

Hook, Line & Sinker

CUMBERLAND LAKES - SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Robert Connors



I hope your summer has gone well in spite of the unusually wet weather. As most everyone is aware, the access card reader has been installed at the Community Center and cards are available to be issued to homeowners. If you haven't already gotten your card please call me to schedule a time to pick it up. I would also encourage anyone who is able to attend our Annual Meeting on October 19th. It's a good opportunity to get together with your neighbors and find out more about our community.

Board of Directors Election

Only five resumes were submitted by candidates for the Board of Directors. Therefore, there will be no need for an election this year. The new Board will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

FIREWISE

Frank Jimenez

As fall comes near the leaves will begin to come down and we must be prepared for our burning activities. Beginning October 15th we are required to obtain burning permits from the forestry department. Since most of our properties are within Cumberland County we must call the following numbers to obtain a permit: 931-484-4548 or 931-788-5538. On your first call your name, address and phone number will be entered into a database that will simplify getting subsequent permits. A website is also available to obtain a permit if your burn pile is 8 feet by 8 feet or less. The link to the website is www.burnsafetn.org and you must click on the Burning Permit icon on the right side of the page. The system will remember your information for the next permit you obtain. We have been lucky that we have not had any fires, so make this a safe and Firewise fall.

Volunteer Time Worksheets are available from Frank Jimenez and should be turned in to him no later than October 1, 2013. Reporting the hours spent doing yard cleanup helps us to maintain our status as a Firewise Community.

PREVENTING FIRES
IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

Mother Nature was not very kind to the Lakes fishermen this spring. Lots of rain, wind and cool stormy days kept the fishermen off the lakes. Let's hope the last half of the season will be better.

Cumberland Lake: It is still at full pool as "dog days" approach. The normally clear water is starting to cloud up and will remain so until, once again, the rains begin and flush the impoundment.

Lazy Lake: Good news, bad news.

First the bad news: The patch repair on the dam has broken causing the water level to drop approximately four feet below full pool and thereby making the lake unsafe for recreational purposes. The lake will continue to fall until the stream input/output is equal. **THE LAKE IS CLOSED.** A sign has been posted at the lake entrance.

Now the good news: Fields Engineering Services owner Barry Fields and project engineer Bob Fler met with Bob Connors, John Ziminski and myself to discuss our options. Much to our surprise, Fields Engineering made a proposal to try one more time to repair the dam. They will be responsible for all labor and engineering costs if the POA will be responsible for material costs (approximately \$1500.00). This proposal is extremely generous and one the Board could not refuse. The Board approved the proposal and Fields Engineering was notified of the acceptance by email. It is anticipated that the repairs will start within the month.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau



Even though incidents of crime have remained low through the summer, reports of crime in the surrounding areas have risen. Areas reported by the county are the Plateau Road area, South Cumberland Lakes Drive, Jim Garrett Road, and the Cumberland Cove Market. Just because incidents remain low in our community, we must not become complacent and let our guard down. Remember... "Theft is a crime of opportunity". Recently there has been a report of two strange vehicles parked at Cumberland Lakes Dr. and North Laurel Loop, and another report of an old pickup truck parked at End Place with two men standing, looking into the woods, possibly at a home.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

John Ziminski

Just a reminder, before starting any **OUTSIDE THE HOME PROJECTS** which include tree cutting, repairs to the outside of your home, driveways, outside lighting, gates, clearing of land, additional structures such as fences, sheds, etc. you will need to have a work request submitted and approved by the AECC. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9AM in the Community Center.

Any homeowner in need of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Cumberland Lakes entered on the 23rd of March, 2010 and recorded on the 30th of March, 2010 with Cumberland County (the current C & R's) can obtain a copy from the AECC. The revised AECC Requirements and Restrictions for Cumberland Lakes dated 11/29/2011 are also available through the AECC. If there is any way we can be of help with your next project or if you have a question, **PLEASE** give us a call.

Anyone who may be interested in joining the AECC should please contact John Ziminski or any AECC member. We are hoping to add one or two members to our committee. Thank you!

ACTIVITIES

Cindy Carty

Since our last newsletter went out we have been quite busy in the Center. A highly successful 4th of July picnic was changed up a bit with chicken and ribs along with sides brought by attendees. Although bad weather forced us to be inside, a patriotic good time was had by all.

The Cumberland Lakes **Calendar of Events** may be easily viewed on our official website at www.cumberlandlakes.net . In addition, more **Event Pictures** are readily available through the Cumberland Lakes Home Page access thanks to Judy Babb, our webmaster. Upcoming events will be our Labor Day Picnic on September 2nd, our Halloween Party on October 31st, and our Christmas Dinner in December with the date still to be set. With open access to the Center we have added a Friday Night Game Night on a drop-in basis, and the opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors is always available.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

Officially, the Welcoming Committee had no one to welcome this summer. Some of our part time residents are so busy when they come here they requested that we wait for the “welcoming” during the cold months, or when they finally move here permanently. But as I write this, I think of some other part timers who might be ready. One committee member, Ray Brunner, is now semi-retired. Thus our committee has more days for meeting people.

I recently met Tom and Debby Mainor who have property on the big lake on Anne Road. I hadn't realized I was driving in just when others were arriving for their weekend family reunion. I was ready to return another time but Debby would have none of that! She wanted to show me the house and introduce me to all their visitors, including her 90 year old mom! Isn't it wonderful how much they enjoy their house on the lake!

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

The rain has helped to keep all the flower beds beautiful at Cumberland Lakes this summer. It has been great for the two new kousa dogwoods and the buckeye put in this spring on the tree islands near Route 62. Thanks again to Jim and Carolyn Grayson for giving us the beautiful iris last year when they moved. I saw a lovely yellow one and a bluish purple one flowering in front of the Community Center porch.

We thank Janine Torbleau for volunteering to be on our committee. She'll take charge of the Route 62 entrance. We can still use more on our committee. Thank you for your future volunteering!



NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

As I sit here on our porch, I'm enjoying the sound of more rain. Last year (2012) I recorded a little over 36 inches of rain and so far through July we have had a little over 46 inches. I think our average rainfall is about 53 inches or so, and we no doubt have quite a wet year. You know though, that an average is what I call an imaginary number. It will change every year and, depending on how many years of record keeping, the average number will change. The greater the number of years taking that info, the less the average number will change. However, it is made of numbers above and below the average and that number can be quite extreme but normal for the year. In the long run, it is somewhat meaningless. As the saying goes, it is what it is and not something we can do much about!



This summer has also been somewhat cooler, although I've not kept those records. I'm sure that most of us know that the elevation on the Cumberland Plateau varies between 1,900 feet and 2,100 feet. Our highest elevation on the Plateau is just less than 3,000 feet. Consequently, our temperatures in the summer are a little cooler and in the winter, a little colder. Recently, traveling from Knoxville back home in the early evening, the difference was 10 degrees cooler. Of course, we are often equally that much colder in the winter and so we have to be prepared.

With that said, we are in the woods, which is quite a different environment from where most of us have been for many years. I've told people in the past that we have not been bothered much with mosquitoes, but this year has been an exception. Some of our friends who have come from urban areas have complained about some of our noises. We have a wetland that is ephemeral, and during early months of the year and in spring it can be very noisy with the sounds of our frogs. At this time of year the katydids create loud evenings. Cicadas also are noisy. Toads abound and may get into garages and up on decks or porches. To some of our friends who complain about this... we are in the woods and we should learn to live with them.



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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