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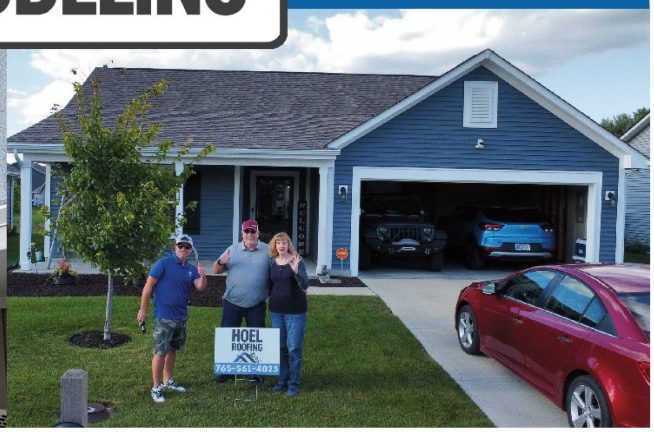
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Please pick up your dog's waste when walking. Be courteous to your neighbors.

Thank you to the Fugit Township Community Engagement group for their "With a Little Help Fund". This fund is to support Lake Santee residents with basic needs and their bills. Reach out to them if you are in a situation of needing some assistance. Anyone can help by making a tax-deductible donation to this fund. See more details in this edition or on their Facebook page. *See Page 26*

Attention Absentee Home Owners

Homeowners would be well advised to turn off their water while away. Homeowners are prohibited from operating the water meter valve or removing and/or loosening the meter to drain lines. All customers are required by the rules to have their own valves in place to valve off and drain their homes as necessary. If you want the District to also turn off the meter valve, we will be happy to do so, however the District will not be held liable for meter valves that are not 100% tight. You are advised not to depend solely on the meter valve. The charge for valving is $25.00 during regular work hours of 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, $35.00 after hours. The same charges apply to valves turned on. The District cannot turn on water to a home unless the customer has a valve closed to protect the home or a responsible adult is present.



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"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

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8	9 **Women's Club** **10:00 AM** Bookmobile 12:30-1:30pm 	10 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	11  **LSPOA BOARD MTG** **7:30pm** **Comm Room**	12 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	13	14 OFFICE 9A-1P TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm **AGING IN PLACE** **3-4:30 PM** **COMMUNITY RM**
15 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	16  **Book Club** **11:30 AM**	17 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	18	19  TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm **LSRWWD BOARD MTG** **3:30pm**	20  **WATER BILL DUE**	21 OFFICE 9A-1P TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
22 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	23	24 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	25	26 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm	27	28 OFFICE 9A-1P TRASH/RECYCLE 9am - 1pm **RUN THE SANTEE** **5K/ 10K RUN /WALK**
29 TRASH/RECYCLE 1 - 5:00pm	30 Bookmobile 12:30-1:30pm 	31 TRASH/RECYCLE 3 - 5:30pm				

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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			1 *Friends of Wild-life* *1:00pm*	2 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	3	4 *OFFICE 9A-1P* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm* ***ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT*** ***COMM RM.*** ***11AM***
5 *EASTER* *TRASH/ RECYCLE*	6 ***Women's Club*** ***11:30am*** *Bookmobile* *12:30-1:30pm* 	7 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	8  ***LSPOA BOARD MTG*** ***7:30pm*** ***Comm Room***	9 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	10	11 *OFFICE 9A-1P* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm*
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26 *TRASH/ RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	27 *Bookmobile* *12:30-1:30pm* 	28 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	29	30 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*		

WEEKLY Activity Schedule

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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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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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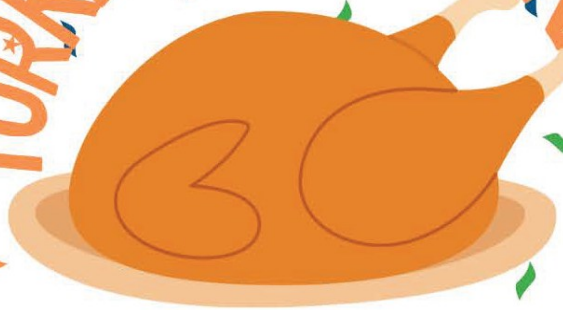
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- *Trash and Recycle Information
- Introduction of Clubs
- * Recreation Update
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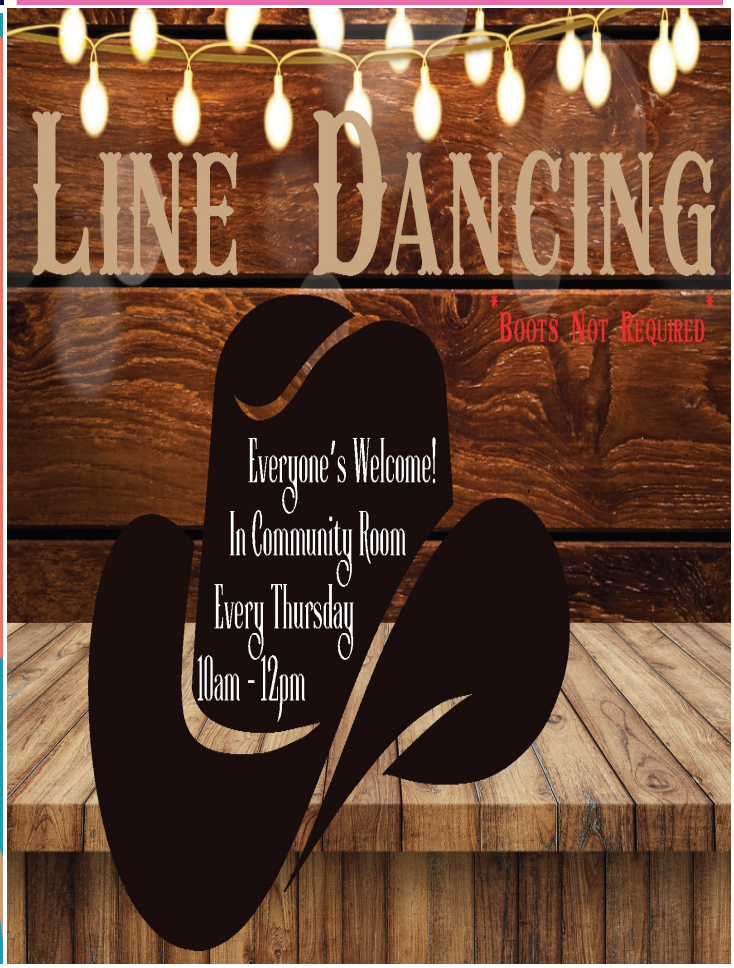
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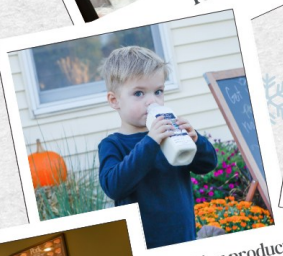

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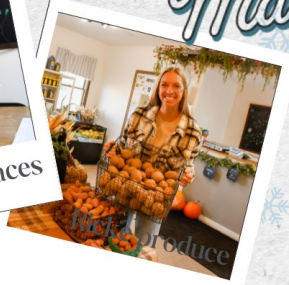

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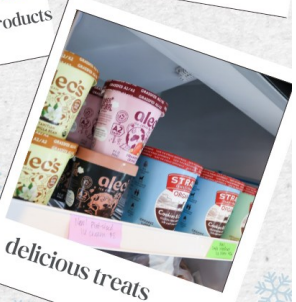

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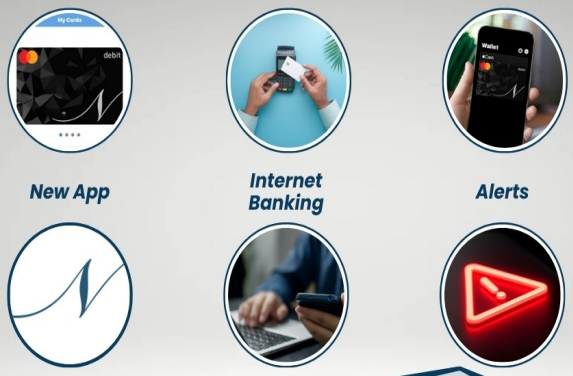
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After reaching out personally to the community and distributing meal kits donated by the FTCE & Connection women, we established solid relationships with most of the lake residents. Supported by the FTCE and led by Vicki Schrader, our Bread of Life meal deliveries have expanded from 1 to 23 meals delivered 3 times a week. We've helped prevent a home loss, assisted a young couple with meals, Christmas gifts, and eyeglasses until they regained financial stability, provided winter clothing, paid utility bills due to job layoffs, and scheduled repairs for safety needs like new front doorsteps and an exterior door. Our efforts continue to create positive impacts.

The FTCE, a non-profit foundation serving Decatur County and nearby areas, is now creating "With A Little Help Fund" to support Lake Santee residents with basic needs and bills.

You can help by contributing to the fund, which is tax deductible. If you have a need, know of a need, or have any questions please reach out to Deb Foudray 812-801-3152. All information will be kept confidential.

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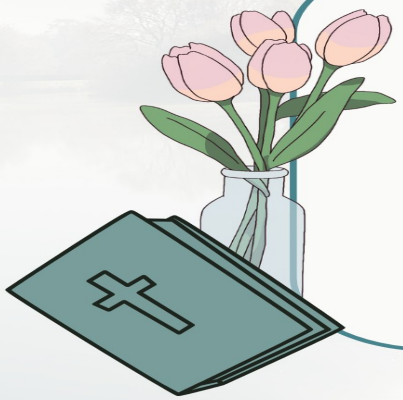
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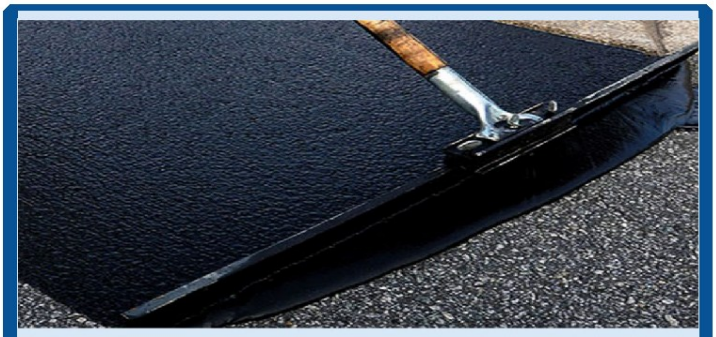
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b) DRAIN water from boat, motor, bilge, ballast, live-well and bait containers away from landing, boat ramp or anywhere the contaminated water can possibly run into the lake. Check ski lockers, engine compartments for standing water that a bilge pump may not completely drain. Keep drain plugs out while traveling back to LAKE SANTEE.

c) DISPOSE of unwanted/unused live bait, fish parts, and worms. Best practice is to dispose away from Lake Santee property.

d) SPRAY/RINSE boat and equipment (including lines, anchors, water toys, paddle boards, kayaks, life jackets, fishing nets, bait buckets, boots or anything that has come in contact with that waterway with high-pressure hot water >140 degrees -OR-

e) DRY everything for at least FIVE DAYS before launching or using any water equipment/toys in LAKE SANTEE –OR–

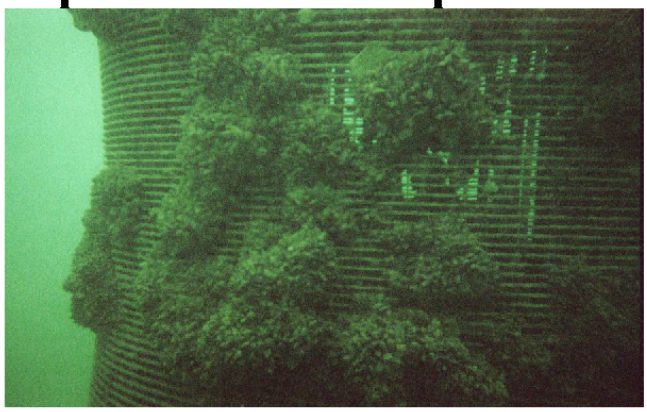
f) WIPE DOWN anything that touches the water with a 2 –10% Bleach solution. Rinse and dry prior to launch.

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h) MANDATORY additional step if boat has BALLASTS tanks and/or bladders: Follow manufacturer recommendation on sanitizing remaining water left in ballast tanks/bladders (example: add a 2% -10% bleach solution to each ballast tank/bladder).

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Aquatic Invasive Species: Zebra and Quagga Mussels



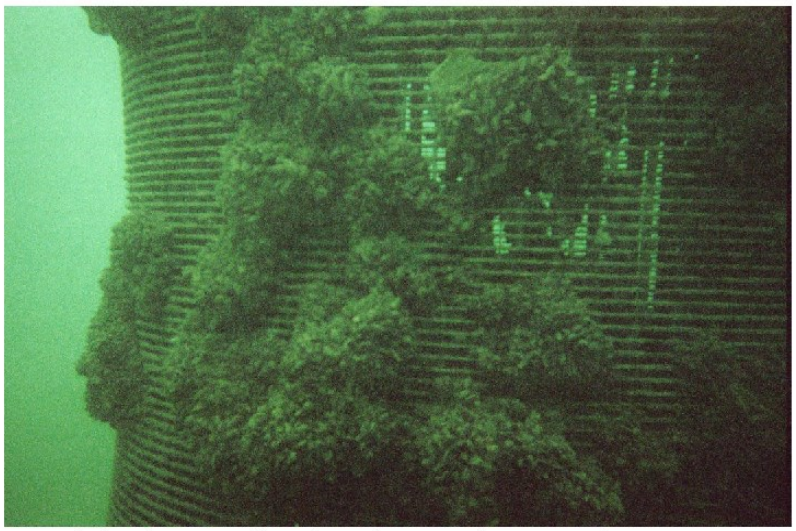


Of all the invasive species in the Midwest, the **zebra mussel** is considered the most dangerous threat. Originally brought to the US via massive cargo ships through the canals and channels of the Great Lakes, the zebra mussels quickly decimated the Great Lakes throughout the '80s and '90s. The zebra mussels have spread like wildfire throughout the Midwest and now are making its way out west into several watersheds. Indiana has also become a breeding ground for the mussel with several waterways known to be currently infested. Geist Reservoir in Indianapolis, Brookville Reservoir and the Ohio River are the closest bodies of water known to be infected.

Zebra mussels are so destructive due to the sheer numbers and multiplication rates. Two zebra mussels can create up to TWO MILLION baby zebra mussels (called larvae or veligers) in just one year. They attach to any hard surface including water intake pipes, boats, rip rap, docks, dock ladders, buoys, any submerged items, and other mussels. If zebra mussels were to infect Lake Santee the ecological and recreational impact would be significant. Our water system could be affected by clogging pipes potentially **costing MEMBERS millions of dollars** in repairs. For instance, if a **single** repair of our water intake system due to Zebra Mussels could cost as much as $1.5 million (as has been reported by lakes with ZM infestation) divided by 750 members, that would **cost EACH MEMBER an additional $2,000 on top of regular annual fees**. Also, the beach would be impacted due to the sharp nature of the mussel which can cut the feet of anyone walking in the water. Buoys would not be able to be used as they would sink; any boats left in the water could have maintenance problems, dock ladders could not be left in the water. When the lake goes down during drier months or during our annual lake draw-down, the mussels that have attached to rip rap just under the water will become exposed and the smell is horrendous. The same would be true for the mussels that homeowners would be scraping off their dock posts and boat lifts.

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Zebra mussels can grow very densely on any hard surface, which is problematic for water intake pipes, submerged items of all sorts, and other aquatic life such as this crayfish. Adult mussels typically reach about 1 inch in length. (Reference: clp.inidana.edu)





Zebra Mussels on boat props.





Sharp zebra mussels on a beach.

Boat ramp at Geist Reservoir (above).

Reference: cscd-in.org, townepost.com/post views:2,509

MEMBER AGREEMENT:

ALL MEMBERS are required to abide by the following decontamination process:

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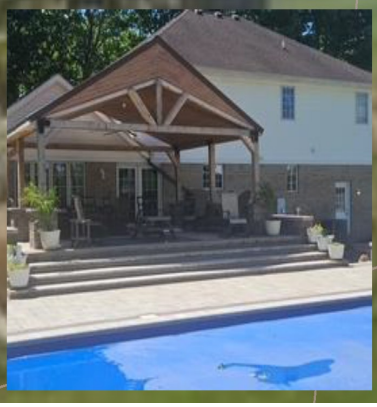
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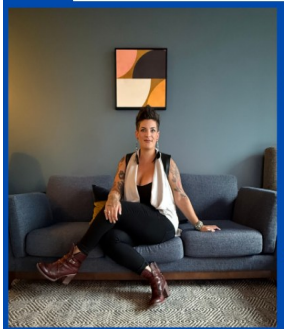


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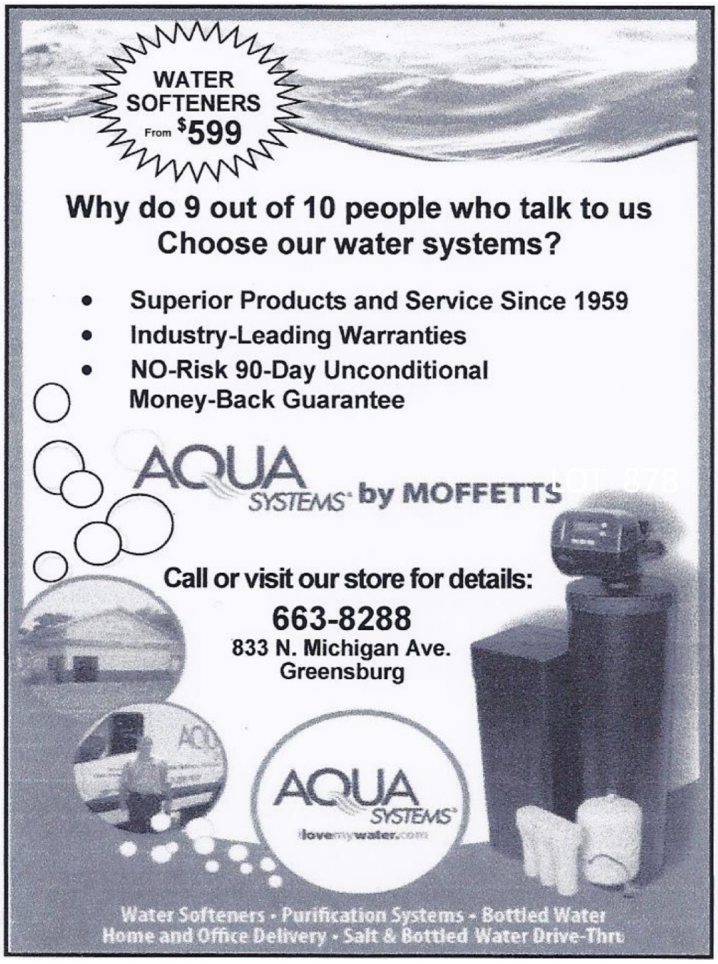
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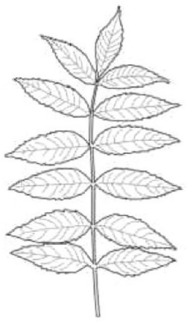


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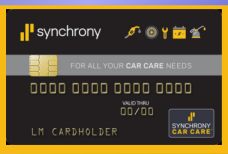
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We would like to thank the Lake Santee Board, Eric Hess and all the great folks at Clear Creek Fisheries, and our USA Bassin members who take part in this program. Without all these folks' support, this program would simply not be possible.

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.

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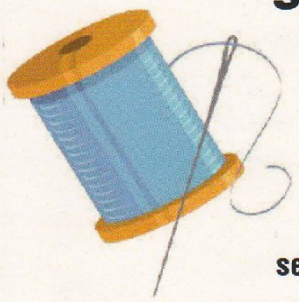
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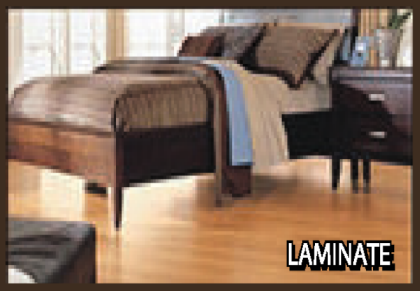
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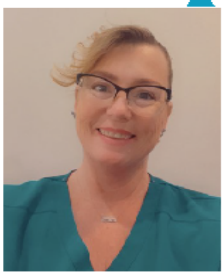
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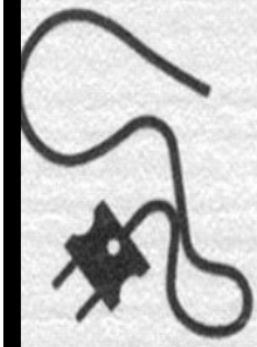


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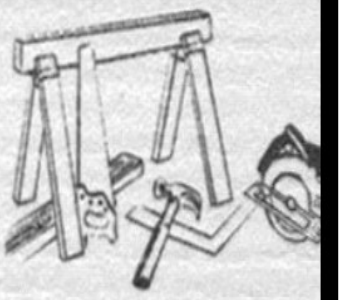
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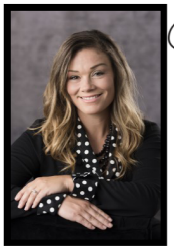
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Breakfast prior to Worship

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Youth Group: Preschool – 12th Grade
4:00-5:30 pm
Meal provided



Springhill Presbyterian Church

Co Rds 400 E & 640 N

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Worship Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Social Time: 10:00 a.m.

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Kingston Presbyterian Church

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Services: Worship - 9:00 am

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The Women's Club

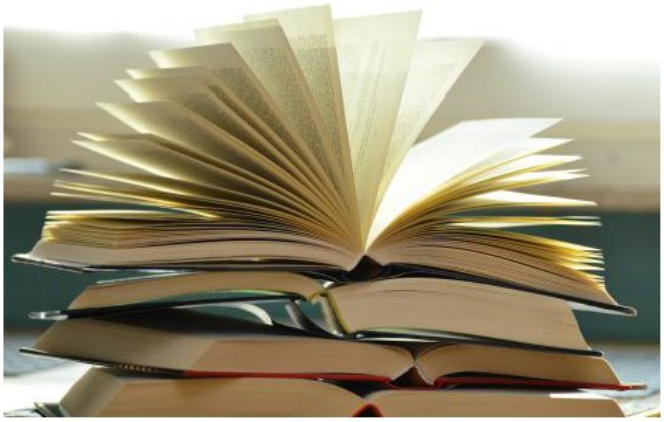
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*2nd Monday in the Community Room. Lunch at 11:30am, meeting to follow



Lake Santee Book Club

Karen Kasee 513-382-8774

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

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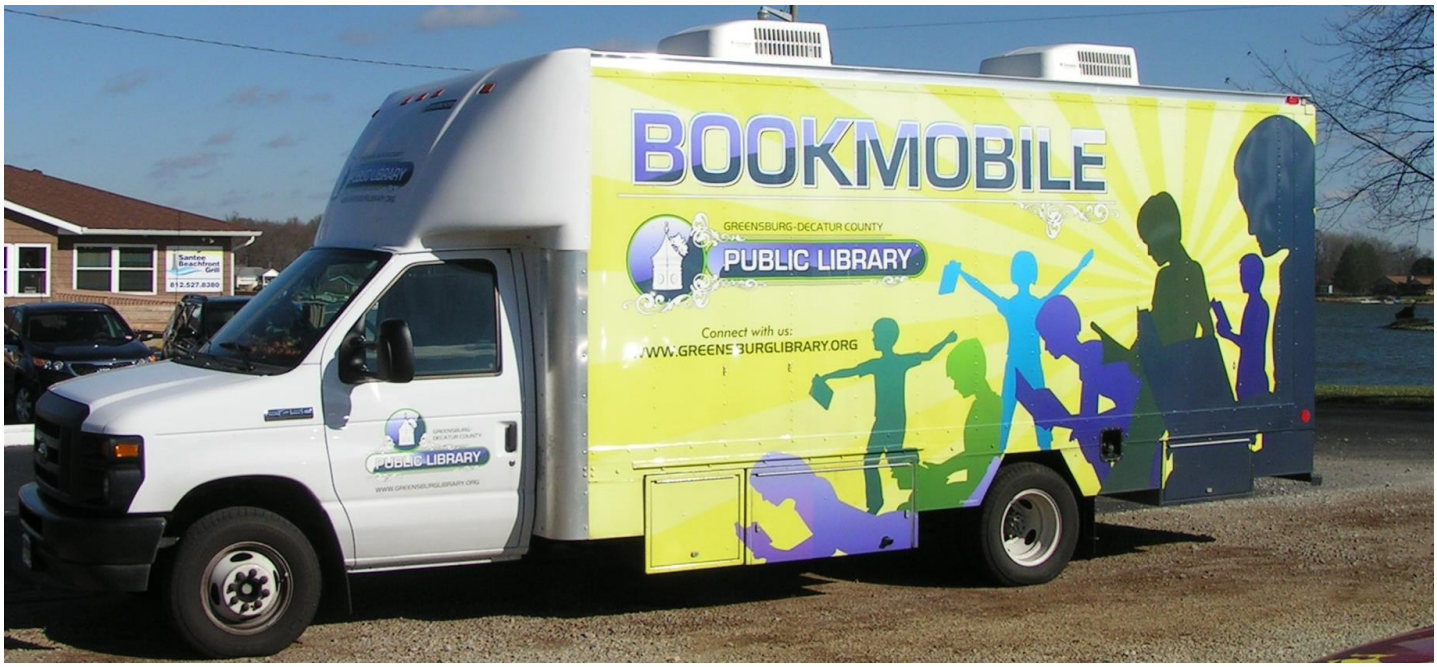
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every other Monday; check calendar pg.9 & 10 for dates

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kasee at 513-382-8774 or klkasee@gmail.com.



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).

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	Jawacadah Farms Tour	Meet at 10:00 am 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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LAKE SANTEE WOMEN'S CLUB
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Lake Santee Women's Club meeting was held on Monday, February 9, after lunch and a delicious dessert assortment of cake, cookies, brownies, ice cream and hot fudge topping. Also, a special thank you to everyone that brought the much-needed food items for the Bread of Life. After our meeting we made valentines for the local nursing home residents.

Deb called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- *Cathy Bryant reviewed the current treasurer report and gave an update of the recent activities and current balance.*
- *Deb gave an update on the current activities of the Garden Committee. It was noticed there is a crack near the top of the totem pole so there will be quotes for repair. It will also need to be repainted/stained.*
- *Maureen will give an update on the Scholarship Committee Report next month.*
- *Deb distributed the signup sheets for next year's committees.*
- *There was a special thank you to Connie for all her years of service to the Women's Club. She has been a great mentor to many of the women here at the lake. Connie was given a beautiful stain glass stepping stone replica of the Lake Santee Totem Pole.*
- *Deb received a donation request from the Champions of Youth organization. We have declined the request for now.*
- *The sign-up sheet for the Bread of Life Turkey Noodle dinner was distributed. Place your order with Cathy Bryant or Connie. The cost is $10/dinner. You can pick up the dinner on March 5th in the main parking lot at 4:30 pm. We are checking to see if we can use the Hangout as a pickup location.*

- *Upcoming Events:*

  March 5 – Bread of Life Turkey Noodle Delivery
  March 9 – Jawacdah Farms Tour – Meet at 10 am in main parking lot. Lunch and meeting following our tour at Big Four in Batesville.
  April 13 – Teacher Appreciation Basket making
  May 11 – Evening meeting at 6:30 pm
  June 8 – Progressive Luncheon –meet at parking lot at 11:15 am

Lake Santee Women's Club is open to all women at Lake Santee. If you are new to Lake Santee or are not on the current e-mail list, please let Deb Yost (lakesanteewomensclub@gmail.com) know, so we can be sure to get our notices to everyone who is interested. We would love for you to join us at any meeting or sponsored activity.

Submitted by:
Donna Knight
Secretary

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Lake Santee Women's February Meeting









The Lake Santee Women's Club met on February 9th desserts and to honor past president Connie Adleman.

After the meeting they made Valentines for the nursing home residents in Greensburg.

Thank you Connie!

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 good April Fool's soup for lunch with FOWALS!

Join us Wednesday, April 1 in the Community Room at 1 p.m. for the delayed but still 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 any remaining winter blahs.



It's bird (and duck!) house time!

Whether you already have birdhouses or are thinking about adding some, it's time to do some housekeeping. And don't forget the duck boxes!

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  - 5-10 ft - Eastern bluebirds house wrens
  - 5-15 ft - chickadees, titmice, tree swallows
  - 6-20 ft - downy woodpeckers, flickers
  - 10-20 ft - purple martins (with lots of open space around the site)
  - 10-30 ft - screech owls
  - 6-12 ft above ground, or 3 ft above highest water level - wood ducks

Bees and other early pollinators rely on the earliest blooms, so when dandelions and purple violets appear, it's a good excuse to delay early spring mowing. Just kick back and enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather!





Decatur County Storm Spotter Class

The wildlife aren't invited, but you can learn how to be a local storm spotter and help keep everyone aware and safe for the weather you know we'll be seeing soon.

National Weather Service Skywarn Storm Spotter Training will be held March 11 from 6-8 pm at the Decatur County Annex Building, 315 S. Ireland St. in Greensburg. All are invited to attend this free session, and two weather alert radios will be given away during the training.

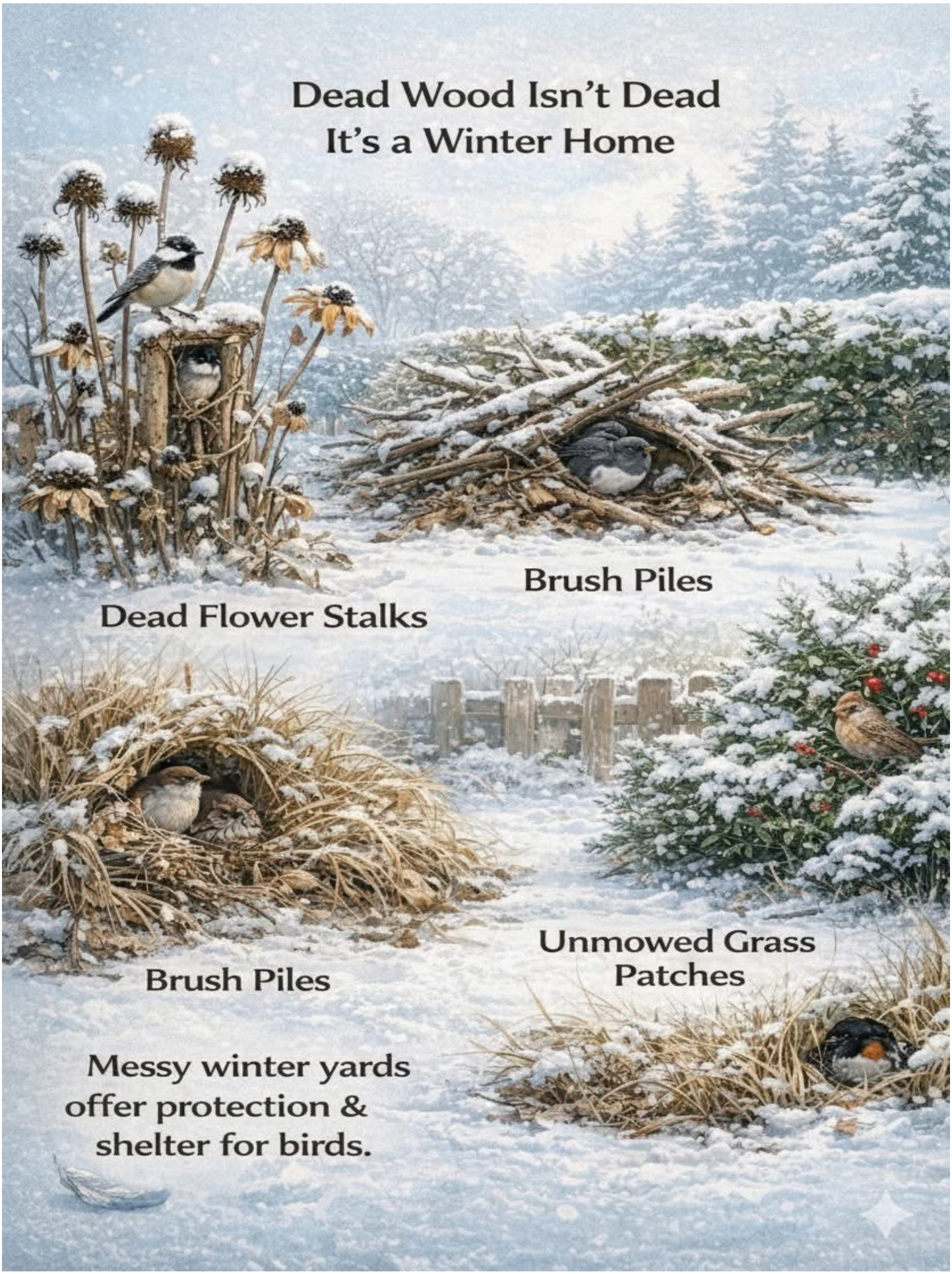
This is a great opportunity to learn what, how and when to report hazardous weather, and how to keep yourself safe while doing so. Types of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, flash flooding, hail and straight-line and downburst winds are among the topics that will be covered, along with basic meteorology concepts.

Coming Up

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

Our next monthly meeting is Weds, May 6, 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.


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Nature Talk

By Carol Goodwin



We've had lots of snow and bitter temperatures this winter. And we've watched the birds flittering around and sitting all puffed up trying to keep warm. I always feel sorry for any animal who lives outside during these times, and I really feel bad if our bird feeders are empty thinking I'm letting the birds go hungry. Well, I now know that's not a correct assumption so let's talk about that. I recently read two different studies about what happens when birds are deprived of feed from bird feeders and the like.

One of the studies was conducted by Jim Rivers, an animal ecologist with Oregon State University College of Forestry. His study can be found in the Journal of Avian Biology. He used 67 Black-capped Chickadees divided into three groups. The first group had heavily clipped primary flight feathers. Clipping did not hurt the birds, and the feathers eventually grew back, but it did impact their ability to fly longer distances and caused them to use more energy to fly. Using more energy meant they had to eat more to do the normal things. The second group had lightly clipped wings that caused some problems similar to the first group but not as drastically. The third group had no clipped wings so could go about their lives as normal.

The thinking was that if the handicapped birds were dependent on feeders they would increase their daily visits. In actuality the handicapped birds visited the feeders less often. They ate the things the earth provided such as invertebrates, berries and other seeds found around the area. It was harder to fly up to the feeders, so they resorted to their natural smorgasbord. Plus, they might have thought themselves at greater risk to predators since their distance flying was compromised. Regardless, they flourished just as the third group did in the natural way with no apparent dependence on having food provided with little effort.

The second study was done by Margaret Brittingham and Stanley Temple from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. They also used Black-capped Chickadees but divided them into two groups without handicapping any of the birds. The first group had access to a bird feeder while the second group did not and, in fact, were not used to a feeder before the study.

The first group was exposed to a feeder that had been there for 25 years. Once the feeder was removed the question became, would the birds still flourish or starve while having to find their own food naturally? Another question was if these birds would waste time trying to find the feeder? As it turned out they did not waste time on looking for the feeder but instead acted just like the second group and foraged nature's resources of berries, invertebrates and seeds. The first group maintained weight and longevity at the same rate as the second group.

Both studies came away saying that feeding the birds does not induce a dependency that would or could alter their ability to thrive. Knowing this made me feel better if I let the feeder go empty upon occasion. However, I still think it's nice to provide food especially when the snow is on the ground. It just feels right.

So, the take-away here is that feeding the birds should be a fun and enjoyable activity to enrich everyone's lives. Watching birds is a very rewarding experience and very worth the effort. Take time to watch all the fauna around us.



Teepee Talk

Happy Birth-

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
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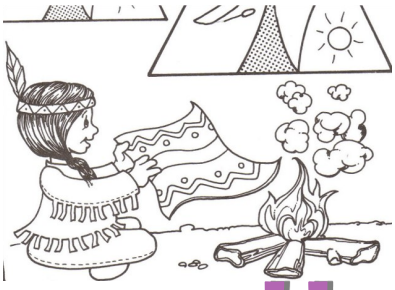
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April

Aubrey Kennelly	3
John B. Duncan	5
Sharon Morrissey	5
Larry White	5
Maria Combs	7
Beverly Byrd	10
Ed Fox	10
Rebecca Kennelly	11
Bill Ryle	11
Jason Kuck	12
Carol Reger	13
Nancy White	19
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Teepee Talk



Happy Anniversary

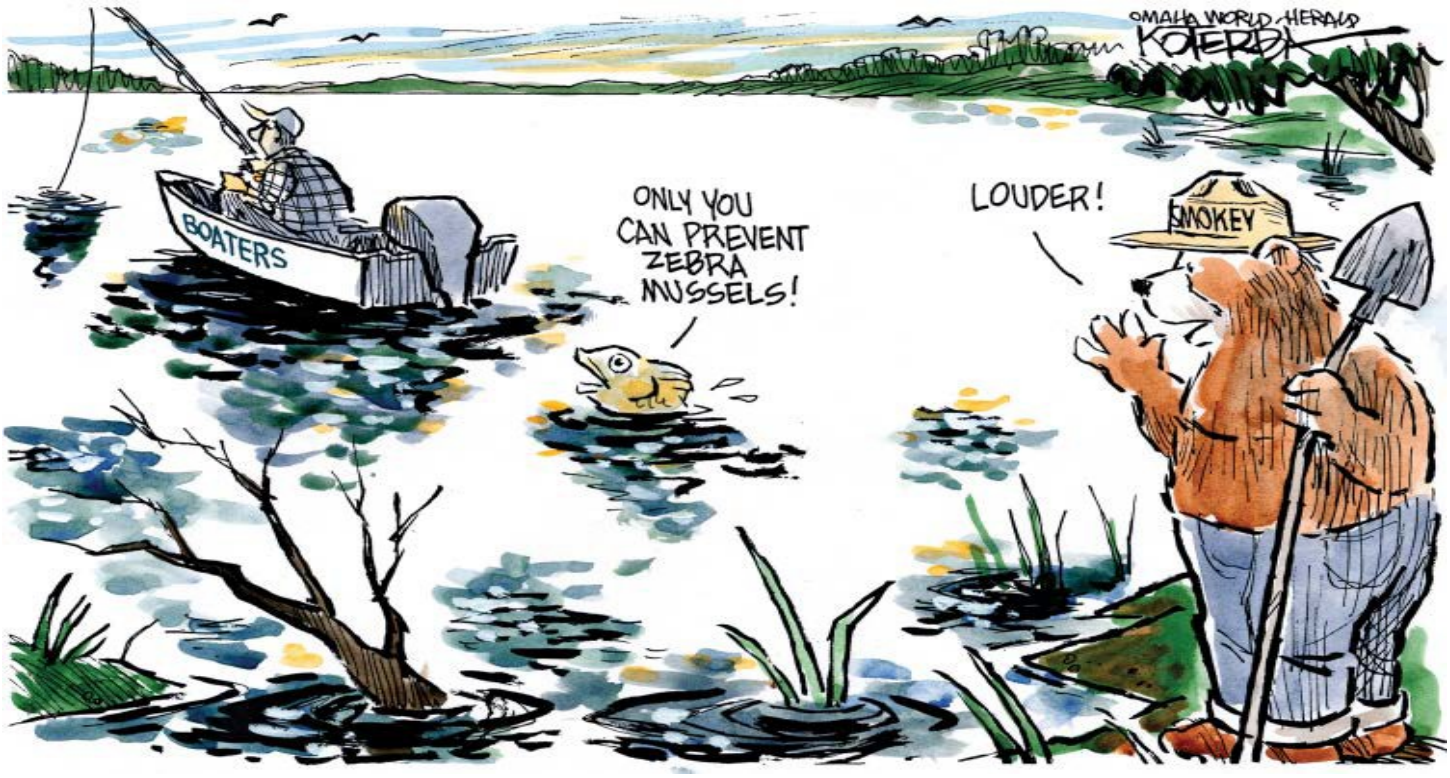
March

Stephen & Mia Thurman	10
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Carson & Pam Trent	23
Warren & Bobbi Norris	29



April

Gordon & Susan Burgess	4
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Ted & Christine Anderson	20
Orlando & Janice Hernandez	21
Dan & Liz Dietrick	22
Randy & Phyllis Reisert	22
Bill & Ginger Ryle	25



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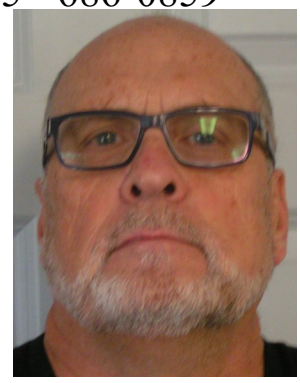
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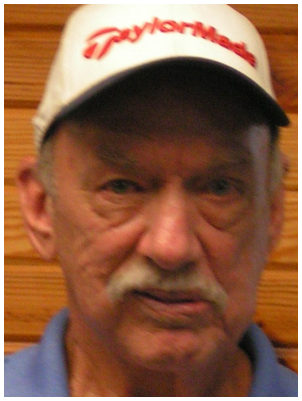
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Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of January 15, 2026 - 3:30 PM
Lake Santee Community Room



Call to Order / Roll Call

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

a. Scott Dunlap - Utility Supply Co.
John Foudray - Maintenance Manager

Consent Items

a. Minutes of the 12/18/25 Meeting
b. Financial Report
c. Register of Claims – Water
d. Register of Claims – Sewer

A motion was made by Maurie and seconded by Bob to accept the consent items, with one correction being made to last month's minutes under New Business to reflect Maurie's motion to re-elect the existing officers, not existing "board". Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Sewer Status Report

i. Greg reported that our sewer system is working well.
ii. Greg noted that he is still waiting for another quote on the oxidation ditch (items 37 & 38).

Water Status Report

i. Greg reported that the changed out Membranes are performing extremely well.

Plant Operational Review Report

i. Greg presented Toric Engineering's bid of $9,139.00 for Factory Talk Linx Gateway autodialer critical alarm software. It is an IDEM requirement for us to have it, as it monitors several critical functions. Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Maurie for the purchase. Motion carried.
ii. Greg stated that the raw sewage flow meter quit working. It too is an IDEM requirement to have one. Maurie motioned and Bob seconded the purchase of an ABB 3 unit at a cost of $10,068.60 with shipping not to exceed $150- presented by Greg. Motion carried.
iii. Greg stated that the alarm system on the waste water side for when

pumps go out quit working. He said it is important to get the system back up if they are out too long. Maurie motioned to approve the BL Anderson quote for a replacement of $9,478.80 with shipping not to exceed $150-. The motion was seconded by Joyce and it carried.

Exam Status Report

i. Greg has his last exam scheduled for January 22nd in Columbus.

Administrator Report

Status report

i. John stated 40 leaks were reported. He said although this number seems high, it was a result of proactive work and many being on going.

ii. Two disconnect notices were sent this month and they're both still off..

Iii. Write-offs / adjustments – None.

Treasurer Report

Larry K. stated that there are more than sufficient funds to cover the items approved today when questioned about that.

Old Business

i. Wessler projects status were updated by Tom in Anne Hayes absence.
Asset management plan – Equipment which has been replaced is being updated, then it should be ready for use.
GIS mapping – Should be up and running in February. Training will begin next week.

ii. IDEM water plant inspection of 7/9/25 – Only one item remains open and it is 90% done.

iii. Excavation safety training – Online training scheduled for Dom on Feb. 5 and Greg on Feb 12.

iv. Management Agreement – Approved by POA at this month's board meeting.

v. Utility Superintendent Spending Authority - Final adjustments were made to the agreement allowing Greg to spend up $7,500- within a calendar month without board approval. Maurie motioned to approve the adjustments and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

vi. Plant Tour - was held before today's meeting for new board members.

New Business

a. Scott Dunlap from Utility Supply Company presented a proposal to install an advanced metering system which constantly broadcasts ongoing water usage of each customer in our district to selected individuals within our district's staff. He went over various options for this system along with the corresponding cost. There would be many benefits to this system including early notification of any water leaks, reduced work required to create each customer's monthly bill and improved real time information available to our district's staff. The cost is quite substantial so further research on the cost/benefits of this system is needed. No decision was made except to do further research into the proposal.

Trustees Reports and comments

a. None

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

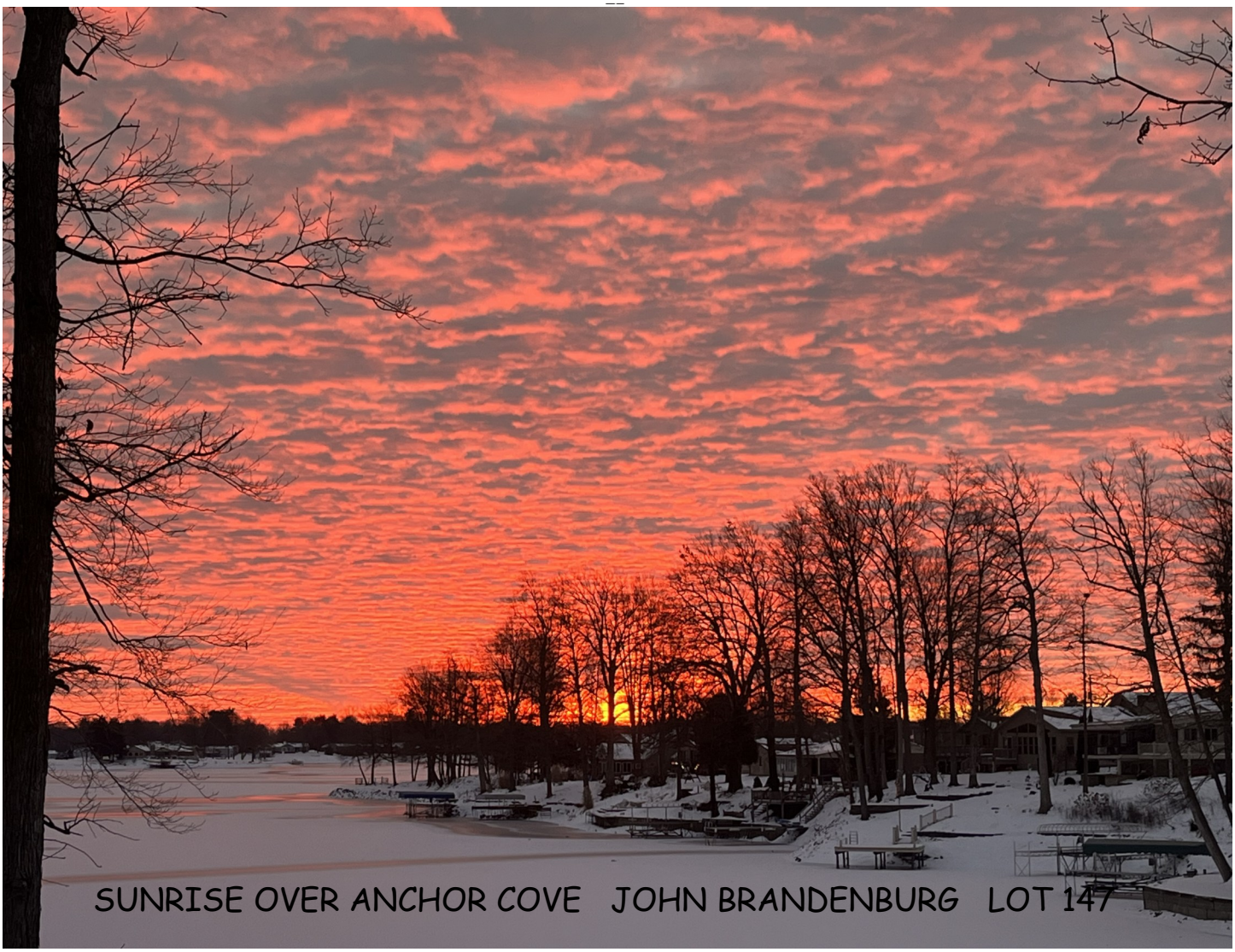
Respectfully Submitted by

Steve Yost, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 2/19/26 meeting.

LAKE SANTEE REGIONAL WASTE & WATER DISTRICT

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SUNRISE OVER ANCHOR COVE JOHN BRANDENBURG LOT 147

RWWD

Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District



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

Ordinance 03-19-2003

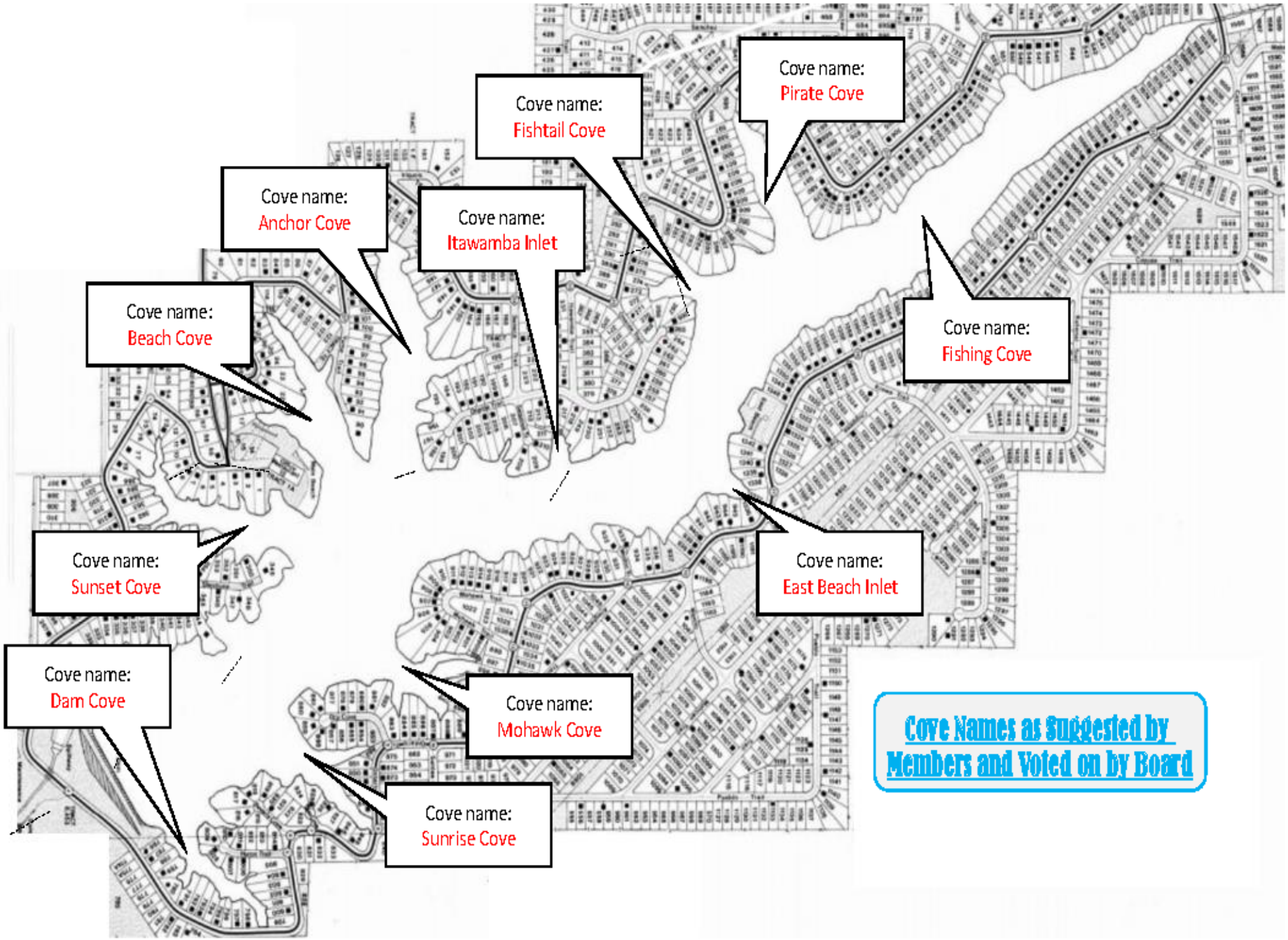
2.5 **Connection of Downspouts, Drains, Etc.** No person shall hereafter connect or reconnect roof downspouts, footing drains, areaway drains, driveways, parking lots, garage floor drains or other sources of surface, runoff or groundwater, to a building or house sewer or building or house drain which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


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

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:

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

SAFETY
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NEW SECURITY VEHICLE JAN. 2026



NEW MAINTENANCE VEHICLE JAN. 2026



LAKE SANTEE SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY TASKS FOR JANUARY 2026

MILES- 1469

HOURS PATROL- 465

HOURS ON CALL- 279

RADAR- 13

ROAD WARNINGS- 0

ROAD CITATIONS- 1

WATER WARNINGS- 0

WATER CITATIONS- 0

ROAD ISSUES- 6

WATER ISSUES- 1

ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 7

ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 3

REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 0

VANDALISM- 1 (WINDOW SHOT WITH BB GUN)

PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 25

RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 0

GOLF CART INSP.- 0

SOLICITORS- 0



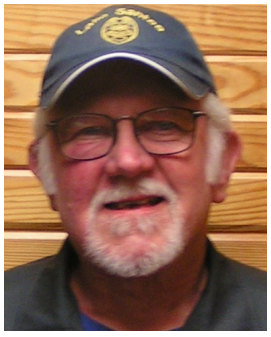
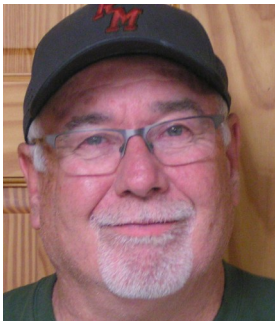
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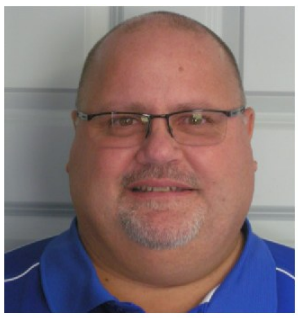
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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2026

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

The Lake Santee Property Owners Association Board of Directors met February 11, 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, and Ryan King. Members in attendance were Dave Julien (851), Matthew & Shelli Griffin (1486), Mark Hirt (1107), Rick Crawford (1482), Paul Gosnell (1147), Joyce Eddy (68), Jeff Haboush (536), Tony & Connie Adelman (198), Tom & Jodi DePalma (218), Donna Knight (108), Beth Walsman (1568), Lacy & John Hunt (912), Ken Hayes (819), Joe & Ana Hooten (371), Steve & Deb Yost (803), and Vicki Schrader (618).

President Knight called for a review of the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Polly, seconded by Nathan.

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:

Bryant's Bar and Grille	$	578.44	RBSK	$	80.50
Cardinal Pest Control	$	55.00	Rumpke	$	1,590.51
Colonial Life	$	291.96	Summit Microsystems Inc	$	50.00
Elan Financial Services	$	7,603.12	Telispire	$	105.00
Foudray, John	$	60.00	The Office Shop	$	760.13
Gillman Home Center	$	38.10	Tops True Value Home Center	$	807.53
Greensburg Tool & Supply	$	178.48		$	20,264.15
Koenig	$	452.94	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lake Santee RWWD	$	1,477.22	IN BMV	$	374.05
Lecher, John	$	162.40	Pitney Bowes	$	212.61
New Point Stone Co.	$	628.66	Reflection RPM	$	670.18
Premier	$	4,516.02			
Purchase Power	$	828.14	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**21,520.99**

Marina

Dec Co REMC	$	97.99	Premier Companies	$	432.82
First Financial Bank	$	197.71	RBSK	$	57.00
Foudray, John	$	600.00	Straber Oil	$	1,384.50
GPC	$	169.01	*Bills Paid Prior*		
Lake Santee RWWD	$	206.98	Straber Oil, Inc.	$	1,637.40
Martin Overhead Door	$	971.00	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**5,754.41**

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

- Member had a question about the amount of trash bags in the recycling center and asked why the attendant can't be paying more attention to the trash being thrown into the bins. The topic will be addressed in the New Business portion of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 13 emails or phone calls responding to the 2026/27 budget. Members were encouraged to watch the Budget & 15-Year Forecast presentation.
- How is the board looking at controlling costs.
- Assessment fee should be raised additionally instead of the variety of increases.
- 5 of 13 members thanked the board for securing the financial future of our community.
- Concern that the board is trying to slow growth with fee increases for new members. Board needs to be more fiscally responsible.
- No to increase in New Member fee. No to transfer fee.
- Concern increase is meant to force current homeowners out and replace with wealthier.
- 2 of 13 said no to MLA & New Member increase
- Increases are disproportionately affecting new members. Asked the board to reconsider fee structure.
- A member email sharing a great example of more spec builders flooding our once great lake with more unwanted spec homes. If we don't get this stopped now, the lake as we know it is destroyed. Destroyed – as none of us want to live in a Greenwood-ish suburbia. So many of us just don't understand why we are openly allowing the real estate agents and spec builders to fleece our lake of what most of us moved here for. John informed the member that the board had discussed this topic over the last several years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

2nd Reading – Rule 19.1

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

Proposed Rules:
1.19 The amount of Multiple Lot Assessments shall be **12.5%** 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 second reading, Ryan seconded and the motion passed.

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

1st Reading – Rule7.5 7.6 & 7.7

Current Rules:
7.5 Crappie: daily bag limit is set at 25 fish per day.

7.6 Redear Sunfish: daily bag limit is set at 15 fish per day.
7.7 Catfish: no restrictions.

Proposed Rules:
7.5 Crappie: ~~daily bag limit is set at 25 fish per day~~ **no restrictions.**
7.6 Redear Sunfish: ~~daily bag limit is set at 15 fish per day~~ **catch & release.**
7.7 Catfish: **no restrictions on Bullhead catfish. Channel catfish daily bag limit is set at 5 fish per day under 20" and 1 per day over 20".**

Rationale:

Redear are being stock to eat the Chinese Mystery Snails. Limit the removal of Channel catfish over 20". Encourage the removal of Crappie. Note: Leave no restrictions on Bluegill to encourage removal.

Motion was made by Nathan to accept the first reading, Gina seconded and the motion passed.

Recreation – Steve Gray

- Nothing new to report this month

Community Room Committee – Steve Gray
There was one community room rental in the month of January.

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien
Fish Survey Review
John and I met with Wesly Goldsmith, Fish Management Specialist at Aquatic Control, and several of our avid fishermen at Lake Santee to review the most recent survey and discuss several other topics as it relates to fishing and overall lake health. From this meeting, we decided to make changes in the bag/catch limit for several species as was outlined in the new rule proposals.

To further expand on this, we have an overpopulation of Crappie and Bluegill and the recommendation is to encourage harvesting (or removal) of these species. Crappie compete with Bass for their food source and once Bluegill reach the 5"-6" size they are no longer a food source for bass and therefore have become too plentiful. Lake Santee has one of the best bass tournament fishing in the state of Indiana. We are invested in our fish and lake health and by balancing our predator-prey fish we can support a better ecosystem for great sport and pleasure fishing. Once our new rule (on bag limits) has been voted in, I will put in the Smoke Signals pictures of fish and the recommended bag limit for prize fish, predator fish and troublesome fish for harvesting.

As mentioned during the budget review, we are now stocking redear sunfish, also known as the "shellcracker" for its ability to crush snails and mussels with specialized throat teeth. We will stock for several years moving forward a larger 5"-6" size to give these fish better advantage for survival due to the size. Our goal is to help reduce the number of Chinese mystery snails. Keep in mind that eliminating the snails all together is probably not achievable, however, we can aid in reducing the number of snails by introducing this predator to the lake in larger quantities. As a point of clarity on Chinese mystery snails, they are an invasive species more than likely introduced into our lake by someone dumping their aquarium into the lake. Each snail can reproduce 150 live snails and they can survive in temperatures between 0 to 100 degrees F as well as outside the water for months at a time. Besides introducing redear fish, the only other way we can reduce the number of snails is to manually remove them.

We also discussed the most recent indicator of lake health being both water clarity and in-water vegetation. Aquatic control, our water specialist, has attributed both of these new health signals to the dredging and north end mitigation project that has greatly decreased the amount of sediment entering our lake (and not the mystery snails as they do not clear planktonic algae). The vegetation that was recently identified is coontail (ceratophyllum demersum) which contribute to water filtration, trapping sediments and out competing algae growth. It is also a good source for fish habitat.

Aquatic Invasive Species:

Of all the invasive species in the Midwest the ZEBRA MUSSEL is considered the most dangerous threat to our lake health, water intake valves and boat motors. Two zebra mussels can create up to TWO MILLION BABY ZEBRA MUSSELS, called larvae or veligers. They attach to any hard surface including water intake pipes, boats, rip rap, docks, dock ladders, buoys, boat motors or any submerged items. An infestation of zebra mussels could cost our Lake Santee members millions of dollars in repairs. A single repair of another lake system after zebra mussels attached to their intake system cost them well over $1.5 million dollars.

Our most effective way of keeping these invasive species out of our lake is by PREVENTION. PLEASE FOLLOW THE MANDATORY RULE if you have traveled to any other body of water outside of Lake Santee:

Rule 4.20:

If using one's boat, equipment, water toys in any other body of water, the following decontamination process must be strictly adhered to:

a) Upon leaving another body of water, INSPECT AND REMOVE aquatic plants, animals and mud from boat, motor, trailer, and all equipment/water toys.
b) DRAIN water from boat, motor, bilge, ballast, live-well and bait containers away from landing, boat ramp or anywhere the contaminated water can possibly run into the lake. Check ski lockers, engine compartments for standing water that a bilge pump may not completely drain. Keep drain plugs out while traveling back to LAKE SANTEE.
c) DISPOSE of unwanted/unused live bait, fish parts, and worms. Best practice is to dispose away from Lake Santee property.
d) SPRAY/RINSE boat and equipment (including lines, anchors, water toys, paddle boards, kayaks, life jackets, fishing nets, bait buckets, boots or anything that has come in contact with that waterway with high-pressure hot water >140 degrees -OR-
e) DRY everything for at least FIVE DAYS before launching or using any water equipment/toys in LAKE SANTEE –OR–
f) WIPE DOWN anything that touches the water with a 2 –10% Bleach solution. Rinse and dry prior to launch.
g) NEW BOATS, USED BOATS, KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS, USED BOAT LIFTS: Anything that has touched any other body of water should be cleaned using the spray/rinse method above or completely dry for FIVE DAYS before launching or placing into LAKE SANTEE. Even if you are getting a new boat, there is no guarantee it has not been in another body of water for test drives.
h) MANDATORY additional step if boat has BALLASTS tanks and/or bladders: Follow manufacturer recommendation on sanitizing remaining water left in ballast tanks/bladders (example: add a 2% -10% bleach solution to each ballast tank/bladder).

i) NEVER transport and release fish or other aquatic organisms from one waterbody - including contents of aquariums and bait buckets-into LAKE SANTEE.

Membership – Polly Fox
There were no new memberships in the month of January.

We will be having a Membership Orientation Meeting on April 25, 2026 open to all members starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. This meeting is open to all members to get up-to-date information on rules, recreation, latest information on what we are doing here for the lake and community. It is also a great time to ask questions and meet Board members. More information to come in the Smoke Signals. RSVP to Angela in the LSPOA office by April 22, 2026.

Marina – Polly Fox
The 911 call box and phone line was completed on January 20, 2026.

Marina Shop
Nothing new to report at this time.

Lakeview Wellness (Marina House)
February updates for Lakeview Wellness:

- Run the Santee is coming up on Saturday, March 28th! You can run or walk the 5k or 10k. Brunch will be available for purchase starting at 10:30am at The Hangout, no need to participate in the event to join for brunch.
- Lakeview Wellness has signed a contract with SD Barnes Construction and Jim Dunbar for construction and architectural services related to the marina renovations.
- Physical therapy is now being offered by Abigail Anderson, DPT at Lakeview Wellness. Please visit our website for more information and a link to schedule.
- Men's water fitness will be offered on Wednesdays at 6:00pm beginning February 18th.

Run the Santee flyers are available in the office.

Marina Store
We will be in a second round of conversations with viable parties regarding the store lease this week and next. We are targeting a plan to be in place no later than May 1, 2026.

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

Drew & Joni Pringle	139	Boat Dock
Harry & Georgia Wright	177	Outbuilding
Stephanie Peetz	640	Shingles, Siding & Gutters
Dick Jones	94	Boat Dock

Clean Up – Craig Stilwell

- Nothing to report this month

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

- General maintenance continues
- Crew spent a lot of time the past month plowing snow
- Shout out for the major water line repair in extreme temperatures

Security – Ryan King

MILES- 1469
HOURS PATROL- 465
HOURS ON CALL- 279
RADAR- 13
ROAD WARNINGS- 0
ROAD CITATIONS- 1
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OLD BUSINESS

- Long-Range Planning report: All sub-committee reports have been compiled into one document. Minor edits and clarifications are being made and the hope is that the report will be finalized by the April meeting.
- 2026/27 Budget changes were passed on a motion by Nathan and a second by Polly.

NEW BUSINESS

- Special Event for FTCE Casino night moving from February 28th to March 28th. The change in date was approved by a motion from Gina and a second by Michael.
- Employee raises have been approved by a motion from Nathan and a second by Michael.
- 2026 Recreation Schedule has been approved by a motion from Craig and a second by Gina.
- Violations at the Trash and Recycling Center – New fines put in place for offenders putting wrongful items in the recycling. First offense will be $75, Second offense $100, Third offense $200. Fines were approved on a motion from Gina and a second by Ryan.

- Nominating Committee – Deb Youst, Shelly Griffin, and Deb Higinbotham will be the new nominating committee. The committee was approved based on a motion from Polly and second by Michael.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The Lake Office will be open Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM starting March 7th thru Labor Day weekend.

The annual dues will be mailed Friday February 13th and are due by 4:00 PM April 1st.

I want to remind anyone that is purchasing a new boat to check with the office with the Make, Model and Year to confirm the length is within our guidelines before purchasing.

With no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned based on a motion from Nathan and a second from Gina.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary

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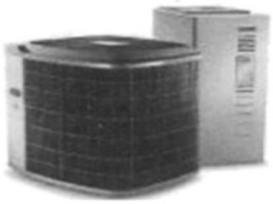
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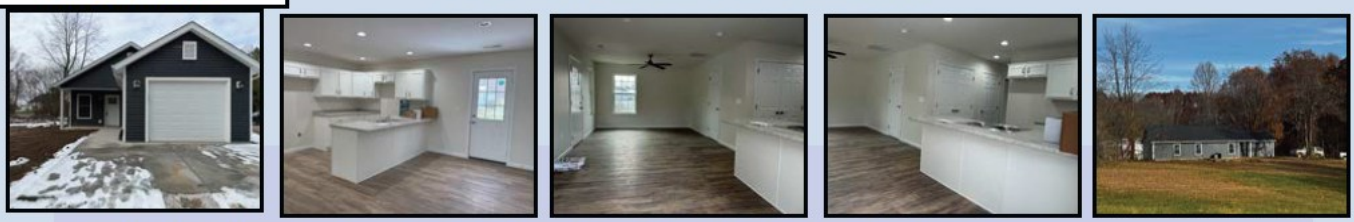
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