

# LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

*A publication of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club*



By Johns Nicol and Braden

**ILLUMINATION** -- The Lake lighting ceremony on Nov. 30 was rivaled by the displays put up by the neighbors of Liberty Gardens around C Cove. Parties gathered in the Clubhouse where one young lady tested whether Santa's beard is for real. Ouch -- it is.

## Candidates sought for City Council, Lake Board elections

*By John Braden*

Three of Lake Tapawingo's City Council seats -- half of them -- are up for election April 7, with a candidate filing deadline of Jan. 21. At this time only one candidate has filed, an incumbent seeking re-election -- and another said he would file.

Additionally, six seats -- more than a third -- of the 15-member Country Club Board will be up for election by property owners on Feb. 20. At this time, only two of the six incumbents said they plan to seek re-election.

For both bodies, a total of five more candidates are needed merely to fill the vacancies. And that would be just one person, one seat with no competition.

Qualified residents are urged to take a turn at helping lead the community, while learning firsthand how their governments operate, and while getting to know their neighbors.

### City election filing deadline Jan. 21

The candidate filing deadline for the April 7 **City Council** election is Jan. 21. Seats of three of the six city aldermen are to be filled by Lake Tapawingo voters.

City Council candidates may file at City Hall until 5 p.m. Jan. 21. The last day to register to vote is March 11. The two-year City Council terms are staggered so that one alderman is elected from each of the three city wards each year. The three aldermen whose terms expire in April are: -- In Ward 1 (A Block), Alderman Steve Magel, 14 Anchor, who has filed for re-election; -- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Andy Rogers, 37 Beach;

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# Around the Lake

## GET WELL

Lou Joline, 64 Anchor

## BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 3 Carol Keeton, 122 Dockside  
 Jan. 6 Linda Osborne, 12 Beach  
 Jan. 13 Shanna Corazzo, 48 Beach  
 Stacie Evans, 137 Beach  
 Bruce Herndon, 41 Dockside  
 Jan. 14 Jeanne Saban, 142 Beach  
 Jan. 19 Marsha McNabb, 50 Clipper  
 Jan. 25 Linda Bolas, 52 Emerald Shore  
 Kay Hawkins, 18 Anchor  
 RoseMary Tede, 37 Emerald Shore  
 Jan. 26 Connie Lehmkuhl, 187 Anchor  
 Jan. 27 Kathy Summers, 5 Anchor  
 Jan. 29 Tim Moran, 4 Dockside  
 Jan. 30 Jerry Davis, 7 Clipper  
 Jan. 31 Charles McAlpin, 60 Anchor

## CONGRATULATIONS

Nov. 15 Brian and Pam Smith, 81 Beach, first wedding anniversary.

## WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Curt LeDom and Beverly Bishop, 154 Beach

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## Zoning panel endorses replatting lot into two

The Lake Tapawingo Zoning Commission endorsed Dec. 18 a request by Jim and Betty Megerson, 110 Beach, to replat their property into separate lots, 110-B and 108-B.

The Megersons said their property originally constituted 110-B, and 108-B and 109-B, which had been two extremely narrow lots. They provided a survey that divided the property in two, splitting what had originally been 109-B between 110-B and the new 108-B.

Commission Chairman Bob Comfort said similar lots have been divided in the past and there appeared to be no reason to deny the application.

With only three of the five commission members attending, the panel voted, 3-0, to endorse the request.

The commission, which is a planning body that makes recommendations on zoning ordinances to the City Council, referred the matter favorably to the City Council for further action.

In sending the recommendation to the City Council, Comfort said he would report that the survey needed to be corrected because it inadvertently referred to the lots as 108-A and 110-A, rather than 108-B and 110-B. The Megersons said they would obtain a correction to the survey.

Comfort said he would also disclose to the City Council that one of the three commission members voting in favor was Janice Cunha, who is the Megersons' Realtor. The third member attending, and also voting in favor with Comfort and Cunha, was Lou Joline.

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## Lake Office wasn't just closed for holiday

The Lake Office was closed during Christmas week, allowing a crew from Lake resident Mark Wharton's Sunset Craftsmen to make improvements to the wall between the Lake Office and the City Hall addition. It was found that, because the existing wall now divides two separate entities, it had to be reconstructed to meet fire codes. The Lake Board also took that as an opportunity for rewiring in anticipation of office remodeling.

By Elizabeth Braden



# Lake Board candidates must be recruited within days

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-- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Alderman Bob Seago, 12 Emerald Shore, who said he would file.

Mayor Tom Goddard and Aldermen Charles Cruit in Ward 1, Brad Cloverdyke in Ward 2 and John Sellars in Ward 3 have terms that expire in April 2021.

The City Council meets one Thursday night a month and the six aldermen are assigned by the mayor to oversee the various city departments.

To be eligible for election, 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. They also must be residents of the wards in which they file for election. Candidates may not be in arrears for unpaid city taxes.

### Lake Board Nominating Committee to report Jan. 6

Only a few days remain in January in which candidates can be recruited to run for the **Country Club Board**. The Nominating Committee is to submit a list of candidates to the Lake Board by Jan. 6. Lead time is required so that ballots can be prepared and a letter sent notifying residents of the candidates before the Property Owners Meeting and election, scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Clubhouse. Willing candidates also can be nominated from the floor on election night.

Of the six Lake Board seats up for election, five seats are for regular three-year terms, while one seat is for one remaining year of a term from which a member resigned.

At this time, only two of the six incumbents, Board Members Brian Smith, 81 Beach, and Jennifer Moran, 50 Emerald Shore, say they plan to seek election.

Property owners who want to express their interest in serving on the Lake Board may contact one of the Nominating Committee members, Charlotte Phillips, 590-7606; Meg Seifert, 853-9000; John Braden, 229-2794; and Gary Mullins, 651-8945; or the Lake Office, 228-3721.

Normally only five seats, representing a third of the board, are up for election each year. The five regular seats up for three-year terms include those held by Colleen Drinkard, David Hillerman (appointed to complete the term of Gena Queen), Jennifer Moran (appointed to complete the term of Buddy Young), Jeff Pirner and Brian Smith.

Also up for election is the remaining one-year term of a seat held by Steve Meek, who was appointed to succeed the resigned Rocky Queen until the February election.

Under usual procedures of the election, the top five vote-getters would win the five three-year terms, with the sixth vote-getter receiving the one-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 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, Tyler Follis, Hap Graff, Clayton Holland, Wes Knox, Gary Mallen, Joe Rush and Sarah Wilke.

The Lake Board meets two Mondays per month and board members are assigned to committees governing the Clubhouse; Lake Office; Maintenance; Rules and Regulations; Docks and Waterfront; Parks and Beautification; Dam and Spillway; Water Patrol; Roads, Easements and Pathways; Silt Control; and Lake Testing and Invasive Species.



# Lake soldier earns Expert Infantryman perfect score

2nd Lt. Elena Chavez of Lake Tapawingo earned her Expert Infantryman Badge and an Army Commendation Medal for clearing all 34 EIB events with a perfect score in October at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington.

As a result, Chavez, daughter of Fred and Gina Chavez, 34 Anchor, achieved the coveted "True Blue" status. Of the 151 infantry soldiers earning their EIB, only 59 were designated "True Blue." Chavez was one of only two female infantry soldiers to earn the status.

Chavez, an infantry officer assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, spent four weeks training and testing for the EIB.

"I was so nervous in the morning," she said. "You train for an entire

month, so you don't want to mess it up in the final hours."

It was through working as a squad that Chavez had come so far, which she kept in mind



RETURNING FIRE -- 2nd Lt. Elena Chavez returns fire at a simulated enemy during the Expert Infantry Badge move under direct fire lane Oct. 28 at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

going into the final 12-mile road march and weapons disassembly and functions check.

"We're Buffaloes. We're a herd and we keep each other accountable," she said. "I got out there and saw my guys and it was just like any other day when we were training. I lost all my nerves, gained my composure, and it was just another day."

Chavez' squad leader, Sgt. Tracker Sines, said getting the young team out and drilling together would prove instrumental in its success during testing week. At the same time, Sines

said it's an individual's responsibility to make sure he -- or she -- is ready.

"She doesn't waste her time out here," Sines said. "She has her own system of talking herself through it."

Chavez' squad mate, 2nd Lt. Benjamin Hinkle, agreed.

"She's definitely been the workhorse of the group," Hinkle said. "She arrived straight after NTC (Army National Training Center), was assigned a platoon, and then came straight here for her EIB."

Chavez said now she looks forward to getting back to her platoon and getting to know them better.

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and how they apply to you?**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Exciting projects  
seen on 2020  
Country Club  
Board agenda*

*By President Jayme Dean*

By the time you are reading this you will have flipped your calendar to not only a new year, but a new decade.

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all of the volunteers that so willingly give of their time every single day to make the place we call home such a wonderful place to live. We appreciate your support and kind words as we continue to work to find ways to improve our community.



I encourage you to become involved in your community by attending Lake Board meetings or even running for a position as a director on the Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors in our upcoming election in February. Ask the Lake Office (228-3721) to put you in contact with a Nominating Committee member.

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors will be embarking on a number of exciting (and expensive) projects this year. Our list is long, but we are committed to working on the following projects:

- Miller Pond dam and AB Cove rehabilitation
- Reclaiming the silt pond area
- Correcting Woods Chapel Road spillway effects on C Cove erosion
- Pathway improvements
- Clubhouse and Lake Office improvements
- Road improvements around the entire Lake.

On behalf of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors, I wish you a happy and healthy 2020.

COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Lake Board wrestles with uncertain Jackson County property tax situation

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Dec. 2 and 16 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

**Visitors:** Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Greg Fedo, 85 Beach; Steve Fink, 13 Dockside; Dawn Knox, 13 Anchor; Steve and Julie Magel, 14 Anchor; Jim Megerson, 110 Beach; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor; John Sellars, 11 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Brad Williams, Williams Lakefront Construction.

**Treasurers Report:** Under bills to be paid, Office Administrator Laney Bedsworth noted a check written to James Clarke for playing Santa at the Christmas lighting and to the Sportsmen's Club for candy canes and serving as gate guards Dec. 14. She noted a personal property tax payment was for the maintenance trucks and trailer, other payments included for sewer work at the Clubhouse and for boat registration stickers.

Board Member Brian Smith noted a Tandem Paving check and asked if Anchor Circle work was complete. President Dean said yes. Smith asked if all road repairs were completed. Board Member Clayton Holland said he spoke to Dave Smith at Tandem about it and some work will have to wait until spring to finish repairs. He said the check is for work that has been completed.

Treasurer Hap Graff said at year end, remaining funds from the 2019 budget may be moved into designated funds. Graff said the profit and loss statement showed a few large expenses that must be paid before the year is up, including the property tax and insurance bill. Graff said current balance is \$124,000 and bills will reduce that to about \$57,000 at year end. He said that would be put in designated funds.

Graff said the balance sheet showed the board's designated funds. He pointed out the line item called "undesignated general" that is \$150,000 for unexpected expenditures.

**Budget meeting:** Reviewing the budget process, President Dean said board members submitted budget items for 2020 for a preliminary budget that was presented to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee reviewed the budget and made recommendations to the board, notably recommending that any leftover 2019 funds for tree removal be rolled over and added to the 2020 tree removal budget. The board then decided to add funds for a donation to the city equal to half the cost of city street lights and approved the budget for presentation to the Property Owners Budget Meeting.

Dean noted during the property owners meeting there were concerns regarding the Country Club's increased property taxes. Treasurer Hap Graff said the tax bill was \$48,000. He added that Country Club land next to the dam was valued by the new appraisal at much more than its actual value.

President Dean said informal appeals of the Country Club's higher property appraisals were submitted to the Jackson County Assessment Department on June 24 by Rita Rainey and Laney Bedsworth. Formal appeals also were filed with the Jackson County Board of Equalization for the Country Club's 67 properties. On Oct. 18, a denial of informal appeals was received. Dean said on Nov. 4, Graff increased proposed property tax expenses in the draft budget to \$24,000, compared to last year's budgeted \$12,600. The amount was further increased to \$28,000 in December.

Dean said the Board of Equalization said an appeal hearing was scheduled for the Country Club but it would not disclose when it would be. Dean said she consulted with board lawyer Zach Goff who said Jackson County sent out a formula that would allow property owners to determine what they would owe. Dean said Goff presented her four options:

- Pay the entire bill. If the appeals are granted, the Country Club could ask for a refund. Dean said the lawyer did not recommend that because the

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## Board votes to pay percentage of tax hike pending appeal

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county might keep the money and merely offer a credit on next year's bill.

-- Pay last year's tax amount plus 8 percent, totaling \$26,223. A penalty would be added to any shortage in the eventual total tax bill.

-- Pay last year's tax amount plus 10 percent, totaling \$26,709. A penalty would be added to any shortage in the eventual total tax bill.

-- Pay nothing awaiting results of the eventual appraisal appeal.

Dean said some Jackson County property owners have filed a class action lawsuit against the county challenging appraisal increases of more than 15 percent without a required appraiser site visit. She said the board was seeking more information on the challenge. She said the board's lawyer recommended the board pay either the 8 percent or 10 percent increase.

Board Member Sarah Wilke moved to pay the 10 percent increase; Graff seconded the motion. Board Member David Hillerman asked if Jackson County cannot raise the appraisal more than 15 percent, why not pay a 15 percent increase to avoid a possible penalty. Graff said he wasn't sure if raising the percent would really make a difference. Wilke said she would hold to her motion.

John Braden asked if the payment would be paid under protest and if it would go into a county escrow fund for possible refund if the board prevailed. Dean said yes.

Wilke's motion was approved, 11-0.

Dean said there were other concerns discussed in the budget meeting, but they would be addressed at the next board meeting in January.

Graff said he understood the concern about property taxes. He suggested the expected year-end balance of \$57,000 be transferred to designated funds: \$10,000 for tree removal, \$7,000 for pathways and \$40,000 be put into a designated fund for property taxes.

Graff said the board faces uncertainty about its total property taxes for both 2019 and for the upcoming budget year, 2020. After that, he said the board should know what to expect about property taxes.

**Lake Management: Miller's pond.** Board Member Renny Buckaloo said he and Board Member Clayton Holland met with Jason Davis from Affinis Corp. engineering about needed steps to rehabilitate the Miller's pond dam above AB Cove. He said Davis had been in charge of the modification and engineering of the spillway above B Cove about 10 years ago.

Buckaloo said they did a walk-through with Davis and asked for a scope of work so the board could consider the cost to correct the problems at Miller's pond. He said Davis provided a Phase 1 proposal and \$25,300 bid to determine the issues to be faced and the available options. Buckaloo said it would be a large project and the board needs to consider thoroughly what the Phase 1 bid proposes

in order to gather more information on what the project entails. He said that is the first step that needs to be taken.

Board Member Hap Graff asked if Miller's pond was Country Club property. Buckaloo said no, but that the road on the dam is, and AB Cove must be protected so the issue is the board's. Buckaloo said one problem is an increase in the silt of the pond, which is causing the pond water levels to rise.

Board Member Colleen Drinkard asked what the plan of action would be if the Miller family does not allow the work to be done. Buckaloo said that would be handled if it comes up. John Braden said he thought if the Millers are put on formal notice of engineering problems and they prevent action, they would be liable for substantial damages to the Country Club if the dam should fail.

Buckaloo moved to enter a contract with Affinis to provide the board with a Phase 1 report, as outlined in the \$25,300 bid, in order to understand what is required to solve the problem; Holland seconded the motion.

Graff asked if the project was on the list of board attorney Zach Goff to research and if the problem is the board's responsibility. Board Member Gary Mallen said before money

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# Board rejects pond study bid without Miller agreement

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is spent the board should determine if fixing the issue is the board's responsibility. Buckaloo said the project needs to get moving either way.

Graff said the board should get an agreement with the Millers that they will allow work to be done on their land. Buckaloo said the board needs to keep in mind the residents of AB Cove who have been having to deal with algae, invasive plants and such from the pond.

The motion failed, 5-6 with 1 abstention.

Mallen proposed the pond be eliminated. John Braden said the pond is an asset to the lake, filtering runoff and silt that otherwise would flow into AB Cove. Buckaloo said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources prohibits modification of the watershed, meaning the pond cannot be eliminated.

Mallen said the board should ask Goff to provide an opinion on what to do. Board Member Tyler Follis asked if there was authorization in writing from the Millers. Buckaloo said it was an oral agreement. Follis and Board Member Sarah Wilke asked if the Millers would put it in writing to fix the issue on their side of the property.

President Dean said she would ask the attorney about the board assuming responsibility, ask him to create an agreement and gain a written agreement with the Millers to go onto their property for Phase 1 study and an agreement for the repair of the property after Phase 1.

Dean subsequently reported she spoke to Goff who recommended asking the Miller family for a construction easement that would allow access for Phase 1 studies and would establish no financial responsibility for the Millers.

**C Cove litigation.** President Dean said she received information from the board's attorney and engineer about effects of Blue Springs' Woods Chapel Road project on C Cove erosion and

that she should be ready to make a presentation to the board by the end of the year or beginning of next year. She said the information was related to the lengthening of the spillway and not its location.

Board Member Brian Smith asked Board Member Wes Knox if the concrete slab and wall has moved. Knox said it moves every time it rains.

Board Member Gary Mallen asked who would be the defendant in possible legal action. Dean said it is potentially Blue Springs or TranSystems Corp.

### Lake Testing and Invasive Species:

In line with a board decision in November, Board Member Renny Buckaloo said a cooperative agreement was being mailed with assessment bills for property owners to sign and return certifying they have read and will comply with invasive species requirements for 2020.

While new residents will continue to be required to attend invasive species training offered monthly, residents who have been trained in 2018 and 2019 merely will be required to return the training form in order to receive boat stickers and to use the lake.

Board Member Brian Smith asked if a provision could be added to the draft form stating violations could result in suspension of Lake privileges. Buckaloo said yes.

The board approved, 12-0, a motion by Board Member Sarah

Wilke to approve the document with the amendment.

**Docks and Waterfront: 26-B, Stiles.** Board Member Brian Smith said Brad Williams of Williams Lakefront Construction installed a dock beside an existing concrete platform at 26-B, as approved by the board in September. Despite prior measurements by board members, it was found the platform was not quite square with a neighboring dock. Instead of the required minimum 15-foot clearance to the next dock, at one end, the new dock was only 14 feet, 6 inches from the next dock.

Board Member Joe Rush said Lake rules say under normal circumstances there needs to be 15 feet, but these were not normal circumstances.

Smith moved to approve a 6-inch variance between 26-B and 25-B since there would be no boat parking on that side of the dock. The board approved the motion, 12-0.

President Dean asked that minutes containing the variance approval be put into 26 Beach's property file so it can be referenced if need be.

Smith said Mike and Susan Stiles also submitted an application to construct a ramp extending from the shore to the upper deck of the new dock at 26-B. The owners asked to pour a 3- by 4-foot concrete pad on a rock bluff at 26-B, which would allow

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## Lake Office to pass through credit card fees to card users

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the upper end of the ramp to move back and forth on rollers in response to wave action on the lake. Smith said the design is by Williams. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve the ramp as designed in a drawing by Williams. Dean said the owners must obtain a permit for the concrete work from the city as well.

**Clubhouse:** In response to severe water infiltration into sewer lines at the Clubhouse, Board Member Wes Knox said a contractor scoped a line running from the exterior bathroom building, behind and around the Clubhouse to the grinder pump, finding at least four breaks in the clay pipe. Knox said the contractor proposed to replace 150 feet of sewer line under the parking lot and the back-grass area with high-density polypropylene.

The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Board Member Hap Graff to approve fixing the sewer lines subject to clarification whether the lines underneath the Clubhouse also needed repair. During the meeting, Knox talked to the contractor by phone and reported the contractor did scope the lines under the Clubhouse and all are fine.

Knox said he was told the biggest issue was the break in the back and a pipe that is completely separated, which was why the grinder pump alarm was constantly going off due to water infiltration.

**Lake Office:** Board Member Sarah Wilke said renovations of the Lake Office are on hold until the wall between the City Hall and Lake Office is brought up to code.

Julie Magel asked if board agendas could be posted ahead of meetings. President Dean said she gives board members and staff until Sunday to get her everything that is needed for the Monday meeting, and that major topics would be put on the calendar but the full agenda would not be posted. She said she talked with Kim McReynolds about posting on Facebook.

**Insurance.** Rita Rainey said Billups-Snyder returned the only bid for Country Club insurance and that she discussed the proposal with Brad Tyer of Billups-Snyder and Treasurer Hap Graff. The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Graff to agree to use Billups-Snyder for 2020 insurance needs for about \$18,000.

**Credit card processing fees.** President Dean said the board last year discussed requiring residents to pay their credit card companies' processing fees, rather than the Country Club paying the fees for the residents' convenience of using credit cards.

She said this year the board has paid almost \$3,000 in such fees. The fee for inserting the card in the card reader is 2.75 percent and for keying in the card information is 3.75 percent.

Dean asked if the board wanted to continue to absorb the fee. Board Member Wes Knox said he did not think

residents should have to pay the fee. Board Member Clayton Holland said residents who do not use credit cards should not be subsidizing the fees of residents who do use cards.

The board approved, 8-2 with 2 abstentions, a motion by Board Member Sarah Wilke to pass credit card and debit card processing fees through to the card users.

**Roads:** Board Member Tyler Follis said Foundation One is to repair drainage grates that are more than 8 inches below street level since roads were repaved. He said it is proposed to cut out old grate boxes and to replace them with pre-formed concrete boxes. He said it would take a couple of weeks to obtain bids from concrete contractors for the boxes.

Steve Magel asked if a road grate and 2- by 2- by 4-foot hole by 103 Anchor can be fixed prior to snow due to concerns motorists will be unable to see the hole in snow. Follis said he would ask Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf to fix the hole temporarily until it is fixed permanently.

**Parks and Beautification:** Board Member Jennifer Moran said Randy Paul of C-R Fence was to come out Dec. 5-6 to lower the new tennis court fence and possibly add concrete as needed to keep balls from rolling under the fence.

Board Member Brian Smith subsequently asked if the tennis court fences were fixed. Moran said there were a few minor repairs remaining to be made when weather permits.

President Dean thanked Rita Rainey, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf and Jim Clarke for their work on the holiday lighting ceremony.

**Maintenance:** Board Member Joe Rush said the salt spreader was fixed and ready to go. President Dean asked if the boats had been winterized; Board Member Brian Smith said Stacy Scherer would be pulling the boats out sometime within the next couple of weeks.

Rush said Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf

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### No Lake privileges

December 2019

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of Dec. 18. Lake privileges include use of the lake for any purpose as well as all common space such as Liberty Gardens, boat lots, soccer fields, tennis courts, the Clubhouse and shelterhouses.

56-A	Beatty	135-B	Stickney
120-A	Rogers	148-B	Smith
123-A	O'Grady	170-B	Applequist
124-A	Schwenk	22-C	Theis
129-A	Goodwin	97-D	Evans
140-A	Light		



MAYOR'S MINUTES

# Get involved in our community; City team is dedicated

By Mayor Tom Goddard

As we start the New Year, I think we should reflect on all of the good things that we have going on around us and think of the ways we can make living at Lake Tapawingo even better.

If you have time in your busy life, consider running for the City Council or the Country Club Board. Get involved with the Women's Club or the Sportsmen's Club. There are also many committees and commissions within our government that play an important role that you can volunteer for. Take time to be a part of making positive changes in our community.

Over the next few months I want to highlight our City employees. They are a very dedicated group of people and love our community as much as we do even though they don't live here.

One of the leaders of the group is our City Clerk, Paul Blixrud, who just celebrated his tenth anniversary working for the City. Paul was born in Minnesota but grew up in Blue Springs and graduated from Blue Springs High in 1976. He has lived in the area for the last 47 years. Paul



has lots of friends in the area and he often hangs out at the Lake with his sister Kaye and brother-in-law Willie Williamson.

Paul always greets our citizens with a friendly smile and knows almost every resident by their first name. He is always ready to assist our residents, whether it is a building permit, a sewer/water problem or a trash issue. You can tell that Paul loves his job by the way he serves our residents. Our community is fortunate to have him working for us.

Another super employee that has worked for us for about two years is Sarah Chatham, our Police Administrator. Sarah and her husband, Dallas, have two children, Juniper, 10, and Benny, age 6. Sarah grew up in Lee's Summit and graduated in 2002 from Lee's Summit High School. Sarah and Dallas have made Pleasant Hill their home for 13 years.

Sarah works half time for the Police Department and half time with Paul on the administrative side of City government. Sarah is also the computer technician for all of us at City Hall. She quietly goes about her work with a friendly smile and winning attitude. She will readily stop what she is doing and help someone who has a problem. Sarah is a great asset to all of the City Hall staff.

Next month we will be talking about our SUPER Police Department.

## January board meeting bumped by holiday

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found and would talk to another tree trimming and removal service that carries the required workers compensation insurance. Rush said the current tree service has a four-month backlog of work.

**Nominating committee:** President Dean said she found three people to serve on the nominating committee for the February board election. She said that she will let everyone know the nominating committee via e-mail.

Dean asked board members whose terms are expiring to let her know if they would be leaving or seeking re-election.

**January board meetings:** President Dean said the January board meetings would be on Monday Jan. 6 and on Tuesday, Jan. 21, since Jan. 20 is a holiday.

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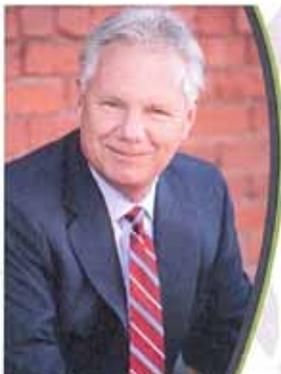
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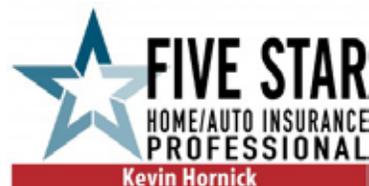


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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

# Police officers compile hours donated to city

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Dec. 5 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

**Visitors:** Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Steve Fink, 13 Dockside; Kim McReynolds, 58 Dockside; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

**Police:** Chief Tammy Taylor said many changes have been made in the Police Department in the past year including the addition of part-time reserve officers and volunteers. She said the officers had donated 429 hours to the city during the past eight months. She presented a giant symbolic “check” to the city for \$6,318.88, reflecting the cost if those hours had been paid.

Mayor Goddard said he appreciated the job done by the police officers and volunteers as well as voluntary service by City Council members.

Goddard said Officer Mike Zielinski received a complimentary e-mail for his efforts during a traffic stop to save the life of a non-resident woman who suffered an apparent heart attack. Although the woman did not survive, her granddaughter, Kala Murphy, thanked Zielinski for his efforts.

“In a society where people see law enforcement as the enemy, it baffles me that despite that, you can go from writing tickets to saving (or trying to) someone’s life in a matter of seconds,” Murphy wrote. “Times like these, your job is thankless more often than not, but I wanted to let you know that all thanks and appreciation are not lost.”

Goddard thanked Chief Taylor and the entire police staff for their hard work and dedication. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the reserve officers and volunteers are phenomenal for their dedication and service to the city.

Taylor said she also wanted to thank Ryan Alberg, 15 Anchor, who serves as a volunteer and an emergency management contact working with the Central Jackson Country Fire Protection District and Mid-America Regional Council.

**April 7 city election:** Mayor Goddard and the council reviewed Bill 1204 Ordinance 1001, *An Ordinance Calling an Election in the City of Lake Tapawingo, Mo., on April 7, 2020*. Seats of one alderman from each of the three city wards would be on the ballot; each for two-year terms.

The council voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to advance the ordinance on first and second readings. City Clerk Paul Blixrud read the ordinance twice by title. The council then voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Magel to give final approval to the ordinance.

**Strategic Planning:** Alderman John Sellars said the Strategic Planning Committee would meet Dec. 10 to discuss five action plans and four strategic goals and to finalize a mission statement for the draft strategic plan. He also planned to present the draft plan to a meeting of the Sportsmen’s Club.

**Water and Sewer:** Alderman Bob Seago said the Water and Sewer Department replaced four sewer grinder pumps in the last 30 days with two new pumps and two rebuilt pumps.

He said the plumber who had been installing new water meters should be able to resume installing meters soon.

Seago said he recently met with Alderman John Sellars and City Attorney Paul Campo to begin drafting an ordinance requiring residents to correct water infiltration into their sewer lines that wears out grinder pumps. He said the department

incurred excessive expenses in May-August to replace failing grinder pumps after heavy rains.

Sellars said he is looking into a long-term financial plan for water and sewer infrastructure and has consulted with associates from when he lived in Lamoni, Iowa.

Sellars said the current city grinder pump sewer system is comparatively low cost and easier to maintain than traditional sewer systems. He said the PVC plastic sewer pipe the city has could have a life expectancy of 100 to 200 years, compared to clay that might last 40 to 50 years.

Sellars said grinder pumps are the cost to address due to burning them out when there is excess water infiltration. He said Lamoni implemented a requirement that homeowners take care of the cost and responsibility of the grinder pumps, rather than the city.

Seago said the contractor who does the city’s water meter installations is able to do a camera scope into the sewer system to check for water infiltration.

**Executive Committee (liaison with Lake Board):** Alderman Steve Magel said construction should begin by the first of the year on the common wall between the City Hall and Lake Office to meet fire codes.

**Office:** City Clerk Paul Blixrud said aldermen approved via e-mail to change the January City Council meeting to Jan. 9 from Jan. 2 due to the holidays.

**Signs and Lights:** Kim McReynolds asked the status of a missing No Parking sign that protects a storm drain in front of her house. Alderman Steve Magel said due to vacations he and Chief Taylor had not addressed this sign yet but would be looking into that and other sign issues around the Lake.

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# Strategic Planning panel refines goals, weighs actions

The Lake Tapawingo Strategic Planning Committee met Dec. 10, refining its list of strategic goals and listing proposed action items for the community's proposed strategic plan.

With general support received from the City Council, Lake Board, Women's Club and Sportsmen's Club, the committee of city aldermen, Lake Board members and citizens refined the language of the draft plan's four strategic goals, updating the wording of goals 3 and 4.

The committee chairman, Alderman John Sellars, said he intended to meet with Mayor Tom Goddard, Alderman Brad Cloverdyke and City Clerk Paul Blixrud to review the draft 2019 city audit and possibly make financial and infrastructure recommendations to the City Council in January. He also anticipated another committee meeting in January and discussions with interested groups concerning the appropriate groups to consider the plan's proposed action steps.

The latest version of the strategic goals includes:

1. *Engage the community in efforts that wisely preserve and enhance the beauty of our natural resources and improve the quality of life.*
2. *Diversify and be good stewards of our revenue streams so that our finances are sustainable and provide a solid base for achieving the other strategic goals.*

3. *Utilize up-to-date strategies (including technology) and constituent involvement initiatives to maintain an optimal level of private use, safety and security.*

4. *Enhance the coordination and cooperation between the Country Club Board and the City Council through consistent use of the "Municipal Committee" to maintain effective communication and resolve issues where necessary.*

The Strategic Planning Committee also drafted five action plans:

- Under Goal 1: *Develop a long-term park and green space plan that enhances the quality of life for all; and Engage citizens in plans that will enhance the functionality and variety of program activities in the Country Club Clubhouse.*
- Under Goal 3: *Explore and recommend electronic security opportunities throughout the community.*
- Under Goal 4: *Hold joint Board and Council meetings as needed; and Establish a Centennial Celebration 2026 Committee.*

The draft also included Next Steps (Ideas):

- *Establish a Citizens Action Committee to develop a proposed green space plan.*
- *Establish a Citizens Action Committee on the electronic security action plan.*
- *Long-term financial plan.*
- *Long-term infrastructure plan.*

# Street light funding unlikely to make it to April ballot

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Steve Fink asked about the status of a suggestion to ask voters to approve a monthly charge of about \$3.50 per residence on utility bills to pay the city street light bill. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said in early 2020 the council would address some complexities regarding whether the plan would constitute a tax rate or a utility fee. Cloverdyke the issues probably would not be resolved in time to place the issue on the April ballot. If the council does not act, Fink said it will face the same street light funding issues again next year.

**Fund transfers:** The council approved a motion by Alderman Bob Seago 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:
- \$6,096.00 Water/Trash Account to Operating Account to pay WCA Nov. trash bill
  - \$3,756.60 Water/Trash to Operating to pay Sept. 20-Oct. 21 Independence water supply bill
  - \$120.00 Operating to Police Training Account, Sept. court revenue for police training
  - \$106.00 Operating to Police Officer Standards and Training Account reimbursing overpayment to Office Zielinski for training in July
  - \$839.27 Sewer/Water Maintenance

- Account to Operating for Nov. supplies/maintenance
- \$5,506.01 Grinder Pump Account to Operating to purchase grinder pumps/parts in Nov.
- \$194.99 Debt Service Account to Operating, city portion of Nov. property tax collection
- \$5,544.98 Operating to Little Blue Valley Sewer District Account, revenue collected from Nov. billing
- \$9,615.49 Operating to Water/Trash, revenue collected from Nov. billing
- \$10,430.20 Operating to Sewer/Water Maintenance, revenue collected from Nov. billing
- \$2,831.25 Operating to Grinder Pump, revenue collected from Nov. billing.

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TROLLEY'S-EYE VIEW -- of holiday lights on the Plaza was enjoyed by members, friends and family of the Lake Tapawingo Women's Club. Fifty-two Lake residents boarded two trolleys at Union Station for the tour of the Plaza, Crown Center and surrounding neighborhoods.

### WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

## Central Jack Fire has life-saving tips for everyone

By Linda Osborne

The Central Jackson County Fire Protection District will give an instructional program Jan. 16 for anyone wanting to refresh their life-saving techniques or learn more about saving lives with CPR, the Heimlich Maneuver, and proper use of a defibrillator.



CJCFPD photo

Demonstrations and safety tips will be included as well at the presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Clubhouse. This is our regular meeting night, but we encourage anyone interested in being safer in your homes and personal lives come join us for this educational opportunity. We

have a defibrillator on the wall in our Clubhouse so it would be helpful for many to learn how to activate it in an emergency at the Clubhouse.

### Holiday Lights Trolley Tour

What a good evening we had for our Holiday Lights Trolley Tour! With 52 reservations, we boarded two old-time trolley cars and embarked on a festive journey from Union Station to the Plaza and beyond to enjoy the holiday lights. We even had a peek at the decorated home of Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Of course, his lights were mostly red and white. What other lights would he use?



Plans are already rolling along for our Feb. 20 meeting when we will feature a guided painting class. You don't need to be a gifted artist to participate and enjoy the fun at our Wine and Design Painting Party.

We will have an instructor provide art materials and guide our mostly amateur endeavors to create special projects. Circle that date on your calendar and plan on a very enjoyable evening with your friends in our Women's Club.

Women's Club dues (\$15) for 2020 are now payable. Membership Chairman Jeanne Turner will be happy to accept your current dues.

Officers should remember that Lake Tapawingo Women's Club Board meetings are moving to evenings on the second Thursday of each month, beginning with Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.



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PEPPERMINT PASSERS -- Santa Andy Rogers and Elf Steve Magel (left) greeted motorists and passed out candy canes Dec. 14 at the U.S. 40 gate while Santa Jim Clarke and Elf John Harrison handled holiday "security" and sugar dispersal by the Clubhouse near a Woods Chapel Road gate.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

*Candy canes galore from Santa(s) at the gates*



By John Nicol

A chill wind from the north must have brought Santa swiftly to do his duties outside the Clubhouse and at Gate 1 to greet residents and pass out 240 candy canes on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Displaying his real white beard, our resident Santa, Jim Clarke, was ably assisted by Head Elf John Harrison at the Clubhouse. And, at Gate 1, at U.S. 40, Andy Rogers again donned the jolly old elf's red suit and was assisted by Steve Magel to distribute a cheerful greeting and the red and white traditional candy canes.

**Apply for \$3,000 in Sportsmen's Club scholarships**

Applications for \$3,000 in Sportsmen's Club scholarships are available at the Lake Office to resident Blue Springs High School or private high school graduates with a 2.75 GPA and Lake resident college students with a 2.5 GPA. Applications must be completed, transcript included, and returned to Darren Lengyel, 161 Anchor, or to Mike Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor, by Feb. 28.

The current funding is \$3,000 divided among eligible applicants with a maximum of \$1,000 per student. Applicants awarded a Women's Club scholarship may not also receive a Sportsmen's Club scholarship that graduating year.

**Alderman Sellars presents Strategic Plan to Sportsmen**

Prior to the Dec. 10 official meeting, Alderman John Sellars, chairman of the Lake's Strategic Planning Committee, provided the four primary goals established so far for the Lake's draft Strategic Plan. Seeking a Sportsmen's Club representative on the committee, Tom Paul volunteered to attend future planning meetings.



The regular meeting was then opened by President Jim Clarke and November meeting minutes were read by Secretary John Nicol. The 2019 club budget showing actual expenditures compared to budget amounts was shared by Treasurer Chuck Welch. It was distributed along with the monthly report.

First Vice President John Harrison said membership renewals have increased to 124 as nearly 40 more renewals had been made. Thank you for your support!

Second Vice-President Joe Rush discussed the Santa at the Gate schedule and volunteers. Some new signs for bulletin boards were arranged.

Third Vice President Barnard Wilson indicated bass were biting and crappie were also being caught. Under new business, some inter-organizational agreements will be pursued to maintain the St. Patrick's Day events. With business completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Please keep those membership renewals coming in!



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## Winter reminders and tips

By Chief Tammy Taylor

The snow is here, which means snow removal! Please make sure you are pulling your vehicles off the road as far as possible or parking in your driveways to allow Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf clearance with the snow plow.



City Ordinance 340.200 in part states that once the snow ordinance has been put into effect all vehicles must be removed from the streets within two hours or they will be considered in violation and subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

When the snow ordinance is in effect, red flags are to be placed on the bulletin boards and the automated calling tree will be used when possible. Strict compliance ensures that roads are maintained to the best condition possible, as well as assuring the safe passage of all emergency equipment should it be needed.

The following are general **ice thickness guidelines** for lakes:  
-- 2 inches thick = the ice is very susceptible to breakage and is not safe to walk on;

-- 4 inches thick = should be OK to stand, skate and ice fish on the surface.

Always remember that ice conditions can vary. Measuring in one place is not enough. Take measurements in several different locations to ensure the entire area is safe.

### Preparing your vehicle for winter:

-- Be sure to have your vehicle fluids checked. Top off your windshield wiper fluid, gas, oil, antifreeze and other fluids.

-- Stay on main roads and avoid back road short cuts. Back roads are usually the last to be plowed.

-- Do your tires have enough tread? Check them out; it

could be time for a new set of tires.

-- Keep a bag of sand, salt or kitty litter in your trunk to use for traction in case you get stuck.

-- Don't forget a cold weather kit in your trunk.

Items like snacks, a blanket, gloves, bottled water, extra cell phone charger, flashlight and some kind of folding shovel will come in handy in case you get stranded.

Be Safe!



## Could pipes freeze? Let a faucet drip

Alderman Bob Seago urges residents to let a faucet drip to prevent pipes from freezing in frigid weather.



Seago, the alderman in charge of the Water and Sewer Department, says the city is only responsible for the water main under the street and the water meter. All service lines and connections from the water main to a residence are the responsibility of the homeowner.

In the past, some residential lines have broken between the water main and water meters that are located inside houses, meaning those homeowners were responsible for the repairs but were not paying for the lost water since it had not reached the meters. As a result, that lost unmeasured water is a cost that must be borne by all ratepayers.

## Police Reports

	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31
Traffic - Anchor	4	3	3	8	6
offenses - Beach	0	1	0	1	0
- Clipper	0	0	0	2	3
- Dockside	0	1	4	1	4
- Emerald Shore	0	0	1	0	0
- Tapawingo Lane	4	9	3	8	11
- Woods Chapel	16	18	11	18	4
- U.S. 40	44	65	75	67	66
- Total	68	97	97	105	94
Warrant arrests	9	8	13	6	9
Arrests	10	6	12	13	6
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	1	3	4	0	2
Calls for service	20	25	27	26	17
Warnings	58	56	48	71	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>178</b>



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5  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	6  Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	7  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	8  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	9  <b>City Council</b> 6 p.m., City Hall <b>Women's Club Board</b> , 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	10  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	11  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
12  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	13  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	14  Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	15  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	16  <b>Women's Club</b> 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	17  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	18  Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Lake Office (pre-register)  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.</i>
19  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	20  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day <b>M.L. King Jr. Day</b>  <i>City Hall closed.</i> <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	21  Filing deadline for April City election <b>Country Club Board</b> , 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	22  Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	23  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	24  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	25  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
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## Zebra mussel recertification to be by mailer; class still offered

Lake residents who underwent mass invasive species training classes in 2018-2019 will be able to take mandatory retraining in 2020 by use of a brief information sheet and a sign-and-return certificate being mailed to every property owner's home with the Country Club's annual assessment bill.

Lake Rules require invasive species training certification before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits,

or use the lake "for any activity." Rules require a member of each household to be retrained every two years.

In the past two years, there has been little new information about the primary invasive species of concern – zebra mussels – so the Lake Board decided to "re-educate" residents by mail rather than requiring a new round of classes.

Monthly training is still offered through the year, mainly for new residents. Those attending are

required to preregister at [office@laketapawingomo.com](mailto:office@laketapawingomo.com) or 228-3721.

Training sessions are held at 9 a.m. at the Lake Office on the third Saturday of the month and now are scheduled:

- Jan. 18
- Feb. 15
- March 21.

Future dates will be announced in the *Lake Tapawingo News* and on the Country Club website, [www.laketapawingomo.com](http://www.laketapawingomo.com).



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