean Up – Craig Stilwell

A reminder that we will be doing an abandoned vehicle inspection in the community on August 18 looking for boats and cars that are unstickered and inoperable.

Roads & Maintenance – Abigail Anderson

Activity for the month of July:

- 1 water sewer tap
- 2 water main breaks/repair
- 33 utility locates
- Power washed the shelter houses
- Stained all shelter house picnic tables
- Hauled dirt to all lake access lots with low areas that hold water and seeded
- Added rip rap to culverts and washed out drainage areas
- Mowed and weeded all lake access areas and common area
- John Deere 5225 broke down, rear wheel bearing is bad. Koenig Equipment picked up and repaired. New rear tire installed by Walter Tire.

Security – Ryan King

MILES- 1959
HOURS PATROL- 465
HOURS ON CALL- 279
RADAR- 19
ROAD WARNINGS- 1
ROAD CITATIONS- 2
WATER WARNINGS- 0
WATER CITATIONS- 3
ROAD ISSUES- 6
WATER ISSUES- 3
ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 7
ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 11
REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 0
VANDALISM- 3 (CLOGGED TOILET EAST BEACH, BOAT DOCK DAMAGED, MAIL BOX HIT)
PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 80
RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 7
GOLF CART INSP.- 18

SOLICITORS- 2

SECURITY REMINDERS FROM THE TEAM

REMIND YOUR CONTRACTORS, THAT YOU GET THE CITATION IF THEY ARE SPEEDING LET US BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
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OLD BUSINESS

- Monarch Pollinator Update – Stephanie Schene
  To Members of the Lake Santee Property Owners Association Board:

  This is a brief update on the monarch pollinator project as of this date.

  I met with Bridget Sargent, DNR biologist, at the monarch pollinator area on July 23, 2026.

  Being able to see grown vegetation at that point, Bridget said the area has "tons of diversity" and is doing well. It does need to have some invasive plants removed. She does not recommend any action at this point other than removing the invasives between now and next spring.

  Her comments are:

  There is no reason to burn this area until/unless grasses/weeds become a problem. She emphasized "do not burn." Thatch is currently not an issue. She will continue to help monitor the area and when a burn is determined to be beneficial, will help develop a supervised burn plan and assist in its execution.

  The area needs to be left uncut at the end of the growing season to continue to serve its primary purpose of providing year-round food and shelter for all types of wildlife.

  Mowing will only be done when there is a treatment of some type necessary (which would be based on her future evaluations). Winter growth is to be left standing in the spring, as dead parts will fertilize the area and protect early growth. She emphasized that a successfully functioning pollinator garden is for wildlife, and not intended to look manicured.

  I have plotted the invasive locations, received info from Bridget on best practices to remove the various types, and will begin removing them this fall. I am also continuing to build documentation and provide updates in Smoke Signals.

  Respectfully,

  Stephanie A. Schene

- Address Change Update – First draft came to us but was sent back for further revisions. Waiting on another iteration to come back to us.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approve goose hunters – John Lecher, John Foudray, Randy DePew, Ryan King, Kyle Kennelly, Todd & Will Piezonka, Eric Richter and Tommy, Melanie, & Kevin Dennison – Nathan made a motion to accept the proposed hunters. Ryan seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Directional signs for private event – Steve made a motion to allow the signs on the day of the event. Nathan seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Community Room Events
  - Bid Euchre – 3rd Wednesday of the month October-February
  - Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7:00 September 8-November 17
  - Yoga on the lawn – Saturday September 5th at 8:00 AM
  - Bible Study – Tuesdays 9:00-11:30
  - Michael made a motion to accept all of the proposed events. Deb seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT
Heavy trash will be September 24th – October 4th

Saturday September 5th will be the last Saturday the office will be open until March 6, 2027

The office will be closed Monday September 7th for the Labor Day.

An approved list of goose hunters will be hunting Canada geese from September 5th – 13th

We will be lowering the lake faster this year once we open the spillway gate valve to prepare for the seawall repair in November and December. We will need all boats off the water by November 1st.

With no additional business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Ryan and seconded by Nathan.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary

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