



LBVCA UPDATE

From the President

by *Jon Testut*

...and the story continues...

After a fortunate set of circumstances placed my family right in the middle of paradise (see last issue), we decided to purchase property in the hopes that we would retire here in Lost Bridge Village. At first we thought the sleepy little hamlet of Garfield (like the cat) would be lost in the number of small towns that populate this beautiful state of Arkansas. But slowly and surely tourists and settlers found out it was the gateway to a lakeside resort nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks. And, boy-o-boy (cute saying), what a discovery.

Friends and neighbors enjoying water sports on a crystal clear lake, and maybe a game of tennis on the gated courts. How about ending the week with a social gathering at the community center? "Clear skies, fresh air, pure water and peaceful, secluded home sites", reads the 1975 post-card sent out to relatives who wonder where *is* the 501 area code anyway (remember?).

And those are just some of the reasons that we all love to live in Lost Bridge Village. But, there are those pesky rules. As you know (or should know), LBV is a covenant-governed community, requirements placed upon all of us, owners, renters, visitors and guests alike, by the founders, hoping to preserve the peace and order that we have all come to expect and enjoy. Driving, parking, noise, fires, renting, and property maintenance are but a few of the expectations that we have agreed to uphold. These were created to preserve the beauty and value of living here, either now or in your future. Oh, I forgot the maintenance assessment.

That, again? How can we forget maintenance assessments? They are outstanding in their uniqueness. Especially when you try to explain to your relatives and friends that it costs only \$96 per year...yes, per year...not per month. How envious are those who find out and wonder just how can the village function on \$96 per year? That's only \$8 per month.

Guess what?? It can't. Yes, you read that right here. It can't. The original assessment was \$36 per year...45 YEARS AGO! The \$36 in 1970 would have to be \$218 now to keep up with inflation. But we do not have \$218 now. We enjoy a suppressed amount that is crippling us!

So what are we to do about this dilemma? We cannot remain financially viable at this rate. Some have suggested cost reductions. Done that! Some have expected the budget to be trimmed. Been there. Some have thought we should pursue delinquent accounts. Accomplished.

As president, I promised to provide a safe, enjoyable and well-maintained environment for us all to live in. To that end, I am requesting that the Board of Trustees gear up for another campaign to bring the maintenance assessment into line with current financial requirements. And we all should realize if we want to keep this corner of paradise viable and solvent, the maintenance assessment vote will have to bring back a resounding YES.

Jon

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INJURED OR DEAD ANIMALS : To report an injured or dead animal (deer, raccoon, etc.) and have it removed from a state culvert or state road, contact the **Arkansas Game & Fish Department** at 1-866-253-2506. (They'll need the street address of where the animal is located.) If you find a dead animal or **deer parts** on your property (left behind by illegal hunters), you may bury them but **NOT** burn them (according to the Dept. of Environmental Quality).

We've recently learned both the Benton County Roads Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. say they have no program in place for picking up dead deer from county roads or culverts. If the animal is lying in a culvert, notify the AR Dept of Environmental Quality at 1-888-233-0326.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

Motorists interested in weather-related road conditions can get information from the AR State Highway Department:

- Public Affairs: 501-569-2227
- Toll Free: 800-245-1672 (recorded message)
- Local: 501-569-2374 (recorded message)
- Website: www.arkansashighways.com/

SPEED LIMIT in LBV: The speed limit throughout the Village is only **20mph** and is enforceable by the Benton County Sheriff's dept. Please drive safely.

BURNING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY

If you plan to do yard waste burning on your property you **must** get a burn permit beforehand from Benton County. (If you don't and a fire truck comes out because someone reports smoke at your property, you will be charged for the fire service call.) Call **Benton County at 1-866-207-5140**. Burn Ban info can be found on our website: www.lbvca.com. **(Burning of construction materials is prohibited.)**

VILLAGE ROADS:

Green and Blue street signs in the village are county roads. If you live on a road with potholes or lots of ruts, call **Jeff Clark at the Benton County Roads (479-271-1052)** to have it repaired. You do not need to call the Village Office or wait for a Board meeting to report it.

CLEANING UP YOUR PROPERTY:

Please remember: Be a good neighbor and rake out leaves and tree debris from your ditches and culverts to prevent water run-off problems, and either burn them or haul them away. If you hire someone to rake leaves or clear other yard waste from your property be sure to tell them to **NOT** push it into a ditch or culvert or into the street. You must take it to Inland Waste Service (479-878-1384) for disposal. You will be charged a clean-up fee if LBVCA has to clean out your ditch.

Welcome To Our Neighborhood

New Village Homeowners

Stewart & Polly Damron — PMR U4 67-68 & 80-81
Braxton & Courtney Hurst — PMR U2 737-743 & 53-756
Liam & Rachel Buckley — LBS B4 12-13
R&J Properties of NWA, LLC — FHS B2 57
David & Mary Kittle — FHS B1 55
Joe Lambert — FHS B2 44
Andy & Doris Mills — MOU S4 115 & 118
John & Becky Vincent — FHS B2 9

New Village Property Owners

Rocon of Bella Vista, LLC — DWD S1 3
Randy & Deanna Haley — PMR U1 50-51
Andrew Poor — PMR U7 283 & PMR U9 386
Glenn & Mary Moon — DWD S1 158
Lost Bridge Community Church — WMT S2 16, 22, 24, 39, 40
Ronnie & Kathleen Schauf — FHS B1 147
David Church — PMR U10 436
Jeremy Renner — PMR U1 45-B

YOUR LBVCA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jon Testut – President	Ken Buchheit, Trustee
Steve Bray – Vice President	Randy Haley, Trustee
Ellen Rinard – Sec./Treas.	John Wilson, Trustee
	Melvin Schoonover, Trustee

LOUD NOISE from a neighbor's party keeping you awake at night? Call the Benton County Sheriff's department to lodge a complaint. **479-271-1012.**

PART-TIME POSITION OPEN: LBV is in transition with respect to our Roads and Maintenance Department. We have a part-time employment opportunity available for interested parties. Inquire at LBVCA Office for details.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Board is seeking a volunteer to take over publication of the LBVCA bimonthly "Update" newsletter. This volunteer would work closely with Marty in the Office and with the Board of Trustees. If you have a creative flair, excellent grammar skills, an attention to detail, have MS Publisher or other publishing software, and can devote 8-16 hours every other month please contact Jon Testut at 479-531-8164 or at jtestut@msn.com.



Miscellaneous Notes from Melvin Schoonover

Several issues at the community building are being addressed: The drop box has been installed at the office for after-hours use; mice and other pests have been reported in the community building; insects have been exterminated and the mice are in decline! **Please help us** by keeping outside doors closed and be sure to clean up and remove any food debris from floors, countertops, etc.; and, the community building sustained hail damage during recent storms and now has a new roof.

We are just beginning to realize that **IT TAKES AN ARMY** of volunteers to keep a small community like ours running and thriving. We appreciate all our volunteers – the village would not be such a great place to live if not for you! **Additional volunteers** are needed to help with jobs and projects in the village. Volunteer hours translates into money saved that can be used for ongoing expenses and special projects to improve the village! A big THANK YOU to Peggy & Larry Webster and Paula Allen for volunteering to take care of the garden at Lodge & 127.

Volunteers are needed to help with several small projects in and around the community center (window washing – inside and outside, spraying weeds, etc.) Please contact me at schoonymj@centurytel.net if willing to help. To add your name to the volunteer roster, or to suggest a project, email schoonymj@centurytel.net or call me at 479 282-4599. Please indicate your interests (office or indoor projects, outdoor work – mowing, weed-eating, etc.)



AIRSTRIPE NEWS

by Steve Bray

Lots of folks enjoy using the airfield for non-aviation activities such as walking, jogging, or bird watching. This is perfectly fine as long as you keep in mind that aircraft do use it as well. Please be aware that the use of headphones, ear-buds, etc., can make it difficult to detect approaching/departing aircraft especially coming over the lake with motorboat sounds mixed in. The presence of a mountain at the end of the airfield forces pilots to abort landings quite early if they see people or animals on the runway, so please get clear immediately if you see an aircraft turning towards or lined up with the runway.

Over the next several months you may see work being done to fill the cracks in the runway surface. The pilots of LBVCA have donated towards the purchase of a crack filling melter/applicator machine and the materials to feed it. This is being funded by the pilots at no cost to the membership at large. The intent is to extend the life of the current pavement and defer the need for a future overlay and the associated expense. Many thanks to the pilots who made monetary contributions and are donating time and effort. I look forward to the upcoming "crack parties" at the airstrip.

If any additional pilots would benefit from making use of the pilot parking for ground vehicles, please contact Steve Bray for restrictions and permit. We would like to gauge the level of demand and make it available to other pilots on a space-available basis.



Parks & Recreation

by Steve Bray

Summer is almost here! The pool is open! Come enjoy all that Lost Bridge Village has to offer.

First, I want to thank those who helped get the Rec Center and Tennis Courts in shape for the season: Ken Buchheit, Liam & Rachel Buckley, Patti French, Cari Hein, Pat Larsen, Debby Maule, Ellen Rinard, and Phil Williamson. Couldn't have done it without you.

Lots of pool news this time around. First the good news — most of the leaks are fixed. The majority of the water loss was in the skimmer areas, and those leaks were patched. There are still cracks in the wall of the pool for which repair is still a major expense, but we may be able to live with those for a while. The bad news is that the pool inspector has informed us that it won't be too many years before the pool will fail opening inspection due to crumbling infrastructure. Mother Nature also didn't cooperate weather wise for the Memorial Day weekend, which was wet and chilly. The pool heater was the victim of a lightning strike which didn't help matters. By the time you read this a replacement heater should be in place and the water a bit less "invigorating".

Drinks and snacks are available for purchase at modest prices at the Rec Center. There is an "Honor System" drop box for when the Rec Center is unattended. The Rec Center contains a variety of weight and exercise machines, pool tables, air hockey, snooker, ping pong, and a Wii game system. You can also check out shuffleboard equipment, and various card and board games.

The tennis courts are clean and ready for play. And don't forget the BBQ pit, shuffleboard court, playground, patio, and Gazebo are there for your enjoyment. All members current on their assessments are welcome to use the facilities. Contact the LBVCA Office for your key-code to access the Rec Center, Tennis Courts, and Library.

Parking at the Rec Center is limited, so please give way to those using the facilities.

UPCOMING SOCIALS & EVENTS

JULY SOCIAL ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Join us for LBVCA's Cook-Out & Ice Cream Social with LIVE music by Ted Tidwell and the Second Wind Band, followed by the annual **Fireworks Display** set for **Friday, July 3rd**. (Rain date on Saturday, July 4th.) This year, we'll have 2 major co-sponsors for the **fireworks display**: **Starkey Marina** and **Lost Bridge Marina**. Without an assessment increase these sponsorships are much needed and very gratefully accepted.

Join your local marina neighbors in making 2015's **Fireworks Display** the best ever by **donating to-day!** Stop by or mail your donation check to the LBVCA Office today, or use PayPal on the lbvca.com web-site. (Be sure to mark your payment as Fireworks Donation.)

A call for VOLUNTEERS! If you enjoy the fireworks please **help with clean-up** of the fireworks debris the morning after. Come down to the beach area by the Rec Center with a plastic garbage bag or two to fill with mortar debris. THANK YOU!



AUGUST SOCIAL — TBD

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Mark your calendars now for the
9th Annual LBV Fly In & Classic Car Show
Saturday, September 12th
at the LBV Airstrip





LEGAL & INSURANCE

by John Wilson

LBV Buildings Receive Hail Damage

During the hailstorm that went through our area in late March, our buildings suffered some hail damage. Our insurance company along with a couple of roofing contractors all agreed that our roofs should be replaced. Our insurance company, The Cincinnati Insurance Company, indicated that we had 180 days to make a claim and we had two years from the date of loss to complete the repairs. We are now in the process of replacing the Community Center roof on Lodge Drive. The roofing contractor doing the work is Bill Duhaime, LLC. They have offices in Lowell.

The decision of the LBVCA Board was to defer replacing the roof of the Recreation Center on Dogwood Drive at this time. Our insurance is covering our total cost for the project so our Association will not be out any money.



PROPERTY & MARKETING by Ken Buchheit

As many of you are aware, the Lost Bridge Village Community Association owns several lots which are available for purchase. The LBVCA Board has created a Properties and Marketing Trustee Advisory position to manage these and other property issues.

We plan to find new owners who will become good members and neighbors in the community.

We would like to offer these lots to existing community members and friends first. If you or someone you know might be interested in the purchase of a neighboring lot, please feel free to contact me at kmbnow@sbcglobal.net or phone me at 479-200-5475.

The LBVCA website has a list of "Lots for Sale" with pricing. To view the list, visit LBVCA.com, click the Real Estate Tab in the upper right corner, and click on Land for Sale.

The Board plans to do all it can to keep Lost Bridge Village the beautiful community it is. We appreciate all the help we receive from the community members. If anyone has suggestions that might help market the area, please feel free to contact me at the email address above. Thank you all for your interest in Lost Bridge Village.

SPECIAL NOTICE — A new lunch spot is now open!

Villager Niki Higginson's lunch café, **THE LUNCH BOX**, is now open Tuesday-Friday, 10am-2pm, and on Saturday from 8am-2pm. **THE LUNCH BOX** is located in the building next to the Avoca One-Stop on Hwy. 62 (at the stoplight in Avoca). Stop in for lunch and enjoy the \$5.95 daily special, or call ahead to reserve lunch boxes to go to take along fishing or picnicking. Call Niki at 479-636-5200.



NEBCO FIRE-EMS

COMING TO "THE" FIRE DEPARTMENT NEAR YOU!



The 2015 season of **MUSIC AT THE FIREHOUSE** presented by NEBCO FIRE-EMS continues. Mark your calendars for the remaining dates of June 6, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22 and September 12 & 26. All performances from 7-9PM. No admission charge, donations only, plenty of free parking and room to dance.



Music At The FireHouse

The Black Oak Band's 2015 season is back in full swing at the NEBCO Community Center, Hwy. 62 & S. Wimpy Jones Rd., every other Saturday night from 7-9 p.m. Plenty of free parking, room to dance, and still no cover or admission charge; donations only, with 100% going to NEBCO FIRE-EMS.

For more information and specific dates, call Andy at NEBCO-EMS at 479-359-3134.





BookTalk

by Pat Testut

As we sit here waterlogged, waiting for our beautiful Ozark spring weather to appear, let me share some of the new materials that we've added to our collection. We have a new, well reviewed biography on the Wright Brothers, the latest from Fern Michaels, Steve Martini, David Baldacci, Greg Iles and Lisa Scottoline. The National Book Award winner, "redemption" is "poised to become a classic of the war-writing tradition". Alexander McCall Smith has written a modern retelling of the classic "Emma" and Sara Gruen, author of "Water for Elephants" has a new novel, "At the Water's Edge".

New movies this month include "Wild", "Still Alice", "Interstellar" and "Black or White"

Thanks to Ellen Rinard we have a new addition to our Children's section. She did a wonderful job of restoring a flea market find of a child's rocking chair.

In the next few months we will be moving things around in the library to better utilize our existing shelf space. If you can't find what you are looking for in the old place just keep looking. Nothing is being eliminated just moved around.

Please check your DVD and CD players. We have received back several empty cases and would appreciate getting those discs back.

As always, suggestions are welcome regarding new purchases.



BUILDING NEWS

From your Architectural Control Committee

In the past two months the ACC has approved applications for one new garage, one new home and two decks. One home application is pending Board waiver.

Benton county actually issues the permits (after approval from the ACC) and performs the inspections. When their inspectors are in LBV they observe any construction and look for posted permits. Construction being performed without a permit can result in a hefty fine, so it is always best to check with or advise the ACC before doing any type of construction; for example, replacing boards on an existing deck does not require a permit but expanding the footprint of an existing deck DOES.

— Gary Hearn, ACC Chairman

— Jon Testut, Trustee



Technically Speaking... by Jon Testut, Technology Trustee

Did you know that our website (www.lbvca.com) has had 8000 visitors this year? Were you one of them? We encourage our members to visit the site and use the comment page to submit suggestions and reviews of the website.

Speaking of the Internet, remember that members have access to free WI-FI in our Library/Lobby as well as free computer usage if you did not bring your laptop/tablet. There is a small charge for printing documents on the attached printer.

Members are reminded that our amenities are protected from unauthorized use by way of coded locksets. If you have not yet been assigned an access code, please contact the LBVCA Office (359-3204). The code will allow you access to the Library, tennis courts, and Recreation Center & Pool. A nominal fee of \$4 is assessed.



Roads & Maintenance — The Road Ahead

By Jon Testut

The Roads & Maintenance crew are hard at work trimming branches, roadside mowing and clearing ditches. Please be careful as you drive on Village roads. Be aware that the crew may not see or hear you while they are operating their equipment. Give them a width berth. Be alert! Since the Burn Pile is closed please do not bring your yard waste to the site (the gate has been locked and code access deactivated). Look for further notice on this matter. DO NOT leave these items at your curbside as the village CANNOT pick them up. One last item...when attending to your yard maintenance, please do not direct or discharge grass clippings, leaves, branches and the like into the streets and roadways. This not only becomes a road hazard, but it detracts from the beauty of our neighborhoods.

LBV is in transition with respect to our Roads and Maintenance Department. We have a part-time employment opportunity available for interested parties. Inquire at LBVCA Office for details.

Trustee Advisors: Jon Testut and Randy Haley



*******VILLAGE ACTIVITIES*******

- **EXERCISE** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Village Hall.
- **YOGA** — Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., Village Hall. Pay at each session. Class instructor is Lynn Larson at 479-253-9728.
- **HOBBITS** — 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Contact Tammy Douglass, President, at 479-359-1300. No meetings June-August.
- **GARDEN CLUB** — 4th Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. No meetings June-August. For info call Patti French or Val Bell, club co-presidents. (Patti: 479-359-3521. Val: 479-359-2180.)
- **CRAFTERS UNLIMITED** — Meet every Monday morning, 10:00-2:30, year round, in the Village Hall. Bring your lunch. Call Pat Reynolds for information (479-359-2042).
- **LOST BRIDGE BOOK CLUB** — 4th Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Contact Judy Mack at 479-359-2729 for details.
- **COMMUNITY CHURCH** — Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sundays at Whitney Mountain Chapel on Oak Ridge Dr., off Lodge Drive. Interdenominational; all are welcome. Services conducted by the Reverend Alan Tyson.
- **WATER AEROBICS AT THE POOL** — Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 10am to Noon, June-August only. Contact Roberta Heaton at 359-2139.
- **MONTHLY LBVCA BOARD MEETINGS** — The LBVCA Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Property owners are welcome.
- **THE LBV WATER & SEWER BOARD** usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the LBVCA Community Building Conference Room.

Join **Beaver Watershed Alliance** for the Lakeside Watershed Community Meeting on July 7th at 6 pm in the LBV Village Hall for a project update and to provide feedback on maps of priority areas for water quality improvement, community input, and best management practices in use.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Courtney Thomas at 479-750-8007 or courtney@beaverwatershedalliance.org for more information and to RSVP.

GLADE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Glade Community Historical Society is holding a **YARD SALE** fundraiser, June 12 & 13 from 7AM – 6PM each day. Sale location is just west of the Garfield Post Office on the north side of HWY 62. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the sale location starting at 8AM Thursday, June 11th.

The 2015 2nd Quarterly meeting of the Glade Community Historical Society is set for July 26th, 3PM at the LBVCA Village Hall. In addition to updates on the activities of the GCHS, a program by author Abby Burnett on the mourning and burial customs of early Arkansas settlers, "**GONE TO THE GRAVE**", will be presented. Admission is free to all.

BENTON COUNTY SERVICES

Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling

- This center will give County residents a place to dispose of unwanted furniture, refrigerators, electronics, up to 4 rimless passenger car tires, etc.
- **No** household trash, construction material, yard waste, glass, or hazardous materials.
- Hours of Operation: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Location: 5702 Brookside Rd., Centerton, AR. Phone: 479-795-0751.
- There will be no charge to residents for dropping off unwanted articles.
- Additional information is available on the County website www.co.benton.ar.us, or you can call the Environmental Office at 479-271-1083.

Shredding

- Hours of operation: 2nd Saturday of every month from 8AM – Noon.
- Location: 215 E. Central, Bentonville. (Drop off is located between Court House and Benton County Administrative Offices.) 479-271-1083
- This service is for Personal Use Only.

PyroMed Bucket

- Hours of operation: 2nd Saturday of every month from 8AM – Noon.
- Location: 215 E. Central, Bentonville. (Drop off location is same as Shredding) 479-271-1083
- Discard your old unused or out-dated medications.

Local Recycling

- Pea Ridge Military Park 479-451-8122

For disposal of household trash, cardboard, glass, etc., call:

Inland Waste Services

(a Benton County Transfer Station)

3511 N. Arkansas St. Rogers, AR

(across from the Rogers Municipal Airport on Hwy. 62)

479-878-1384

Hours are 8-4 Tuesday-Saturday (closed Monday). Prices are \$15+tax per cubic yard of material, excluding shingles. Shingles price: 3 cubic yards for \$85+tax.

ACCESS CODES FOR VILLAGE AMENITIES

If you need an access code for the Village amenities (Library, Tennis Courts, Rec Center & Pool) contact the Village Office (at 479-359-3204 or at office@lbvca.com). There's a one-time charge of \$4.00 to set up a code. Allow 2-3 days for set up and remember the office is closed on Fridays. (Access codes are for Property Owner use only, not for renter use.)



LBV Water & Sewer Information

If you notice water leaking from a lift station at any time, please call 479-330-2123 or 479-936-1220 and someone will return your call. To learn more about your Water & Sewer department visit their website at www.lbvws.com.