



FROM THE DESK OF THE P.O.A. PRESIDENT

Robert Connors



On behalf of the POA, I would hope that everyone is enjoying this summer so far in spite of the rains and stormy weather. The lakes are full and the flowers are beautiful; there are signs of new life everywhere. I would like to especially thank Dale Dinse' for the great job on the sign at Divide Road which was badly in need of repair. What an artist!

Just a friendly reminder that the last day to pay your annual dues and avoid late charges on your account is June 30, 2013 and I hope everyone will have a wonderful summer.



Board of Directors Election

If you would like to run for the Board of Directors for the Cumberland Lakes Property Owners Association please contact Cindy Carty at 931-839-6640. You must submit a resume to the nominating committee by July 23, 2013. Ballots will be mailed out in August and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting in October 2013.

FIREWISE

Frank Jimenez

Each spring we usually freshen up our landscaping with a new layer of mulch. There are many types to choose from and we have to consider not only how they look and how long they last, but how safe they are. Although there are many benefits to mulching we must remember that many are combustible which can be a problem in fire prone areas. Mulches can be organic such as pine needles, pine bark nuggets or ground or shredded rubber, or inorganic such as rock or gravel. Tests performed by the Carson City, Nevada Fire Department in 2008 showed that shredded rubber produced the most heat and highest flames; shredded western red cedar spread flames most rapidly, and composted wood chips had the slowest spread rate and shortest flames. The best choice for mulch close to your home would be inorganic such as rock or brick pavers. Composted wood chips are the next best choice. Pine needles, shredded rubber and shredded western red cedar can be used, but they should be further from your home, at least 30 feet away. I hope this information helps you in making informed landscape decisions.

Be advised that burn permits are no longer required until October 15, 2013. However, as we live in a heavily wooded area please be mindful of wind and weather conditions and burn safely.

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

Lakes

Both lakes continue to remain at full pool due to the amount of rain we have experienced this spring.

Fishing

Creel limits and size limits will remain the same as 2012 and are posted on the bulletin boards at the lakes.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau

Even though we have not had any recent break-ins we should still maintain a minimum level of security. Every night we should take the opportunity to use our alarm systems. Before arming, most systems will indicate open doors and/or windows depending upon the type of system you have. This will hopefully help to verify that all is secure for the night. We should also take care in leaving garage doors open during the day and equipment out in plain sight.

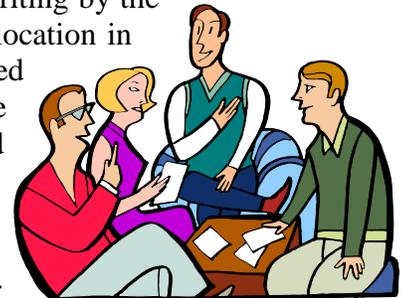


ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

John Ziminski

Now that the snow has stopped and spring has sprung it is time to think about our summer projects. Does the house need painting? Do some of the dead trees need to come down? Need a dog run for our four legged friends? What about extra storage space? The AECC would like to remind homeowners that outside projects may need AECC documentation and approval prior to being performed. This means exterior changes to any home must be pre-approved by the AECC. Approval for most projects is easily obtained.

As stated in the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Cumberland Lakes at Cumberland Cove Unit 201 Property Owners Association, Inc. dated March 23, 2010 page 19, 10.2.2 Architectural Control – No living unit, building (permanent or portable), fence, wall, addition, or modification to existing structures shall be commenced or erected, upon the Subject Properties, without prior approval of the AECC. Plans drawn to appropriate scale, and specifications, showing the nature, kind, shape, height, material and location of the building, addition, or modification including exterior color scheme and plot plan, showing access and size of culvert at the street, must be submitted to and approved in writing by the AECC prior to any work beginning. The harmony of the external design and location in relation to surrounding structures, topography, and vegetation will be considered by the AECC. Approval or disapproval of the same shall be made by the Committee and returned to the applicant within a reasonable time, not to exceed (45) days after receipt of same. Disapproval of said construction may be appealed to the Board.



The following items listed are intended to help each property owner better understand the required procedure to follow to add or change something on their lot or living unit. This list consists of the most common changes requested and is NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE. The cooperative effort of every property owner is appreciated since the quality of life within our community and personal values are affected through each property owner's response.

Additions/Alterations to home, Awnings/Canopies, Deck additions/alterations, Doors (added exterior), Dog-runs, Driveway additions/turnarounds, Fences, Garage additions/alterations, Glass-in porches, Lights,

Painting/repainting, Tree removal, Re-roof, Retaining walls, Sidewalks, Siding, Utility/storage sheds, Underbrushing, Windows.

It is an easy process. Generally, the AECC request form and a drawing/sketch showing the proposed change is all that is needed. We hold our meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 9AM at the Community Center. If for some reason you miss this date we will try to get your project approved if committee members can be reached. If we can be of further help PLEASE contact any AECC member. We hope to see your projects go from the drawing board to a finished product. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES

Cindy Carty

Cumberland Lakes At the Sewing Social (CLASS); Our newly established sewing social finally kicked off in April and was fun for all. Our hostess, Lorrie Brown, graciously offered her time and skill with hand stitching of any kind such as quilting, applique, knitting and crocheting. Some ladies stopped by just to visit. We shared not only sewing skills, but insights, community critter sightings and much laughter. I, personally, had no idea there was such depth and variety of abilities within our community. Sewing get-togethers are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 1:00PM at the Center.



Community Center's Calendar of Events: In April our Board approved a motion to have full access to the Community Center by all permanent, seasonal or part time homeowners. A more user-friendly, yet equally secure, access is in process. The POA Board will continue to provide entry as needed until this matter is resolved. I agreed to act as primary point of contact for maintaining timeline scheduling, either through email or by phone, to coordinate "recurring and/or events" access. A hard-copy type calendar is additionally maintained and visible within the Center. For any "contracted" use of the Center, the procedure remains the same and these will be included on the Events Calendar. Thanks to our Webmaster, Judy Babb, I am able to access and immediately update our **Calendar of Events** page which may be easily viewed on our website at: http://www.cumberlandlakes.net/Calendar_of_Events.html

Upcoming Events: Many of us enjoyed a Kentucky Derby Day Weenie Roast on May 4th at the Community Center. Most of the ladies participated in the Derby Bonnet Contest and there was a chance to "Pick-a-Random" pony with the winner splitting proceeds with the Activities fund. Of course, watching the race itself was the highlight of the day!

Future picnics and/or pot lucks include:

Memorial Day – May 27th
Independence Day – July 4th
Labor Day – September 2nd
Halloween – October 31st
Christmas dinner – date to be determined in December

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

The Welcoming Committee will have a policy change starting next quarter. We have some people who are here each year only some of the time and our committee had not been "officially" welcoming them. Some of those people wondered why. Now we shall "officially" welcome all part time residents as well. Thank you for bringing that to our attention. We typically try to meet with new people on Tuesdays or Wednesdays as Ray Brunner, a committee member, is available at these times. We are happy to report that Lorrie Brown is joining our committee. Please let us know when you will be here in order that we may officially welcome you. Betsy Hess (931-839-6518) or email me at welcoming@cumberlandlakes.net

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

Bill Hess and John Ziminski planted two kousa dogwoods (one pink and one white) and a red buckeye on the tree islands near Route 62 this spring. A few flowers were showing on the buckeye as of this writing.

Ron and Shirley Seiss and their daughter, Cynthia, have again gotten the Community Center flower beds looking beautiful. Cynthia spent some of her spring vacation from Minnesota working in the gardens! Ron and Shirley just finished mulching those beds. Shirley and I planted zinnias and vincas there in mid- May.

Dale Dinse' has replaced the sign near Divide Road. Doesn't it look lovely? The deer seem to have left the tulips there alone, however they certainly chewed on the evergreen! Green growth is showing up on the evergreen so we'll leave it for now. Red geraniums will be planted near Dale's sign by the end of May.



Bill and Betsy weeded at the Jim Garrett Road entrance and later two clematis and a few annuals were put in. Hopefully the plants will not be stolen, as it has been a theft area in the past. We'll soon add a little mulch there.

In some previous landscaping news I had mentioned ordering some dwarf oakleaf hydrangeas for near our flagpole. When they arrived Bill and I kept all six, since they were only about three inches tall and I was afraid they might get mowed down there.

Shirley can use another weeder/planter at the Community Center and I can use the same out on Jim Garrett Road. Thank you already for volunteering!

NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

Spring is having a hard time leaving us which should not surprise us this year. It has been an advantage, however, since our spring trees have been spectacular. Their flowering has been for a longer period of time than typical. In our woods, the dogwoods have been spectacular and their white flowers (actually white bracts below a cluster of flowers) have held on so much longer. Other trees such as Redbud, Red Maple and Serviceberry also have had extended blooming periods. Now flowering in our woods (early May) are the Southern Wild Crabapples. They have subtle pinkish flowers and I suspect most of us here are not aware of them, but they are there.

We do have some trees flowering now that might trigger some allergies. These trees release a great deal of pollen. Our oak and pine trees are the main culprits. The pollen is quite visible on your porch floor, screens and outdoor furniture. The only other plant to avoid around here is poison ivy, but it is not common. I have seen it here, and on my property is has been in a disturbed area. A little herbicide has eliminated my few plants. Otherwise, our main concerns are the ticks and chiggers that inhabit our woods. If you work outside in the garden you need to be sure to spray insecticide on your clothing. That does not guarantee ticks or chiggers will not find a "foothold" on your skin! These are simply the concerns for living in the woods.



As for herbaceous plants, the spring plants evident here are small dwarf blue irises and a couple of violet species, one of which is common in disturbed areas. The other, called Bird's Foot Violet, is one of the most attractive violets in the area. Small little Bluets abound in the mowed areas at the road edges, usually near the woods. I've mentioned it before, but this region of Tennessee is tremendously diverse, both plants and animals. When it comes to nature we are one of the richest natural areas east of the Mississippi River.

FROM THE EDITOR

Judi Connors

If at any time you prefer to receive a mailed copy of the Newsletter, or you no longer need a mailed copy, please call me at 931-839-7252. The Community Center office is no longer open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings; however, the phone is monitored and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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