

HOOK LINE & SINKER

CUMBERLAND LAKES NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Robert Connors



Although this past winter was not as severe as last year with the ice storm, spring is always welcome and in about three weeks it will be here. With the beginning of nice sunny weather hopefully the earth will dry out enough that work on the Lazy Lake dam can be completed. I would like to welcome the new Board members, John Negron and Jerry Carty, and we look forward to their service on the Board this coming year. I would also like to remind residents that from time to time it is good to have new people step into positions on the Board so we can have fresh input and share the duties of governing our community. With new people building and moving here there will be more opportunities for this to occur in the near future.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau

Winter Weather Advisory: When conditions are present for potential hazardous weather like freezing rain, sleet, or snow but conditions do not meet criteria for a warning. Difficult travel conditions possible.

Winter Weather Watch: When conditions are favorable for a significant storm event like heavy freezing rain, heavy sleet or heavy snow. Hazardous travel conditions imminent.

Winter Weather Warning: When conditions will become dangerous due to freezing rain, sleet and or heavy snow resulting in extremely hazardous travel.

Also, let's remember our "special furry friends" by limiting outdoor activities during freezing temps and be aware when letting pets out during snowy conditions. Pets will lose their sense of smell and orientation and could get lost. Also, use "pet friendly" ice melter where pets can come in contact.

Maintenance Assessment Fees (Dues)

The invoices for 2016 went out on January 31st. The dues remain at \$120.00 per lot and are due by June 30, 2016. Your prompt payment is always appreciated



FIREWISE

Tom Torbleau

Burn Permits are used to help property owner's burn leaves and branches safely. To obtain a permit you need to go to **BurnSafeTN.org** or call **788- 5538** or **484- 4548**. After the first request, your information is saved in a data base. On the website you may receive a notice to "Call Your County office". Don't get discouraged. When you call your local agency, you can still receive a permit but you might have restrictions. Usually "gusty winds" and/or low humidity will prompt restrictions like burning "Before Noon" and using extra precautions during your burn like keeping the fire smaller and having water readily available.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Jerry Carty

As we begin 2016 I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jerry Carty and my wife, Cindy, and I are permanent residents of Cumberland Lakes living in our wonderful home on Lazy Lake. We (Cindy is the Secretary for the Cumberland Lakes Board of Directors and I am the Architectural & Environmental Compliance Committee (AECC) Chairman) are honored to be able to serve our community. My fellow AECC committee members Jim Hanson, Jim Lanigan, Tom Torbleau, Ken Welker and I are dedicated to providing timely responses to each AECC request using a measure of common sense, a spirit of cooperation, and a thorough review of all rules and established precedents with respect to homeowners and with an eye toward maintaining/maximizing property values for our community. We are here for you.

The year has started quickly for the committee with 5 new and subsequently approved AECC requests. The following is a synopsis of the requests:

- 3 requests for tree clearing
- 1 request for a driveway with culvert
- 1 request for a wooden trellis installation
- 1 request for building a pole barn/garage

On another note, please be aware if you consider any burning of cleared materials that burn permits are required by the State of Tennessee between October 15 and May 15 for uncontained outdoor burning in areas not governed by local burning ordinances.

One of the new items we are adding to the newsletters this year is a reprint in each newsletter of a common covenant, restriction, regulation or requirement from the Cumberland Lakes POA Covenants and Restrictions or AECC Requirements and Restrictions. We feel these reprints will help to keep all property owners apprised of some of the most common governing rules for our association. If anyone has any questions or concerns my door is always open or contact one of our committee members. Please see the Cumberland Lakes website, www.cumberlandlakes.net for contact information.

Architectural & Environmental Compliance Committee:

The AECC is a Cumberland Lakes Property Owner's Association committee with the responsibility of monitoring and inspecting all building construction in Cumberland Lakes. The Committee's authority is provided through the Uniform General Requirements in the Covenants and Restrictions approved March 30, 2010 and AECC requirements and restrictions dated 11/29/2011.

REMINDER:

**Burn permits are
required until
May 15, 2015.**



ACTIVITIES

Editor

Our Christmas dinner was held once again with the usual flair. Plenty of good food and an evening of holiday celebration with neighbors and friends was enjoyed by all who attended. I want to remind everyone that the Center is available for parties and impromptu gatherings as long as it does not interfere with a regularly scheduled activity or meeting. It's your Center... make use of it!

*The next annual event will be the Memorial Day picnic **if we can get volunteers to coordinate it.***



**COMMUNITY
RELATIONS: WEL-
COMING**

Betsy Hess

No people have been officially welcomed this quarter. It sounds like we will be having some building in the spring.

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

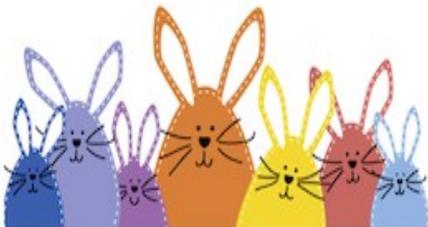
The rock work at the Jim Garrett entrance needs repair, which is scheduled to be done this spring.

The ladies keeping the community center landscaping lovely can use additional help. That is a big job!

Please volunteer immediately, spring is fast approaching!

Happy Easter!

Wishing You And Your Family the Best for the Easter Holiday.



LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

Cumberland Lake is cold, clear and still remains above full pool.

Lazy Lake is also cold and clear, and is full to capacity. All construction on the dam has been stopped due to weather.

CRITTER CONTROL

Last spring there was a beaver sighting on Cumberland Lake. There were no further sightings until November when a resident observed fresh signs while canoeing. In June, I had requested a copy of the "active permit holders for beaver control" for the state of Tennessee from T.W.R.A. All 11 animal damage control operators were contacted. Three bids were received and presented to the Board of Directors for approval and Wildlife Solutions of Knoxville was selected. On December 17th, a contract was signed for 1 week (7 days) of trapping services. The results were:

Beavers – 1
Trappers – 0

The next trapping season will commence in April 2016.

Thanks to Terry Nickle for observations and follow up and to Jim Lanigan for partnering with me on this project.

NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

It seems to me that so far this has been as mild a winter as we have experienced since we have lived here (2003). However by the time this goes out we still could have a horrible winter. Just think of last year and our ice storm! At this time in early February we hadn't had that devastating storm. I base my opinion, about the milder winter mostly on the fact that so far this winter I'm burning less propane and less wood in our fireplace which is a main part of our heat source. We did have a six to seven inch snow storm late in January.

Maybe another indication of our mild winter is that daffodils are up about five inches in our back yard garden. Our deer population has been quite evident and it's not uncommon to see them along the roadside or even in our back yards. Turkeys also have also had a good fall. It was not uncommon to see up to 20 of them together in the fall and early winter, but now the young seem to have scattered. I might add that the frogs in our wet land have awakened recently, but I suspect that they will hunker down again when some of the cold returns.



The winter bird life is great, but I imagine most of us don't get to enjoy it as much as in the spring, summer and fall. We look forward to the return of our greater nature activity. More herbaceous plants breaking through the soil or buds bursting out on the woody shrubs and trees will be welcome as will be the return of the spring and summer animal life.