



LBVCA UPDATE

From the President

by *Jon Testut*

...and the story continues...

“And remember to vote YES...(are you as anxious as I am to get this ballot thing done and over with??).”

That was how I ended my last President’s Desk story. I was once again trying to convince our friends and neighbors that it was important to vote, and to vote yes. And I was anxious...anxious because other Boards had tried several times in the past 13 years to plead the logical need of this increase.

And now we can stop and catch our breath. The Assessment increase was accepted by a wide margin, and we now can move forward with a bit more confidence that we are now out of the shallows and heading towards deeper water where it is safer. And now we can embark on a course that will be for the benefit of us all. The Board has made efforts to use the money generated to balance our budget and invest in necessary improvements. I am sure you would agree that Lost Bridge Village is without parallel, and we now will get busy doing whatever it takes to keep our village safe, enjoyable and a well-maintained environment for us all to live in.

Speaking of looking forward, it’s not that many days before we will be enjoying the change in the season. Hopefully you and your family will share the neighborly holiday spirit that is part and parcel of living in Lost Bridge Village.

And part of that scene will no doubt be snow. As a precautionary measure, it would be advisable to stay home if inclement weather prevails. If you must be out and about, the best advice would be drive slow and easy. As you know, our maintenance department will be at the ready, prepared to spread sand, salt and plow the Village roads. To make it safer for the plow (and your car), it would be best to observe the “No On-Street Parking” rule. But still, be careful, for goodness sake.

Happy Holidays!

Jon

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BURNING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY

If you plan to do yard waste burning on your property you **must** get a burn permit beforehand from Benton County. (If you don't and a fire truck comes out because someone reports smoke at your property, you will be charged for the fire service call.) Call **Benton County at 1-866-207-5140**. Burn Ban info can be found on our website: www.lbvca.com. **(Burning of construction materials is prohibited.) Do not leave smoldering fires unattended!**

CLEANING UP YOUR PROPERTY:

Please remember: Be a good neighbor and rake out leaves and tree debris from your ditches and culverts to prevent water run-off problems, and either burn them or haul them away. If you hire someone to rake leaves or clear other yard waste from your property be sure to tell them to NOT push it into a ditch or culvert or into the street. You must take it to Inland Waste Service (479-878-1384) for disposal. You will be charged a clean-up fee if LBVCA has to clean out your ditch.

INJURED OR DEAD ANIMALS : To report an injured or dead animal (deer, raccoon, etc.) and have it removed from a state culvert or state road, contact the **Arkansas Game & Fish Department** at 1-866-253-2506. (They'll need the street address of where the animal is located.) If you find a dead animal or **deer parts** on your property (left behind by illegal hunters), you may bury them but **NOT** burn them (according to the AR Dept. of Environmental Quality).

We've recently learned both the Benton County Roads Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. say they have no program in place for picking up dead deer from county roads or culverts. If the animal is lying in a culvert, notify the AR Dept of Environmental Quality at 1-888-233-0326.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

Motorists interested in weather-related road conditions can get information from the AR State Highway Department:

- Public Affairs: 501-569-2227
- Toll Free: 800-245-1672 (recorded message)
- Local: 501-569-2374 (recorded message)
- Website: www.arkansashighways.com/

SPEED LIMIT & PARKING in LBV: The speed limit throughout the Village is only **20mph** and is enforceable by the Benton County Sheriff's dept. There is no on-street parking throughout LBV.

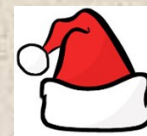
VILLAGE ROADS:

Green and Blue street signs in the village are county roads. If you live on a road with potholes or lots of ruts, **call Jeff Clark at the Benton County Roads (479-271-1052)** to have it repaired. You do not need to call the Village Office or wait for a Board meeting to report it.

Welcome To Our Neighborhood

New Village Homeowners

- Kittle, David & Mary — FHS B1 166
- RJD Properties — MOU S6 2
- Timson, Glenn & Jane — LBS B1 151 & 152
- Bell, Sheila — LBS B3 36
- Brock, Terry & Debra — CCA B2 65W & 66
- Marlow, Edward & Dorothy — LBS B5 6
- Jobe, Jana — WMT S 30 & N 1/2 31
- James Jesse — LBS B3 31-33



New Village Land Owners

- Schaffner, Dave & Ann — CCA B1 42, MOU S3 73
- Deatherage, Debra & Jerry — PMR U4 90 & 95
- Edwards, Tracy & Apel, Michael & Tonie — PMR U4 20
- Stange, Todd & Cheryl — PMR U5 10 & 12
- Rinard, Ellen — CCA B1 46, MOU S3 113
- Palmer, James & Tyra — FHS B1 75 & 112
- Allen, Grady & Paula — LBS B1 112
- Eden Properties — PMR U4 7 & 8
- Necessary Trust, Patricia A — DWD S1 116-118

YOUR Current LBVCA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jon Testut – President | Ken Buchheit, Trustee |
| Steve Bray – Vice President | Randy Haley, Trustee |
| Ellen Rinard – Sec./Treas. | Melvin Schoonover, Trustee |
| | John Wilson, Trustee |

LBVCA 2016 Board Trustee Election Coming Up

Candidates nominated for the 2016 LBVCA Board or Trustees:
Phil Williamson

There's still time to step up and run for the Board.

There will be 3 open positions next March. Any member/property owner in good standing (not delinquent or in violation of the Covenants) may run for the Board. Contact Marty in the LBV Office (479-359-3204 or office@lbvca.com) or any current Board member for details **as soon as possible**.

LBVCA needs YOU!

2016 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT INVOICES

Annual Assessment Invoices will be mailed out on or about December 16th. Watch for yours in the mail and don't let it get buried under all the lovely Christmas cards. Annual assessment fees are due January 1st. All accounts not paid by January 31st will be subject to a 10% late penalty. On February 16th assessment fees still unpaid will be turned over to a collection agency at which time an additional 40% collection fee will be applied. Delinquent accounts will begin accruing interest from January 1st at a maximum rate not to exceed the rate stipulated by the State of Arkansas.

Invoices will reflect the **new** fees. Improved lots (with a dwelling) will be charged \$160/year and Unimproved Lots (without a dwelling) will be charged \$112/year. Thanks to all who voted on the recent ballot!

Payment Options: Mail your check to the LBV Office (12477 Lodge Dr, Garfield, AR 72732), or pay by cash (exact amount only; we cannot break large bills) at the LBVCA Office, or use PayPal via our website (www.lbvca.com). PayPal charges us a 3% fee to use their service, so our **THANKS** in advance to those who include the service fee with their payment.

Please be aware: The LBVCA maintenance assessment fee is an ANNUAL fee. Please do not choose to pay it off monthly as this will cause your account to go delinquent, be hit with late fees, and be turned over to Collections. Running the Village smoothly is dependent on annual assessments being paid timely.

Please, please, please PAY PROMPTLY!



Social News

by *Ellen Rinard*

Hi, Villagers: Many thanks go out to the people who made our recent Mike & Marty Show and Chili Dinner such a great success. Cooks were Judy and Dave Growcock, Kara and Richard Funk, and Noel Sloane. Their chili and desserts were fantastic. Roberta baked the wonderful cornbread, Linda Shade helped with sodas and ice, as well as tracking and reporting on the finances. And lots of volunteers helped with clearing tables and washing dishes.

And thanks go to our fabulous musicians, Mike Gray and Marty Sauers - how lucky we are to have such talented people in our community! It was a great evening and everyone had lots of fun.



Parks & Recreation by Steve Bray

The holiday season is almost upon us. Because I have to author this in advance we have not yet had a hard freeze and the brown leaves are still on the trees, but you may be reading this with inches or feet of snow outside. If you need to burn off some of that holiday cheer and can make it through the slush to the rec center, a wide variety of exercise equipment and games awaits. Please contact the office if you haven't obtained your access code yet. While the building is heated, it is not terribly well insulated so in cold weather please turn on the ceiling fans to move the warm air from the ceiling down to where you are. **Also, in extremely cold weather please allow the faucets in the kitchen and bathrooms to drip.**

The assessment increase recently passed is a wonderful thing, but don't expect miracles at the rec center immediately. It will take time to build up a reservoir of funds to pay for substantial renovations and it is unclear exactly what form that will take. My personal preference is to plan for a complete scrape-off and rebuild designed to last another 50 years, but that will be up to future Boards of Trustees. In the assembling of the budget for 2016 the process of setting aside funds for renovation has begun, but in the meantime our existing facility will need to be maintained and repaired. As you get ready to vote for candidates for the open positions on the Board, please take the time to get to know their qualifications and ideas for the future before casting your vote. If you have ideas or preferences for how renovation of all our recreational amenities should be addressed, please make them known. Your participation is important.

GLADE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 1st Quarter Meeting

SUNDAY, January 24, 3:00 p.m. at Garfield Elementary School on Hwy. 62 in Garfield

Guest Speaker Mr. Steve Bowman, Garfield Elementary Principal.

The meeting is FREE and open to the public. ALL ARE WELCOME!

(For more information contact Sam Reynolds at 479-359-2042.)

UPCOMING SOCIALS & EVENTS

DECEMBER EVENT



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Brought to you by LBVCA

Date & Time: Saturday, December 12th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Whitney Mountain Lodge

12438 Lodge Drive, Garfield, AR 72732 (next door to the LBVCA Office)

Cost: \$15.00 per person; cash bar.

Reservation deadline: Monday, December 7th.

(Call Marty in the LBV Office 479-359-3204. Make checks payable to LBVCA. No-shows will be charged.)

Join your friends and neighbors for sunset drinks overlooking the lake. Come dressed in your finery and enjoy multiple appetizers, a cash bar with premium brands, a cozy fire, background music, and holiday décor.

Bring your best dessert to share. You could be the talented cook who wins the \$50 cash prize. Dessert contest to be judged by the Lodge's Chef Stephan Ascencios.

(Event is open to non-property owners. In the event of bad weather, cancellation or reschedule will occur.)



There are no events currently scheduled for January or February, but stay tuned!



Properties & Marketing by Ken Buchheit

Thanks to all of you for your help with the assessment increase. These additional funds will be used wisely to help improve and beautify our peaceful neighborhoods. In the past few years, as a result of limited financing, some needed repairs and upgrades were delayed. With the help of several volunteers, work is already underway. With this additional revenue, more will be accomplished.

We always appreciate the hard work all of you, as residents, do to keep the area looking so beautiful. We, as board members, will do our best to keep the village properties looking nice also. We'll be doing some infrastructure upgrades, street improvements and some lot cleaning up in an effort to make our properties more attractive. This might take a little time but we hope some changes are visible soon. Also, we will continue promoting the area to attract new residents.

The Properties and Marketing committee has plans to establish a subcommittee specifically for marketing purposes. We're looking for a few volunteers who might have real estate, marketing or sales experience. If you think you'd be able to help, please contact me at 479-304-1196 or call the office and leave a message. We would surely appreciate any help you can provide.

Our web site, www.lbvca.com, has a great deal of information about the area, including local area info, social events and activities, links, and properties for sale by the Village. Our Facebook page, "Lost Bridge Village Life", is also a great place to learn "What's Happening" in the area. If you haven't already visited the site, or joined the Facebook group, please do so soon. Thanks. Looking forward to hearing from you.



News from Posy Mountain Ranch by Randy Haley

First, thanks to those who voted for the assessment increase for 2016. We've been able so far this year to keep things going with a lot of volunteer time and minimal charge for equipment used working on Posy roads.

Benton County has been talking about surfacing some of the dirt roads in the county. MAKE your voice and tax dollars heard. We're in District 1 of the County and our JP is Ron Easley (RonEasley@BentonCountyAr.gov). The road department has not responded to our request, so let's go a step around and see if we can get our voice heard another way. Let's try to get Arabian covered.

If you'd be interested, there are 3 positions open on the board for next year. Be in the know, and have a voice in what happens in YOUR village.

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, and has a wonderful and joyful Christmas with family and friends. From our house to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Randy and Deanne Haley



AIRSTRIP NEWS by Steve Bray

With the passage of the long overdue assessment increase you may be wondering what this means for the airport. For at least the next couple of years the bulk of the increase will most likely be targeted towards the roads and maintenance in areas of the Village that have been neglected as well as for covenant enforcement activities. Nevertheless, the airport will see some benefit as well. In budget planning for next year a small amount of funding has been allocated for the airport specifically to cover miscellaneous costs such as the purchase of crack fill supplies and possibly some better markings for tie downs and similar expenses. It would not cover labor for crack filling, so expect to see volunteers working to fill cracks again in the spring. The Board is also planning for longer term capital improvements by designating budget accounts for specific projects vs. a single improvements fund. One of these is an account for a future runway overlay (hopefully many years from now). While the initial contribution to the account is minimal, it is a start. Over my term as Airport Trustee, I have fielded increasing numbers of queries from non-members about the airport. If you have not already done so, please check out the airport information page on the LBVCA website: <http://www.lbvca.com/airport.html>.

NEBCO FIRE-EMS COMING TO "THE" FIRE DEPARTMENT NEAR YOU!



The 12th Annual NEBCO FIRE-EMS

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 11am to 2pm

\$6.00 adults; \$3.00 kids ages 5-12; under 5, free

To sponsor and/or enter a Chili Cook-Off team, call NEBCO Fire-EMS at 479-359-3134.

Music At The FireHouse

Ken Bell's Black Oak Band is on hiatus for the winter, but they'll be back starting next April. 9th and will play the 2nd and 4th Saturdays through September. Shows will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information call Andy at NEBCO-EMS at 479-359-3134.





BookTalk

by Pat Testut



The holidays are here once more with all of the craziness that goes along with them and if it all gets to be too much, maybe you'll need a break from the hustle and bustle. Find a quiet place, pick up a good book (maybe one of the new books in our library), grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and relax and recharge your batteries.

If that's too solitary for you we have lots of new movies to share with friends and family. Are the grandchildren visiting? Bring them to our library and have them choose a children's movie or a book to read on a cold winter's day.

New adult fiction books include Lee Child's "Make Me", "The Marriage of Opposites" by Alice Hoffman, "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George, David Baldacci's new Will Robie book, "The Guilty", and B.A. Shapiro's "The Muralist". Bestselling authors John Grisham's "Rogue Lawyer" and Michael Connelly's "The Crossing" are new books out for the Christmas season.

Biography lovers have a choice between Jon Meacham's "Destiny and Power: the American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush" and "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg", and history buffs will love "The Witches, Salem, 1692" by Stacy Schiff.

For the movie goers among us check out "Ricki and the Flash", Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris", "Mad Max: Fury Road", "Jurassic World", "San Andreas", or "Pitch Perfect 2". For the younger set we have "Inside Out".

Whatever your choice this Christmas season, may it be filled with Peace and Joy.

As always, I can be reached at lbvlibrary@hotmail.com with your comments or suggestions for new materials.



Technically Speaking

by Jon Testut

Did you know that our website (www.LBVCA.com) had over 25,000 visitors this year? Were you one of them? We encourage our members to visit the site and use the comment page to submit suggestions and reviews of the website.

Trustee Advisors: Jon Testut and Steve Bray



Roads & Maintenance — The Road Ahead By Jon Testut

Roads and Maintenance has many responsibilities that vary with the seasons. Luckily, our snow removal equipment has been idle, but we are prepared. Salt and sand will be readily available to spread on our roads should the snows come to LBV. Be sure to park your car well off the roadway so the snow plow crew can navigate the narrow roadways safely.

If you do not absolutely have to drive, please stay at home and be safe. As good of a job as the plow can do, the roads are difficult to navigate when the seasons change. Be it wet leaves or light snow, please drive carefully.

If you are raking leaves and expect to burn them on your own property, be sure to call CENCOM 479-273-5530 or 866-207-5140 before burning. There may be a burn ban on.

Lastly, always be careful as you drive on Village roads, noting that the equipment operator may not see or hear you while he is operating the noisy equipment. Give them a wide berth.

Trustee Advisors: Jon Testut and Randy Haley

*******VILLAGE ACTIVITIES*******

- **CRAFTERS UNLIMITED** — Meet every Monday morning, 10:00-2:30, year round, in the Village Hall. Bring your lunch. Call Pat Reynolds for information (479-359-2042).
- **YOGA** — Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., Village Hall. Pay at each session. Class instructor is Lynn Larson at 479-253-9728.
- **HOBBITS** — 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Contact Tammy Douglass, President, at 479-359-1300. No meetings June-August.
- **GARDEN CLUB** — 4th Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. **No meetings June-August.** For info call Patti French or Val Bell, club co-presidents. (Patti: 479-359-3521. Val: 479-359-2180.)
- **LOST BRIDGE BOOK CLUB** — 4th Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Contact Jean Kosche at 479-359-3963 for details.
- **LOST BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH** — Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sundays at Whitney Mountain Chapel on Oak Ridge Dr., off Lodge Drive. Interdenominational; all are welcome. Services conducted by the Reverend Alan Tyson.
- **WATER AEROBICS AT THE POOL** — Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am to Noon, June-August only. Contact Roberta Heaton at 359-2139. **The pool is closed for the winter. It will reopen for the Memorial Holiday weekend in May 2016.**
- **MONTHLY LBVCA BOARD MEETINGS** — The LBVCA Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Property owners are welcome.
- **THE LBV WATER & SEWER BOARD** usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the LBVCA Community Building Conference Room.



LBVCA Assessment Increase

Ballot Results

Balloting closed on October 19th. The vote count was done by Ted Tidwell and his Election Committee:

503.5 votes were cast in favor of the increase

317.5 were cast against the increase

The rate increase will be reflected in your 2016 fee invoice, which will be mailed on or about Dec. 16th. Watch your mail for it.

BENTON COUNTY SERVICES

Solid Waste Disposal

- This center will give County residents a place to dispose of unwanted furniture, refrigerators, electronics, up to 4 rimless passenger car tires, etc.
- **No** household trash, construction material, yard waste, glass, or hazardous materials.
- Hours of Operation: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location: 5702 Brookside Rd., Centerton, AR. Phone: 479-795-0751.
- There will be no charge to residents for dropping off unwanted articles on Saturday. (\$10 min. charge on weekdays.)
- Additional information is available on the County website www.co.benton.ar.us, or you can call the Environmental Office at 479-271-1083.

Paper Shredding

Benton County no longer offers a shredding service. Contact:

Ironwood Shredding

807 W Hudson Rd, Rogers, AR 72756
479-631-4000 (Call for fees.)

2nd Saturday of every month, 8:00 am – Noon

Medicine Recycling

1300 SW 14th Street, Bentonville
479-271-1008

Every Day from 7AM to 11PM
(No Needles or Metal)

Discard your old unused or outdated medications.

RECYCLING of paper, bottles, cans, cardboard:

Pea Ridge Military Park
479-451-8122

For disposal of household trash, glass, etc., call:
479-878-1384

Inland Waste Solutions

(a Benton County Transfer Station)

848 E Hwy 264

Lowell, AR 72745

(formerly Deffenbaugh Roll Off Svc)

Hours are 8-4 Tuesday-Saturday (closed Monday). Prices are \$15+tax per cubic yard of material, excluding shingles. Shingles price: 3 cubic yards for \$85+tax.

Inland takes construction debris for \$40-55 per truckload.

