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Several years ago, when the former marina residence at Lake Santee became available for lease, a compelling question arose: What if this space could be transformed to serve our community in a truly meaningful way? That's where Lakeview Wellness comes in. As a nonprofit organization, we're reimagining the marina building as an accessible hub dedicated to nurturing mind, body, and spirit. Our focus is on breaking down barriers for our most vulnerable neighbors, especially those with disabilities, through inclusive programs and strong community partnerships. From the start, we've held a simple yet powerful belief: ***when spaces are designed with the most vulnerable in mind, everyone benefits.***

Over the past two years, we've remained steadfast in our mission, successfully securing $385,000 in funding for renovations to the upper level. This includes vital ADA accessibility improvements, supported by a dedicated mental health grant that allows for a separate entrance to counseling and holistic wellness services. As a result, community programs and professional care can coexist seamlessly, making the most of the building's potential. Our dedicated volunteers have stepped up to lead engaging activities like water aerobics, yoga, Pilates, WholyFit, and weekly Bible discussion groups. At the same time, we host a range of professional services, including physical therapy, massage therapy, mental health counseling, and private pool rentals. All of this has grown as a true grassroots initiative, fueled by the passion and support of our lake community.

Big Update: Lower-Level Expansion

Starting April 1, we're expanding our lease to the 2,200 sq ft lower level! Fuel sales continue uninterrupted—the Lake Santee Property Owners Association (LSPOA) manages pumps and profits this year, with boat fuel reopening mid-May. We cover utilities during this transition.



What's Happening Now?

Short-term: Use lower level for programs during upstairs work. Long-term: Explore fitness areas, a small café/grab-and-go, and local market.

- Planning full-building renovations for ADA access, sensory-friendly spaces, and stunning lake views to harness nature's calming benefits.
- Strengthening partnerships with hospitals, providers, organizations, and businesses.
- Continuing all programs seamlessly.
- Pursuing funding for lower level and outdoor enhancements.

Launching and sustaining a new wellness hub in an entire building is a big challenge that requires time, resources, and community involvement. We truly appreciate everyone's support as we navigate this exciting transition. If you're a licensed wellness provider, or if you'd like to volunteer and help lead a program, we'd love to connect! Email: info@lakeviewwellness.org | Website: lakeviewwellness.org

FROM the DESK of JOHN LECHER LAKE MANAGER



Summer Trash/Recycle hours will begin Saturday May 2nd.

Heavy Trash will be from Thursday May 21st – Sunday June 7th.

We are accepting applications for Summer Help for Maintenance, Beach Guards and Gate Guards. Applications are available online or in the office.

RWWD staff will be flushing water mains on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April.

Reminder for anyone purchasing a boat to check with the office with the make and model to confirm the length is within our guidelines.



Collection box for retired flags installed at Clarksburg Community Volunteer Fire Department Station #2 at Lake Santee. Alexander Tebbe, Boy Scout from Troop 578 in Greensburg, placed this flag retirement collection box as part of his Eagle Scout project. Alexander will remove the flags for his troop's ceremony to properly retire the flags.
Thank You Alexander and Troop 578 for picking our location for this great service!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A group project was born from a Lake Santee Connection September 2025 meeting after one woman saw a need in a lake community close to us. Plans were put into motion to connect with the residents to help with basic needs...food, shelter and clothing. The timing was spot on with the government shut down and needed benefits were temporarily lost.

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.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other? - George Eliot.

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5 *EASTER* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	6 *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*
12 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	13 ***Women's Club 11:30am***	14 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	15 ***BID EUCHRE 1-4 PM***	16  *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm* ***LSRWWD BOARD MTG 3:30pm***	17	18 *OFFICE 9A-1P* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm*
19 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *1 - 5:00pm*	20  **WATER BILL DUE** ***Book Club 6:30 PM***	21 *TRASH/RECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	22	23 *TRASHRECYCLE* *3 - 5:30pm*	24	25 *OFFICE 9A-1P* *TRASH/RECYCLE* *9am - 1pm* ***MEMBER ORIENTTION 9-AM-11:30AM COMM RM***
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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Music Trivia 7:00pm 	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	Euchre Club 1:00pm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	Women's Club Line Dancing 10:00-Noon Community Rm	Free Exercise Class 10:30-11:15am	

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24 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 9am - 1pm	25 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	26 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	27	28 HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 4:00-6:30pm	29	30 OFFICE 9A-1P HEAVY TRASH/ RECYCLE 9am - 1pm
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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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Lake Santee Community

2026 Recreation Activities

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



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MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING

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Topics to be covered:

- Rules and Regulations
- *Tour of our Website
- *Trash and Recycle Information
- Introduction of Clubs
- * Recreation Update
- *Activities at the Lake
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- *Silt and Sedimentation
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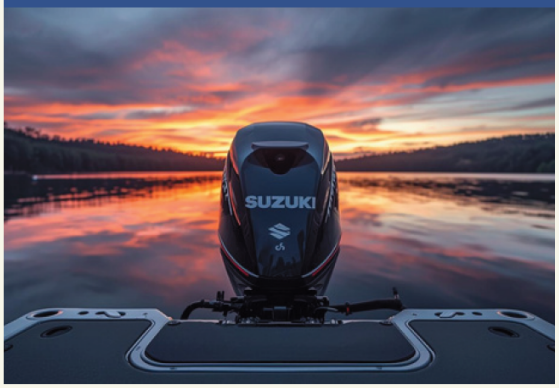
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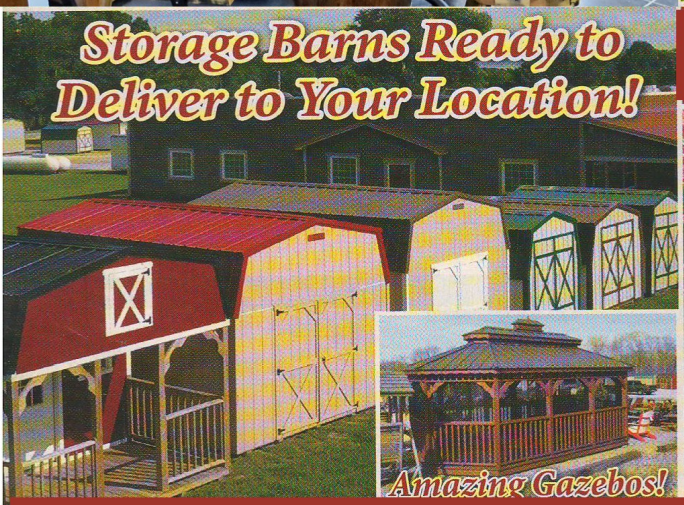
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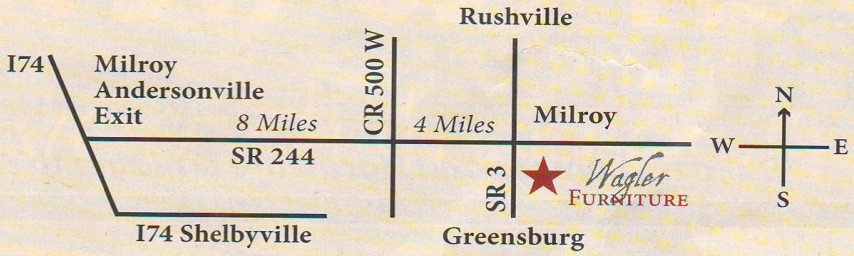


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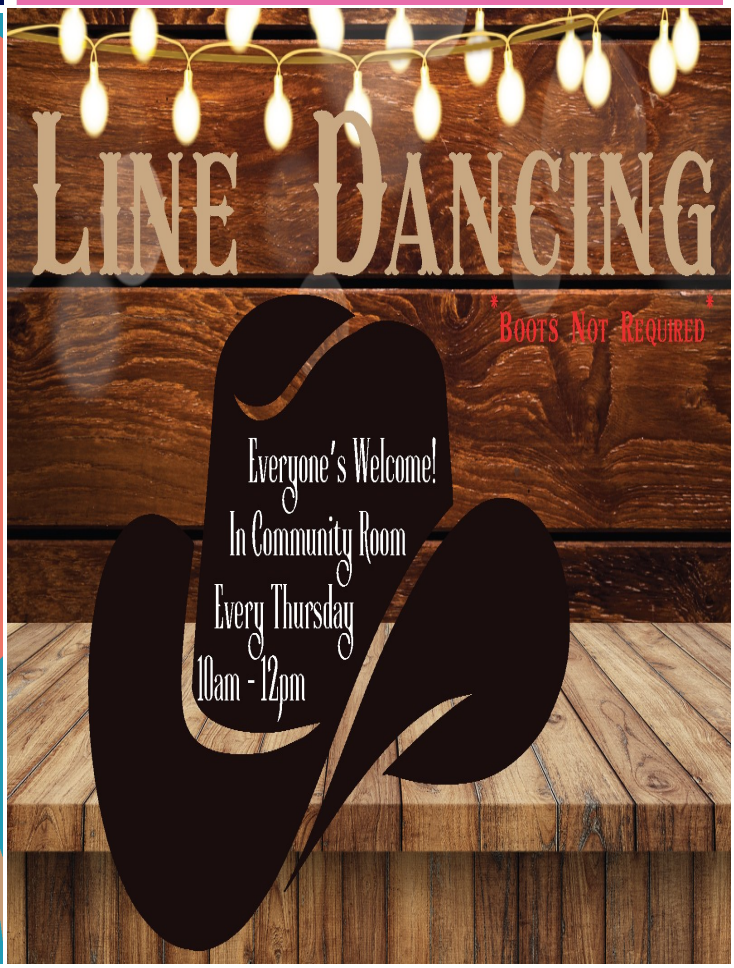
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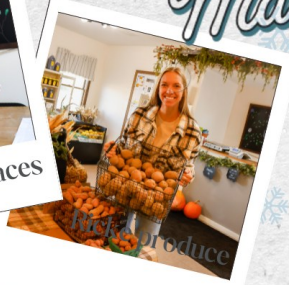

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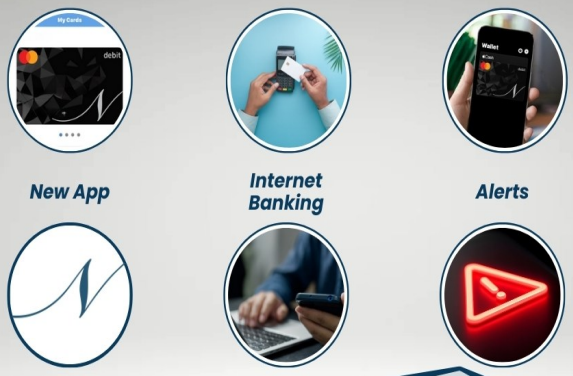
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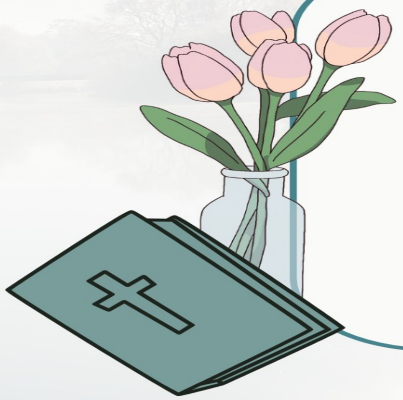
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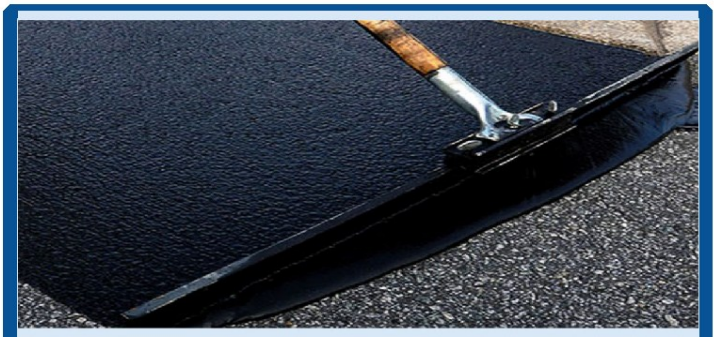


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Species identification and bag limit rules

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Hybrid Striped Bass



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Minimum 21" - 1 fish per day

Bluegill



BAG LIMIT
No restriction

Black Crappie / White Crappie



BAG LIMIT
No bag limit - encourage removal

Redear Sunfish



BAG LIMIT
Catch and release only - "shellcrackers" help eat Chinese mystery snails

Channel Catfish



BAG LIMIT
Under 20" - 5 per day | Over 20" - 1 per day

Bullhead Catfish



BAG LIMIT
No limit - remove from lake / dispose

Gizzard Shad



BAG LIMIT
No limit - remove from lake / dispose

Please verify local lake rules before fishing.

MANDATORY DECONTAMINATION PROCESS

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.

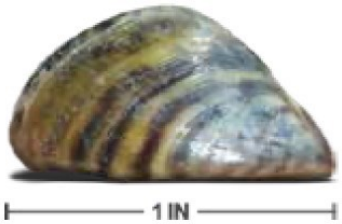
g) NEW BOATS, USED BOATS, KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS, USED BOAT LIFTS: Anything that has touched any other body of water should be cleaned using the spray/rinse method above or completely dry for FIVE DAYS before launching or placing into LAKE SANTEE. Even if you are getting a new boat, there is no guarantee 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).

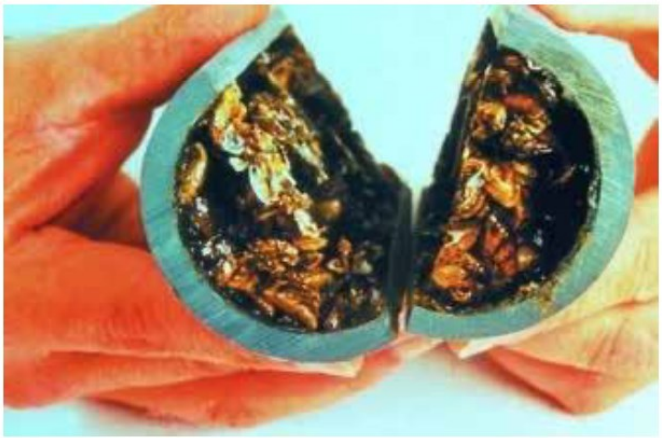
i) NEVER transport and release fish or other aquatic organisms from one waterbody -including contents of aquariums and bait buckets-into LAKE SANTEE.

Aquatic Invasive Species:
Zebra and Quagga Mussels





- ***Destructive*** – Attach and clog water pipes, boat engines, propellers, docks, buoys, submerged items, rip rap.
- ***Clean-up*** is ongoing and expensive, potentially costing each member thousands of dollars.
- ***Zebra mussel shells*** wash up and cover beaches = sharp on the feet and foul smelling.
- ***Rapid reproduction rates*** – 1 million larvae per ZM per year.
- ***Can't kill without killing everything else.***









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

ASIAN CARP

INVASIVE SPECIES PROFILE



David Riecks, UIUC/Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

Asian carp are a group of fish in the minnow family that are native to Asia. The term "Asian carp" refers to Bighead carp, Silver carp, Grass carp, and Black carp. Each of these species was intentionally introduced into the United States for different purposes; however, all are now considered invasive. Invasive species are plants, animals, and other organisms that are not native and have the potential to cause harm. Asian carp compete with native species and pose a threat to Indiana's aquatic ecosystems.

Why Asian carp are a problem

- **Reduce game fish populations:** Because Asian carp reproduce rapidly, their explosive populations reduce the number and health of other fish.
- **Threaten human health:** Asian carp (specifically Silver Carp) often jump out of the water when disturbed by boat motors, causing damage to boats and potentially harming passengers.
- **Negatively impact native species:** An adult Bighead or Silver carp can eat up to 40% of its body weight every day. Over time, Asian carp can drastically change the food chain and potentially displace other species.
- **Threaten imperiled species:** Asian carp are a threat to already threatened and endangered species.

Where Asian carp are found in Indiana

Asian carp were originally imported to the southern United States to help aquaculture and wastewater treatment facilities keep retention ponds clean. Flooding and accidental releases allowed these fish to escape into the Mississippi River system. Asian carp have since migrated into the Ohio, White, and Wabash rivers where they are now common.

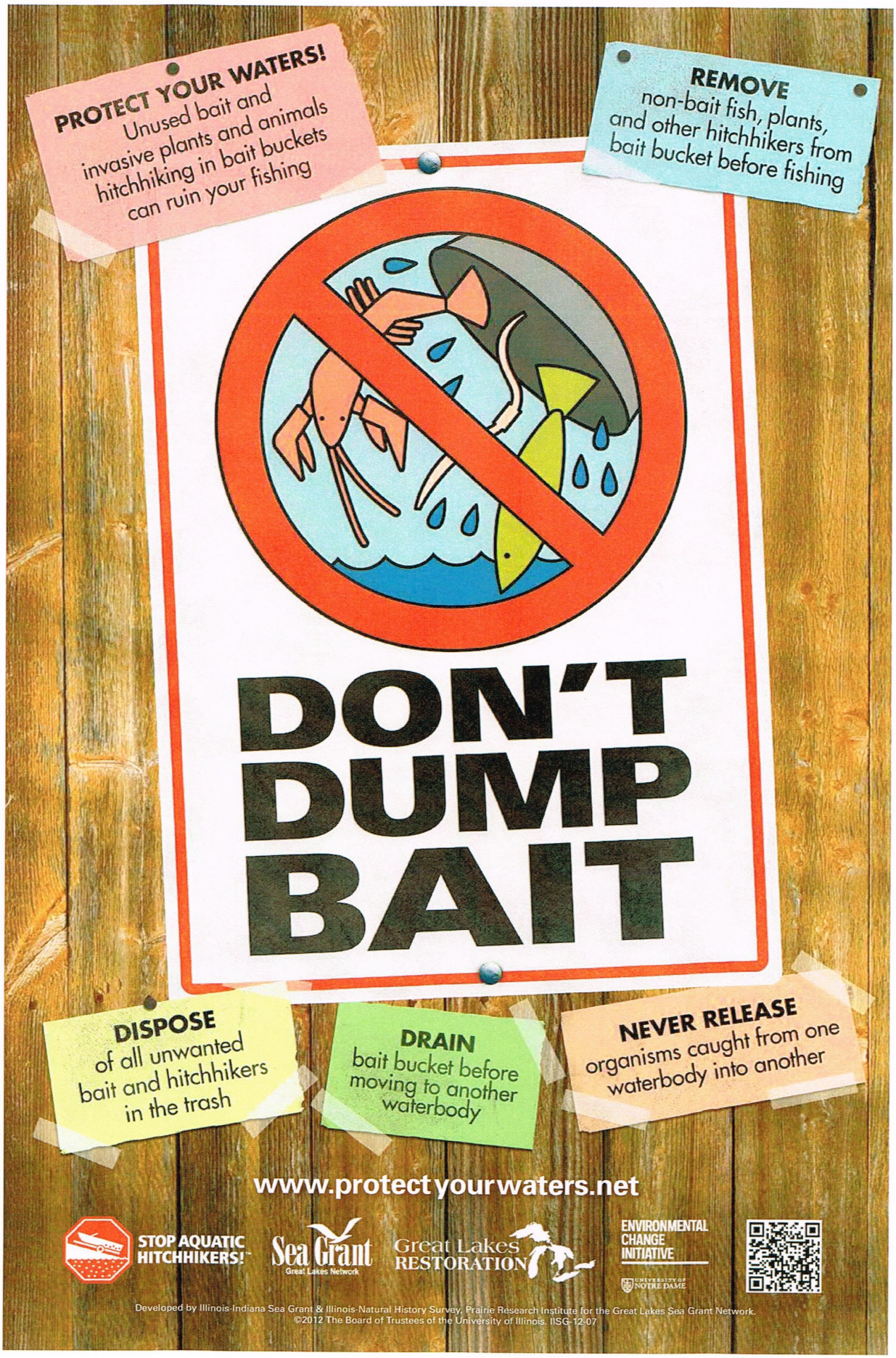


How you can help

- **It is illegal to possess live Asian carp.** If you catch one or if one jumps into your boat, eat it, put it in the trash, or use it as cut bait.
- **Never** release fish caught from one body of water into another body of water.
- **Drain** your live wells before leaving the lake or river. Asian carp eggs might be floating in the water.
- **Put unused live bait in the trash;** don't dump it into the lake or river. Young Asian carp resemble other common baitfish and they might have invaded your bait bucket without you realizing it.
- **Report sightings of aquatic invasive species.** DNR is seeking information about aquatic invasive species in Indiana. Send a photo of the species and the location of the sighting to ais@dnr.IN.gov.

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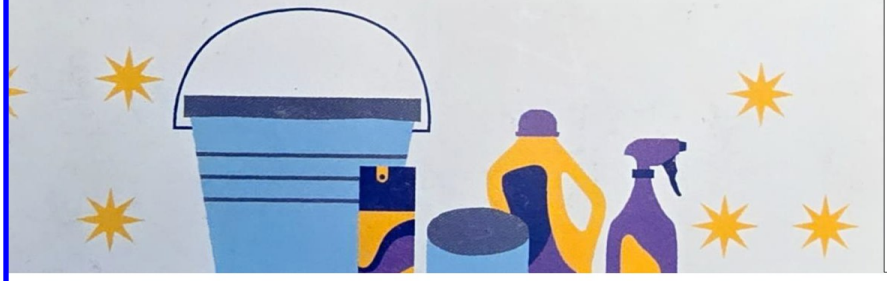
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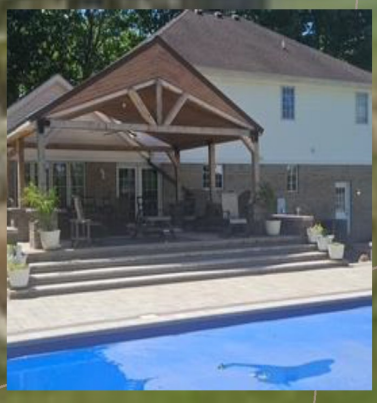
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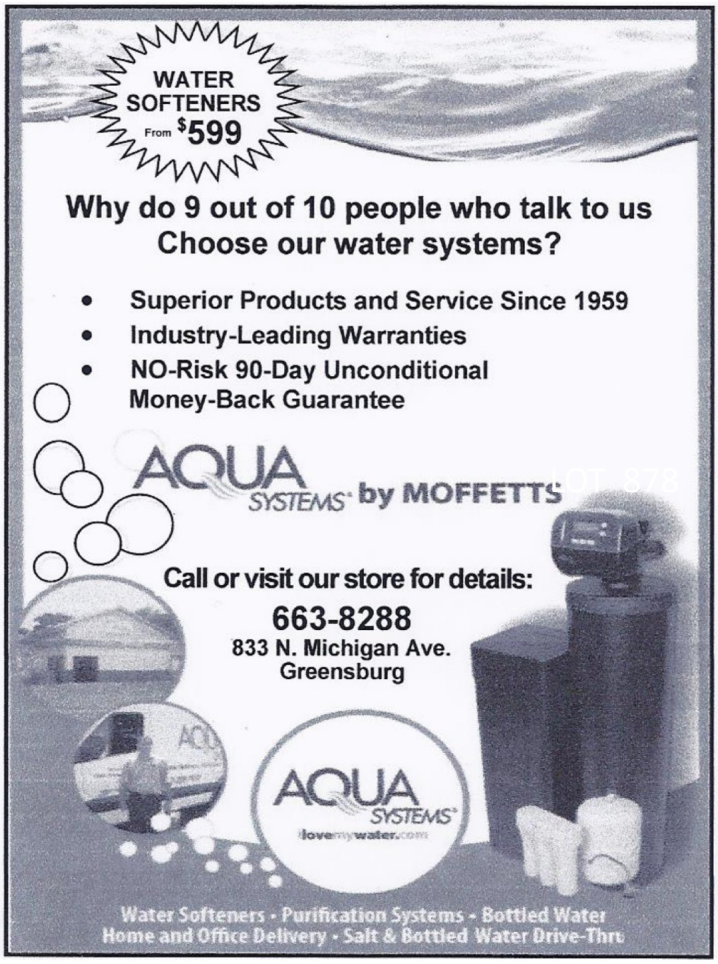
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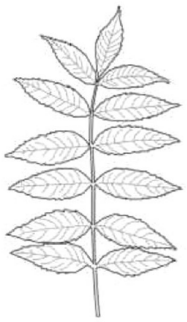
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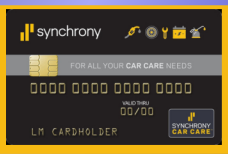
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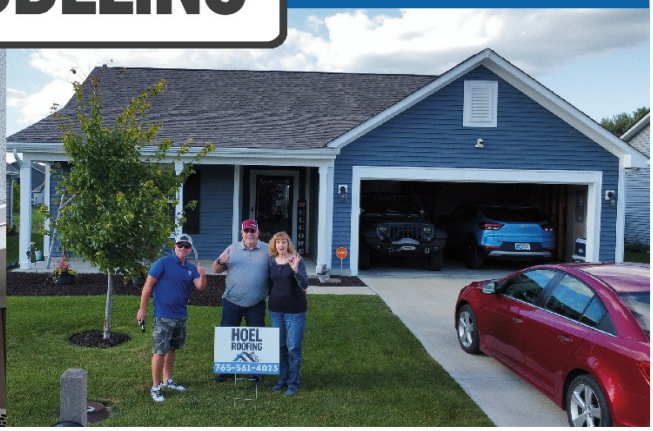
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We would like to thank the Lake Santee Board, Eric Hess and all the great folks at Clear Creek Fisheries, and our USA Bassin members who take part in this program. Without all these folks' support, this program would simply not be possible.

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

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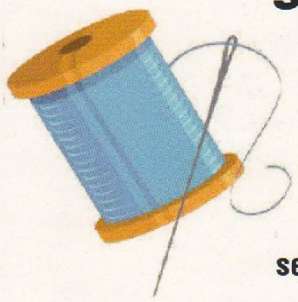
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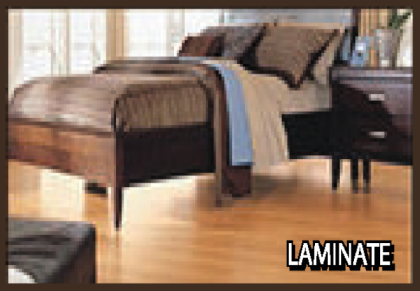
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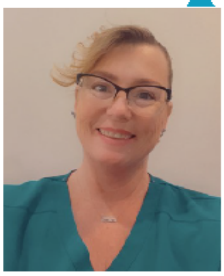
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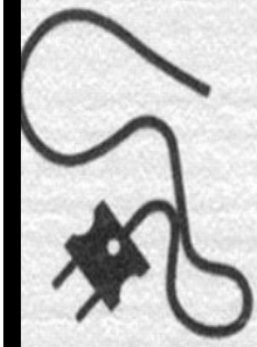


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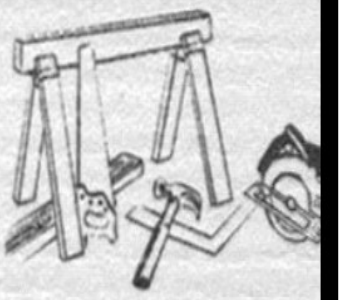
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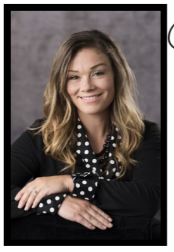
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The Women's Club

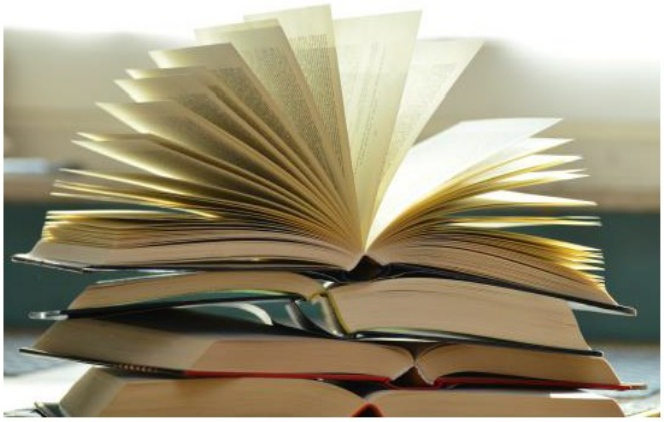
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*2nd Monday in the Community Room. Lunch at 11:30am, meeting to follow



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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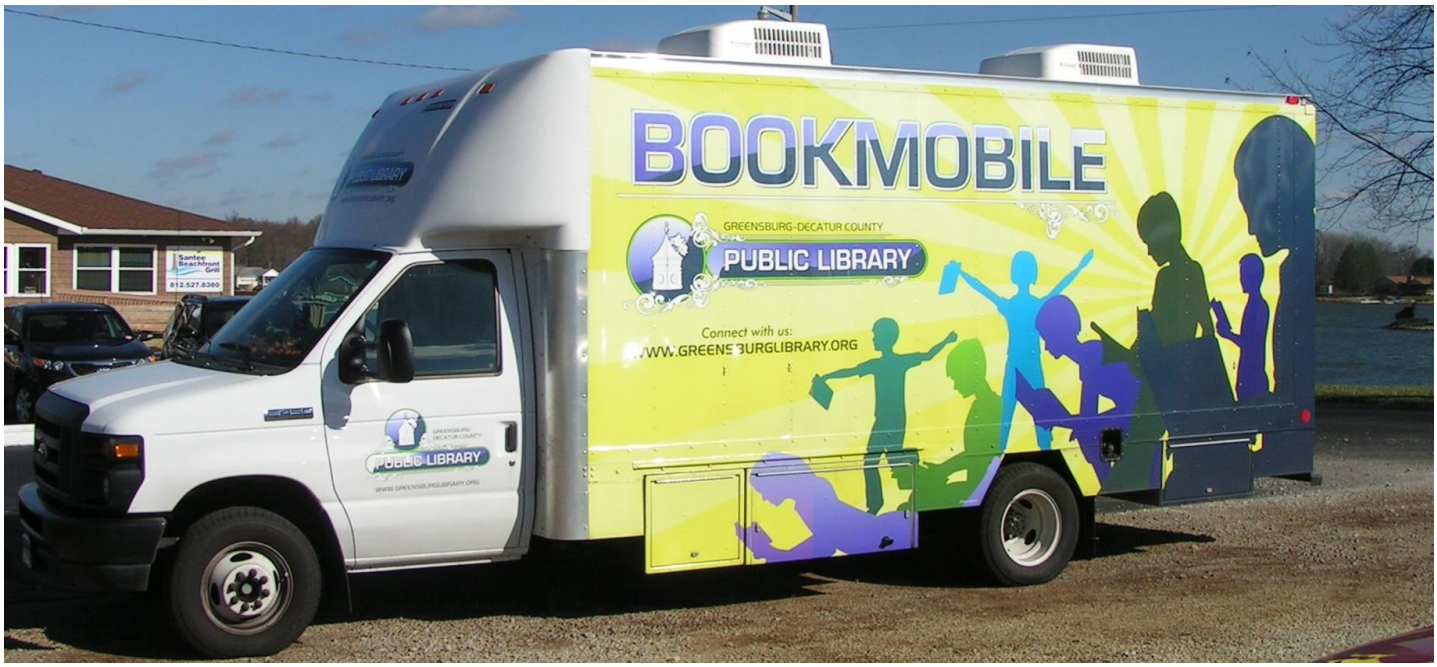
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Lake Santee



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

March 9, 2026

Secretary's Report

The Lake Santee Women's Club meeting was held on Monday, March 9 at Big Four Café in Batesville, IN following a tour of Jawacdah Farm.

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.

Maureen Lakin gave an update on the Scholarship committee. There were two applicants and one has been selected and will be honored in July. The Women's Club member's voted on allocating the money for the scholarship and the measure was approved.

April 3rd is Good Friday and the Lake Santee Recreation Director has asked for volunteers to fill plastic eggs after exercise class, around 11 am for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. Candy Donations are greatly appreciated and should be brought to the lake office.

Leanne Lake offered a sign painting opportunity to all on April 19th. Contact her for all the information and sign up by March 27th

Report from Deb Haboush about the Run/Walk at Lakeview Wellness on March 28, Brunch available afterwards see the Lakeview Wellness website to sign up.

April 13th next meeting : Teacher Appreciation Basket Making, list has been sent in email with potential ideas for donations. Bring your donations, with your lunch to the next meeting. Ice Cream for ice cream sundaes will be provided. Please bring assorted toppings!

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 email list, please contact Deb Yost (lakesanteewomenclub@gmail.com). We would love for you to join us at any meeting or event.

Submitted by

Debra Richter

Vice President

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Lake Santee Women's Club March Meeting









The Lake Santee Women's Club met on March 9th to tour Jawacdah Farms!

After the tour they traveled to Big Four Café in Batesville, IN and enjoyed lunch and a meeting.

Lake Santee Women's Club March Meeting

Lunch at Big Four Cafe



Great Food!





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.

Join us for spring cleaning at The Habitat!

It's time to make room and get ready for everything spring will be bringing to The Habitat! Join FOWALS on Saturday, April 18 from noon until 3, drop in whenever is convenient for you. Water and snacks will be provided. You're welcome to bring chairs.

Bring a rake, clippers or any other helpful yard/garden tools. At this point we don't know if any regular-size chain saws will be needed, but the smaller ones are often useful. If larger ones are needed, it will be posted on the lake FaceBooks.



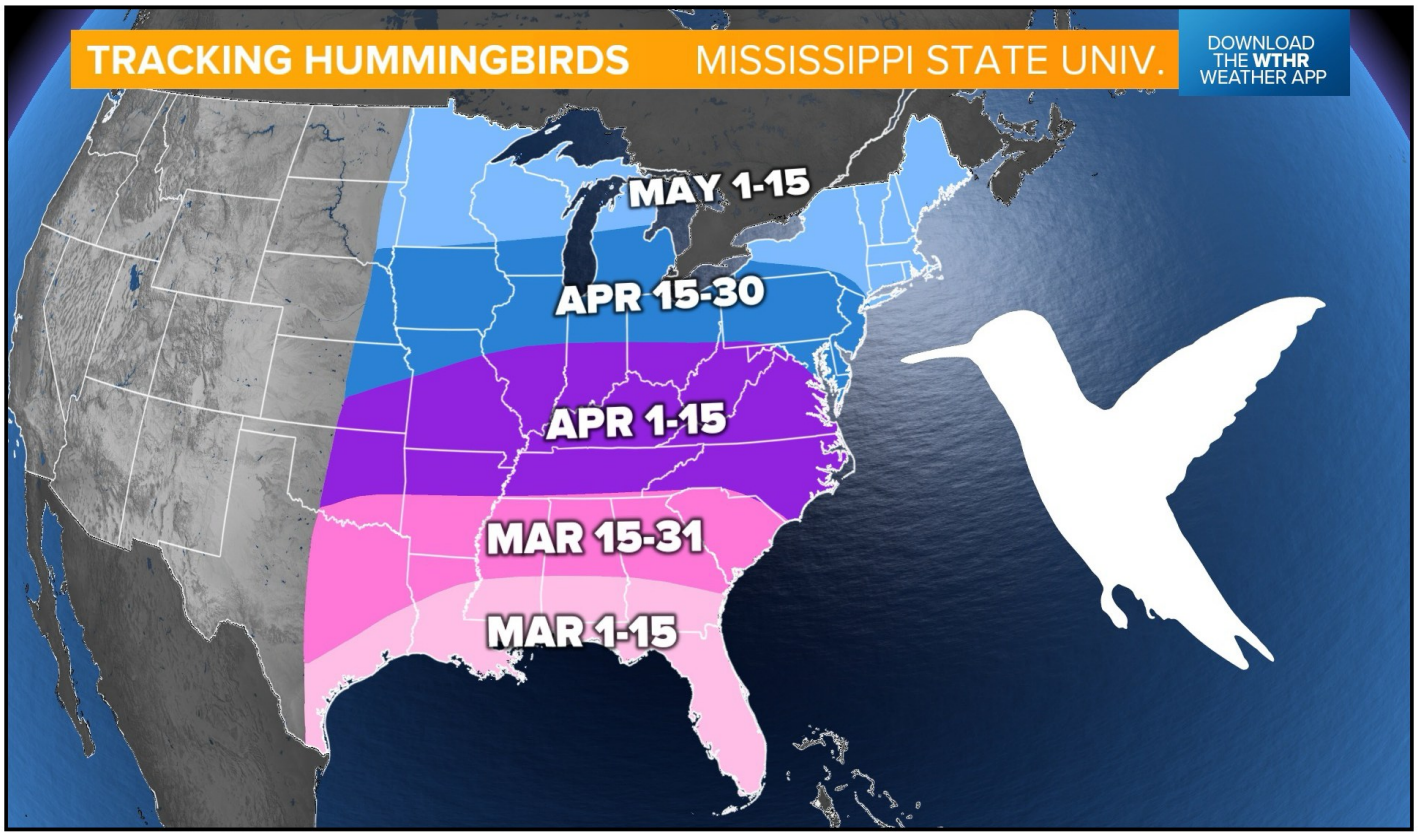
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- Offer birdhouses tailored to the species, placed 5-10 ft high, ideally facing east away from prevailing winds. Install predator guards/baffles on birdhouse poles.
- Provide a fresh, clean water source and offer high-energy foods like suet, mealworms and seed.



It's hummingbird time again!

The boys are back in town, or should be any time. Male hummingbirds typically arrive first, and scout out the area for good backyard feeders and early blooming plants. Some will have made it across the Gulf from Central America and parts of Mexico in a single nonstop flight of up to 500 miles.

Hummingbirds fly north following nectar-producing plants as days warm up. By late spring they'll be across much of the eastern half of the country and into Canada. And along the way, they pollinate a wide variety of native plants. As the daylight increases in spring, hormonal changes in the birds urge them to move north. And they time their journey to coincide with blooming nectar plants and increasing insect populations. So get your feeders out and don't forget to have a water source they can access nearby.

Coming Up

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.

Nature Talk

By Carol Goodwin



Let's talk about cardinals. The most common name is northern cardinal, but it is also known as the redbird, common cardinal, red cardinal, or simply cardinal. The male is the colorful one with a bright red body of feathers and a mask of black across the eyes and upper chest while the female has a grayish-brown body with a hint of red on her wings, crest and tail feathers. Both male and female cardinals have a cone-shaped beak that is bright colored and dark pinkish brown legs and feet. Both have a raised crest on their heads.

Since cardinals stay around year-long they have to find a way to stay warm. Cardinals have down feathers at the base of their flight feathers and fluff them up to keep warmer air next to their bodies. If that doesn't work, they will shiver and tense up just like humans to generate heat. And if all else fails they can lower their body temperature a maximum of six degrees.

While cardinals are the first to the feeders in the morning and last at night, they actually eat the food hopping on the ground. 90% of their diet is seeds, grains, and fruit but they will eat beetles, cicadas, grasshoppers and snails. And they like to drink maple sap from holes that sapsuckers have made.

There are many beliefs about cardinals with some dating back to the pharaohs. Not everyone will buy into all the beliefs, however it is interesting to know them. One thing we all can agree on is that seeing a bright red cardinal is a beautiful and uplifting experience. It is of note that all the myths, beliefs and joyous sightings are referring to the male because of his vibrant coloring. The poor drab female is totally overlooked!

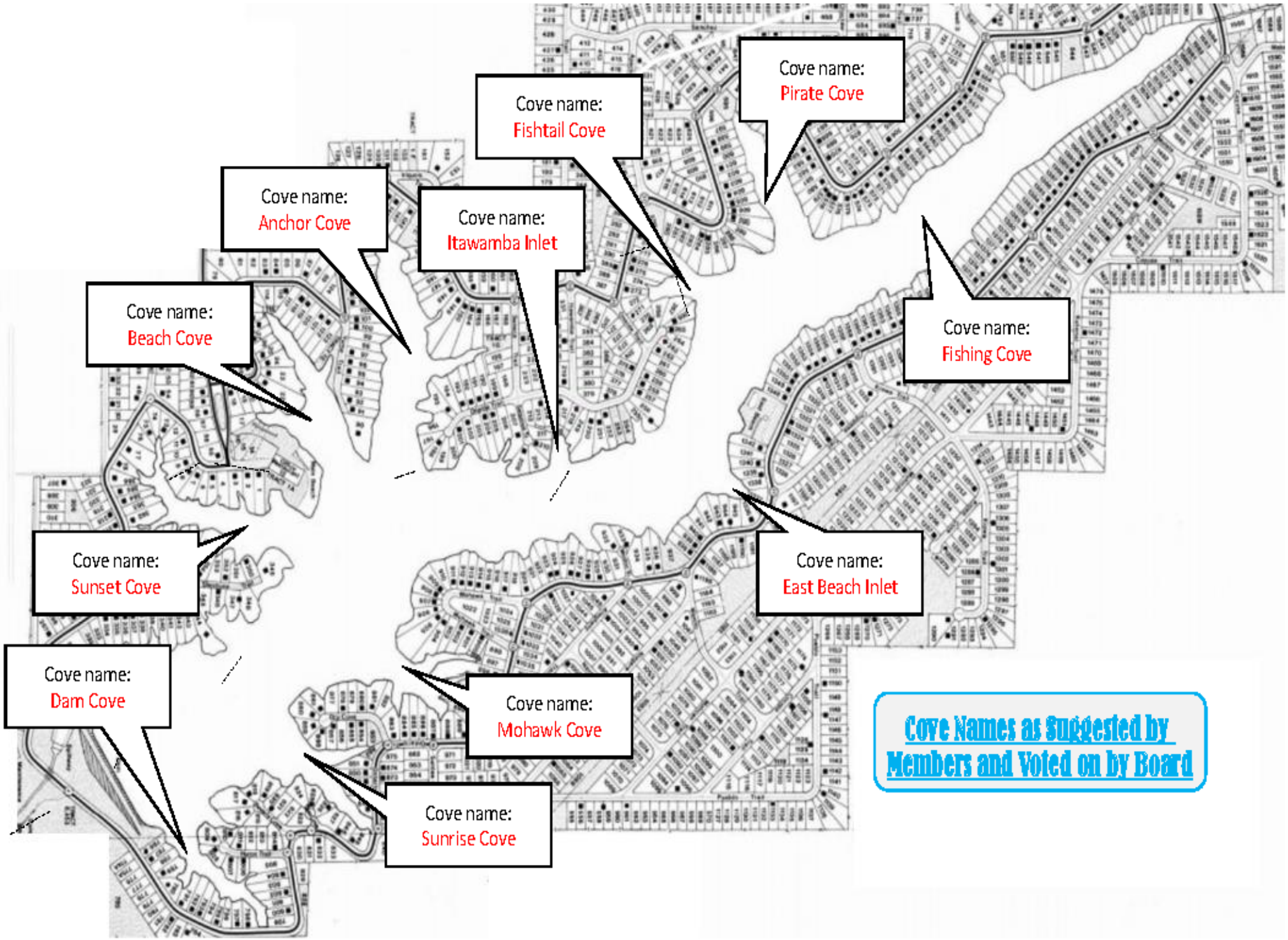
The scientific name is *Cardinalis cardinalis* which comes from Roman Catholic cardinals. The male birds red coloring is reminiscent of the red robes and the shape of the head crest is reminiscent of the hats (birettas) worn. In addition, the bright red is linked with the blood of Christ representing hope, vitality, and restoration with the promise of eternal life. It is interesting to note that the cardinal is not specifically mentioned in the bible, but the belief abounds, nonetheless.

As the saying goes, "Cardinals appear when Angels are near." This implies that a departed loved one is near. There is no single origin for the belief that the cardinal represents heavenly visitors or messengers of the gods, or even gods in feathered form, but it can be traced back many directions. It is found in ancient Egyptian, Celtic, Irish, Hindu and Maori spiritualism, along with native American tribes such as Menomini, Ojibwe, Algonquin, Lakota, Sioux and Odawa.

Some tribes see the cardinal as a sign of good fortune. In the Choctaw tribe the cardinal is specifically known to be responsible for bringing a brave and a maiden together. The belief is that if you are single and see a cardinal then romance will be in the near future. If you are in a relationship and see a cardinal it is a reminder to honor and remember the romance that brought you together.

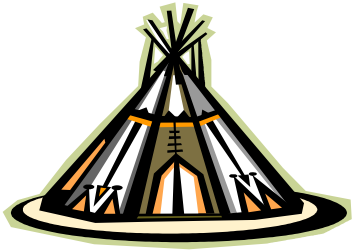
The idea of romance linked to cardinals is not that far afield. The male cardinal will bring seeds or other goodies to his mate and put it in her beak while she sits on the nest. This act resembles a gentle kiss. Cardinals are generally monogamous and remain together throughout the year, which is not common among songbirds. And the male cardinal is a dedicated father to their young.

Enjoy the cardinals, both male and female, in whatever ways suit you.


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Teepee Talk



Happy Birthday

April

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Larry White	5
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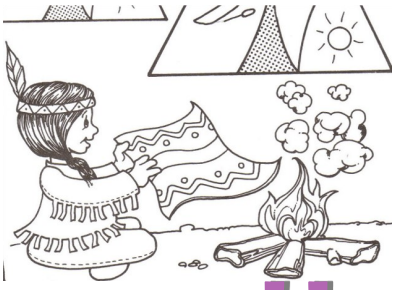
We are trying to update our list of Birthdays and Anniversaries. If you would like to let your friends and neighbors know when you will be celebrating this special event send me an e-mail with the dates.
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Phone Numbers Please notify the office if your contact phone number has changed. It is extremely important that we have a valid number on file.



MAY

Joe Alerding Sr.	1
Elena Roudebush	1
Deb Yost	2
Bev Davis	5
Nathan Walsman	5
Maria Russo	8
Rosemary Kinnett	9
Lori Tennell	9
Katie Weed	9
Mary Lou Gauck	11
Ginger Ryle	11
James Acton	13
Charlie Ford	15
Lyla Loudenback	15
Dave Julien	16
Doug Laker	17
Dick Veach	17
Mark Wenning	18
Charles Dieckmann	19
Nora Ford	19
Silas Thurman	19
Christin Banks	20
Lily Roudenbush	20
Orlando Hernandez	22
Tom Hoffman	24
David Eddy	25
Brian Lakin	25
Kaylin Kathmann	28
Beth Walsman	29
Rebecca Jennings	30



Teepee Talk



Happy Anniversary

April

Gordon & Susan Burgess	4
Tony & Connie Adelman	17
Helmut & Pat Kundovic	19
Jim & Linda Acton	20
Ted & Christine Anderson	20
Orlando & Janice Hernandez	21
Dan & Liz Dietrick	22
Randy & Phyllis Reisert	22
Bill & Ginger Ryle	25



May

Mark & Pam Ford	10
Don & Beth Lamping	10
Rick & Mary Johnson	20
Nathan & Beth Walsman	22
Jerry & Jessica Richardson	25



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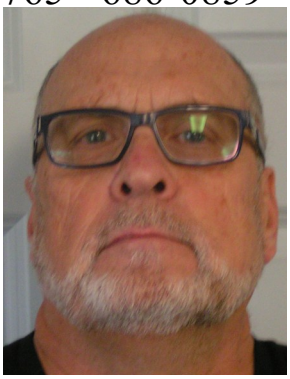
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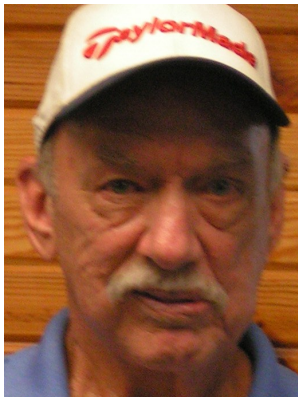
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Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District

The Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District Board of Trustees would like to recognize Greg Coffin for passing his recent exams to earn a Grade WT6 Water Plant Operator and Grade DSS Water Distribution System Operator.

Congratulations Greg on your accomplishments!



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Water Works Operator Certificate

This is to certify that

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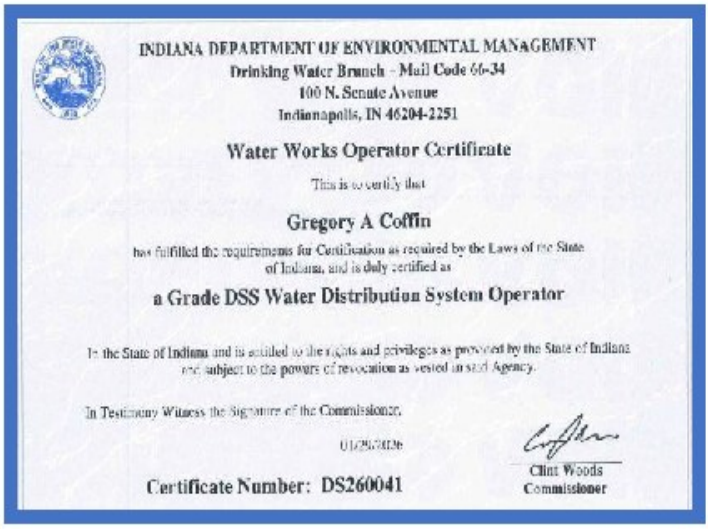
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In Testimony Witness the Signature of the Commissioner.

11/25/2025

Clint Woods
Commissioner

Certificate Number: WT250334



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01/29/2026

Clint Woods
Commissioner

Certificate Number: DS260041

Lake Santee Regional Waste & Water District
Meeting Minutes
Meeting of February 19, 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, Joyce Eddy, Larry Kiernan, Larry Nicks, Bob Kasee and Steve Yost. Maurie Goodwin was absent. Also in attendance were Utility Administrator John Lecher, Utility Superintendent Greg Coffin and Utility Operator Dom Huber.

Guest introduction and short comments

a. Rhonda Peetz
b. Anne Hayes - Wessler Engineering

Consent Items

a. Minutes of the 1/15/26 Meeting
b. Financial Report
c. Register of Claims – Water
d. Register of Claims – Sewer

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

Superintendent Report

Sewer Status Report

i. Greg reported that our sewer system is working pretty well; although during the almost two cold snap, we had high ammonia reading in the oxidation ditch. Although the high reading is a violation, Greg talked with Becky Ruan from IDEM, who said it was correct to report it as a violation on our monthly report, but no further action was needed. Greg also noted that as soon as the weather warmed up, the readings came back down.

ii. Greg noted that he is received a quote from American Pump of $275,000- for a complete rebuild of our oxidation ditch clarifier. Greg does not think an entire rebuild is necessary, so they are preparing a Quote for only the work that is necessary.

Water Status Report

i. Greg reported that the water treatment plant is running exceptionally well, as we have experienced no intake issues with the lake only down a little over three feet.

Plant Operational Review Report

i. Greg presented the two quotes Dom got for insulating the garage. The KCG quote of $15,500- was the lower of the two quotes and he felt it was the better of the two quotes. Larry K. motioned to proceed with that

quote and to purchase a heating unit not to exceed $3,000-. The motion was seconded by Larry N. and it carried.

Exam Status Report

i. Greg has now passed all of his exams. The news was acknowledged with a round of applause from the board. Greg also stated that new classes begin in May, so he is trying to get Dom registered. He has to be preapproved for the class, but he doesn't think that will be an issue even though Dom won't have hit his one year of full time on the job until June.

Administrator Report

Status report

i. John stated 14 leaks were reported.

ii. Two disconnect notices were sent this month. Both have been reconnected.

iii. Two leak adjustments were received. Account 0123 for $267.60 had a leak between the meter and the house, which meets our ordinance for an adjustment. Bob motioned to approve the adjustment. Steve seconded the motion which carried with Joyce abstaining. The second adjustment was for account 0540 for $657.18. It was discovered that the waterline was incorrectly installed by a previous district employee, so it was not the owners fault. A motion was made by Larry N to approve the write off. The motion was seconded by Steve and carried with Joyce again abstaining. A long discussion ensued regarding a very large potential third leak adjustment. Rhonda Peetz spoke on behalf of the property owner and their particular situation. Although the situation is tragic, John explained why it did not meet the requirements of our ordinance and; therefore, could not legally be approved at this time. Tom felt the discussion was very warranted and was pleased the board had a good understanding of the situation. He recommended the board members give consideration to possible changes to the ordinance and that we revisit possible changes next month.

iv. John stated he had informed Greg and Dom of their annual raises and compensation.

v. John commented on the number of requests he gets from property owners for help paying their water and other POA bills. He stated that he informs of various third party sources that have help available for those types of thing, as it would be impossible for both the POA and District to work through all the exceptions that would need to be made in order to provide that assistance.

Treasurer Report

Larry K. stated that there are more than sufficient funds to cover our current financial needs.

Old Business

i. Anne Hayes of Wessler Engineering reported that the Asset Management Plan is ready. She reviewed the methodology used to classify everything in the report, the results of that review and the recommendations in the

report. She brought three hard copies of the report for us to distribute, but said it was also available digitally. The ball is now in our court to review the AMP and to decide how it will be used and who will take ownership of its use. On the GIS mapping she stated Greg and Dom have started using it. Greg and Dom confirmed that they have started using it and that as expected they fighting discrepancies with locations. Fortunately those get corrected as they come up.

ii. IDEM water plant inspection of 7/9/25. All items have now been corrected.

iii. Excavation safety training – Online training has been completed by Greg. Dom has had to reschedule his training.

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

v. Plant Tour - was completed last month and plans are being made to offer tours on a regular basis for any property owner who wants to see our operation.

vi. Further discussion was held on last month's presentation made by Scott Dunlap of Utility Supply Company on Neptune's advanced metering system. Although the cost benefit analysis does not show the system paying for itself completely through cost savings, the many benefits the system would offer to real time information, reduced work load to our staff and improved customer service makes the system very attractive. Larry K. confirmed that we currently have the resources to pay the $89,500- for this system. Larry N motioned for purchase of this system and Bob seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business - none.

Trustees Reports and comments

a. None

Motion to Adjourn was made by Larry N., seconded by Bob was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by

Steve Yost, Secretary

These minutes are subject to approval by the LSRWWD Board at the 3/19//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

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.

LAKE SANTEE SECURITY TEAM REMINDER:

SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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LAKE SANTEE SECURITY REPORT

SECURITY TASKS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

MILES- 1537

HOURS PATROL- 420

HOURS ON CALL- 252

RADAR- 20

ROAD WARNINGS- 0

ROAD CITATIONS- 0

WATER WARNINGS- 0

WATER CITATIONS- 0

ROAD ISSUES- 7

WATER ISSUES- 0

ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 3

ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 4

REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 1

VANDALISM- 0

PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 38

RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 0

GOLF CART INSP.- 13

SOLICITORS- 0



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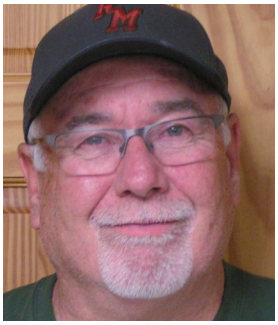
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SECURITY REMINDERS FROM THE TEAM

WARMER WEATHER MEANS MORE PEOPLE OUT AND ABOUT. WATCH YOUR SPEED!!! REMINDER, NIGHT CARTS WILL BE INSPECTED THIS YEAR. (FLAGS 6 FEET), (VISIBLE NEW PERMITS, LOT NUMBERS), TURN SIGNALS, HEADLIGHTS, BRAKE LIGHTS, MIRROR,

LET US BE GOOD NEIGHBORS, AND WATCH OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

RICK CRAWFORD	RANDY DEPEW	ANDREA FLODDER	RICH McDANIEL	JAMES SCHMID
				

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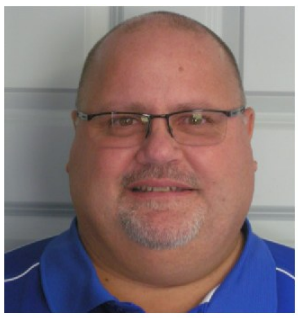
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LAKE SANTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026

Vice President Nathan Walsman called to order the March monthly board meeting of the Lake Santee Property Owners Association. H welcomed all membership in attendance.

The Lake Santee Property Owners Association Board of Directors met March 11, 2026 in the Community Room. Vice President Nathan Walsman presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Other Directors present were Michael Dora, Polly Fox, Gina Julien, Steve Gray, and Aaron Fitzgerald. Members in attendance were Scott & Debbie Higinbotham (1338), Abigail Anderson (1238), Debra Richter (930), Connie & Tony Adelman (198), Nancy Adderley (708), Al & Cathy Bryant (101), Tom & Jodi DePalma (218), Bill Collings (1387), Sally Kennedy (876), Deb & Steve Yost (803), Deb & Jeff Haboush (536), Dave Julien (851), Amy Ewing (157), Vicki Schrader (618).

Vice President Walsman called for a review of the minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Gina, seconded by Polly.

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

Adams Tree Service	$	$2,700.00	Murphy Insurance Agency	$	$3,328.00
Aquatic Control	$	$43,441.90	OLCA	$	$150.00
Cardinal Pest Control	$	$55.00	Purchase Power	$	$1,141.99
Coffin, Gregory	$	$120.00	Premier Companies	$	$3,891.39
Colonial Life	$	$194.64	R B S K	$	$230.50
Crawford, Rick	$	$105.00	Rumpke of Indiana	$	$1,609.52
Elan Financial Svcs	$	$2,640.26	Stone's Farm Service	$	$248.35
Foudray, John	$	$640.07	Stone's Napa, Inc.	$	$70.28
Huber, Dominique	$	$120.00	Telispire	$	$105.00
Justus, Richard	$	$115.59	The Office Shop	$	$90.39
Knight, Steve	$	$562.10	Tops Home Center	$	$513.67
Lake Santee RWWD	$	$418.85	Vinyl Solutions Unlimited	$	$18.83
Lamping, Eric	$	$250.40			
Larison, Tyson	$	$30.00	*Bills paid prior*		
Lecher, John	$	$151.35	Andrew J. Lauk	$	22,000.00
McReynolds IT Solutions	$	$178.11	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**86,921.19**

Marina

Dec Co REMC	$	95.13			
First Financial	$	51.39			
Lake Santee RWWD	$	281.02			
Premier Energy	$	988.02			
RBSK Partners	$	57.50			
Straber Oil Co.	$	2,774.10	**Total all disbursements**	**$**	**4,247.16**

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

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

- Member stated the rest swing equipment for the east beach will be coming this week and then will be installed.
- Across from Bryants, side by sides are driving thru lots, looking for suggestions on how to keep this from happening.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A member called to discuss excessive No Wake violations last summer in the fishing cove. John informed the member that the security team has this as a focus area this summer for boat patrol.
- A member called in to remind neighbors to control their dogs from excessive barking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules & Regulations – Nathan Walsman

2nd Reading – Rule 7.5, 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: 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.

1st Reading Rule 1.17

Current Rule:
1.17 Any member selling their property must have a signed purchase agreement on file in the office prior to March 1st if they have sold their property, but will be unable to close the sale prior to March 1st. If the seller has no written and signed agreement on file at the office, they will be responsible for paying the new year's dues and assessments.

Proposed Rule:
1.17 Any member selling their property must have a signed purchase agreement on file in the office prior to March 1st if they have sold their property, but will be unable to close the sale prior to March 1st. **The Initiation Fee and Transfer Fee are based on the fee schedule at the time of the signed Purchase**

Agreement. If the seller has no written and signed agreement on file at the office, they will be responsible for paying the new year's dues and assessments.

Rationale:
To clarify the fees associated with the timing of these property transactions prior to the new fiscal year.

Recreation – Steve Gray

Upcoming recreation events include:

- Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th 2026 at 11:00AM

Community Room Committee – Steve Gray

There were three community room rentals in the month of February.

Lakes & Beaches – Gina Julien

Dam Repair:

John Lecher, Steve Knight, Nate Walsman and I had a meeting with our Dam Engineer, CEC. During the meeting we identified the need to have a more inclusive detail of materials needed and depth of concrete repair in various locations of the spillway. We also discussed the new finding of seepage within the spillway that CEC identified. This was not seen on our previous ground penetrating radar (GPR) detection performed by the company, Blood Hound in 2019. Prior to moving forward with the repair, the engineer and all present agreed that another GPR assessment is necessary to assure that all surface and depths of the concrete spillway's structural integrity is assessed. The GPR assessment will give us a more complete guide for any hidden faults and any further spillway repair. Moving forward, a GPR assessment should be performed every five years.

Gina made a motion to approve $6,514.00 for GPR assessment, Aaron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Lakeside Lawn Care:

Lawn water and fertilizers seep, pour and erode into lakes, causing unnatural concentrations of bad nutrients. The bad nutrients produce a super abundance of unwanted algae and rooted invasive plants. The misuse of lawn and garden fertilizers and chemicals by homeowners is a serious problem. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management provides the following directives:

- Do not fertilize during the spring. The nutrients are wasted on foliage. Feed lawns in the fall when growth slows and roots can store the nutrients.
- Eliminate fertilizing. This choice is the best solution, but if lawns must be fertilized, soil should be tested for chemical nutrient requirements so the approbate fertilizer can be selected (Soil test kits can be purchased from some local hardware stores and online distributors.). Never use a fertilizer containing phosphorus or potash. Phosphorus is a common nutrient found in lawn fertilizer and is one of the most problematic pollutants in storm water. It wreaks havoc on aquatic ecosystems, particularly in streams and lakes. High levels of phosphorus result in excess algae growth that depletes the water of oxygen, drastically reduces water quality and ultimately can

cause fish kills. It is important to decrease the amount of phosphorus to improve watershed health and for most yards phosphorus is often unnecessary.

- If fertilizing is necessary (again best in the fall), do not apply fertilizers adjacent to seawalls or close to the shoreline. Leave a reasonable, 10' to 20', non-fertilized zone along the shoreline to absorb runoff in these areas.
- Disturb as little topsoil, shrubbery and grass as possible when doing any excavation near the lakeshore. Promptly grade and seed all disturbed soil at the water's edge to eliminate erosion. Use native plants or riprap or shot-rock as shoreline stabilizers.
- Native aquatic vegetation should be encouraged particularly in shallow, low wake areas. These are useful for shoreline stabilization and filter unwanted nutrients during heavy rains/runoff.
- Never use the lake as a disposal site for grass clippings, leaves or other yard refuse. This speed up eutrophication by "filling" the lake and increases the bad nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) and contribute to algae growth.

Fish species identification and bag limit rule

Beginning with the April Smoke Signals there will be a picture guide to help individuals identify fish type and rules associated with removal of specific fish. Please adhere to the rules by either catch and release, number of fish allowed to be removed daily, or removal of unwanted species.

Lake Management Conferences:

For the past several years, John Lecher and I have attended either the Indiana Lake Management Society (ILMS) or the Ohio Lake Conference Association. Both meetings provide a wealth of information and networking opportunities with similar private lakes and vendors. Topics include legislative updates as it relates to waterway, boating and wake surfing. Management strategies, security, invasive species prevention, grants, wildlife management, dredging, fund raising and many more pertinent issues. This year, we are attending both conferences with help from two other board members. Steve Gray will attend the ILMS meeting March 26-27 and John Lecher, Polly Fox and I will attend the OLCA meeting on April 8-9. Fees include registration, travel, hotel, and food.

Gina made a motion to approve no more than $800 for ILMS and $1,400 for OLCA. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership – Polly Fox

There was one new membership in the month of February.

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, boating safety, review invasive species information, fish bag limits, fertilizer restrictions, community clubs and 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.

Marina – Polly Fox

Marina

We are looking to put in new seawall next Fall at the marina. We will likely do half of it this coming winter and the other half the following winter. We will be on a critical and definite timeline for getting boats out of the water in the Fall. Water will need to be lowered, forms set and concrete poured and set before freeze of winter. Please be aware. We will put out specific information in late summer.

Marina (Lower Level) Store

We will be making a motion, discussing and voting in the New Business section of the meeting on a new lease for the lower level of the marina to take effect on April 1, 2026.

Marina Shop

Please call early to get your boat cleaned, prepped and launched this Spring. They are currently scheduling members for this service. So get your name on their list as soon as possible.

Lakeview Wellness (Marina House)

Pool Use
The indoor pool continues to see steady use through water fitness classes and private reservations. As they finalize renovation timelines, please check their website or Facebook page for updates and possible pool closure dates. They are also planning aquatic programming after renovations, including swim lessons for all ages and abilities. Anyone with swim instruction experience who may be interested in helping is encouraged to reach out.
Services
As a reminder, in addition to their free-will offering programs that help cover operational costs such as utilities and facility upkeep, Lakeview Wellness also offers services from licensed professionals, including mental health counseling, massage therapy, and physical therapy. They are working on a plan to continue these services during renovations.
Youth Program
Lakeview Wellness has started a Youth Program with several activities. For more information on the program and activities, please reach out to Sally Kennedy at Lakeview Wellness or Angela Choate at the LSPOA office.
Thank You
Thank you to everyone who has visited the space, shared feedback, donated to help match grant funds, or lent a hand with projects like bathroom updates, pool cover repairs, volunteering, cutting weeds, and hauling trash. Your support makes their mission and operation possible.

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

Don & Nancy Schutte	710/711	House
Ron Wilson	1583-84	Rip Rap and Dredging
James & Holly Petro	343	Deck

Clean Up – Craig Stilwell
Nothing new to report

Roads & Maintenance – Aaron Fitzgerald

- Purchased used Kubota x1100 c side by side with boss snow plow and salt spreader.

- 3 water main leaks
- 1 sewer main leaks
- Installed new light at community room door ,per ladies club request
- Cleaned culverts around lake
- Painted all restaurant picnic tables
- Fabricated new work lights on Dodge service truck
- New tool box and tools for maintenance shop
- Installed new hanging heater in rwwd storage building

Security – Ryan King

- MILES- 1537
- HOURS PATROL- 420
- HOURS ON CALL- 252
- RADAR-20
- ROAD WARNINGS- 0
- ROAD CITATIONS- 0
- WATER WARNINGS- 0
- WATER CITATIONS- 0
- ROAD ISSUES- 7
- WATER ISSUES- 0
- ASSIST CVFD, DCSD, DCEMS- 3
- ANIMAL CALLS DOMESTIC, WILDLIFE- 4
- REMOVE NON-MEMBERS- 1
- VANDALISM-O
- PROPERTY OWNER CALLS- 38
- RV/CAMPER CHECKS- 0
- GOLF CART INSP.- 13
- SOLICITORS- 0

OLD BUSINESS

Long Range Planning: Document is being sent out for final review and editing to the sub-committee chairs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Employment compensation changes: Topic was tabled until further information is obtained.
- Marina lower-level lease. Gina made a motion to approve the amendment to Lakeview Wellness's lease to include the marina lower level. Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Restaurant lease. Topic was tabled until further information is obtained.
- RWWD pole placement E. Beach or lot 1372, Michael motioned to approve both locations for their discretion on placement. Gina seconded and the motion passed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Annual Dues & Assessments are due by 4:00 PM on April 1st.

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

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

Summer Trash/Recycle hours will begin on Saturday May 2nd.

Heavy Trash will be from Thursday May 21st – Sunday June 7th.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned based on a motion from Polly and a second by Gina.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Walsman, Vice President/Secretary

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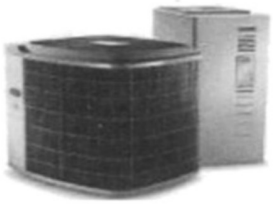
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