



HOOK, LINE & SINKER

Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

March 2014

FROM THE DESK OF THE P.O.A. PRESIDENT *Bob Connors*

Hi everyone.... It's March again and new and exciting things continue to happen in Cumberland Lakes. At the moment, Anne Road seems to be the hot spot. First the Smiths, Charles and Susan, built their beautiful home and Terry and Linda Nickel purchased an existing home. Now Reggie and Linette Almond are putting the finishing touches on their new home. Welcome to all of these new members of our community. The 2014 Board of Directors is Jordan Correia, Ron Seiss, Bob Connors, Judi Connors and new member John Ziminski. Once again, I would like to thank all those who serve the community in so many ways.

Maintenance assessment fees, as you know, are due by June 30, 2014. Timely payment of these dues is always appreciated.

FIREWISE *Tom Torbleau*

As the new chairman of the Firewise group I am currently revamping the program with the help of Jim Dale, the District Director of Forestry. Up until now our community has experienced a very cold winter and the season is not over. Several homes have had frozen water pipes with moderate water damage due to the extreme and lengthy cold. Even our local propane company, Plateau Propane, has been rationing customers as the price of propane has doubled. During this cold spell homeowners should make sure their CO2 Carbon Monoxide Detector and smoke detectors are fully operational. Furnaces and fireplaces have been working hard, and dangerous gases need to be completely vented to the outside. Also, remember to use fully dry and seasoned wood for your fireplace.

"NOTE: The requirement of a Burn Permit remains in effect until May 15th."

LAKE MANAGEMENT *Ron Seiss*

Both lakes continue to remain at full pool due to the amount of rain/snow received this winter. Lots of thick ice applied additional pressure to the lakes and dams but no damage has been detected. No whirlpools have been sighted on Lazy Lake to date. Hopefully, we have finally sealed the Lazy Lake dam.

Fishing: The 2014 fishing season is just around the corner. Creel limits and size limits remain unchanged. Regulations are posted on the bulletin boards at the lakes.

Improving Fishery: By eliminating small bass by catching and keeping all bass under 13 inches, we can reduce the overpopulation of bass present in our lakes and improve our fishery. Do not practice "catch and return" policies. Instead, eat more bass, keep and feed to pet cats, line your gardens with a natural fertilizer, or discard in the woods to help feed our wildlife. Put the fish in your yard, shine a light on it at night and see just how many critters benefit from the groceries you put out. Lastly, if you do not want to deal with disposal methods, bring your catch to me. We are bound by state law to a creel limit of five bass per day per angler. Have a great season and eat more fish.

FOR OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD COMPLETE A BRIEF ONE QUESTION SURVEY BY CLICKING [HERE](#).

PAPER COPY RECIPIENTS PLEASE GO TO: <http://tinyurl.com/lswk9x>
THANK YOU!

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Frank Jimenez

With the new year comes new responsibilities. I have taken over the chair of the AECC from John Ziminski now that he has moved on to the Board of Directors. In our January meeting we welcomed two new members, Ray Brunner and Jim Hansen. We are still looking for any resident of the community who would like to join our committee, as Ken Welker has been out of action. We approved the construction of the new home for Jim and Constance Lanigan on North Lake Trail. With this approval we now have two houses under construction at the present time. I would like to remind everyone that all AECC forms are available on the website, as well as the Rules and Regulations.

ACTIVITIES

Cindy Carty

Christmas Party at the Center: Another nice showing of Cumberland Lake Residents.



Everything from GREAT GRUB to GIVING THANKS – Held at the Center in December 2013



Betsy Hess was our Host for this Annual Party

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau

There were no new incidents in January to report. On January 17th I attended a seminar at Fairfield Glade with Maj. Terry White of the Crossville Police Department. The topic was the Crimestopper Program which is conducted by both the Crossville Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

UPCOMING 2014 CUMBERLAND LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER SOCIAL EVENTS:

Memorial Day, May 26, 2014

Independence Day, July 4, 2014

Labor Day, September 1, 2014

Halloween, October 31, 2014;

Christmas Evening Social, December 13, 2014.



Mr. Turkey Vege

Cumberland Lakes Calendar of Events may be easily viewed on our official web-site 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.

EXTRA HIGHLIGHTS: Our Super Bowl "48" Social Event was attended on February 2, 2014 Well into the evening with munchies shared with Super Bowl Squares Voluntary Game played, followed by a social dart game before concluding the evening. The recent purchase of a Community Center Electronics Dart Board Game occurred in January with the help of Jordan Correia and was installed with the help of both Jordan and Jerry Carty. We are hoping to develop a Community Garden in 2014 as well.



A Few More Memories of a really nice Evening Shared "Yepper" Super Bowl at Cumberland Lakes Community Center



COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

The Welcoming committee was again inactive this winter. Reggie Almond is fast closing in on the completion on their house on Anne Road. New construction has commenced on the property on North Lake Trail next to the Seiss'. The Rodriguezes on North Laurel Loop will probably move in this winter.

BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

The Landscaping committee needs you! Shirley Seiss has been faithfully taking care of the flower gardens at the Community Center for years and doing a beautiful job. It is time for someone to step up and join her in this endeavor. The entrances have volunteers: Elaine Jimenez, Janine Torbleau and myself, but we can always use more volunteers. Thank you in advance for volunteering to join Shirley in the care of the landscaping at the Center.

Spring is right around the corner and considering our weather this past month and a half, I've been a little fearful of what will happen to our spring flowers, particularly as it pertains to our planted woody plants. Many of these woody and herbaceous plants are non-natives. Those that are susceptible to really cold temperatures may not survive our unusual cold winters. Regarding woody plants that I've planted, about six or seven years ago we had a winter in which a couple of my trees were essentially killed. There is an explanation for this event and I've mentioned it in the past. In essence, a really hard freeze occurred after we had an unusual January warm period. These woody plants were native to Asia (Japan) and had begun to break bud during the warm spell. This was followed by a few days of well below freezing temperatures, and the soft tissue that had formed was killed along with other cells responsible for creating new growth. I lost one tree completely and exchanged it for a native tree. The second tree (a magnolia) died back to the ground and then began to grow at the base. Instead of a tree with one major stem, it now has about five stems and I believe is really a nicer looking tree.

I've checked the average number of days of temperatures below freezing in Cumberland County for the past 50 years for the months of January, February and March. They are 24, 24 and 17 days in those months respectively. The average number of days below 0 degrees for the same months was 3, 1 and 0 respectively. Our low for this year at our property has been -10 degrees and a second low a couple weeks later of -4 degrees, both in January. In order to have a die-off similar to what we had several years ago, we would need to have a warm spell which would result in the buds beginning to grow (which is quite possible) and a very hard freeze of single digit temperatures (not so likely). We are not out of the woods yet (pun intended) but every day we stay consistent within our averages will be a day closer to a great flowering spring.

FROM THE EDITOR: 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 no longer has specific hours; however, the phone is monitored and your call will be returned as soon as possible.*JUDI CONNORS*

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