

HOOK LINE & SINKER

CUMBERLAND LAKES NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR!

Judi Connors

I am taking this opportunity to inform everyone that **this edition of the "Hook, Line and Sinker" will be the last one that is mailed out in hard copy form.** The Newsletter has been available online for some time now, and in an effort to keep expenditures as low as possible it has been proposed that beginning in 2016 it will be online only. Most people have access to the internet either in their homes or on their cell phones. Local libraries normally offer free usage of computers as well. Of course, in any case of hardship a property owner simply needs to contact me at 931-839-7252 or by an email to the Editor (see Contacts page). I will be happy to put you on a mailing list for a hard copy. In addition, there will be a few copies provided in an outside location at the Center which will enable residents to pick up a Newsletter without having to enter the building. With this one simple change we anticipate significant savings in both time and money.

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

Robert Connors



In this past year fate has handed our community challenges the likes of which we have never seen. First, a catastrophic failure of our Lazy Lake dam has required a complete replacement at a substantial cost and a great deal of hard labor. Next, a devastating ice storm hit our area but the neighbors pulled together and we made it through almost a week without power. Thanks to Reggie and Linette Almond having experience in matters such as those we faced with the dam, a successful end is now in sight. I would like to thank Jordan Correia for his hard work carrying out the duties of the Vice-President, the other members of the Board and, of course, all the committee chairmen and their members who give of their time to our community. I would also like to acknowledge Judi Connors who has served on the Board for several years and is now stepping down. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and anticipate a better year to come.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, December 12, 2015

The annual Christmas Party at the Community Center is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to share which complements the main course. Contact Betsy Hess at 839-6518 or Cindy Carty (ccseawolf@gmail.com) at 839-6640 by Wednesday, December 9th to let us know what you are bringing.

PLEASE PLAN TO HELP DECORATE THE CENTER ON FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11th AT 9:00 am.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau

We know that crime had fallen early this year, but it is slowly trying to make a comeback. The sheriff's department has been doing a great job at keeping the crime rate down in the county, but the battle is never ending. On a good note, I have seen in the many crime reports that crime has seemed to flourish outside of our general area. The closest reports I have seen show burglaries generally in the Plateau Road area and not around Jim Garrett Road or Cumberland Lakes Drive. The issue with our vandalism of street signs is not unique to our area with The Cove having their fair share of street sign vandalism.

FIREWISE

Tom Torbleau

Now that fall has arrived with gusto, we have seen a large quantity of leaves have fallen all at once. As I patrol the community, I have noticed some potential areas for fire hazards. One area of concern is a significant amount of leaves around foundations. Leaves should be removed from an area about 6 to 8 ft. away from structures. Another concern is a buildup of leaves and twigs on roofs where two different angles of roofs meet in a "valley" or where a low angled roof meets a gutter. Leaves that build up quickly do not have a chance to disperse with periodic wind and do pose a hazard. On a dry windy day it has been proven that fire embers can travel up to a mile to reignite fires. Fire will find a way to move beneath the roofing material at seams and joints in the material. Most people do not realize that metal roofs are still prone to fires since they are a very thin gauge metal and once a fire begins in a "valley" the heat builds up quickly and starts to melt the thin gauge metal. Composition roofs seem to have a little more resistance to fire in this case, but once fire flows beneath the roofing material it tends to accelerate using the minimal sub roofing material and the wood joists. Another area of concern is the area below decks that are not screened or protected by lattice work. Leaves that enter this area are allowed to dry out and become extremely flammable. The deck above will protect the leaves from rain. One flying ember can cause a blazing fire in minutes

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Reggie Almond

I again want to thank all committee members for their participation this year. Members are Tom Torbleau, Ken Welker, Jim Hanson, John Ziminski and **New** member Jim Lanigan. The committee approved the removal of several trees and the installation of a 12ft x 28ft storage building at the Hepburn residence, and the removal of a dying tree at the Robinson residence. Also approved were two Pergola's at the Lanigan residence. I want to also remind all residents to fill out the request forms at **cumberlandlakes.net** before beginning their projects.

With cold weather on its way there is little new activity to report. However, be mindful that the winter may cause more of those damaged limbs to fall. Remember that burning leaf piles and brush requires a burn permit this time of year.

I want to thank everyone for providing me the opportunity to serve the community.



LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

Cumberland Lake

A site lake survey was performed during the month of August to determine the need for purchase of additional grass carp necessary to maintain or control of the growth of underwater vegetation. It has been determined that the existing carp pool, coupled with the lakes level (4-6 inches) above normal full pool from September 2014 through September 2015, has kept the vegetation in check. The lake being above full pool has kept the sun's rays from filtering or penetrating to the bottom, thus stunting the growth of vegetation so that no further action is required at this time

Lazy Lake

The TWRA fish biologist and I have developed a restocking plan for the impoundment. The preliminary plan was submitted to the board at the August meeting for their consideration. The plan for the fishery is based on 50% of the standard stocking rates per surface acre for a 20 acre renovated lake with light fishing pressure. It is expected that the fish should reproduce naturally and be at a carrying capacity in a couple of years.

Critter Control

In the April / May timeframe a beaver sighting was reported on Cumberland Lake. Since the initial sighting no reports have been filed.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

No new people have moved into Cumberland Lakes in this quarter that I'm aware of.

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

Most of the twelve small chrysanthemums were undisturbed at the Cumberland Lakes Road/Jim Garrett entrance. Two were pulled up around Columbus Day weekend, but left nearby. I replanted them hoping they'll winter over. Elaine Jimenez and I will carefully weed there next spring, hoping some of those small chrysanthemums make it through the winter. We have not had a killing frost as of November 11th, probably some of the zinnias are still flowering at the welcome center. The chrysanthemums have looked nice at the state road 62 entrance for some time. Thanks, Janine.

Thanks again to the committee: Linette Almond, Judi Connors, Betsy & Bill Hess, Elaine Jimenez, Kaye Robinson and Janine Torbleau.

NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

I mentioned in the last issue of our nature activities about the preponderance of the mosquitoes in the woods. They continued to be a pest in the outdoors, at least in my section of the woods. In addition, it was a little rainier and perhaps milder temperature wise which certainly didn't limit the mosquitoes. I never did see any Phoebes and very rarely the Carolina Wrens. Even the Canadian Geese don't seem to be very prevalent either above or on the ground. I'd say our main birds were the Hummingbirds and they kept their feeders busy.

Another more common visitor on our property and in the surrounding woods has been deer. It's hard to predict if our ice storm had anything to do with that, but I'd bet that it did. Even now, as I walk through some of the trails that I follow, branches small and big are still coming down. Maybe these events cause the deer to wander a little more. Maybe our main mammal AND PEST have been the prevalent mice.

Our fall color has been spectacular. The oaks, dogwoods, maples, tulip trees, etc. have not been a disappointment. Going on and off the 'Plateau' from early fall to now emphasizes the beauty of our Cumberland Plateau.



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