

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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Council could take final annexation vote by July 11

By John Braden

More than 25 residents attended a May 2 public hearing in which the Lake Tapawingo City Council discussed whether to annex about 50 acres of vacant forest and scrubland below the dam, which would make it part of the city. Mayor Tom Goddard indicated a final council vote on annexation could occur as soon as its July 11 meeting.

Residents and council members asked a series of questions about the annexation proposal, which originated with a petition for voluntary annexation submitted in April by the property owner, Greg Pitts, 8 Clipper. Although Independence and Blue Springs also adjoin the property, Pitts told the audience that, as a Lake resident, he wanted to give Lake Tapawingo first choice at annexing the property. The tract touches about 680 feet of the Lake Tapawingo city limits in the woods below the dam.

Since there are no homes on the property, there would be no annexation vote by residents of the tract to be annexed or by Lake Tapawingo residents. Instead, Goddard said the council could vote on first reading at its June 6 meeting whether to annex the property and, if approved, could vote on second reading at its July 11 meeting to give final approval to annexation of the property.

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Your voice can be heard

If Mayor Goddard is correct that annexation below the dam eventually would add 400 people to Lake Tapawingo (now population about 800), that is likely to change forever the close-knit character of Lake Tapawingo, with a third of the population unlikely to see the lake on a daily basis.

It would boost property tax revenues to the city, as well as demands for city services. The city could control what is built below the dam, though the area is unlikely to ever be directly connected by road to the core of Lake Tapawingo.

The City Council will decide whether to annex. If you want input, it meets at 6 p.m. June 6 and July 11 at City Hall. Or you can contact your elected representatives:

- **Mayor** Tom Goddard, 228-2738
- **Ward 3 (D and E blocks):** Alderman John Sellars (chairman of the annexation study committee) 679-7927; Alderman Bob Seago, 304-8050
- **Ward 2 (B and C blocks):** Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 914-6819; Alderman Andy Rogers, 806-1871
- **Ward 1 (A Block):** Alderman Charlie Cruik, (913) 433-4326; Alderman Steve Magel, 674-9345.

MAYOR'S MINUTES

Annexation land platted for 176 homes, 400 residents

By Mayor Tom Goddard

The City Council is close to making a decision that will make a positive impact on the City of Lake Tapawingo for years to come. The annexation of 50 acres of land below our dam, owned by JP farms LLC, is soon to be voted on and will become part of our community if approved by the City Council.

Greg Pitts, 8 Clipper Drive, is the only owner listed on this property. This addition will be about a 16 percent increase in the landmass of Lake Tapawingo. It will be controlled by our zoning rules and regulations and the developers will only build according to our City Codes.

Although we will not own the property, we will be able to control what is being built there. It is now zoned "vacant residential" by Jackson County. It will be up to our Zoning Commission to determine its use but it is expected to be single-family houses only.

This area is presently platted for 176 houses which when fully developed will increase our population by about 400 residents or 47 percent. This would be an independent subdivision that would have no Lake rights so those residents would not be members of the Country Club.

The new houses would bring in about \$100,000 in annual tax revenue. We would have no additional traffic as none of the streets would be routed through our Lake roads. Unlike our present streets, the new streets would be public and eligible for State and Federal highway funds.

Since no one lives on the 50 acres that is to be annexed, no citizen vote is required. All that is necessary to annex this property is for the owner to petition the City Council to bring the property into the City and then the City Council votes to accept or reject the petition. This is called a voluntary annexation by state statutes.

Mr. Pitts approached me a few weeks ago with the intent to bring his property into Lake Tapawingo. Our city attorney has been preparing the ordinance and it will be ready for a first reading and possible vote at our June 6 City Council meeting.

We might delay voting until the July meeting to give our residents more time to ask questions and have some input into the process. Provided it passes the City Council vote in July, it would have to be voted on again at the August City Council meeting. If the ordinance passes both a first and second vote then the annexation is complete.

If anyone has a question about the annexation please call me or City Clerk Paul Blixrud at City Hall.



Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to:

Jeanne Saban, 142 Beach, on the death May 5 of her sister, Esther Vera Tweedie, 83, Kansas City.

GET WELL

Jeanne Saban, 142 Beach

BIRTHDAYS

June 3 Lisa Cherepak, 62 Anchor
 June 6 Nancy Martin, 22 Dockside
 June 11 Barbara Burke, 57 Beach
 June 14 Cara Singleton, 87 Dockside
 June 16 Amy Lengyel, 161 Anchor
 June 17 Mackinzie Moran, 4 Emerald Shore
 Jane Nicol, 59 Dockside
 June 18 Susie Graff, 30 Dockside
 June 26 Beth Kreiling, 52 Beach
 June 30 Joan Mackey, 66 Anchor
 Sharice Tremain, 195 Anchor

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Paul and Brenda Bowers, 23 Clipper
 Brandon and Jill Jackley, 9 Beach
 Darren (Wes) and Dawn Knox, 13 Anchor (formerly 23 Clipper)
 Scott and Debbie Martin, 3 Emerald Shore (formerly 9 Beach)
 David and Marcella Mowers, 178 Anchor

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Congratulations, Sympathy or Welcome to New Resident, please call Margie Guffey, 224-9543.

Bulky trash pickup set June 5

The annual bulky trash pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5. Big trash items will be picked up from the curb by the city's trash contractor, WCA Waste Corp. In case of rain, pickup will be rescheduled for Wednesday, June 12.

Unacceptable items include major appliances, construction debris, firewood, paint, motor oil, yard waste, tires, household hazardous waste and car parts. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc., must be emptied of all gasoline and oil. For questions, contact WCA at 220-3227 or kccustomer@wcamerica.com.



Country Club dumpsters not for resident use

Despite a recent cleanup campaign by city officials, residents are asked not to dump their waste and junk in Country Club dumpsters at the Maintenance Building or the Clubhouse. Those dumpsters are for use by those facilities. People recently have improperly dumped mattresses, televisions and other debris at the Country Club units without permission.

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 "Lake Tapawingo Police Department"



Mayor sees Independence water, LBVSD sewer serving tract

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Goddard said it was unlikely that the annexation tract would be served by Lake Tapawingo's sewer system, which is a grinder pump system with pressurized lines. However, he noted a Little Blue Valley Sewer District main, which is a traditional gravity sewer line, passes through the property.

Cloverdyke questioned whether the city was reacting to Pitts' request without a plan and that it would seem that a developer should have a plan for the property for consideration. Pitts said he would like to see "nice homes" built.

Kim McReynolds, 58 Dockside, questioned how to get there from Lake Tapawingo since there are no connecting roads. It was noted access likely would be off westbound U.S. 40 via Countryside Road and Leanne Lane, west of the Blue Springs School District maintenance building on U.S. 40.

It was asked how Lake Tapawingo could regulate construction of a new housing development of probably more than 100 homes with only one part-time building inspector. Alderman Steve Magel said the city would hire a private company to provide inspection services.

City Attorney Paul Campo said if the property were to be developed, a development agreement would be negotiated with the developer putting the costs for residential infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer on the developer. "You would not be obligated to incur \$1 million in debt for sewer lines," he said.

Campo said a larger-scale development is "a not inexpensive endeavor on the developer's part." He said normally there would be a funding agreement for the applicant developer to fund the city's development costs.

When asked about a need for additional police officers to patrol the area, Goddard the city would receive new property taxes from the development and would hire more officers, possibly two.

When asked if construction of additional homes even closer to the bottom of the dam would further increase the state-regulated hazard level of the Lake Tapawingo dam, Goddard said it would not. Alderman Mike Cloyde said 2002 modifications brought the dam to the highest state standards. The mayor added that only a small strip of the property, along the creek that drains the lake, would be likely to be within the 100-year flood plain.

Hap Graff, 30 Dockside, said there are a number of logistical issues to understand because the annexation property would not be regulated by any Country Club rules, and there likely are to be costs involved prior to the city receiving increased property taxes from property to be developed.

Invisible from Lake Tapawingo, the T-shaped acreage (see dotted area of map) is in the valley below the dam and, according to the Jackson County Parcel Viewer system, only touches the Lake Tapawingo city limits at a small point below the dam and near the Kansas City

Southern Railway tracks.

Situated between the proposed annexation tract and Lake Tapawingo -- and not involved in the annexation -- is an irregular rectangle of about 27 acres of mostly unincorporated property (the pasture and surrounding ground next to 1 Anchor) that records say is owned by Rocky and Gena Queen, 53 Anchor, and Larry and Dana McCue, 83 Anchor.

Additional information since last month from the city zoning map finds that a portion of the Queens' property, directly north of 1 Anchor (see the irregular white rectangle on the revised map) already is inside the Lake Tapawingo city limits. That parcel belonging to the Queens, plus a small portion of Lake Tapawingo Country Club property below the dam, touches the property to be annexed along a border of about 680 feet according to the Jackson County Parcel Viewer Internet site.

Access to the property by road can only be made from westbound U.S. 40, west of the Blue Springs School District maintenance building, through the unincorporated housing development (Karr's Addition) that borders the property on the south. Both Countryside Road and Leanne Lane dead-end at the property. The west border of the property can be glimpsed from the Brittany Ridge development off U.S. 40, while the northern border can be seen from the east end of Hidden Valley Park off Valley View Road. The park property, owned by Blue Springs, and the railroad track form the northern border of the property.

The land itself is rough terrain, a series of thickets, woods and a few open areas linked by footpaths, some dirt vehicle trails and game trails. The creek that drains Lake Tapawingo runs through the middle of the tract.

Annexation by the city does not bring additional property into the Lake Tapawingo Country Club, whose original boundaries were established by its predecessor Lake Tapawingo Development Co. That means residences built in the annexed area would not have access to the lake or other Country Club facilities. At the same time, the property would not be subject to the Country Club's rules or restrictions against selling a house within its first year of construction, leaving the tract open to real estate developers.

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City Council, Lake Board to hold joint planning meetings

The Lake Tapawingo City Council and the Country Club Board are proposing to meet jointly, on two nights in June, to discuss strategic planning for the community.

Meetings were scheduled for Wednesday June 12 and Friday June 14 at the Clubhouse because it appeared all the members of both bodies would be unable to attend on any single day. Meeting times had not been announced. Newly elected Alderman John Sellars, who was appointed by Mayor Tom Goddard to chair a special Strategic Planning Committee, was expected to chair the joint meetings.

Although the meetings are to be open to residents, it was reported that residents would not be allowed to address the meetings.

Goddard and Lake Board President Jayme Dean announced plans for a Strategic Planning Committee in a joint column in the April *Lake Tapawingo News*. Goddard said in May that committee members included Sellars as chairman; Aldermen Steve Magel and Brad Cloverdyke; Lake Board Members Sarah Wilke and Steve Meek; and three citizens, Tomi Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor; Kay Coen, 31 Emerald Shore; and Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside.

The joint City Council-Lake Board meetings are in addition to any Strategic Planning Committee meetings, which the mayor and president said were to help plan the course of the city for the next five to 10 years. Committee topics were to include annexation, possible shared use of maintenance personnel and equipment, private versus public streets, land parcels owned by the Country Club, and Lease Lot improvements to accommodate enforcement of the city nuisance ordinance.



By John Braden

B COVE BRIDGE -- A new short cut appeared May 30 across the water between 55 Beach and 52 Beach. A giant, partially hollow tree on the 55-B lakefront dropped a huge branch that cleanly bridged the upper cove, hitting no houses, docks or boats



Zoning Commission to consider parking

The Lake Tapawingo Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing June 10 on possible amendments to ordinances involving off-street parking restrictions and other issues. Public comments will be heard at the meeting, set for 6 p.m. June 10 at City Hall.

The hearing notice said the panel will consider amending the city's Unified Development Ordinance to add sections "regarding off-street parking areas/restrictions/standards and single-family residential accessory uses."

The City Council has been considering whether to require that off-

street parking areas be surfaced with concrete or asphalt and that the amount of parking on unimproved lots be limited. The council also has been discussing limiting parking of recreational vehicles.

The five-member Zoning Commission's recommendations are forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Last year the panel drafted the Unified Development Ordinance and a map that divided the city into residential and recreation/open space use zones. In March it recommended a proposal to prohibit vacation rental businesses in the city.



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City Council advances vacation rental ban

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met May 2 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

Visitors: Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Helen Cloyde, 16 Emerald Shore; Charles and Karen Cruitt, 51 Anchor; Steve Fink, 13 Dockside; Jody Goddard, 5 Beach; Hap Graff, 30 Dockside; Gina Graham, 34 Anchor; Gary Hawkins, 18 Anchor; Jack Howe, 25 Emerald Shore; John and Brenda Laney, 34 Dockside; Scott and Debbie Martin, 9 Beach; Dana McCue, 83 Anchor; Kim McReynolds, 58 Dockside; Harvey and Ruth Moats, 95 Anchor; Greg Pitts, 8 Clipper; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Jim and Christine Roberts, 26 Dockside; Dan Rowe, 24 Emerald Shore; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; John Sellars, 11 Dockside; Sarah Wilke, 55 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Kalene Bagwell, Realty Executives.

Election certification: City Clerk Paul Blixrud presented Bill 1197 Ordinance 994 accepting certification of the April 2 municipal election results. The council unanimously approved motions by Alderman Steve Magel to adopt Ordinance 994 on first and second readings: *An Ordinance Accepting the Certification of the Jackson County Election Commissioners for the April 2, 2019, Election.*

Blixrud then inaugurated Mayor Goddard and Aldermen Brad Cloverdyke, Charles Cruitt and John Sellars.

Goddard thanked outgoing Aldermen Mike Cloyde and Larry McCue for their seven years and nine years of service and dedication to Lake Tapawingo and presented them plaques of appreciation. The mayor invited the audience to stay after the meeting for a reception to congratulate and thank them.

Vacation rental ban: Mayor Goddard opened a public hearing on proposed zoning regulations that would prohibit vacation rental businesses in the city and apparently would expand the duties of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Lake Tapawingo Zoning Commission endorsed March 25 a proposal to prohibit use of Lake residences as short-term rentals, vacation rental property or "air" bed and breakfasts.

The draft ordinance defines "short-term rental" as rental of a dwelling, or a portion thereof, for a period of 31 consecutive calendar days or less. It would prohibit short-term rentals in the city's residential zones. It also declares short-term rental activity to be a commercial use, which is prohibited by residential zoning.

City Attorney Paul Campo said most problems caused by short-term rentals, which he summed up for example as bachelor parties, fraternity parties and "keggers," happen with rentals of 10 days or less. He said he drafted the 31 days or less as long enough to capture the problem rentals without interfering with more conventional home rentals.

After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, on first reading, a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to endorse Bill 1196 Ordinance 993, *An Ordinance Amending the City Code Related to Short Term Rentals*. A second reading and final action on the ordinance is expected at the June 6 council meeting.

Although a final version of the ordinance was not available, it reportedly contained sections that would make the Board of Zoning Adjustment responsible for hearing appeals of decisions by city Building Official John Drake. The Zoning Commission verbally approved forwarding that ordinance change to the City Council for consideration.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment is a quasi-judicial -- court-like -- agency that currently hears applications for "area variances" -- mainly when residents seek to build structures that encroach into property line setbacks established by city ordinance.

The proposed amendment would make the BZA also responsible for hearing appeals of other situations in which the city Building Official denies a building permit or refuses to allow certain structures or materials to be used in construction based on

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By John Nicol

OUTHOUSE MAYHEM -- Vandals broke into and wrecked the bathroom in the outbuilding behind the Clubhouse apparently in the early hours of May 18. They destroyed fixtures in the bathroom built by the Sportsmen's Club to serve patrons of events at the Shelterhouse. The doors had been checked about 1 a.m. but later were found to be kicked in. Police have no suspects.

Council endorses utility surcharge for non-residents

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local, state and national Building Code restrictions. Under current ordinances, appeals of Building Official decisions are made to the City Council.

Water and Sewer: City Attorney Paul Campo presented a proposed ordinance to impose an additional utility fee on non-residents of Lake Tapawingo who receive water/sewer/trash services via the city. The three properties that use the city's services, in unincorporated Jackson County, are 125½ Beach, the Blue Springs School District maintenance building on U.S. 40 and Rocky Queen's acreage near 1 Anchor.

Campo said it is not uncommon for cities to have a non-resident utility fee in addition to regular service fees. Mayor Goddard previously said non-resident customers do not pay Lake Tapawingo property taxes and therefore do not help pay off the bond issue that paid to replace water mains that benefit municipal water users.

The monthly surcharge would be \$25 for water and \$25 for sewer. The

ordinance also would clean up some old language no longer applicable to water and sewer rates.

After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, on first reading, a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to endorse Bill 1198 Ordinance 995, *An Ordinance Amending Title VII of the City Code Related to Utilities*. A second reading and final action on the ordinance is expected at the June 6 council meeting.

Due to heavy rains, Alderman Bob Seago said the Water and Sewer Department answered 70 grinder pump calls in four days. He said it is difficult for the sewer system to handle 6- to 8-inch rains and resulting water infiltration problems. He said 10 new grinder pumps and one rebuilt unit had been installed. He said crew members worked long hours including until 1:45 a.m. one morning.

Seago said the department would step up its efforts to eliminate repeated service calls due to water infiltration and would perform more video scoping of sewer connections to eliminate infiltration of rainwater than causes grinder pumps to run excessively and

fail. He said notices had been sent to five customers warning them they needed to correct water infiltration.

The alderman said residents experiencing grinder pump alarms should call the Water and Sewer Maintenance number, 719-3101. If there is not a timely response, he said residents should call City Hall at 229-3722 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or Seago at 304-8050.

Seago said the department's contractor has begun replacing water meters in D Block.

Committee assignments: Mayor Goddard made the following assignments:
-- Alderman John Sellars to oversee Strategic Planning Committee and annexation;
-- Alderman Bob Seago to continue to oversee Water and Sewer with Alderman Charles Cruik to assist;
-- Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to oversee city finances, to serve on the executive committee and Strategic Planning Committee;

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Police deliver 25 nuisance code violations

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-- Alderman Steve Magel to oversee Signs and Lights, continue reviewing city codes, serve on the executive committee and Strategic Planning Committee;
-- Alderman Andy Rogers to oversee the City Hall office.

John Braden asked who would be overseeing the Police Department. Mayor Goddard said he would.

Braden asked who were now the members of the new Strategic Planning Committee. Goddard said members included Aldermen John Sellars, the chairman, and Steve Magel and Brad Cloverdyke; Lake Board Members Sarah Wilke and Steve Meek; and two or three citizens to be chosen by Sellars. Goddard subsequently identified the citizen members as Tomi Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor; Kay Coen, 31 Emerald Shore; and Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside.

Police: City Clerk Paul Blixrud said 25 nuisance code violations were mailed to residents with an overall good response. He said Chief Tammy Taylor would begin sending out letters the first week

of June for parking issues regarding boats, trailers and other vehicles.

Blixrud said the city would have a large dumpster available May 17-19 near the Maintenance buildings to be used for residents' yard waste clean-up. He said volunteers were to help residents who were unable to haul their own brush to the dumpster. He said bulky trash pickup is scheduled Wednesday June 5 with a backup date of June 12.

Alderman Steve Magel said a number of city codes proposals, including parking issues, would be presented to the city Zoning Commission at its 6 p.m. June 10 meeting at City Hall.

Scott Martin asked if council members had decided to change the permissible numbers of recreational vehicles or parking restrictions. He said parking restrictions on RVs also should be applied to other vehicles. Mayor Goddard said existing ordinances are to be enforced, including one that prohibits RVs longer than 24 feet. He said ordinances might be changed to allow only one RV per residence. The current ordinance allows up to two.

Annexation: Meg Seifert asked what became of the city's plan to annex additional U.S. 40 right-of-way and possibly other property in that area. Mayor Goddard said there had been a lot of opposition from residents in the U.S. 40 area but Alderman Sellars would address the issue along with the application to annex property below the dam. John Braden noted there are no voting residents involved when annexing highway right-of-way as the city has done previously.

July council meeting rescheduled: Mayor Goddard proposed the July City Council meeting be moved to Tuesday, July 2, from Thursday, July 4, to avoid the Independence Day holiday. After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Andy Rogers to move the meeting to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

City Hall: Alderman Steve Magel said the city was still working out details with the Lake Board of a request for proposals to install a security system in the City Hall and Lake Office.

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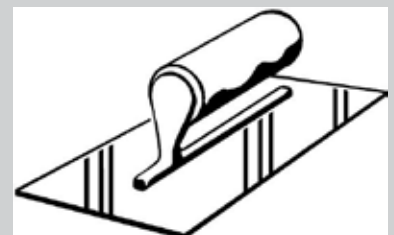
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Council approves employee pay raises

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The council discussed bids to replace computers and servers for administrative and police offices in City Hall. Alderman Charles Cruik said the low bid by High Touch Technologies proposed using new, rather than used, equipment with an expected life of 10 to 15 years.

After discussion, the council voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to accept a \$4,247 bid from High Touch Technologies.

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:

- \$4,616.32 Water/Trash Account to Operating Account to pay WCA March trash bill
- \$4,592.75 Water/Trash to Operating to pay March Independence water supply bill
- \$500.00 Operating to Peace Officer Standards and Training Account, POST Training Income 2018
- \$190.00 Operating to Police Training Account, March court revenue for police training
- \$1,937.32 Sewer/Water Maintenance Account to Operating for April supplies/maintenance
- \$9,999.71 Sewer/Water Maintenance to Operating to pay for April water meter installations
- \$28,027.45 Grinder Pump Account to Operating to purchase grinder pumps/parts in April
- \$396.33 Debt Service Account to Operating, city portion of April property tax collection
- \$4,605.13 Operating to Little Blue Valley Sewer District Account, revenue collected from April billing
- \$7,726.28 Operating to Water/Trash, revenue collected from April billing
- \$9,643.25 Operating to Sewer/Water Maintenance, revenue collected from April billing
- \$2,605.90 Operating to Grinder Pump, revenue collected from April billing

Executive session: Prior to the May 2 open meeting, Mayor Goddard convened the council at 5:06 p.m. The City Council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Larry McCue, seconded by Alderman Mike Cloyde, to go into closed executive session pursuant to Sunshine Law Section 610.021.3, personnel.

Minutes of the closed meeting said Goddard and the council discussed employee performance and pay raises for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

After discussion regarding performance of City Clerk Paul Blixrud, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Andy Rogers to increase Blixrud's pay to \$24 per hour beginning July 1. After discussion regarding performance of Chief Tammy Taylor, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Rogers to set Taylor's annual salary at \$56,160 beginning July 1.

After discussion regarding their performance, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to increase the pay by \$1 per hour of Police Administrator Sarah Chatham to \$17, Officer Andrew Wilson to \$21 and Office Mike Zielinski (on his one-year anniversary Dec. 6) to \$22. After discussion regarding the performance of the Water and Sewer employees, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Mike Cloyde to increase the pay by \$1 per hour of Daniel Dawson to \$21 and by \$1.50 per hour of Vance Fredricks to \$21.50.

The council voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Magel to adjourn the closed meeting at 5:34 p.m.

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Yacht Club launches season 8 with Memorial Weekend Sail

By John Braden

Despite an 80 percent chance of rain, the Tapawingo Yacht Club sailed high and dry May 25 at the Memorial Day Weekend Sail. Denied the lake in May 2018 due to the silt dredging, sailors were happy to kick off the revived Yacht Club's eighth season in what has become an annual tradition.

Only four sailboats launched this year due to some skippers' illness, early-season equipment problems and retirements. Not-ready-to-rig skipper Lou Joline did show up in a kayak.

Skies were cloudy but dry; the water was cloudy but wet. Winds were strong and unpredictable -- a Tapawingo specialty -- reminding us that sailing is a sport.



Lisa Hodges hikes like a pro.

Making its debut with the fleet was the 12-foot Puffer sailboat of Steve Robinson. Other boats were the 19-foot Toole of Chris and Jennifer Moran, the Sweet 16 of John and Elizabeth Braden, and the 12-foot Sears of Lynn Ayers. Also on hand was the safety pontoon boat of Phil and Meg Seifert, which doubled as a spectator boat for friends and family.

Two hours of sailing were followed by a potluck lunch for 20 on the Bradens' lakefront at 45 Anchor. Best eats for the fleet. A short meeting gave thanks for sailing and thanks for the grub, and remembered those who could not make it.

2nd Day of Summer Sail set June 22

The club scheduled a Second Day of Summer Sail for Saturday, June 22. Be on the water at 10 a.m. and bring a dish and/or your appetite for noon potluck at John and Brenda Laney's, 34 Dockside.

If you have a sailboat, come join the fleet. (No dues, no officers.) Got no sailboat, we'll find you a berth. If you want to learn to sail, we'll help show you the basics. Just contact John Braden, 229-2794, jcbraden98@sbcglobal.net.



Steve Robinson learns the ropes of his new (to him) Puffer.



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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Lake Board agrees to joint meetings with City

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met May 6 and 20 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Rick and Mary Bedsworth, 17 Anchor; Gregg Feightner, 10 Anchor; Andy Gibler, 32 Dockside; Alderman Steve Magel, 14 Anchor; Scott and Debbie Martin, 3 Emerald Shore; Ed McCannless, 168 Anchor; James Megerson, 110 Beach; Faith Pharr, 8 Dockside; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Emily Schofield, 171 Anchor; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; Jim and Mary Sennott, 1 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Joint City Council-Lake Board strategic planning meeting: Board Member Sarah Wilke said the City Council would like to meet with the Lake Board for a collaborative strategic planning meeting in June, possibly on two dates. She said the meeting would be public, but the public would not be allowed to comment.

Wilke said Alderman John Sellars was to chair the meeting and would like input from all elected members of the city and Country Club. President Dean stated she would negotiate a date and e-mail everyone.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hap Graff distributed copies of the Country Club's 2018 tax return and the 2016 audit for board members to review. It was reported that 2016 deficits were due to a former office administrator's lack of financial expertise.

Graff proposed that there be an accounting review conducted by Dana McIntire from accountant Trout, Beeman Co. for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The estimated cost of a review would be \$8,800 for 2018, \$6,600 for 2019 and \$6,300 for 2020.

McIntire assisted in the reconciliation of Country Club finances in the past while correcting issues in the Country Club office. Board Member Renny Buckaloo reminded the board that originally the board intended to commission a full audit every three years with a less expensive financial review in the intervening two years. The board voted, 13-0, to approve a motion by Board Member Tyler Follis to conduct a financial review for 2018.

Graff subsequently reported that McIntire sent a proposal for an accounting review that President Dean signed and the office returned. A date to meet was to be decided.

Graff reported \$16,498.98 has been designated to tennis court improvements.

The office currently uses a "Square" credit card reader to take credit/debit payments, which requires a fee of 2.5 percent per Square transaction. Graff asked the board to consider re-evaluating whether to continue paying the Square credit card fees or whether to pass them on to residents using the service.

President Dean noted certificates of deposit are coming due in June and July. Graff said he would contact the banks. Graff said signature cards were updated for Country Club accounts at Blue Ridge Bank and Central Bank. He also said the board is in the process of getting a credit card for the office.

Graff said Central Bank would provide a monitor to the office to deposit checks remotely. Dean asked if the Lake Office iPad could be used to deposit checks to save money (remote deposit would be \$50 a month). Graff said if it was done through the iPad the number of deposits would be limited. Dean asked if remote deposit could be seasonal and done during the busier collection times. Graff said he would look into that as an option.

President Dean said there were 19 unpaid assessments, including eight residences with large unpaid amounts that are the subject of liens placed by the Country Club. She said the board might need to start considering executing liens on properties with large amounts unpaid.

Dean asked the board to consider publicizing the unpaid assessments as provided for in the bylaws. She asked John Braden what details were included when unpaid assessments were previously published in the *Lake Tapawingo News*.

Braden said originally the resident's name, address and amount of unpaid assessments were published. He said during the period in which the board hired a collection agency, it changed the listing to residents with "No Lake privileges," which listed names and addresses but no amounts. The list also mingled the delinquent assessments with residents who were denied Lake privileges due to rules violations. Dean said the board's attorney had advised to not include the unpaid amounts with the delinquent residents' names.

She said in 2017 the list was dropped from the newsletter because of Lake Office errors that caused paid residents to be mistakenly added to the list of delinquent payments. Since then, Dean said the board has worked hard to ensure that finances and bookkeeping be accurate.

She asked the board to consider resuming what was done in the past, publishing the name and address of residents having unpaid assessments. She said the publication of the names allowed residents and board members to ensure that delinquent residents were not using the lake.

Board Member Clayton Holland made a motion to publish the delinquents in the newsletter under a "No Lake Privileges" section, listing the names and addresses only. Board Member Sarah Wilke suggested that the newsletter note that "No Lake privileges" includes denial of use of other Country Club property in addition to the lake. The list also would include loss of Lake privileges due to rules violations or failure to take invasive species training. The motion passed, 10-0.

Municipal Business: Board Member Sarah Wilke said city Alderman Steve Magel compiled bids for addition of security
See Lake, Page 15.

No Lake privileges

April 2019

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of April 15. 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	134-B	Barlow
120-A	Rogers	135-B	Stickney
123-A	O'Grady	148-B	Smith
124-A	Schwenk	170-B	Applequist
129-A	Goodwin	22-C	Theis
140-A	Light	97-D	Evans
149-A	Journey	98-D	Sykes
152-A	Beeson	115-D	Jameson
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Lake Board votes to pay half of office security systems

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measures at City Hall and the Lake Office. She said the request called for a camera on the exterior City Hall door, with both the city and Country Club able to see the entrance via monitors and to electronically unlock the door. There would be four additional exterior cameras placed around the premises; interior cameras could be added for an additional \$350.

Wilke asked if the board would be willing to split the cost of the main system (door entry and exterior cameras) with the city and any costs for additions would be paid by the party that wants the addition. The door between the Country Club office and City Hall would be open during office hours; a two-way intercom would be included in the door entry allowing either the city or Country Club to speak to the individual who is requesting entry. Magel said there would be no constant monitoring on the system.

Residents would be funneled through the City Hall main door. An idea was proposed to switch the Lake Office desk from the front of the office to the back of the office.

The city proposed accepting a bid from Hudson Home Protection LLC totaling \$6,521.75. The Country Club would pay half, \$3,260.88, of the bid. The city has discussed getting an additional monitor for the police; however, the city would be responsible for that cost. President Dean asked Treasurer Hap Graff to find an account from which the expense could be drawn.

The board approved, 10-0, a motion by Graff to pay the Country Club's half of the Hudson Home Security LLC bid.

Graff noted the Country Club has not paid the city for its half of the electricity bill for streetlights since October 2018 because it questioned the cost since energy efficient light-emitting diode bulbs were installed. In the meantime, he said, the city has paid the full bill. He also noted the Country Club has not paid its Kansas City Power & Light bill for the Country Club's other facilities since May 2018 due to discrepancies in billing. President Dean asked the office to make contact with KCP&L representative Janet Waddell to obtain more information before further discussion.

Alderman Steve Magel asked the Country Club to pay its part of the Kansas City Power & Light bill. He said the streetlight cost has been reduced \$150 per month. He said the city has continued to pay the total owed amount to KCP&L.

Board Member Sarah Wilke said the Country Club and city were advised by KCP&L to withhold payment until billing issues were straightened out. Magel said the Country Club is \$7,000 in arrears to the city for the streetlight bill. President Dean said the board has questions and hopes to discuss the matter at next meeting.

Lake Office: President Dean asked the board to consider changing the Lake Office hours. Existing hours were: Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. first and third Mondays; open 9 a.m.-noon first and second Saturdays; closed remaining Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dean proposed the office be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; open 9-11 a.m. on the third Saturday during invasive species training; closed the remaining Saturdays and Sundays.

The board approved, 13-0, a motion by Board Member Sarah Wilke to change the office hours as proposed, effective June 1.

At the subsequent meeting, John Braden said the change in Lake Office hours would limit 9-to-5 working residents to only two hours a month for access to the Lake Office -- 9-11 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. He said the change was inconvenient to working residents and that up until recent years, the Lake Office had been open every Saturday.

President Dean said office hours were changed to coincide with City Hall hours for security purposes.

The city is in the process of installing a locked mailbox for both the city and the Country Club. President Dean asked Board Member Joe Rush to have Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf remove the old water bill deposit box from the porch area

after the new mailbox is installed.

Board Member Sarah Wilke said she created a folder in Google Drive specifically for the list of residents receiving invasive species training, board member contact information and past due assessments for board members to access at any time. She said if a board member needs help accessing the folder, she would be happy to assist.

Rules and Regulations: Board Member Brian Smith said he noticed two individuals bringing fishing gear from a truck to the lake at 27-A. He said the non-resident individuals said they came to fish with the homeowner's permission. Smith said he informed them the invasive species quarantine prohibits any outside fishing gear from being used at Lake Tapawingo and that the resident needed to be present when guests were fishing.

Board Member Renny Buckaloo said he thinks the fishing gear quarantine is the most frequently violated regulation and is very concerned about this issue. He asked that everyone be observant and be willing to approach individuals who are fishing on the lake if they do not recognize them.

President Dean asked if the board wanted to issue penalty points to the homeowner for an invasive species quarantine violation. The board voted, 9-0 with 1 abstention, to approve a motion by Board Member Gary Mallen to impose a 3-point penalty for using nonresidential fishing gear and a 3-point penalty for the lack of a resident present.

President Dean distributed a draft of a revised notice of sale document that advises of the original covenant requirement that adjoining property owners have a right of first refusal to purchase Lake lots that are

See Lake, Page 16.



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Lake Board considers \$14,000 to pave two pathways

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for sale and that waivers of that right must be signed before a property may be sold. She asked board members to review it for possible action at the June 3 meeting.

She said the revised notice of sale document would clarify past issues that have come up. The document is a legal document that can be upheld in a court of law, so ensuring its clarity is important.

Smith requested at the May 6 meeting that President Dean include on the May 20 agenda discussion of a resident's request to allow non-motorized watercraft, including stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and canoes, to be used on the main body of the lake during no-wake hours. John Braden noted all non-powered watercraft -- including kayaks and canoes -- already are allowed on the main body at all hours of the day and night and only stand-up paddleboards are prohibited.

Braden said although paddleboards have been designated "watercraft" for the purpose of registration stickering, they are the only craft on which the user is allowed to stand and is not required to have a personal flotation device making them more hazardous on the main body than boats. Smith said he was relaying a resident's request and that he does not support allowing paddleboards on the main channel.

Board Member Gary Mallen said a resident requested that he ask the board

why a tube cannot be towed behind a pontoon boat. Board Member Joe Rush said a pontoon's long turning radius makes it less maneuverable than a hulled boat and it cannot stop as quickly as a hulled boat.

Roads, Easements and Pathways:

Board Member Buddy Young said Epic Concrete submitted a \$4,760 bid to pave the 101-foot-long pathway at 27 Dockside. He said Eickleberry Concrete has been unable to view the site due to rain. Young said Epic also gave a \$9,760 bid to pave the 240-foot-long pathway at 11 Anchor. Total cost of both paving projects would be more than \$14,000.

Cartwright Tree Service is to remove unsafe branches prior to 11-A paving.

Young said there is just over \$6,000 in the Pathway budget and suggested the Country Club seek to split the cost with neighboring residents. He said if the Country Club paid one-third and homeowners next to the pathway and second- and third-tier users paid two-thirds then the Country Club's obligation would be an amount more than \$3,000. He said that would leave a little under \$1,500 in budget for pathway repairs.

President Dean said the board should wait until Eickleberry submits a bid to Young before any decision be made. Young said he would ask Epic Concrete about the cost for a 5-foot-wide pathway, as opposed to a 6-foot-wide pathway, to see if the cost would decrease.

It was reported that the pathway at 29-B sustained substantial damage by new residents who own 29 Beach. The residents were to be informed that the pathway needs to be restored.

Young said four to five days of dry weather are required to repair potholes and begin work to widen a portion of Anchor Circle to allow vehicles to pass.

It was reported 1 Dockside had damage to the edge of their driveway due to snow removal. The damage is to be repaired when the potholes are repaired. Young said the street and driveway edge at 27 Dockside also will be repaired during the pothole repair.

Docks and Waterfront: President Dean said docks belonging to two properties with unpaid assessments, 149-A and 170-B, would be removed when rain subsides.

Dean said the board's lawyer deemed it appropriate to remove a resident's personal property, a dock, from the Country Club's private property, the lake, and place it in the resident's driveway. Because one resident was not responding to calls, she said a letter would be sent to the resident asking where they would like their dock to be placed.

President Dean asked the Docks and Waterfront Subcommittee to assess the dock at 133-D for removal due to safety issues. She subsequently asked that a

See Lake, Page 17.

Variance sought for new house to encroach on side setback

The city Board of Zoning Adjustment is scheduled to meet June 4 to consider a request for a variance to allow a proposed new house at 77 Anchor to encroach up to 16 inches into the 6-foot side setback from a Country Club-owned pathway. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 4 at City Hall.

Steve Banks and Dawn Dunavant of 78 Anchor, a property that encompasses an area equal to three lots on the lakefront, propose to split off the western third of the property, designated as 77 Anchor, in order to build a new house. The driveway to 78 Anchor would have to be relocated off the construction site.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud said it had not been determined yet whether 77 Anchor is already platted with the county as a separate lot. If it is not, he said Banks and Dunavant might have to apply first to the city Zoning Commission to plat the separate lot, which might have a bearing on whether the BZA acts on June 4.

Banks, a Realtor, and Dunavant are asking the BZA to grant a variance that would allow the new house to be built so its southwest corner extends 16 inches into the

6-foot side setback from the property line of a Country Club pathway on the western side of the new lot. The proposed house would sit at an angle to the property line so the encroachment would gradually reduce to 0 at the lakeside corner of the house. The lakefront lot on the opposite side of the pathway is undeveloped.

The 6-foot setback from the property line is mandated by city ordinance and legally cannot be encroached upon without a variance from the BZA.

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.

Among criteria the BZA uses to determine whether to grant a variance is whether there is a practical difficulty that prevents the property from being used without a variance. One criterion is whether the difficulty can be obviated by another feasible method other than a variance.



Lake Board dock applications in full swing

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letter be sent to the resident of 133-D about the condition of that dock.

Dean said she contacted two residents who abandoned watercraft on the lake after moving. They have been informed the boats will be removed if they are not transferred to current residents or picked up by the owners.

Board Member Joe Rush said buoys, cables and anchors have been bought and that Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf would need assistance setting those buoys. Board Member Brian Smith said it might take two full days to set buoys.

13-A Smith said Wes and Dawn Knox applied to add a boatlift to the 13-A dock. The board voted, 12-0 with 1 abstention, to approve the application.

17-A. Smith said Rick and Mary Bedsworth asked to extend their dock further into the lake due to the water being too shallow for a boatlift and for jumping off the dock. Bedsworth explained that the dock is 25 feet long, but seawall reconstruction moved the dock 2 feet into the lakefront.

Smith said he did not think a 30-foot dock would be enough due to shallow rock but it would be safe if the dock was extended 9 to 9.5 feet. President Dean noted the Lake Rule Book prohibits docks exceeding 30 feet. The board approved, 13-0, a motion by Smith to allow the dock to be extended to 30 feet.

147-A. Smith updated the board on a previously approved dock space for 147-A, next to 26-A. He said an existing 8- by 12-foot dock is being moved to the space, to be attached to two posts in front of the seawall, so it does not attach to the wall. He said the dock has encapsulated foam.

168-A. Smith said weather delayed previously approved lakefront concrete work at 168-A until the October 2018 permit expired. Dean said the permit must be renewed, but there is no additional fee.

54-B. Smith said Keith and Kimberly Fry asked permission to put a previous dock back in the lake after changing its flotation to encapsulated foam. The board approved dock installation when quarantine time is met.

94-B. Board Member Brian Smith said damage caused by last year's dredging to James and Sarah Luptak's dock at 94-B

has been repaired. Justin McDougal from Dredge America was to provide a check covering the repair cost by May 24.

8-D. Smith said Faith Pharr requested a seawall repair at 8-D but must submit a drawing and provide a list of proposed materials. The permit application was tabled.

32-D. Smith said Andy and Colleen Gibler requested a variance to erect a fence on the lakefront at 32-D that would align with neighboring fences. However, the fence would encroach 4 feet onto Country Club lakefront property. The board rejected, 1-9 with 2 abstentions, a motion by Smith to grant a variance for construction of the fence.

55-D. Smith said Tyler and Sarah Wilke requested a variance for installation of a sprinkler system that would extend from their yard onto Country Club lakefront property. The pump is to be installed under the deck, with conduit running underground. The board approved, 11-0 with 2 abstentions, a motion by Smith to grant the variance requiring everything be underground and a waiver be signed.

3-E. Smith said Scott and Debbie Martin would like to deck over the boat slip in the boathouse at 3-E to prevent children from falling into the boat slip. Smith reported that the grandfathered boathouse is structurally sound and is staying, it is simply the slip that will be covered. The board approved, 13-0.

14-E. Smith said Tremayne and Hilary Umbles, the renters at 14 Emerald Shore, would like to replace the existing damaged dock at 14-E with a 10- by 12-foot dock. Smith said there is sufficient space on each side of the dock space. He said a contractor has not been chosen, it has not been determined how the dock would be attached, and that the dock likely would break again unless posts are installed to stabilize it. President Dean asked Smith to talk to the property owner before any application for a new dock is approved. Smith said the resident has two boats tied to a dock with a broken ramp and asked if the resident needs to submit another application for dock repair in the meantime. Dean said if the repairs are less than 50 percent of the dock, then no application is needed.

52-E. Smith stated Don Bolas would like to remove his boatlift from his dock slip

and deck over the slip, eliminating the slip. President Dean noted enclosing the slip would violate Lake rules that limit docks without slips to no more than 12 feet wide.

107-A. Smith said Rita Rainey's current boatlift at 107-A is not functioning and she would like to take the lift being removed by the Bolases at 52-E. Her application was tabled until the Bolases decide what to do with their lift.

Silt Control: President Dean said she took more videos and pictures of erosion problems in C Cove on April 31 after a rain. She sent them to the board's lawyer, Zachary Goff, who advised her to take more after the May 6 rain to document damage from inflows through Blue Springs' Woods Chapel Road project.

Board Member Brian Smith said excessive rain was preventing the silt basin from ever draining and suggested the contractor should be contacted about breaching the embankment. Dean said assessing the depth of the silt basin must wait until midsummer and that the basin could require three years to dry up.

Lake Management: Board Member Brian Smith said the emergency spillway pipes above AB Cove are experiencing overwhelming amounts of pressure and blockage with water coming through and around the drainage pipes.

Board Member Renny Buckaloo noted that while collecting lake water in Railroad Cove, he noticed water was discharging from drainage pipes but it looked like the water was emerging around the pipes, rather than through them.

President Dean asked that the pipes be assessed after the May 6 rain.

Board Member Buddy Young said the boat tour for new residents was rained out. He said a new date for the tour would be determined.

Young said the boat training and tour would be a demonstration of idle speed, both too fast and correct, on both runabouts and pontoon boats. The maximum speed will be discussed (35 mph from 10 a.m. to sundown). He said many residents do not understand the planing speed, which will be discussed. Residents will be shown boat launch, no wake buoys, rocky points, etc.

Board Member Brian Smith said Canada goose eggs were added near

See Dam, Page 18.



Dam recertified; rain delays tennis court work

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26-D and nests were sought where geese have been present behind the silt basin.

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox said the Water Patrol would begin Memorial Day weekend, weather pending. Water Patrol members were to meet May 21 to be briefed about the responsibilities of patrolling.

Registration stickers were to be on all boats by May 1. Water Patrol members Laney Bedsworth and Sara Webster went out May 11 to find watercraft without 2019 stickers. There were about 50 watercraft without stickers whose owners are to receive citations at a later date.

Lake Testing and Invasive Species:

Board Member Renny Buckaloo said the current quarantine time was 14 days, but that would be reduced to seven days once the average temperature reaches 80 degrees.

President Dean said residents must inform a board member of new watercraft and board members must bring registration papers to the Lake

Office or inform the office administration of boats placed in quarantine.

Dam and Spillway: President Dean said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources inspected the dam, finding no areas of concern and certified the dam for two more years.

Clubhouse: In April the Country Club ordered new automatic external defibrillator pads for the Clubhouse. During the Sportsmen's Club's previous meeting the club voted to maintain the defibrillator. Board Member Tyler Follis is to collect a check from the Sportsmen's Club to reimburse the Country Club for the renewal of the Clubhouse AED pads.

Parks and Beautification: Board Member Buddy Young said the rain is pushing back tennis court fence and net post-sleeve installation. He said to properly install the fence, the contractor needs at least two full dry days.

Young said he used the pickle ball poles to measure out the width of the net layout for correct pole placement.

Additionally, he said the fence posts would be outside the asphalt due to safety issues.

Storage lots: President Dean said if a boat or trailer is in a boat lot without an address or boat sticker, the owner of the boat or trailer would be issued a citation.

Maintenance: A tree was reported down at 22-A. It was reported Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf would need assistance getting the tree out of the water.

It was reported Kempf redecked the Maintenance barge and installed a new ladder.

President Dean requested that a no parking sign, stakes and rope be put on grassy areas at the B Block Boat Lot to prevent residents from parking automobiles on those areas.

Executive session: President Dean adjourned the May 6 open meeting at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened the board in closed executive session.

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

Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club Sponsors Fourth of July Fireworks

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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

We'll have fun cookin' and eatin' together

By Linda Osborne

Ready for a new culinary adventure? In June we will not have our regular meeting. Instead, we will gather in the Blue Springs HyVee Community Room at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, June 20.

There we will embark on a group cooking lesson and then sit down to dinner together as we feast on the fruits of our labor. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations should be made through Tomi Bellinghausen at 582-5293 or tombell@sbcglobal.net by Thursday, June 6. (There is a maximum of 20, so please make your reservation soon.)

We will also have a brief meeting to vote on our budget and sign up for shifts to sell Lake Tapawingo logo items at the Sportsmen's Club fireworks tent.

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Cinco de Mayo Celebration! About 150 people enjoyed our plentiful

taco bar, desserts, margaritas and soft drinks. Based on the many appreciative comments, we are already planning to celebrate the event again next May. Ole'!

The Sportsmen's Club will soon be setting up the Shelterhouse for their well-known Fourth of July fireworks sales, and we will again join them with our many Lake Tapawingo logo items, some of them new merchandise. So come on over to see us.

Our membership has now topped 100, but we continue to welcome new members anytime. Just contact Jeanne Turner or sign up at one of our activities. We are growing in numbers, enthusiasm, and new ideas. Find out what all the excitement is about by joining us at our next event.

If there are any birthdays, anniversaries, etc. you want recognized in the *Lake Tapawingo News*, please let Margie Guffey 589-4166 know about them.

Guests prohibited from bringing fishing gear to the Lake

By Renny Buckaloo

Lake Testing, Invasive Species Chairman

The Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors is grateful to all the Lake residents who have cooperated so well with all the efforts to prevent invasive species (zebra mussels, etc.) from wreaking their awful harm on our wonderful community.

One issue of concern involves some misunderstanding of our rule regarding fishing gear of all types. Because this type of equipment is considered "somewhat water absorbable" it falls into the category of items that we restrict to being the property of residents and ONLY used at Lake Tapawingo.

Guests of residents may not use their own gear but must be provided gear by the resident they are visiting.

Secondly, as has been the rule for years, residents must accompany their guests when they are enjoying these activities at the Lake. The penalty for an unaccompanied guest fishing is 3 points to the resident and a penalty for an invasive species violation may range from point penalties up to loss of Lake privileges for up to a year depending on the nature of the violation (a Board decision).

Points assessed remain with the resident for the next 12 months and are cumulative. A resident was recently penalized for both unaccompanied guests and an invasive species violation.

Fishing materials are considered the same as all lake use items, such as water toys and flotation devices, and must be dedicated for use here and nowhere else.

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By John Nicol

PANCAKE PATRONS -- The Sportsmen's Club tallied 127 adults and more than 20 children who chowed down on flapjacks and sausage at the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast at the Clubhouse.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Saddle up for 'Wild, Wild West' Fourth of July Boat Parade

By John Nicol

Scott Patton forged a consensus to select the Fourth of July Boat Parade theme. But it is left up to you to sort out the westward movement theme of "The Wild, Wild West" It could be mountain men, wagon trains, Buffalo Bill, saloons, outlaws, sheriff's posses, shootouts or the TV show of that name.

Make it however you want on your own showboat. Saddle up and join the boat parade!

Rain fails to daunt 32 Kids Fishing Derby anglers

Rain, rain, rain, but the hardy young fishermen and fisherwomen came out May 18 to win trophies, free tackle boxes and a few Bass Pro gift cards at the Lane Lasher Kids Fishing Tournament. Despite the weather holding down attendance, the Kids Fishing Derby drew 32.

Prizes went to Noah Luptak for the most fish caught, six, Dean Feightner tied with Sawyer Cumberford for the highest total weight of fish, while Ricky Haase had the largest fish caught at 2.36 pounds.

Jim Clarke and John Harrison resumed their traditional roles of orchestrating the registration, weighing in the catches, serving the hot dog lunch and awarding trophies. And thanks again to Mike Bellinghausen for the morning doughnuts.



KIDS FISHIN' -- 32 hardy young souls braved rains May 18 for the Lane Lasher Kids Fishing Tournament.

Pancakes bring out Memorial multitudes

One of the oldest Lake traditions brought out the multitudes for the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, May 27 at the Clubhouse. Between the 127 adults and more than 20 children, many families and their guests came and relished the freshly flipped pancakes and tasty sausages. Thanks to the kitchen crew and the Lake servers!

Fireworks sales begin June 28



Fireworks are to be delivered to the Shelterhouse June 28 with Sportsmen's Club sales to begin June 28 and to run through July 4. The Women's Club also will be on hand to sell Lake logo items.

President Jim Clarke gaveled in the regular Sportsmen's Club meeting April 9 and introduced two club scholarship recipients: Cydney F. Cherepak majoring in Fine Arts, attending University of Central Missouri who passed around examples of her art projects, and her brother Matthew "Caz" Cherepak who showed his "Life of an Orange" example of filmmaking that will be his study area at the University of Kansas. They thanked the club and were thanked for coming to share their ambitions.

First Vice President John Harrison said membership had been steady. Second Vice President Joe Rush discussed the fishing derby plans and set-up time for the Pancake Breakfast. Third Vice President Barnard Wilson said he had some nice-sized bass and crappie biting and had put together an assortment of tackle boxes for the coming Saturday gifts to the kids. Jim Clarke said he and John Harrison would have all the supplies for both upcoming events.

Under old business, Tom Paul said he would put aggregate chat beneath the flagpoles for a more even standing surface to raise and lower flags.



By Paul Blixrud

BRUSH BRIGADE -- In front of the full yard waste dumpster, here are some of the yard waste and brush hauling volunteers from the May 17-19 city cleanup days. From left, they are Officer Jamie Arwick, Police Administrator Sarah Chatham, Officer Mike Zielinski, Officer Andrew Wilson and daughter Kenzley, Chief Tammy Taylor, Kim Price, and Dale and April Coleman, 185 Anchor. Not pictured are other volunteers including Mayor Tom Goddard, Shawn Payne, Alderman Steve Magel, Lake Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf, and Water and Sewer Maintenance workers Vance Fredricks and Dan Dawson, among others.

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TAPAWINGO POLICE GAZETTE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Bulky trash day June 5; call 911 when trouble arises

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Wow, what a great citywide clean up! Thank you to all the volunteers who devoted their time and energy to our community. It's looking great! Remember the curbside bulky item pick-up by your waste collector is Wednesday, June 5. Don't miss it!

Thank you to those who are filling out Event permits. It is greatly appreciated and helps Lake Tapawingo Police prepare for your needs and the needs of the community.

I find myself writing again regarding dialing 911. Residents **MUST** start calling 911 when you suspect prowlers, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, whatever the emergency is. The LTPD phones are **NOT** answered after 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or on the weekends.

Officers are out in patrol vehicles conducting business and the quickest way for an officer to respond to handle a situation is to dial 911! **DO NOT** call officers on their personal cell phones. They are not always on duty and this creates a delayed response time when the officer must track down the on-duty officer to relay the information.

The city pays for 911 dispatching services through Jackson County and when these calls are made to 911 it creates a record of said events which can be used in a court of law if necessary. I cannot express this enough. PLEASE dial 911!

Lake residents eligible for tickets, too

On another serious note: When you are a resident of any city in the state of Missouri you are expected to follow the laws and if you do not, there could be consequences. Being a resident of a particular city does not give you the right to break laws.

We have been encountering citizens telling officers "I am a resident here in Tapawingo and we do not get tickets" or that we (the officers) are not allowed to write residents citations.



The objective of a police department is to keep the citizens in this community and all Missouri citizens safe. If officers observe violations or crimes being committed, you can be written a citation. Please stop and think about these kinds of statements and what they really mean.

If a speeding subject drives through this city and hits a walker and his/her dog are we not to write or charge that person because they live here? If a person causes a motor vehicle crash resulting in damage to your vehicle or yourself and they have no insurance, do we not write them or charge them because they live here? I personally find these kinds of comments disturbing.

Also, I have received complaints regarding persons parking in others' driveways without permission and using other people's docks without permission. Be courteous to your neighbors and get permission. This is considered trespassing and the owner of said properties can file a complaint/citation and bring said trespasser to court.

We at LTPD appreciate all the support we receive from our community and we always look forward to serving you. Let's all be safe and have a great summer!

Police Reports

	April 1-30	Mar. 1-31	Feb. 1-28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31
Traffic - Anchor	4	3	7	8	2
offenses - Beach	1	0	0	0	3
- Clipper	5	0	0	0	0
- Dockside	6	0	1	0	2
- Emerald Shore	0	2	0	0	0
- Tapawingo Lane	6	1	0	3	10
- Woods Chapel	8	8	3	16	18
- U.S. 40	86	58	24	35	99
- Total	116	72	35	62	134
Warrant arrests	15	7	0	1	12
Arrests	10	5	4	4	9
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	1	0	0	0	0
Calls for service	16	16	13	19	16
Warnings	88	49	28	60	70
Total	246	149	80	146	241



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Country Club Office hours: -Monday-Friday, open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. -Third Saturday, open 9 a.m.-11 a.m. First, second, fourth, fifth Saturdays closed. -Sunday closed. City Hall hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.						1 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
2 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	3 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	4 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m., City Hall <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	5 Bulky Trash Pickup <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	6 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall <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: Closed</i>
9 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	10 City Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. City Hall <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	11 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	12 Bulky Trash Pickup back-up date Women's Club Board, 8:30 a.m. Clubhouse Joint City Council-Lake Board Meeting p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	13 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	14 Flag Day Joint City Council-Lake Board Meeting p.m., Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	15 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m., Lake Office (preregister) <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.</i>
16 Father's Day <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	17 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	18 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	19 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	20 Women's Club 6:30 p.m., HyVee, Blue Springs <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	21 First day of summer <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	22 Tapawingo Yacht Club Sail, 10 a.m. <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
23 <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	24 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	25 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	26 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	27 <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	28 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale begins, Shelterhouse <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</i>	29 Sportsmen's Club Fireworks Sale Shelterhouse <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
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Preregister for monthly zebra mussel training sessions

Monthly invasive species training sessions are scheduled throughout the year, primarily for new residents, but also as a refresher course for previously trained property owners, renters or their families. Residents planning to attend 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."

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

- June 15
- July 20
- Aug. 17
- Sept. 21
- Oct. 19

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.

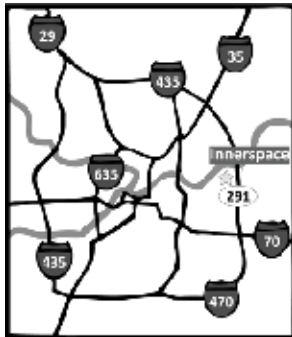
Lake Rules require invasive species training certification before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity." Only one representative from each household is required to attend the hour-long training. Retraining is required every two years.



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