



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

Robert Connors



Another year has passed and the holidays are upon us again. I would like to thank all the committee chairs and their members for their contributions to our community this past year. Our newest neighbors, the Almonds, are making great progress building their new home and we look forward to officially welcoming them in the future. Looking ahead, the next Board meeting will be held on January 6, 2014. As was announced at the Annual Meeting in October,

Ken Welker has resigned and will be replaced by John Ziminski, the only candidate who applied for the position. We certainly thank Ken for his years of service on the Board. On behalf of the POA, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Annual Christmas Party – 2013

The annual Christmas Party at the Community Center is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to share which complements the main courses. Contact Betsy Hess at 839-6518 or Cindy Carty at 839-6640 by Wednesday, December 11th, to let us know what you are bringing. PLEASE PLAN TO HELP DECORATE THE CENTER ON FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13TH AT 9:00 AM.

FIREWISE

Frank Jimenez

Firefighters can't always protect your home from wildfire, especially if you haven't done your part to prepare. You can take important steps around your home to protect it and make it safer for you and your neighbors. Start now by helping make our community a fire adapted community before the next fire approaches. It is important to remember that we are in the fire season and we must get a burning permit before starting any fire.

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

In the September issue of the Hook, Line and Sinker newsletter property owners were advised that, once again, the repairs to Lazy Lake dam had failed. The engineering firm proposed a "one more try" repair at an estimated cost to the POA of \$1500.00 for materials and that they would absorb all labor costs. The Board of Directors approved the proposal on August 6th; repairs were made on August 29th. Additional leaks were repaired on September 20th, successfully stopping one. An attempt to complete the final mend, using

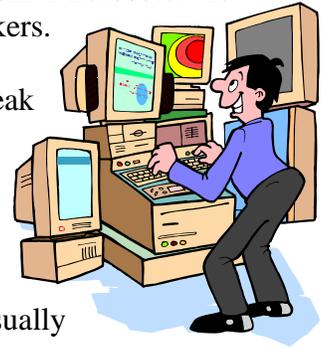
expandable resin and hydraulic cement, will be made in the near future. Costs for all repairs are not expected to exceed the Board approved amount of \$1500.00. To date, the repairs made are holding and the lake is slowly rising. The lake will remain closed until it reaches full pool this fall/winter. Let's hope the final repair is truly the FINAL repair. Cumberland Lake remains at full pool.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau

Due to a lack of knowledge, many of us have gained a false sense of security with our computer systems. In spite of having Firewall guard, virus protection and malware protection it is still possible for "hackers" to gain access to our computers. The following are recommendations we all might consider:

1. Avoid having the Java program on your computer as hackers are presently focused on access through Java.
2. Download EMET (Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit) free from Microsoft. It detects malicious software and restricts access to programs via hackers. Also, keep your virus ware up to date.
3. Use a separate account to access your computer. Hackers love to break in via "Administrator" accounts.
4. Always delete "cookies" in your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.) before closing your browser.
5. Physically cover your Webcam with a sticky note or tape when you are not using it. A hacker can access a camera without the power light being on. Covering the camera will restrict the hacker from visually recording activity within your room.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

John Ziminski



Now the leaves have turned different colors, the snow begins to fly and another year is about to close out. For the AECC it has been another busy and interesting year which brought us many beautiful projects throughout the community. Next year we will add two new members to the committee to help our neighbors and newcomers get their dreams and "honey do lists" from the planning stages to reality. Remember, before starting any exterior work you must first submit your written work request and be approved.

On the 1st of January I will no longer be chairman of the AECC as I move to the Board of Directors and a new chairman will be announced. I would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work and input, and for their quick response on matters that needed immediate attention. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their guidance and leadership, and the community for their understanding and for letting me be a part in helping with their project plans. To all, a great holiday season and New Year.

ACTIVITIES

Cindy Carty

Future Cumberland Lakes Community Center Events: Christmas dinner – December 14th at 5:00 pm with Volunteers decorating the Cumberland Lakes Community Center at 10:00 the day before.

Labor Day of Fun: Another nice showing of Cumberland Lake Residents.



Everything from GREAT GRUB to SOCIAL MISCHIEF AND FUN – September 2, 2013

Casual Friday Socials: A ‘Recurring’ No-Host Gaming Night was established and tentatively reserved for residents of Cumberland Lakes. Those interested in anything from Poker to Left, Right, Center are options for a lively evening for those of us 21 and over. Only requirement is to show up with ‘after dinner’ munchies and personal beverage beyond sodas or coffee.



Halloween: Between the **CHILI COOK-OFF** contest; **BEST COSTUME** contest; to unexpected **ENTERTAINMENT**...Who could ask for anything more? Well the desserts were amazing too!!



Cumberland Lakes **Calendar of Events** may be easily viewed on our official website at: http://www.cumberlandlakes.net/Calendar_of_Events.html In addition, more **Event Pictures** are readily available through our Cumberland Lakes Home Page access thanks to Judy Babb, Webmaster.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

No new people were officially welcomed this quarter. Remember, you non-full time people who wish our committee to greet you should please contact Betsy Hess at 931-839-6518 or wjbahess@frontiernet.net and let her know. Lorrie Brown, who joined our committee almost immediately after moving here late last year, is beginning to wonder if she will ever get to “officially” greet new people!

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

Last quarter I reported that Janine Torbleau had joined our committee and is in charge of the highway 62 entrance. I am pleased to report that Elaine Jimenez has also joined our committee. She will work with me on the Jim Garrett Road entrance. Shirley Seiss can still use a volunteer at the Community Center with her. The Seisses had cleaned up after the freeze and in the spring our whole committee helps clean up and plant annuals at the Center. Since the huge amount of gladiola leaves had not died back, Shirley twisted some together to look like little corn stacks. Next spring we'll dig up those glads and disburse them to some of the other beds too, and will probably have some left to give to you residents. They surprisingly winter over and duplicate incredibly. Bill Hess will drastically trim those two wonderful Knock-Out roses this fall.

The night of October 25th vandals sheared off five of our newer trees at the 62 island of trees. The trees ruined were a Kwanzan Flowering Cherry, a Winter King Hawthorne, a pink Cornus kousa dogwood, a Pink Flowering Dogwood and a Red Horsechestnut. We will either replace them with big trees, a few at a time, or not replace them at all. They were doing so well!

NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

This fall has been spectacular regarding our leaf color. I think that each different season seems to be my favorite, but I guess since I've been a naturalist most of my life I have a prejudice about nature. I've been reminiscing about the time I first had a more personal experience with it. It would have been just before Christmas 1946 and I was twelve years old. My dad said to me that we could decorate our porch in our first home after World War II, and would I want to help. He said that we would go out into the woods that bordered the Delaware River and get a plant that grew along the ground. I don't know if he knew what that plant was called, but he called it ground pine. That is its common name and I came to know it after I became more and more interested in plants. We gathered a lot of it that morning and proceeded to use it among the lights that we hung on the porch. A part of its scientific name is *Lycopodium*. Worldwide, there are over 400 recognized species and about 30 species occur in North America.



I have found one species of Ground Pine on our property here in Cumberland Lakes. I've seen it elsewhere here and in some areas decent size populations, but not populations large enough to collect. It is not uncommon on the Cumberland Plateau and it is illegal to collect. It doesn't transplant well anyway, so if you see it you shouldn't attempt to bring it home. It will not grow.

In the fall and winter it is easier to find as the green stands out from all the fallen brown leaves on the ground.

This leads to a second reason that I enjoy the fall so much. How many of you have taken a stroll in the woods in the fall? Again, memories of times past. The sound of walking through the fallen leaves is so distinctive and for me anyway, triggers the endorphins in the brain that bring a smile. For those here, try it; and for those who will come here, be sure to enjoy the fall as much as the other seasons that you'll experience here. We tend to remember the harsh times of nature and the pleasant times we often take for granted. Take that walk in the woods. You'll experience the good time which, in the long run, will outweigh any bad time hands down. Soak it in.

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Judi Connors

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