

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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Candidates to be recruited for six Lake Board seats

By John Braden

Six seats of the 15-member Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board will be up for election in February. Five seats are for regular three-year terms, while one seat is for two remaining years of a term from which a member resigned.

The Lake Board is required to select a nominating committee in December to recruit candidates for the election. With six seats up, ideally, at least seven candidates are needed to ensure voters have a choice.

Lake Board candidates must be recruited by late January so ballots can be prepared and residents can be notified by letter of the candidates before the Property Owners Meeting and election, at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Clubhouse.

Property owners who want to express their interest in serving on the Lake Board may contact the Lake Office, 228-3721, to find a Nominating Committee member.

The five regular seats up for three-year terms include those held by Gary Geib, Jon King (appointed to complete the term of Dave Brumagin), Darren Lengyel, Charlotte Phillips (appointed to complete the term of James Corazzo), and Joe Rush.

Also up for election is the remaining two-year term of a seat held by Greg Fedo, who was appointed to succeed the resigned Chris Laddish until the February election.

Under usual procedures, the top five vote-getters would win the five three-year terms, with the sixth vote-getter receiving the two-year term.

To be eligible for election to the Lake Board, a candidate must own a lot in Lake Tapawingo, must be a year-round resident, must have resided within Lake Tapawingo for not less than two

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By John Braden

FINAL COFFEE -- At a Nov. 2 coffee at the Clubhouse, Mayor Tom Goddard and newly named Police Chief Tammy Taylor make closing arguments for a property tax increase to hire another police officer.

Lake voters reject property tax hike

By John Braden

Despite promises of a new full-time officer to increase city police coverage, Lake Tapawingo voters on Nov. 6 rejected, 267-224, a proposed four-year property tax increase of 30 cents per \$100 assessed valuation to pay for that third police officer.

The vote represented 54.38 percent voting no and 45.62 percent voting yes.

Mayor Tom Goddard and newly named Police Chief Tammy Taylor made final arguments in favor of the tax increase at a Nov. 2 voter coffee, convened at the Clubhouse to explain the issue and to introduce the new chief.

Goddard had noted the City Council reduced residential water and sewer utility bills by an annual total of \$708 per house in the past year. The council voted in September to reduce bills by \$204 of that amount as an inducement to residents to support the property tax hike.

Chief Taylor had told the group that the tax increase was important because Lake Tapawingo is "below standards" in law enforcement and vulnerable. City figures indicated Lake Tapawingo Police coverage hours would have increased to 120 hours per week with a third full-time officer, compared to 80

hours per week with the current two. A full week comprises 168 hours.

Taylor noted that the Jackson County Sheriff's Department is to cover the Lake when city officers are not on duty, but emphasized that the city's officers have more familiarity and a better connection to the community.

The 30-cent levy, which would have been limited to only four years by state law, would have been on top of the city's ongoing property tax of \$1 per \$100 of assessed valuation. It would have raised about \$45,000 a year, which the ballot language said would be "for public safety purposes."

Part-time officer hired

In the wake of the vote, the city hired a new part-time officer, Mike Zielinski, to help fill part of the gap in patrolling. Chief Taylor said Zielinski's primary shift would be weekends during the day.

Even if the tax increase had passed, it would have had to be renewed in four years and city officials had said it would not be enough for raises for officers in the future. Other new revenue suggestions have included increasing

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Around the Lake

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 Sharon Arbaugh, 74 Anchor
Jeanne Turner, 6 Anchor
Dec. 2 Pat Miller, 159 Beach
Dec. 5 Christine Smith, 38 Beach
Dec. 8 Jody Goddard, 5 Beach
Dec. 10 Paula Weber, 115 Anchor
Frances Welsh, 77 Beach
Dec. 12 Gena Queen, 53 Anchor
Dec. 14 Larry McCue, 83 Anchor
Dec. 18 Lisa Cloverdyke, 3 Beach
Dec. 22 Heather Bateman, 116 Anchor
Dec. 24 Jody Cloverdyke, 168 Beach
Dec. 26 Craig Combs, 82 Anchor
Dec. 29 Bev Payton, 140 Beach
Dec. 30 Kennedy Bateman, 116 Anchor
Dec. 31 Greta Hoener, 151 Dockside

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

- Dec. 28 Bruce and Billie Herndon, 41 Dockside, 67 years

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

- Dan and Nancy Allgaier, 78 Dockside
Nick and Jane Cunha, 154 Anchor

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Congratulations, Sympathy or Welcome to New Resident, please call Jeanne Saban, 229-8847.

Property owners vote Dec. 13 on Lake budget

Lake Tapawingo property owners are to meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Clubhouse to vote on a final Country Club budget for next year. An annual letter is being mailed notifying property owners of the meeting and providing a copy of the proposed budget.

Each person owning one or more lots is entitled to one vote and not one vote for each lot owned. Additionally, persons owning one or more lots jointly, or in common, are entitled to one vote collectively.



Assessment bills included in mailing

Instead of making a second mailing, the meeting notice mailing will include property owners' 2019 annual assessment statements. Property owners are advised to check the details of their statements to ensure their boat ownership lists are correct. Notify the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com if corrections are needed.

Ex-Lake Board members invited to holiday party

Lake Board President Jayme Dean invited all former Lake Board members to join the current board for a holiday party Dec. 17.

Dean said the board is reviving the practice of inviting past board members and their spouses or significant others to a holiday party after a short regular board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Participants are invited to bring appetizers or finger food to share.

Past board members are asked to RSVP their attendance by Dec. 12 to the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com.

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Mayoral, alderman filings begin Dec. 11

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years preceding the date of the election, and must have no outstanding dues, assessments or fees owed to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.

Continuing on the Lake Board are Renny Buckaloo, Jayme Dean, Colleen Drinkard, Jeff Pirner, Gena Queen, Rocky Queen, Brian Smith, Sarah Wilke and Buddy Young.

City candidate filings begin

Dec. 11 is the first day that candidates may file for the April 2 City Council election. Seats of the mayor and three of the six city aldermen are to be filled by Lake Tapawingo voters.

Mayoral and City Council candidates may file at City Hall from 9 a.m. Dec. 11 until 5 p.m. Jan. 15. The last day to register to vote is March 6.

The two-year City Council terms are staggered so that one alderman is elected from each of the three city wards each year.

The seat of Mayor Tom Goddard, who was elected for two years in 2017, will be up for election.

The three aldermen whose terms expire in April are:

- In Ward 1 (A Block), Alderman Larry McCue, 83 Anchor;
- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, who had been elected to the remaining year of a seat that had been held by Rocky Queen, who moved out of the ward;
- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Alderman Mike Cloyde, 16 Emerald Shore.

Aldermen Steve Magel in Ward 1, Andy Rogers in Ward 2 and Bob Seago in Ward 3 have terms that expire in April 2020.

Candidates for mayor must be at least 25 years old, while alderman candidates must be at least 21. All must be citizens of the United States, registered voters and residents of the city for at least one year preceding the election. Alderman candidates also must be residents of the wards in which they file for election.



By John Braden

POLLING -- Poll worker Phil Seifert, 39 Anchor, greets voter Kathy Morgason, 61 Anchor, at the Clubhouse polling place during the Nov. 6 general election. A total of 491 Lake voters cast ballots on the proposed property tax increase.

City considers annexation to up valuations

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personal property tax collections on unregistered boats; imposing a sales tax on motor vehicles and boats; and imposing a city sales tax on Internet sales.

Goddard told the Nov. 2 coffee that the city was considering three annexations of nearby unincorporated areas as a way to increase the city's total assessed valuation.

The city has no commercial property taxes or sales taxes within its boundaries unless it were to annex

adjoining commercial property that remains in unincorporated Jackson County. The city already patrols such an area outside the U.S. 40 gate, where the highway pavement was annexed by Lake Tapawingo in an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The remaining option would be to reduce city spending in other areas in order to shift more money to police protection. State law prevents shifting water and sewer utility revenues to spend on general government.



By John Braden

WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR -- Police Officer Andrew Wilson, left, pulled over a motorist Nov. 2 because he had a headlight out, only to find it was City Prosecutor John Bragg. Bragg, who normally prosecutes traffic tickets, was on his way to meet new Police Chief Tammy Taylor.



By John Braden

Matt's 'the crew'

Our cast of thousands that plowed the snow from the Nov. 25 blizzard was Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf, and Matt Kempf, and -- you guessed it -- Matt Kempf. After his first pass around the Lake in the middle of the night, word was, it all filled back in for his second pass. So winter came early -- the calendar says it's not due 'til Dec. 21. Maybe that means an early spring!



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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City Council inaugurates Police Chief Taylor

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Nov. 1 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

Visitors: Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Dana McCue, 83 Anchor; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Kathy Bergman, Pleasant Hill; Rhonda, Kathryn, Tiffany, Adam and Sabrina Cole (Officer Ernest Cole's family); Dorothy Glise, Lee's Summit.

Police: Mayor Goddard thanked retiring Chief Ken Bergman for his service and asked for a motion to present him his badge, uniform, and pistol. The City Council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Bob Seago to do so.

The council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to pay \$54,000 per year plus benefits to incoming Chief Tammy Taylor, effective Nov. 5.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud administered the oath of office to Taylor. Following the inaugural, Goddard presented Taylor her police chief badge.

The mayor announced a reception for Chief Taylor Nov. 2 at the Clubhouse, coinciding with a coffee to explain the proposed property tax increase to hire an additional police officer. He said there also would be a thank you and farewell reception for retiring Chief Bergman on Nov. 6 at City Hall.

Chief Bergman presented Officer Ernest Cole a promotion to corporal. Calling him "steady as a rock," Bergman said Cole has been a faithful, on time and effective police officer for Lake Tapawingo since June 2009.

Chief Bergman said the department had several arrests in October including a domestic violence arrest involving a machete, with no serious injuries. He said three officers were assigned to work most of the day Oct. 31, Halloween, with few and only minor incidents.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said he would like to purchase a used commercial diesel vacuum trailer



Photos by John Braden

THANKS, CHIEF -- Mayor Tom Goddard thanks retiring Police Chief Ken Bergman and wishes Bergman and his wife Kathy well.



WELCOME, CHIEF -- City Clerk Paul Blixrud inaugurates new Police Chief Tammy Taylor at the Nov. 1 City Council meeting.

that would allow the Water and Sewer Department to vacuum out grinder pump pits for servicing without having to hire a contractor to do the pumping. Seago said a new trailer would cost about \$60,000 today. He said the used model in question cost about \$50,000 when new in
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Council purchases vacuum trailer for sewer work

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2012. The owner is Lake resident David Beemer's firm, Beemer Construction Co., which has allowed the city crew to use the trailer for several weeks.

After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Seago to purchase the vacuum trailer for \$33,500. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke noted that due to the availability and reduced cost of the unit, the council did not put the purchase out for bids.

Seago said due to recent heavy rains, the department had 17 service calls with two grinder pump replacements. He estimated the city saved \$4,500 by using Beemer's vacuum trailer, rather than calling for pumping service.

Seago said he would shop for a used three-quarter-ton or one-ton, four-wheel-drive pickup truck to pull the vacuum trailer and trade or sell the 2010 Ford van the department currently uses, which he said is not strong enough to pull the vacuum trailer when the 500-gallon tank is full.

Building: City Attorney Paul Campo said he received an asbestos inspection report on the dangerous building at 56 Anchor and will incorporate the findings in a request for proposals to demolish the structure. He said he expected to publish the RFP the week of Nov. 5 with a possible review and contractor hiring decision by the City Council in early December.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke asked about vehicles and other items of some value still in the house. Campo said the city would have to remove those items and store them for a period of time and serve notice to the owners to pick them up.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud said a permit



PROMOTION -- Retiring Police Chief Ken Bergman, right, presents Officer Ernest Cole a certificate of his promotion to corporal in the Lake Tapawingo Police Department.

was approved to build a new home at 91 Dockside and there would be a Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting Nov. 13 to discuss a request for a variance to construct a deck at 103 Beach that would encroach into the setback of the side property line.

Nuisance ordinance: City Attorney Paul Campo asked the council to review a draft of an ordinance to revise Municipal Code Chapter 220 (Nuisances). He proposed the council

discuss the draft and consider it on first reading at the Dec. 6 council meeting.

Weapons ordinance: After changes had been made to the draft, Mayor Goddard requested a motion to consider a new first reading of *Bill 1187 Ordinance 987: An Ordinance Amending Section 210.080 of the City Code Related to Weapons*. City Attorney Paul Campo previously said he drafted the ordinance to align with state laws on concealed

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MAYOR'S MINUTES

Bids due Dec. 3 to demolish abandoned house

By Mayor Tom Goddard

The city is continuing the process to demolish the house at 56 Anchor Drive. Apex Environmental Consultants Inc. was hired by the city to inspect the house for the presence of asbestos.

The floor tile in the kitchen and one room of the basement was found to contain small amounts (2 percent) of asbestos. An asbestos abatement contractor licensed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources must remove all asbestos containing materials (ACM) in the building before demolition activities begin.

Some mold was also noted in the inspection but mold is not regulated as a contaminant during demolition (or at any time, actually). Mold spores are ubiquitous to the environment. There is no reason to think that demolition of the house will create a health hazard from the mold for any of the neighbors.

The city sent out requests for bids on Nov. 5 for the demolition of 56 Anchor with the ACM removal to be included in the bids. The bid requests were sent to nine



companies in the Kansas City area that specialize in this type of work. A notice was also placed in the local newspaper requesting bids for the demolition.

Bids are to be opened and read at noon on Dec. 3 at City Hall. This is an open meeting that any interested party can attend.

The ACM removal will no doubt slow down the whole process but we are still hoping to finish the project around Jan 1. Once complete, this project will not only improve property values in the immediate neighborhood but it will be good for our entire community.

Remember, we will have more children walking and playing on our streets during their school vacation. Drive carefully and obey the speed limit.

Take time to stop from your busy life and take in the beauty of the wonderful place where we live. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season with your family.

City prepares to fund road crack sealing project

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and open carrying of firearms. The state allows concealed and open carrying of firearms under certain circumstances. The ordinance provides for the city to restrict carrying of firearms in certain facilities, in conformance with state law.

The council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Larry McCue to advance the ordinance on first reading. A second reading and vote are required for final passage.

Executive Committee (liaison with Lake Board): Alderman Larry McCue said the committee met recently to discuss items including crack sealing of the Country Club-owned roads. The city has agreed to pay \$5,000 of the sealing project to fill the joint between original paving and new paving that was installed during the city's water main replacement project. McCue said it appeared the project might cost a little more than the allotted \$5,000.

McCue said the Lake Board proposed posting city minutes on a new Country Club Facebook page.

Signs and Lights: Alderman Mike Cloyde said he contacted Kansas City Power & Light about a resident request

to divert a street light that shines into a house but the utility had not responded.

Fund transfers: The council approved a motion by Alderman Andy Rogers for routine money transfers among funds. (Note: Incoming money to the city goes first to the Operating Account, Debt Service Account or Police Fund Account. Then, when appropriate, it is moved to restricted accounts. When a bill is to be paid from a restricted account, that money is first moved back to the Operating Account so a check can be written.)

Transfers approved:

- \$3,361.70 Sewer/Water Maintenance Account to Operating Account to pay for September water meter installations
- \$2,574.61 Sewer/Water Maintenance to Operating to pay for October supplies, maintenance, locates
- \$4,934.23 Police Fund Account to Operating to purchase 2018 Ford Explorer patrol car equipment
- \$786.20 Debt Service Account to Operating, city portion of September property tax collection
- \$5,653.05 Operating to Little Blue Valley Sewer District Account, revenue collected from September billing
- \$9,166.52 Operating to Water/Trash Account, revenue collected from September billing

- \$15,284.70 Operating to Sewer/Water Maintenance, revenue collected from September billing
- \$1,699.24 Operating to Grinder Pump Account, revenue collected from September billing
- \$1,646.29 Sewer/Water Maintenance to Operating to pay for September supplies, maintenance, locates
- \$768.87 Grinder Pump Account to Operating to purchase grinder pump parts in September
- \$110.00 Operating to Police Training Account, August court revenue for police training
- \$422.50 Operating to Sewer/Water Maintenance, October repayment on loan for City Hall construction
- \$4,616.32 Water/Trash to Operating to pay WCA September trash bill
- \$3,717.85 Water/Trash to Operating to pay September Independence water supply bill
- \$106.98 Police Fund to Operating to purchase UTV siren, equipment
- \$108.00 Operating to Police Training, September court revenue for police training.
- \$5,290.00 Grinder Pump to Operating to purchase grinder pumps in October.

Official city minutes may be read at City Hall or on the city Internet site, www.laketapawingomo.org.



Variance approved for deck post in side setback

The city Board of Zoning Adjustment voted Nov. 13 to approve a variance to allow construction of a deck at 103 Beach that would encroach into a side setback.

Andy Rogers, 37 Beach, requested a variance to build a covered deck on the front of the second-tier house at 103 Beach. A variance would be required because the proposed deck would extend into the 6-foot setback from the side property line of 104 Beach, an empty lot.

Rogers presented a diagram of the proposed covered deck, canopy, and the supporting post that would sit within the side setback.

Rogers said the encroachment would make the deck wide enough to allow the residents to park two cars under the deck canopy. The encroaching post would be even with an existing sidewalk that already is within the setback.

It was reported that Renny Buckaloo, the owner of the adjacent property, did not object to the variance request.

BZA Member Meg Seifert expressed her concern that the variance request appeared to be based more on convenience than necessity. She said she did not think Rogers demonstrated a sufficient hardship if he did not receive the variance, which is a factor the board is to consider.

BZA Chairman Dan Brown asked what options there were for parking cars if the variance was denied.

Rogers indicated if the variance were granted, the residents would have room to park both cars under the deck canopy rather than requiring one vehicle to be parked on the street.

The BZA voted, 4-1, to approve the variance request.

BZA to consider oversized storage building

The BZA is to meet again at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at City Hall to consider a request for a variance to erect a storage building that is larger than the size established by city building codes.

Sandra Schoultz, 158 Dockside, seeks a variance to erect a 10- by 16-foot storage building behind her fourth-tier house. City building codes limit such detached storage buildings to 10 by 10 feet.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment primarily is responsible for hearing requests for “area variances” that would allow property owners to erect structures that encroach in setbacks from neighboring property lines. As a general rule, such variances are to be granted rarely and under exceptional circumstances.



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Holiday sparkle and Santa, too!

The Lake holiday lighting ceremony drew kids, parents, grandparents and even Santa Claus to the Clubhouse area Nov. 24. The crowd stood above the bluff at Liberty Gardens to see the park gazebo lighted.



SAY CHEESE, SANTA -- Santa Claus appeared out of the night to meet the kids, pose for photos and spread holiday cheer.

AN ISLAND OF LIGHT -- in a cove of darkness, the gazebo stood out among lights of the neighboring houses and their reflections in C Cove.

Photos by John Braden





COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Smith chosen Lake Board vice president

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Nov. 5 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Ryan Charlton, 43 Anchor; Chuck Hailey, 126 Anchor; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; Debbie Willoughby and Mark Willoughby, 45 Dockside; John Wymore, 78 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Chad Eickleberry, Eickleberry Concrete.

Vice President vacancy: President Dean said Board Member Brian Smith had examined the requirements to serve as vice president and agreed to accept a nomination to succeed Vice President Chris Laddish, who resigned from the board. The board voted, 8-0, to approve a motion by Board Member Jon King to elect Smith vice president.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jon King presented a year-to-date financial statement. He encouraged board members with outstanding projects and funds in the current year's budget to seek bids and complete the work before the new budget year.

King said he now thinks, if the board can keep expenses about the same, it could get along for several years without increasing assessments the \$200 he had suggested in October. He said he continued to look at the board's anticipated expenses in the next 20 years.

Delinquent property owners were sent letters saying if the debt is not paid by Nov. 26, liens would be placed on their properties. Additionally, King said one delinquent property had been sold, enabling the Country Club to collect the outstanding assessment.

Docks and Waterfront: 78-D. Board Member Brian Smith reported straw had been placed over mud on the lakefront and silt control fencing had been erected at the site of seawall and patio construction for 78-D. President Dean said discussions about problems with the seawall project have been ongoing since June, including removal of 4 feet of 45-D seawall without permission and construction of a new seawall that is 2 feet longer than requested and approved by the board and 12 inches higher than the adjacent seawall.

Dean said she and Smith met with John Wymore, seller of 78-D, and contractors Chad Eickleberry and Chuck Hailey and that four of five issues had been addressed. She said the issue had been complicated by a closing on sale of 78-D in late October.

Dean said an application had been submitted for approval of the additional 2 feet of seawall that had already been built. She added there was concern about erosion around a tree stump and drainage ditch at the site and that Eickleberry removed a large amount of gravel that had washed into the lake.

Wymore said the original wall was not structurally sound and the contractor had to depart

from the original application to compensate. Eickleberry expressed a need for a process to allow a contractor to handle such problems when they arise. Board Member Darren Lengyel advised the process is in place, requiring the contractor to contact the Lake Board if intended work varies from the approved dock permit so the Docks and Waterfront Subcommittee can assess the situation before work proceeds.

Wymore said the new wall was 12 inches higher to match the elevation of a patio that is to replace the previous structure that fell in. The owners of 45-D, Debbie Willoughby and Mark Willoughby, expressed dissatisfaction with several aspects of the project, including not being contacted in advance, the new wall height, and erosion.

Board Member Buddy Young recommended the board not approve any solution until the parties are sure what they want. Wymore said the new owners of 78-D know that Wymore is still responsible for correcting the situation. Wymore said he would return with a civil engineered solution.

Board Member Charlotte Phillips said the tree stump belongs to the Country Club and should be removed.

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Board finds new zebra mussel quarantine guide

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Lake Testing and Invasive Species: Board Member Colleen Drinkard reported shutdown of the 100th Meridian Initiative website, which was used to calculate zebra mussel quarantine times. She said an alternative website was found, the Aquatic Invasive Species Network's Dry Time Estimator at www.westernais.org/moving-a-boat.

The Dry Time Estimator lists maximum daily temperatures (Fahrenheit) and the corresponding minimum amount of time a craft must be out of the water to pass quarantine: Less than 30 degrees, 0 days; 30-40 degrees, 28 days; 40-60 degrees, 21 days; 60-80 degrees, 14 days; 80-100 degrees, 7 days; more than 100 degrees, 3 days. Add 7 days for temperatures of from 32 to 95 degrees if relative humidity exceeds 50 percent. Boats that have been in infested waters must be thoroughly cleaned and drained prior to quarantine.

As a general rule of thumb, Drinkard said, boats would be quarantined during November-March for 28 days (with the exception of 72 straight hours under 32 degrees); April-May for 28 days; June-September for 14 days; October for 21 days. In any case, a board member would oversee whether to release a boat from quarantine, she said.

Maintenance: Board Member Charlotte Phillips said the Liberty Gardens irrigation system was tested after repair of damage from the dredging staging area and the pump was winterized. She said Water Patrol and Maintenance boats also would be winterized. She said Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf also was preparing for snow removal season.

Phillips said Maintenance would examine a tree at 11-A and that she was considering another tree service company. She said pest spraying was planned for the Clubhouse and Lake Office.

Board Member Brian Smith reported a washed-out area had been filled in front of a dock at 87-A.

John Braden suggested the lower branches should be trimmed from the trees along the white fence at the U.S. 40 entrance so the trees are shaped upward, they are less crowded, and shade does not kill the grass beneath them. Phillips said that is on the maintenance list, though damaged and dead trees near residences take priority.

Charles Plank asked when grass at Liberty Gardens would be reseeded in the dredging staging area. President Dean said she would contact Dredge America and that the work probably would be done in the spring.

Rules and Regulations: Board Member Buddy Young presented a draft of a revised boating rules form for residents to sign indicating they will comply with Lake Rules. He asked board members to send proposed changes to him by e-mail for consideration at the next board meeting. President Dean said the completed forms would be sent to residents with their assessment bills so they could be returned to the office with assessment payments.

Roads, Easements and Pathways: Board Member Greg Fedo said he requested three bids and received two for landscaping and erosion repair of a pathway at 11-C, which sustained major damage around newly installed concrete due to heavy rains.

The board passed, 8-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Fedo to accept a \$1,500 bid from Mowed in America for dirt, sod, fertilizer and staking of the area along the pathway. The decision was contingent on Fedo determining Mowed in America had workers compensation coverage for its employees.

Fedo said Scott Rhodes, 11 Clipper, was to pay for half the original concrete work once the landscape work was complete. Board Member Rocky Queen was to be asked

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Lake Office, City Hall holiday closings

The Lake Office will be closed more than a week during the holidays, from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

City Hall will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1. It will be open a half-day on New Year's Eve, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 31.



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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Time for holiday cheer!

By Linda Osborne

The Women's Club will be celebrating the blessings of Christmas and anticipating 2019 with a shared holiday lunch at Summit Grill in Lee's Summit on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The ladies will meet there at 11:30 a.m. in a private room. No reservations are required. Please plan to join us for lunch and some holiday cheer.

Speaking of holidays -- the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon was a well-attended success with great food, helpful volunteers, and lots of socializing. The free dinner was enjoyed by many of our senior residents and Lake Tapawingo Country Club and City employees. Special thanks go to the planners, decorators, and volunteers who brought side dishes and pie, as well as all the volunteer helpers!



Beginning in January 2019, the regular monthly meetings will be held at the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

There will still be occasional daily outings in our planning.

Our Jan. 15 meeting will include a short presentation by Tomi Bellinghausen plus nomination of officers for 2019, but the most time will be spent playing a social game and just having fun together.

Many women showed an interest in Women's Club and its activities if meetings would be in the evenings, so here's your opportunity to come join us. We are looking forward to greeting you on Jan. 15.

Jeanne Turner has begun collecting dues for 2019. Like the Sportsmen's Club, our dues are now \$15. We



appreciate your ongoing support as we work to keep Lake Tapawingo a great community in which to live.

We again want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Crystal Choate-Zucca, a longtime member and generous supporter of Women's Club who will be greatly missed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends at Lake Tapawingo!

Lake Office IT changes studied; Board seeks KCP&L rate cut

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whether he would deal with repairing a cut made in the new concrete due to relocation of a grinder pump vent.

Lake Office: Office Administrator Rita Rainey said she was to meet with a consultant Nov. 9 to discuss information technology procurement and security. She also reported she was holding two Kansas City Power & Light bills until the utility responds to a request for a review of Lake Tapawingo's street light bill since the lights were changed to less expensive light-emitting diode bulbs.

President Dean thanked Meg Seifert for 30 hours of work on boat registration records. Dean said 800 boat registration stickers would be ordered for the Lake's 701 boats, of which 252 are kayaks.

Board holiday party: President Dean said the board would revive the practice of inviting past Lake Board members to a Lake Board holiday party after a short regular

board meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Clubhouse.

Official Country Club minutes may be read at the Lake Office.

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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Meet Santa at the gates 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 15

By John Nicol

Santa won't forget us. He will appear at a Lake Tapawingo gate (or gates -- How does he do that?) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. He will hand out candy canes as is the tradition. Santa DOES NOT collect money! Go slow at the gate and be greeted by the jolly fellow himself!

Hot chili warms chilly November



A fine turnout of more than 50 enjoyed the gathering and the delicious selection of homemade chili, soups and desserts, along with hot dogs for the many children, at the Sportsmen's Club's Free Chili Dinner on Nov. 13. Veterans were recognized and received American flag pins.

Club President Jim Clarke congratulated the two \$25 door prize

winner, Kristy Bradley, 37 Beach, and Don Bolas, 52 Emerald Shore, who both generously returned the cash to be applied to the club Scholarship Fund. Jim thanked all the attendees for coming and bringing all the great food for others to sample.

At the regular meeting following the dinner, Treasurer Chuck Welch reported the club bank balance and that the account at the Bank of Grain Valley had been closed. First Vice President John Harrison announced a good return from the membership mailing of 117 members for 2019.

Second Vice President Joe Rush continued to recover from back surgery and was not able to attend. In his absence, times for Santa at the Gates were set and arrangements were made for the candy canes. Third Vice President Barnard Wilson said residents are seen fishing but he only had personal knowledge of bass being caught.



It was reported the Shelterhouse restrooms had been winterized and closed until April. Time was set to put up holiday lights in time for the Nov. 24 tree lighting event at the Clubhouse. Proposed 2019 activities are being decided to finalize next year's calendar.

Andy Rogers, who has assumed oversight of flags at the dam, discussed a need for replacement flags and the frequency of lowering flags to half-staff. Because the flags are not governmental, there is limited availability of club flag staffers at any given time, and various lowering determinations are frequent, it was concluded that flags would be lowered based only on White House instruction. Pricing will be obtained for two replacement American and Missouri flags.



PREHISTORIC UPDATE -- Lisa Haney of the Missouri Archaeological Society got a look at photos of the stone ax head that Jim Conway, above, found at his 91 Dockside homesite. She now says it appears to be made of basalt, a different igneous rock than diorite, which was the best guess in the previous issue of the *Lake Tapawingo News*. A source of basalt can be found as close as southeast Missouri. Haney said such axes probably date to the Late Archaic period, about 3000 to 750 BC. Conway turned the find over to Mayor Tom Goddard.



Marina & Boating Safety

Boats can be a great source of summer fun and leisure. But, boaters, swimmers, and marina staff must be aware of dangers in and around the water. Electrical hazards and carbon monoxide (CO) bring unique risks to the boating world. Learn to protect people and pets from these dangers.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- » Never allow swimming near the boat, marina, or launching ramp. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring. This can put anyone at risk of electrical shock drownings (ESD).
- » Be sure your boat is well maintained. Have it inspected each year. Ask a qualified marine electrician to do this job.
- » Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and equipment leakage circuit interrupters (ELCIs) should be installed and tested monthly. Run tests to find out if electrical current is leaking from the boat.
- » Only use cords intended for marine use. Never use household cords near water.
- » Know where your main breakers are on both the boat and the shore power source. This will help you respond quickly in an emergency.

CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

- » Poorly tuned engines produce more CO. Keep your engine properly maintained. Follow manufacturer's instructions for service.
- » Proper ventilation for engine and generator exhaust vents must be clear and pipes should be inspected for leaks.
- » Get into fresh air right away and get help if you feel symptoms of CO poisoning. These include headache, fatigue, confusion, dizziness, nausea, or seizures. The symptoms can be similar to seasickness. Assume it is CO exposure until you are sure the boat is safe.
- » Do not swim near the boat's exhaust vents. CO accumulates there.
- » Install CO alarms inside your boat. Test CO alarms before each trip.
- » Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location right away.



KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrical shock drownings can occur when marina electrical systems leak electrical current into the water. Boats can also serve as the source of an electrical leakage. Leakage can cause a shock that can injure, disable, or kill a person.

Carbon Monoxide is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is often called the "invisible killer." CO is created when fuels such as gasoline, diesel, or propane do not burn fully. CO is also produced when wood or charcoal is burned.

Sources of CO on your boat may include engines, gas generators, and cooking ranges. Space and water heaters can also be sources of CO. CO can collect anywhere in or around a boat. The gas is harmful to both people and to pets.

FACT

CO can remain in or around your boat at unsafe levels even if the engine has been turned off.

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PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Thanks for your welcome; part-time officer hired

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Let me start by saying thank you for the warm welcome to your community! I am looking forward to getting to know you and your families and how I can be a great asset to Lake Tapawingo.

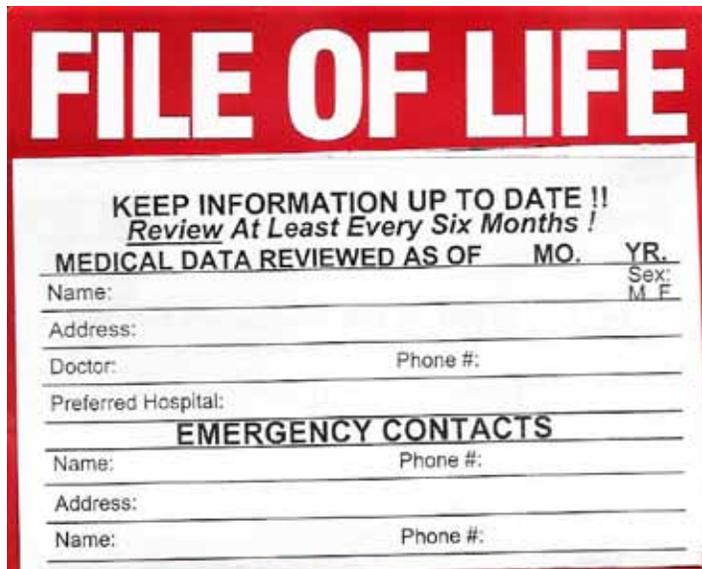


I have an open-door policy and always welcome visitors. If you have concerns, suggestions or complaints feel free to stop in and chat. Again, thank you and I look forward to serving your community.

The Lake Tapawingo Police Department now has a new part-time officer, Officer Mike Zielinski. Officer Zielinski's primary shift will be Saturdays and Sundays

during the day. If you see him out and about please take the time to say, "Hi." It is my belief that he will be a great fit for your community.

The Police Department is now distributing File of Life packets! Please stop by City Hall and pick one up. These free, red plastic, magnetized packets contain a person's medical information and are kept on the refrigerator for first responders to use as a reference when responding to a medical emergency.



The packets include an exterior door sticker to alert responders that your medical information is available. These are great to have and have helped save lives!

We also now have a (permit) form to be filled out when having larger events in the city or at your home. This form alerts the Police Department to your events' date, time and location.

The purpose is to give the police advanced notice so as to aid you with or contend with parking issues and higher than normal traffic in the city. There is no fee for this permit! This is strictly a notification form and requires the chief's signature. This form is available at City Hall.

Police Reports

	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31	June 1-30
Traffic - Anchor	8	6	3	9	6
offenses - Beach	6	0	2	3	5
- Clipper	0	7	8	4	0
- Dockside	13	4	6	5	5
- Emerald Shore	5	0	0	0	1
- Tapawingo Lane	27	10	10	8	6
- Woods Chapel	13	55	66	12	6
- U.S. 40	73	39	40	47	72
- Total	145	121	135	88	101
Warrant arrests	21	36	62	19	20
Arrests	9	15	16	16	12
Felony arrests	0	0	1	2	3
Codes complaints	1	2	1	4	3
Calls for service	12	16	15	22	20
Written warnings	4	11	10	8	3
Verbal warnings	71	43	61	58	55
Total	263	244	301	217	217



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Country Club Office hours: -First, third Mondays, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Second, fourth, fifth Mondays closed. -Tuesday-Friday, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. -First, third Saturdays, open 9 a.m.-noon. Second, fourth, fifth Saturdays closed. -Sunday closed. City Hall hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.						1 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-noon</i>
2 Hanukkah begins <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	3 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	4 <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	5 <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	6 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	7 <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	8 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m., Lake Office (preregister) <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
9 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	10 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	11 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	12 Women's Club Board, 8:30 a.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	13 Country Club Budget Meeting 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	14 <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	15 Santa at Lake gates 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-noon</i>
16 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	17 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Past Board Members Party, Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	18 Women's Club 11:30 a.m., Summit Grill Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m. City Hall <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	19 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	20 <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	21 Winter begins <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	22 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
23 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	24 <i>City Hall closed.</i> <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	25 Christmas	26 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	27 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	28 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	29 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
30 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	31 New Year's Eve <i>City Hall: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</i> <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	 <i>City Hall closed.</i> <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>

Preregister for fall/winter zebra mussel training sessions

Monthly invasive species training sessions are held, mainly for new residents, during the fall and winter "off season" of lake usage. Residents are required to preregister at the Lake Office.

Mandatory invasive species training is intended to educate incoming new residents, or those few existing residents who failed to obtain training earlier, about the dangers of zebra mussel infestation. It is required prior to use of the lake "for any activity."

Through the fall and winter, training sessions will be held at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month:

- Dec. 8
- Jan. 12, 2019
- Feb. 9, 2019



Residents are asked to contact the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or 228-3721 in advance to register, so trainers will know how large a group to expect.

Training for later in 2019 will be announced in the *Lake Tapawingo News* and on the Lake Tapawingo Country Club Internet site, www.laketapawingomo.com, at a later date. Advance notice of training sessions also is to be posted in a regular spot on the bulletin boards.

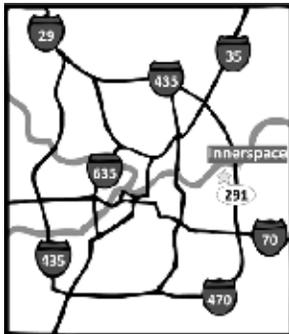
Only one representative from each household is required to attend the hour-long training.



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