



# HOOK LINE & SINKER

CUMBERLAND LAKES NEWSLETTER

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

*Robert Connors*



As this year rapidly comes to a close, I would first like to mention two recent highlights in our community. Jessie Robinson celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and friends and family came from far and wide for a party at our Center. Secondly, we were honored to have Gen. Mark McDonald (ret.) as the keynote speaker at the Veterans' Day celebration in Crossville.

### **Congratulations to you both!**

The Lazy Lake dam project has been completed. It was quite an undertaking but we can now look forward to having that lake useable again for our residents. All we need is enough rain to refill it which may not happen until spring.

I would like to welcome the new people who have moved here or are in the process of building new homes as this is always exciting for our community. I would also like to thank the members of the Board for their service this past year as well as many others who have given of their time and efforts to make this neighborhood a wonderful place in which to live.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas



### **ACTIVITIES**

*In September 2016, John and Deborah Ziminski began hosting a recurring (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month), Pot Luck Social at our Cumberland Lakes Community Center. The event continues to draw a sizable crowd of both seasoned and new neighbors. Also, this type setting is less work overall for set up and clean up. We all agree a recurring social like this allows for a comfortable, social sharing of local and neighborhood information.*

*Our next planned social will be our Christmas Party, hosted by Betsy Hess, slated for December 10, 2016.*

## **FIREWISE**

*Tom Torbleau*



Our community has been busy the last few weeks with drought, smoke and fire reports. October brought us drought predicted to last into early 2017. Currently we are listed under Exceptional Drought with Extreme Drought in the northern part of the county. Along with the drought comes water shortages in Crossville. The recent fire at the end of Divide Trail burned a small amount of our forest, maybe 1 acre if that, but it expanded into about 40 to 60 acres of adjacent forest and took 4 days to contain. On that note, I wish to thank Terry Bailey for supplying water to the fire crews and Larry Joerger, Steve Rainey and Mindy Rainey for their assistance in helping to bring the fire under control. Needless to say our community is on perpetual alert especially with smoke from surrounding fires as far south as Chattanooga entering our community. Forestry has been on calls to approximately 100 fires throughout the state with the majority being caused by ARSON. As of now, our Neighborhood Watch personnel are tasked with the extra responsibility of patrolling for fires

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

*Tom Torbleau*

Although crime is slowly on the rise in the county, our community faces a new type of crime. In mid- October, I attended a meeting with the Dept. of Forestry at Cumberland Cove. On that day, Assistant District Forester Jim Dale received a call from his personnel that their crew was chasing fires set by vandals on ATV's. Although not in our immediate area, arson has been the major cause of fires in the state. Needless to say, our Neighborhood Watch personnel will be actively watching for any fires that "spring up" in our community and surrounding areas.

On a brighter note, in an earlier community meeting, members of our community met with the new county sheriff Casey Cox and his resource officer Gary Howard. At this meeting Gary introduced a new program of communications with the sheriff's dept. through Facebook. This is a site monitored by the sheriff's dept. and for general use of community communications between members that is closed to everyone but the sheriff's dept. This has proven to be a very effective tool with other communities and the sheriff's dept. Many members of our community signed up through our IT specialist Jerry Carty. So far this has proven very effective with updates on our recent fire. Anyone interested, please contact Jerry Carty for assistance in signing up.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING     *Betsy Hess*

### FROM THE EDITOR *Judi Connors*

*I have been asked to remind all homeowners/property owners to be sure to notify our POA when and if there are any changes to the status of your property. When buying or selling it is of the utmost importance that we know of these changes. We should also be advised of any change of address or email address so our records can be kept up to date. Any new information should be directed to:*

*Financial Officer  
JohnZiminski  
treasurer  
[@cumberlandlakes.net](mailto:johnz@cumberlandlakes.net)*

*Phone: (931)839-0607*



The welcoming committee has not officially welcomed anyone in the fall. But, much activity is occurring. Larry Joerger has been working hard on the house they recently purchased from John and Susan Budoski. Steve and Lorie Brown's house has changed hands to Kevin and Laura Brady. Steve and Connie Rainey's house on Rhonda Road is almost done and Connie's daughter Mindy now lives here. Joe and Rebecca Krupski have cleared ground on Laurel Loop to build in the spring. Beacher Norrod started a house on Lake Shore Drive in June which is nearing completion.



Our committee can use a replacement member for Lorrie Brown.

## LAKE MANAGEMENT

*Ron Seiss*

### Lazy Lake:

Very little water is being drained into the impoundment, due to extreme drought conditions. The drain basin (1500 acres) has barely provided enough run off to keep up with evaporation.

The weather folks are predicting no significant rain fall until January 2017.

### Cumberland Lake:

The impoundment is twice the size of Lazy Lake yet has a smaller drain basin (1200 acres) and requires double the amount of time to fill to capacity.

Hopefully we will receive enough rain to fill our lake to full pool prior to spring

### Critter Control

Good news: No beavers have been spotted looking for a breach in the dam.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

*Jerry Carty*

Fall is upon us with a strange one so far due to the lack of rain and the very warm temperatures but winter is coming soon. A number of earlier projects are nearing completion with two new homes and a major home addition added to the neighborhood. There are rumored to be two or maybe three more homes to be started in the spring. Cumberland Lakes continues to grow and prosper in new projects and new people!

Since mid-Sept we have had 3 approved AECC requests. The following is a synopsis of the requests:

- 2 new culvert installations (Cumberland County Road Commissioner installs – AECC request not necessary – just advance notification)
- 2 requests for tree clearing
- 1 request for driveway installation

As previously noted, 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, Jerry Carty (931) 839-6640 or [aecc@cumberlandlakes.net](mailto:aecc@cumberlandlakes.net), or contact one of our committee members (see our website, [www.cumberlandlakes.net](http://www.cumberlandlakes.net), for a listing).



Architectural & Environmental Compliance Requirements and Restrictions document:

### “CLEARING & BURNING:

Wildfires are always a concern in Cumberland Lakes. Persons found guilty of causing a wildfire are subject to fines and/or criminal charges. Therefore, property owners are advised to familiarize themselves with section 39-14-304 and section 39-14-305 of the Tennessee Wildfire Laws, which are included in your Firewise community package. Furthermore, if you are found guilty of being responsible for creating a wildfire, you may be held liable for the damage it causes to surrounding property. Therefore, it is extremely important for property owners, campers or contractors to obtain county approval before burning. Under no circumstances is it permissible to burn toxic waste, rubber, paint, asphalt shingles, and other objectionable material. Burning on the easement/right of way is not permitted.

For a burning permit in Cumberland County call 931- 839-2328 or access website [www.burnsafetn.org](http://www.burnsafetn.org). Tennessee permits are required Oct.15 through May 15 inclusive. Burning without the required burning permit is punishable by law.

**NO UNATTENDED BURNING IS PERMITTED.”**

Currently due to the ongoing drought the Forestry Service has issued a complete ban on all burning until further notice (current as of 11/5/16).

Please see the Cumberland Lakes website, [www.cumberlandlakes.net](http://www.cumberlandlakes.net) for more information to include electronic copies of the CC&R's, the AECC Requirements and Restrictions, and all forms utilized for AECC requests.

## BEAUTIFICATION

*Betsy Hess*

Thank you to Bill Babb for fixing the stonework at the Jim Garrett entrance.

He spent hours there one day and volunteers are very appreciated. If he has not already done so, he plans on also fixing the stonework on the route 62 entrance.

The beautiful Cumberland Lakes welcome sign near Divide road has been put back up after being accidently run over in the summer. The landscape stone edging still needs to be worked on.

Once the entrance at the Jim Garrett road was weeded in September vandals again stole plants, this time the flowering chrysanthemums planted last year. Bill and I had just bought four chrysanthemums to plant at the Jim Garrett road when we noticed the stealing of the old ones. It is so sad. We work to make our beds look nice and a little extra color would have been nice! Janine Torbleau said zinnias and marigolds were stolen in late summer at the 62 entrance in addition to chrysanthemums recently planted.

The main flower garden at the Welcome Center finally got all weeded in September. The very hot dry summer made it much harder to weed. Now we can use a whole winter of rain!

Please consider volunteering for next year. Thanks to Tom Torbleau for extra trimming. Thanks to our committee: Linette Almond, Judi Connors, Bill and Betsy Hess, Elaine Jimenez, Kaye Robinson and Janine Torbleau.

## NATURE NOTES

*Bill Hess*

Of course, all of us that live here are quite aware of the fire event that occurred over in the Smokies and I suspect that most other property owners are aware of it too. We did have a small fire here a few weeks ago and it was quite disconcerting. After a fire, and if no persons are hurt or have property damages, people often begin to ask questions about the effect the fire may have had on animal life. Certainly there are animal deaths, but many of the mammals that we usually think of will escape. Not all of them mind you. We relate to those that we see all the time and usually they are the bigger ones. Whatever the loss is, the mammals will recover in a relatively short time. The vegetation will recover over only a few years. The recycle begins almost immediately. I don't know about the Smokies, but here this year there has been a major crop of acorns, an important food source for many of the mammals. Yes, it can look bad for several years, but I imagine that within ten years, most people won't recognize the boundaries of such a terrible event. As a naturalist, I do believe in the only bumper sticker that I've ever had (true) and it said "Nature bats last"!

**WISHING EVERYONE  
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND PROSPERITY  
IN THE COMING YEAR!**

