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From the President

... and the story continues...

As of this writing the winter has been kind...kind of unusual as far as the weather goes, that is. Warm, spring-like weather in December, then a quick reversal to cold and ice. BRRR. In any case, Arkansas weather is much more desirable than Long Island, our home until we found Lost Bridge Village. Maybe I'll walk that back a bit. Tornadoes are one form of weather I can do without. Too unpredictable, and way too devastating.

by Jon Testut

Let's change the subject. We have a new year to enjoy, a new budget to exercise and the making of a few new board members. Did you ever stop and realize how many wonderful things we enjoy in and around our community. Better yet, have you ever stopped and thought about the people behind the scenes who make some of these things possible? (Notice I did not say all things.)

Your trustees handle social events, cut in new roads, plow snow, bring you the latest books to read, make sure that the computers are working, the pool is clean, the airport is safe, the community building is neat and pretty, the buildings are insured, the bills are paid, new construction is to code, the roadsides are mowed, our properties are marketed... (Shall I go on? I could, you know.)

Let's play a game: I'll mention a Board Trustee's first name and see if their last name is familiar to you.

Ken, Ellen, Randy, John, Melvin, Steve, Jon. Did you get all seven? Bonus Question: Marty. You got less than eight correct? My goodness. Sounds like it is time to seek them out and learn more about the Village Trustees and what they do for us all. Here is a secret...their names are inside of this wonderful publication. Another Bonus question: Who puts this wonderful publication together virtually singlehandedly?

How about this? Next time you see one of the gang of seven, step up, shake their hand and tell them what you think of the great job they are doing. They are doing a great job, aren't they? Well, aren't they?

(Hint: I'm Jon)

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VILLAGE ODDS & ENDS ...

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.**) **Do not leave smoldering fires unattended!**

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 burn it or 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.

INJURED OR DEAD ANIMALS : To report an injured or dead animal (deer, raccoon, etc.) and have it removed from a <u>state</u> culvert or <u>state</u> 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 AR Dept. of Environmental Quality).

The Benton County Roads Dept. and Sheriff's Dept. state 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 & PARKING in LBV: The speed limit throughout the Village is **20 or 25mph** and is enforceable by the Benton County Sheriff's dept. There is <u>no</u> on-street parking throughout LBV.

VILLAGE ROADS:

Green and Blue street signs in the village are county roads. If you live on a road with potholes or ruts, call Jeff Clark at 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.

Welcome To Our Neighborhood

New Village Homeowners

Fenner, Huber & Shirley — LBS B1 79 & 88 Lundholm, Regina — PMR U1 44

New Village Land Owners

Hahn, Ken & Judy — PMR U12 611 Collier, William & Sarah — LBS B4 29 & 30 Jobe, Jana — WMT S1 56 Carter, Corrie — FHS B2 16 Mills, Andy & Doris — MOU S4 117 Michael, Dave & Laurie — LBS B3 45 Bowman, Herman — PMR U8 233 Eaves, David & Rhonda — WMT S1 17 Dunford, Veronica — PMR U7 176 Pharris, Steven & Annette — FHS B2 22A

Volunteers needed to help "Keep America Beautiful"

Some of our new residents may not know that LBVCA has taken on the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up of Highway 127 from LBV's Dogwood Drive entrance to the railroad tracks in Garfield. This is a 6-mile stretch of highway that we divide into 6 one-mile sections.

We could use 12 volunteers for the next clean-up, which will be in **early March**, usually on a Saturday (the date will depend on the weather). We meet at the Beaver Lake Realty Office on 127 to get vests, trash bags and to find out which section you will clean up. The local highway department then collects the bags when we are done.

If you would like to help and be notified of the next road clean-up, **call Patti French at 359-3521** or e-mail <u>pgfrench15@hotmail.com</u>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The LBVCA Community Building/Village Hall is no longer a polling site for local, regional and national elections. The new polling site is the NEBCO Community Center at Hwy. 62 & S. Wimpy Jones Road in Garfield. Questions? Call NEBCO at 479-359-3134.



Social News

by Ellen Rínard

The community Christmas party, held at Whitney Mountain Lodge was enjoyed by 80 area residents, with much good food, music and a dessert contest, won by Debby Maule. Yum!

A "poor people's" beans and cornbread dinner is planned for after tax day (mid to late April). Stay tuned for details.

News & Notes from your Community Building by Melvin Schoonover



Almost a year has passed since I was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees, and I hope to be able to serve another term and accomplish more to improve our Village. I want to express my appreciation for the volunteers who have helped me and the other Trustees with projects in the village during 2015.

The volunteer appreciation dinner held January 31st was a great success. The turnout was excellent, and the Italian feast, prepared by our own chef John Rainone and his sweet wife Jeannine, was outstanding! Our thanks to all who helped with this event.

A Community Building work day is planned for Saturday, March 5th beginning at 10 a.m. Projects include clearing brush from the back side of the Community Building, raking leaves, caulking and cleaning windows, etc. If you can help, please show up! We will reschedule if the weather does not cooperate.

If you use the Village Hall, please help us keep mice and insect pests under control by keeping outside doors closed and cleaning up and removing any food debris from floors, countertops, etc,. as well as disposing of any trash.



News from Posy Mountain Ranch by Randy Haley

Greetings to all from Posy Mountain. THANKS to all who helped with the restoration we've done on the roads. As we move forward this year we have plans for more road work plus trimming of some lots so they look more like buildable lots not wild scrub brush. We're trying to market this area as well. The more residents we have in Posy the more the county will step up to maintain blue and green sign roads, and as we get more residents on white sign (private roads) it will change them to blue and green.



Parks & Recreation by Steve Bray

This time of year not much is happening with Parks and Recreation. As I prepare to finish my term as P&R trustee I can't help but think about what has changed since I was elected to the Board three years ago. The most obvious change was is the face you see when going to swim at the pool. Charlie Norris retired after many years of service and his shoes are now being ably filled by Bill Magnuson. Both men have my sincere gratitude. Due to the foresight of my predecessor Gary Hearron who started the project, and numerous volunteers who helped complete it, we have a functional and attractive kitchen area at the Rec Center. The facility has had equipment donated and refurbished so there are more fun and healthy activities. Surfaces have been power washed and look better than they have in years, again thanks to the efforts of volunteers. The pool is no longer leaking tens of thousands of gallons a season. Thanks to the care the members have taken when using the facilities, year round access has been implemented. More routine maintenance and prep for the season has improved the appearance and function of the Rec Center and tennis courts. Fireworks shows are getting better and better (Thank You, Pete Sams) and are attracting positive attention to the Village and sponsorship from area marinas. The folks of LBVCA have a lot to be proud of with what all of us have accomplished.

There is still a lot of opportunity in the years to follow. Our facilities are old and while we try to do the most with what we have the infrastructure is not going to last forever and will likely be inadequate for the growth that I believe will come as our little slice of heaven is "discovered". The passage of the assessment increase presents new opportunities to address these needs, and while P&R will not be the primary beneficiary of the additional income initially (Roads, Covenant Enforcement, etc., will get first shot) I expect to see P&R get more attention in the future. In fact, there is some interesting discussion currently within the Board for creating P&R amenities in the Posy Mountain area of the Village. In the short term, the 2016 budget has funds allocated for an acid wash of the pool sides and bottom (should look really great this year) and new windscreens for the tennis courts, so these amenities should benefit. It is my sincere hope that the new Board will start long-term planning for a major rehabilitation/replacement of the Rec Center complex and tennis courts. I would encourage everyone to support the new Board, the new P&R trustee, and join me in helping out where I can. It has been an honor to serve as trustee for P&R and I thank everyone who helped. I couldn't have done it without you.

UPCOMING SOCIALS & EVENTS

<u>No FEBRUARY or MARCH socials are planned at this time.</u> Stay tuned for a possible Beans & Cornbread dinner social in April.

Plan now to attend LBVCA'S <u>45th Annual Meeting</u>

When: Saturday, March 12, 2016 a 2:00 p.m.Where: In the Village Hall of the Community Building at 12477 Lodge Drive, Garfield, AR

(Questions? Call: 479-359-3204)

Don't forget to send in your BALLOT for the LBVCA 2016 Board Trustee Election

Candidates for the 2016 LBVCA Board or Trustees: Phil Williamson Melvin Schoonover

Because we have only 2 candidates for 3 open positions **write-ins will be important**. The Board will contact all write-ins to see which, if any, would be willing and able to serve for the 3rd open position. (Mickey Mouse and Goofy have already declined due to schedule conflicts.) Ballot deadline is Wed., March 10th. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on March 12th.

2016 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT <u>PAST DUE</u> INVOICES

For those of you who have not yet sent in payment of your 2016 Annual Assessment fee, **PAST DUE invoices** will be mailed out shortly. They will include a 10% late penalty. Please pay this promptly as this is your last chance before delinquent accounts are turned over to Collections at the end of the month at which point an additional 40% collection fee will be applied to your account.

Payment Options:

- Make your check payable to LBVCA and mail it to 12477 Lodge Dr, Garfield, AR 72732
- Pay by cash (exact amount only; we cannot break large bills) at the LBVCA Office
- Use PayPal via our website (www.lbvca.com). Use your credit or debit card with PayPal.

(Sorry but LBVCA is not set up to accept credit or debit cards by phone, email or online.)



AIRSTRIP NEWS

by Steve Bray

I want to give a final shout-out to all the pilots and volunteers who have worked on the crack fill and Fly In events during my term as trustee. This is my last airport newsletter article as trustee. I look forward to working with you all in the coming years and with a new trustee leading the charge to make our airport amenity even more valuable for all of Lost Bridge Village. Please support the new trustee with your continued time, effort, and advice. Hope to see you at the next "crack" party in the spring. Until then, Happy Landings!



Mark your calendar now for the *Hobbits*'

ANNUAL SPRING STYLE SHOW

When: April 20th Where: LBV Village Hall, 12477 Lodge Drive (Cost: TBD)

All are welcome.

Contact Sandra Martinkewiz at 479-359-1288 for information on this fun event.

Part-Time Job Opportunity

LBV Roads & Maintenance Department has an employment opportunity for interested parties:

- Part time, flexible schedule, not to exceed 30 hours per week.
- 1099, no benefits except workers comp.
- Start date would be ASAP.
- Inquire at LBVCA Office (479-359-3204) for details.



- Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th ("Spring Ahead")
- Easter is Sunday, March 27th

NEBCO FIRE-EMS

COMING TO "THE" FIRE DEPARTMENT NEAR YOU!





The 12th Annual NEBCO FIRE-EMS

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 11am to 2pm

All-You-Can-Eat Chili, including drink. \$6.00 adults; \$3.00 kids ages 5-12; under 5 free. Desserts available.

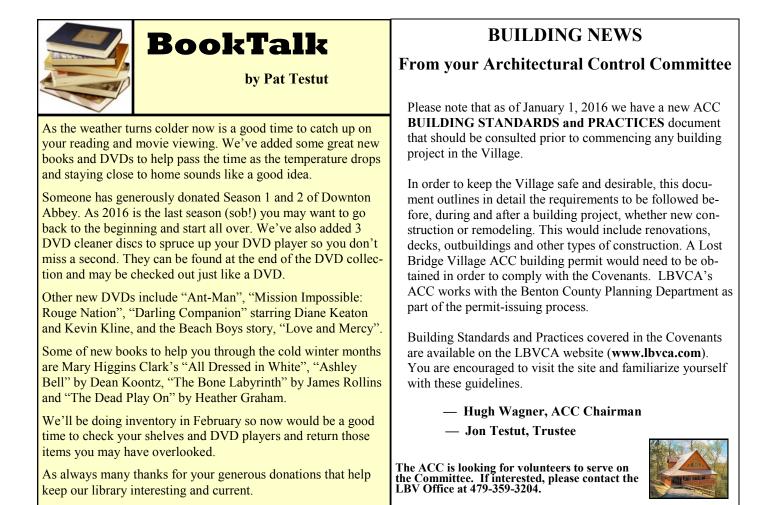
NEBCO Community Center, Hwy. 62 & S. Wimpy Jones Rd., in Garfield. There's still time to enter or sponsor a Chili Cook-Off Team; just call NEBCO at 479-359-3134 before Feb. 25th.

Music At The FireHouse

Ken Bell's Black Oak Band is on hiatus for the winter, but they'll be back starting next April 9th and will play the 2nd and 4th Saturdays through September. Shows will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information call Andy at NEBCO-EMS at 479-359-3134.







Technically Speaking

by Jon Testut

Lost Bridge Village 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. Thanks to the assessment increase, there's no longer a fee for use of the printing paper at the lobby 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 our office (479-359-3204). The code will allow you access to the Library, Tennis Courts and Recreation Center. Again, thanks to the assessment increase, there's no longer a set-up fee to obtain a code.



Roads & Maintenance - The Road Ahead By Jon Testut

Roads and Maintenance has many responsibilities that vary with the seasons. Our snow removal equipment has been at the ready. Salt and sand will be readily available to spread on our

roads as the weather demands.

Please be extra careful when driving in inclement weather as the curves and hills can be most deceiving. Specific reference is made to the East Airport and Dogwood entrances switchbacks. Many have underestimated the danger that can cause slipping and sliding. Also, parking is not allowed on the streets of the village, especially during snow plow season. Damage can be avoided by parking off-road.

Trustee Advisors: Jon Testut and Randy Haley

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

- <u>CRAFTERS UNLIMITED</u> 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).
- <u>YOGA</u> Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., Village Hall. Pay at each session. Class instructor is Lynn Larson at 479-253-9728.
- <u>HOBBITS</u> 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Contact Tammy Douglass at 479-359-1300. (No meetings June-August.)
- <u>GARDEN CLUB</u> 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.)
- **LOST BRIDGE BOOK CLUB** 4th Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Contact Jean Kosche at 479-359-3963 for details.
- LOST BRIDGE 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. The pool is closed for the winter. It will reopen for the Memorial Holiday weekend in May 2016.
- <u>MONTHLY LBVCA BOARD MEETINGS</u> The LBVCA Board of Trustees meets the <u>second</u> Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building. Property owners are welcome.
- <u>THE LBV WATER & SEWER BOARD</u> usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the LBVCA Community Building Conference Room.
- <u>The LBV ACC</u> meets the 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the LBVCA Community Building Conference Room.

LBV SPRING CLEAN-UP

The LBVCA Board is considering holding a Spring Clean-Up this year (late April or early May) but we need volunteers to help out.

If you'd like to see a Spring Clean-up we need to hear from volunteers now!

Call the LBV Office at 479-349-3204 to sign up.

BENTON COUNTY SERVICES

Solid Waste Disposal

- 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 on Saturday. (\$10 min. charge on weekdays.)
- Additional information is available on the County website www.co.benton.ar.us, or you can call the Environmental Office at 479-271-1083.

Paper Shredding

Benton County no longer offers a shredding service. Contact: Ironwood Shredding

> 807 W Hudson Rd, Rogers, ÅR 72756 479-631-4000 (Call for fees.) 2nd Saturday of every month, 8:00 am – Noon

Medicine Recycling

1300 SW 14th Street, Bentonville 479-271-1008 Every Day from 7AM to 11PM (No Needles or Metal) Discard your old unused or outdated medications.

RECYCLING of paper, bottles, cans, cardboard: Pea Ridge Military Park 479-451-8122

For disposal of household trash, glass, etc., call: 479-878-1384

Inland Waste Solutions

(a Benton County Transfer Station) 848 E Hwy 264 Lowell, AR 72745 (formerly Deffenbaugh Roll Off Svc)

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

Inland takes construction debris for \$40-55 per truckload.

