



CUMBERLAND LAKES - MARCH 2013

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

Robert Connors



Welcome! As we start working our way into 2013 we are noticing some new and exciting things happening in the community. We have new people taking over positions that were previously unfilled such as the Activities Committee which is now headed by Cindy Carty, and Firewise led by Frank Jimenez. We want to thank them for their involvement in the community.

Officers for 2013 are: Bob Connors, President; Jordan Correia, Vice-President; Jackie Dinse, Treasurer/Bookkeeper; and Cindy Carty, Secretary. As mentioned before, the Board members remain the same as last year: Bob Connors, Judi Connors, Jordan Correia, Ron Seiss and

Ken Welker. We have said goodbye to some neighbors and have welcomed new ones, and again I would like to say thank you to all who continue to serve their neighbors in any capacity.

Maintenance Assessment Fees (Dues)

The invoices for 2013 went out on January 31st. Dues for this year remain at \$120.00 per lot and are due by June 30, 2013. As always, timely payment of your dues is appreciated.

FIREWISE

Frank Jimenez

Another year has gone by and, thankfully, no fires have occurred in our community. As the spring planting season approaches we should remember the suggestions of the NFPA in regards to planting trees. The top ten trees **recommended** for planting are: Red maple, yellow poplar or tuliptree, red and white oak, flowering dogwood, sycamore, American elm, river birch, American holly, redbud and conifers. The top ten trees to **avoid** planting are: Hackberry, Norway maple, silver maple, mimosa, Lombardy poplar, Leyland cypress, pink oak, cottonwood, willow and black locust.

Let's continue to make our community safe and firewise; it benefits all of us.

Remember to burn smart, burn safe. **Burn permits are required now thru May 15, 2013 and may be obtained by calling the Forestry Service at 839-2328 or online at www.burnsafetn.org.**

LAKE MANAGEMENT

Ron Seiss

Lakes

Both lakes continue to remain at full pool due to the amount of rain received since September 2012. Success of repairs to the Lazy Lake dam remains unknown.

Fishing

The 2013 fishing season is upon us. Creel limits and size limits will remain the same as 2012 and are posted on the bulletin boards at the lakes.

After much discussion with the TWRA biologist and the Cumberland County Fish and Game conservation officer on how to improve the quality of our large mouth bass fishery, it was determined that seining, explosives and chemical applications would require a permit as well as a TWRA presence, thus being very complicated and very expensive. What can be done? Eliminate small bass. TWRA has determined that growth rates in over populated lakes and in ponds like ours, golf course lakes, catch and return bodies of water, etc. are being severely hampered due to lack of groceries and catch and return policies. Growth rates have gone from one year for 12" bass to four years and quality bass from four years for 17" bass to twelve years. We are bound by state law to a creel limit of five bass per day per angler. By catching and keeping all bass 13" and smaller, we can reduce the numbers.

Do not possess any more than five fish per angler per day on land or water. If caught with more than five fish, a citation will be issued by the game conservation officer. You can catch more than five fish 13" and smaller but you must throw them on the bank or disable their gills and return them to the water. This is not wasteful of natural resources. The fish cast upon the bank will be consumed by land animals and those cast back in the water will be consumed by aquatic ones. You could catch, keep and eat your harvest. Eat more fish!

Obey Crayfish Survey

TWRA ran several traps in Cumberland and Lazy lakes but did not attract any crayfish species. For now, populations of *Cambarus obeyensis* on our properties appear restricted to the tail waters of the two dams and to a very small section of Hurricane Creek upstream of the lake. It is doubtful that the lakes offer any suitable habitat.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau



Some of you may have heard about the phone scam where you receive an automated call from a phone number with an 809, 829 or 849 area code. The caller does not leave a message and counts on you returning the call. Sometimes your caller ID will list the call as coming from

“D REPU”. Do NOT return this call or any other calls from area codes and/or phone numbers with which you are not familiar. The minute you return the call you are connected to a foreign phone company that can charge up to \$2,425.00 per minute! No matter how much negotiating you do, you will not get a refund from either your

local phone company or the foreign phone company that had just received authorization for the call. Again, the message to take away from this is NEVER return a call to an unfamiliar phone number or area code when the caller does not leave a voice mail.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

John Ziminski

We're starting off another year and thinking about those around-the-home projects we've been putting off. Remember to submit a work request before the third Tuesday of the month so the committee will have all the necessary paper work for getting your request approved. We are here to help in any way that you may need. All are welcome to attend our meetings, give us your thoughts and ideas, or just have a cup of coffee. We meet at 9AM at the Community Center. We would like to welcome Frank Jimenez to the AECC as he has replaced Ralph Dearth. Until later... thank you for your cooperation.

ACTIVITIES

Cindy Carty

Super Bowl Party – February 3, 2013

Our residents' informal Super Bowl Party began at the Center at 5:00 PM. Munchies were way too good and many, as usual. "Wish it were OUR Team" dress attire enhanced the atmosphere. Even with the delay (temporary Bowl electrical blow-out) the intensity of the party continued with on-going "bragging" rights and the huge (just kidding) bounty hanging in the balance for the 2nd half.



Upcoming Events

"What Activities Ideas do you have to make better use of our Community Center?" The year began with this request from our local residents. Through the survey many innovative and community get-together based ideas were obtained. More efforts are in process to ensure all our full time residents' ideas are sought and represented. The pot-luck/movie nights will continue as they seem to be popular along with optional events which might include a St. Patrick's Day party and/or televised sports event and poker/card nights.

Future Picnics and/or pot-lucks include:

Memorial Day – May 27th

Independence Day – July 4th

Labor Day – September 2nd

Halloween – October 31st

Christmas dinner – date to be determined in December

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Betsy Hess

Steve and Lorrie Brown were officially welcomed to Cumberland Lakes in late November, 2012. They purchased the beautiful log home at 585 Laurel Loop that belonged to Michael and Doris Warren. They moved in as Doris' brother finished moving her things out. Steve and Lorrie met in Indianapolis via a Christian internet dating service. They have been married over ten years. Lorrie has a son in Cookeville and one in Atlanta and five grandchildren. Steve has a girl and a boy in Indiana, another girl in Ohio and eleven grandchildren. Lorrie was born in North Carolina, received a teacher's degree and taught elementary school for thirty years. Steve was born in Indiana and joined the Air Force after high school where he spent time in technical school and Vietnam. After leaving the Air Force he spent six years in the Reserves and another seventeen years in the Army National Guard. He also worked thirty years for International Harvester in the

foundry. They have lived in Florida and Alabama before moving here. Lorrie enjoys quilting and plans on participating in the Cumberland Cove/Lakes Red Hat group. Steve enjoys woodworking and showed me some beautiful things he had made.

Derek and Michele Savino have purchased the Dearth home on North Lake Trail. Once their New York home sells they intend to make Cumberland Lakes their permanent residence.



BEAUTIFICATION

Betsy Hess

Three Lil' Ruby Dwarf Oakleaf Hydrangeas have been ordered to be planted this spring near the flagpole at the Community Center. Bill will get an Aesculus x carner (red horse chestnut) and two dogwoods: Cornus Kousa 'Milky Way' and Cornus Kousa 'Satomi' from the Cherry Creek Nursery in Cookeville. They will be planted this spring near Rte. 62 in our tree islands.

Our committee can always use your help. Let Vickie Negron, Shirley Seiss or myself know if you want to help us.

NATURE NOTES

Bill Hess

We occasionally get very strong winds here on the Cumberland Plateau and some of our trees are particularly susceptible to wind damage. Part of this problem is that we have sandstone as a substratum. It may be fairly close to the surface or buried many feet down. You may be digging down to plant a tree or shrub and not hit the rocks, and an area a couple hundred feet away will have the sandstone just a couple feet below the surface. In the latter case, the whole tree may topple over, as has occurred in my woods a couple summers ago. The root ball had a diameter of about 12 feet and I would judge that the roots were no deeper than two or three feet. As I've stated before, oaks make up most of our large trees. They are primarily Eastern White Oak and a red oak called Scarlet Oak. Either of these can be uprooted and in the case of the Scarlet Oak, the trunk can shear anywhere from a few feet above the ground to 30 or 40 feet up. I have in my yard two Scarlet Oaks that sheared off about four feet up from the ground; a couple others that sheared off about 30 feet up, and have had several others with large branches that have broken off the trunk some 30 to 40 feet up. These oaks can be a hazard near your home. Hopefully we can be somewhat selective as to which ones we might want to cut down to protect your home. It is not uncommon, when you cut these red oaks into sections, to see rotting areas in the junctions from which some of the major branches emanate. These interior rotting areas will be where the branches will break away from the trunk and come crashing down.

A second concern for our plants this winter is our somewhat mild temperatures. At least one day a couple weeks ago got up as high as 70 degrees. As I write this in the first week of February, we have crocuses and snow drops flowering, certainly the earliest since we've been here. Some daffodils are up with distinct flower buds and are about ten to twelve inches tall. Many of our tulips are quite evident but no flower buds are evident. The only woody plant I have that concerns me because of this mild winter is our Asiatic magnolia. The flower buds are quite swollen and are definitely a potential for freezing. A few years ago it froze and most of the above ground parts were killed. It came back from the base, and actually made a better looking plant. With our strange weather patterns, some plants will always be vulnerable to the conditions.

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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