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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC VILLAGE RIDGE Ω LOST

From the President

by Jon Testut

Let me tell you a story.

The year was 1977. Lost Bridge Village had only been established a few years earlier.

A young family was traveling east on Interstate 40 in the waning light of an early summer evening, when some misdirection occurred at the exit and they found themselves heading north on state road 71 (not 71 B...there was no 540 yet). Several harrowing miles later, after navigating the Boston Mountains, the family realized they were in Rogers, AR, and decided to stay the night at the Highway Host motel.

The next day the family awoke to a sleepy little town that boasted it was the home of Daisy Air Rifles. They explored the town and surrounding areas, and ultimately found Lost Bridge Village. This was to be the start of an adventure that they have enjoyed ever since that fateful wrong turn.

That young family was mine; and we decided then and there to purchase our own little piece of paradise. We have never regretted our choice to buy, vacation and ultimately retire here in this beautiful part of Arkansas.

I am sure you would agree that Lost Bridge Village is without parallel, and many others have settled here with the same thought of a wonderful, sharing community of friends and neighbors. There are many similar stories as to how we have all come together to live in this wonderful corner of NWA.

As you may know, I am pleased and proud to be your new LBVCA President. I invite you to welcome the newly elected Board of Trustees. Seven members of our community have stepped up to serve as custodians of our history and traditions that we all have come to expect and enjoy. We thank Debby Maule, our past President, and the outgoing Board for their diligent work in setting a straight and purposeful course of action for us, the newly elected Board, to follow. We pledge that our efforts will be focused on providing an enjoyable and fulfilling lifestyle here on Beaver Lake.

Of course, this is a joint effort, and as the Board has its duties and responsibilities to the community so do the members of our Association. Each of our neighbors is charged with providing their share of civic responsibilities, duties and assessments. By living and abiding by the LBVCA Covenants, members will collectively make our living experiences more rewarding and enjoyable.

As President, I want to bring a renewed effort to provide a safe, enjoyable and wellmaintained environment, and be sensitive to the members' needs so we can all continue to enjoy the wonderful home we call Lost Bridge Village.

Jon

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VILLAGE ODDS & ENDS...

INJURED OR DEAD ANIMALS: To report an injured or dead animal (deer, raccoon, etc.) and have it removed from a culvert or the 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 <u>NOT</u> burn them (according to the Dept. of Environmental Quality). If you find deer debris on the highway, call the Benton County Road Dept. (479-271-1052) to have it removed.

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: Please remember, the speed limit throughout the Village is only **20mph.** Please drive safely.

BURNING ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY

If you plan to do any 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.** (Remember: 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. 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

John & Janet Buhr — LBS B4 31-33

New Village Property Owners

Richard & Sue Wedel — MOU S5 35

Kenny & Judy Hahn — PMR U12 569-573

Eden Properties — PMR U3 658

David & Ramona Rener — LBS B1 32

Craig & Kristi Puder — MOU S3 1

John & Glenda Kay Baker — FHS B1 30

Al Roos — WMT S2 16

YOUR LBVCA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(As of 3/14/15)

Jon Testut – President Steve Bray – Vice President Ellen Rinard – Secretary/Treasurer Randy Haley, Trustee Melvin Schoonover, Trustee John Wilson, Trustee

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 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.

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.

Social News

by Ellen Rinard

The April 4th pie and tea fundraiser was a great success, raising nearly \$700 for the LBV Library. Thanks to all the fine bakers and the customers!



I'm working on details for a summer kick-off event — details to come. In the meantime, please let me or the Office know of any ideas you may have, or, of course, your willingness to help!

Miscellaneous Notes from Melvin Schoonover



The Benton County Sheriff's department will be enforcing motor vehicle ordinances in the Village. Please remember: all motor vehicles operating on Lost Bridge Village streets must be "street legal" — i.e., have lights and a state-issued license tag. Also, 4-wheelers are not to be operated on private property without permission. Citations will be issued.

A drop box will be installed at the LBV Office for after-hours use, and office hours will be more visibly posted.

Volunteers are needed to help with jobs and projects in the Village. Volunteer hours equal money saved that can be used for special projects to improve the village. 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 work or other indoor projects, or outdoor work like street-side clean-up, fireworks clean-up, LBV Fall Clean-Up, etc.).

AIRSTRIP NEWS

by Steve Bray



In an effort to improve the utility of the airstrip, a limited trial of pilot parking for ground vehicles is being held to determine feasibility as well as optimum location and procedures. Participants in the trial will be required to follow strict guidelines and display an LBVCA-issued permit on the dashboard.

If you see an unattended car without a permit displayed parked on airstrip property, please do NOT contact LBVCA security nor the Sheriff's office, call or email me at 479-359-0317 or sbray72732@centurylink.net.

Any passenger ground vehicles on the pavement or traveling the length of the shoulders of the airstrip are NOT part of the trial and should be reported, unless they're performing LBVCA sanctioned maintenance. There have been instances of non-members taking their passenger vehicles onto the airstrip and drag racing. There are plans to replace the gate at the north end of the airstrip to alleviate the problem.

Parks & Recreation

by Steve Bray

The Vernal Equinox has come and gone, the dogwoods are in bloom, and the lake temperature is rising. Soon it will be time to spruce up our recreation facilities for another season. I will be putting out the call for volunteers to prep the rec center and tennis courts in the next month or so. If you would like to volunteer either individually or as part of a group effort please contact the office or me. One thing we would like to get done is to repaint the bottom of the pool, which will be a multi-day task. As always, there are accumulated leaf piles in the pool area, patio and tennis courts. The pool is anticipated to be open Memorial Day weekend.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers ("COE") revision of the Beaver Lake Master Plan is in progress. Several LBVCA residents including myself have already attended the COE-sponsored open house meetings and provided comments or suggestions. The outcome will be of tremendous importance to the management of Beaver Lake and surrounding shoreline areas and therefore to all owners of property in LBVCA. You can monitor the COE progress on the plan, including additional opportunities for public input/comment at http://go.usa.gov/Mw5H, and I would encourage everyone to do so. Recreation uses of the lake and shoreline are vital to LBVCA property owners and this is your opportunity to have an impact. As a reminder, there is a moratorium on COE permitting activities during the plan revision process, so keep this in mind if you own shoreline property or fixed/floating docks or plan any shoreline construction.

IMPORTANT REMINDER! PAY YOUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FEE NOW.

80% of you have already paid your annual assessment fee, and we *thank you*, but 20% of you are delinquent. Assessment funds go towards keeping the Village looking great, which directly affects the value of your property. PLEASE send in your payment <u>NOW</u>, and be sure your payment includes the 10% late fee. Pay now to prevent it from going to collections when an additional 40% fee will be added to your total. Make your check payable to LBVCA, and mail it to 12477 Lodge Dr., Garfield, AR 72732, *TODAY*!

While you're writing your check please consider donating to LBVCA. Any amount will do, whether \$4.00 or \$400.00 and you'll be helping your Village. Twenty-four property owners donated earlier this year, as reported it in the February newsletter, and a big *THANK YOU* goes out to these additional donors:

- Mary Berg & Hank Myers
- Larry & Linda Shade
- the Avoca VFW, for donating a new American flag at the Community Building

It's not too early to mark your calendar for LBVCA's Ice Cream Social and *Fireworks Display* set for Friday, July 3rd. (Rain date on Saturday, July 4th.) This year, we'll have 2 major co-sponsors for the *Display*: <u>Starkey Marina</u> and <u>Lost Bridge Marina</u>. Without an assessment increase these sponsorships/donations are much needed and very gratefully accepted.

Join your local marina neighbors in making 2015's *Fireworks Display* the best ever by donating today!



UPCOMING SOCIALS & EVENTS

MAY SOCIAL No social planned at this time.

JUNE SOCIAL: TBD — Details to come.



COVENANT COMPLIANCE by Randy Haley

Hello from Posy Mountain! Thanks to all those who voted for me as a Trustee candidate. I will be a Trustee Advisor for Covenant Compliance, dealing with violations and proposed changes, as well as an advisor for Roads & Maintenance.

At this year's Annual Meeting I was blown away by the overwhelming passage of the Posy Mountain Ranch ("Posy") covenant changes: 347.5 votes in favor versus 38.5 against. Okay Posy owners; all of Lost Bridge Village has spoken. It seems we have support; now all we need to do is act. I'd like to form a Posy clean-up committee to look at what needs to be done in our area. This means not only looking at the roads but also our own properties and what can be straightened up and thrown away. We also need to be active is cleaning up dumped debris on unimproved lot. Benton County has been helpful here, but we need to do more. If you'd like to be on this PMR clean-up committee let me know. We also need to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program, and we all need to be involved. If you see something suspicious call the Benton County Sheriff's office (479-271-1012). You don't need to confront someone, just be able to give the deputies good information. If you'd like to be part of the Neighborhood Watch Program, including being a Security Patrol volunteer, of be on the Posy clean-up committee call or email me at 479-633-3022 or haley-ran1@yahoo.com.

Let's do something to make Posy a better community for all of us.

NEBCO FIRE-EMS

COMING TO "THE" FIRE DEPARTMENT NEAR YOU!



The NEBCO FIRE-EMS 2015 **Memorial Day Country Breakfast** is set for Monday, **May 25, 7-9 am**. A complete hot breakfast of sausage, bacon, ham, eggs, biscuits & gravy, pancakes, and beverage, just \$7 for adults, \$4 kids 5-12 and free for those under five.

At the NEBCO Community Center, Hwy. 62 & S. Wimpy Jones Road. All proceeds go to NEBCO FIRE-EMS.

Music At The FireHouse

The Black Oak Band's 2015 season kicks off **April 11th**, **7-9 pm**, at the NEBCO Community Center, Hwy. 62 & S. Wimpy Jones Rd. 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, call Andy at NEBCO-EMS at 479-359-3134.





BookTalk

by Pat Testut

Spring is in the air and we have a wonderful new crop of books, DVDs and audio books to help celebrate the season. Our new DVDs include "The Theory of Everything" the story of Stephen Hawking, for which Eddie Redmayne won the best actor award at the Oscars, "Mockingiay", "St Vincent", and for the kids, "The Lego Movie"

We have something for everyone in our new books. If you like historical fiction we have Allison Pataki's new book "The Accidental Empress" about the Hapsburg Empire and the 15 year old queen. Another historical novel, "The Paris Architect", tells the story of a gifted architect in 1942 Paris who is hired to build a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man and the ripple effect this has on his life.

Ann Tyler fans will be looking forward to reading her latest, "A Spool of Blue Thread", and for those who like suspense novels we have "Twelve Days" by Alex Berenson.

We've added six new audio books to our ever growing audio books collection including "Orphan Train", "The Hit", "Metro Girl", Transfer of Power", "Forget Me Not", and "Chaos in Death".

So sit out on the deck on a beautiful sunny day and catch up on your reading or spend an evening relaxing with a new movie.

As always, if you have questions or would like to contact me I can be reached at lbvlibrary@hotmail.com.





BUILDING NEWSFrom your Architectural Control Committee

If you are contemplating any type of construction, whether new or renovation, deck or outbuilding, the first step is to present your project to the ACC.

As part of the permit issuing process, the ACC works closely with Benton County Planning Inspectors to ensure adherence to LBVCA's Covenant requirements for construction. Benton County issues the permits and performs the building inspections, as well as levies fines when a permit is not obtained first.

Building requirements are covered in the Covenants and in the ACC Building Standards & Practices, both of which are available on the LBVCA website (www.lbvca.com).

— Jon Testut, Trustee — Gary Hearron, ACC Chairman







Technically Speaking... by Jon Testut, Technology Trustee

Members may not realize that our amenities are protected from unauthorized use by way of coded locksets. If you have not yet been assigned a key code, please contact our office (359-3204). The code will allow you access to the Library, tennis courts, and Recreation Center. A one-time nominal fee of \$4 is assessed.

Note 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.

Please visit our Village website to gather information about our community such as social events, Board activities, covenants and bylaws, ACC building requirements and many other interesting facts and features. www.LBVCA.com



Roads & Maintenance — The Road Ahead

By Jon Testut

Spring has finally sprung and we are looking forward to a productive season in Roads & Maintenance ("R&M"). We are transitioning from plowing snow to cutting grass and many other pleasant weather tasks. Among the many responsibilities assigned to R&M, we expect to maintain the village roads, trim trees and brush, and groom the airport. And in between all that, we will maintain the equipment and tools necessary to accomplish these duties.

Remember, the Burn Pile is closed and you must contact Benton County for permission to burn on your property. Call **479-273-5530 or 866-207-5140.**

If you have a request for us, please use the form found on our webpage (www.lbvca.com).

*****<u>VILLAGE ACTIVITIES</u>*****

- <u>EXERCISE</u> Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Village Hall.
- <u>YOGA</u> 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 Elaine Launderville, President, at 479-790-4550.
- 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.)
- <u>CRAFTERS UNLIMITED</u> Meet every Monday morning, 10:00-2:30 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.
- <u>COMMUNITY CHURCH</u> 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** Discontinued for the winter.
- MONTHLY LBVCA BOARD MEETINGS The LBVCA Board of Trustees meets the <u>second Monday</u> 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.

ACCESS CODES FOR VILLAGE AMENITIES

If you need an access code for the Village amenities (Library, Tennis Courts, Rec Center) contact the Village Office (at 479-359-3204 or to 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.)

GLADE COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Glade Community Historical Society will hold their **second general meeting of 2015** on **April 26 at 2:30 pm** at the LBV Village Hall. Pies will be available for dessert. Come and purchase some pie and visit with your neighbors while enjoying Greg Grays' music. A program on the WWII Japanese Internment Camps at Jerome and Rohwer in south central Arkansas will be presented by Jeanne Strokebrand. There is no admission charge and the meeting is open to GCHS members and their guests, and to the general public.

BENTON COUNTY SERVICES

Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling

- This center will give <u>County residents</u> 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

- 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

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.

BENTON COUNTY SPRING CLEAN UP

Date: April 18, 2015

Time: 8:00am to 12:00noon

3 locations:

1700 S Wimpy Jones Rd., Garfield

1206 SW 14th St. (Hwy. 102), Bentonville

200 Spavinaw Ave., Decatur

Benton County Environmental Division: 479-273-1083