

# LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

*A publication of the Lake Tapawingo Country Club*

## Six elected to Lake Board; two appointments expected

Lake Tapawingo property owners elected six residents to Country Club Board seats Feb. 21, including only one incumbent, perennial Lake Board Member Joe Rush.

Five of the total 15 board seats were up for election of three-year terms as usual. Property owners also voted to fill one seat, from which a member had resigned, for two remaining years. Seats are filled in order of votes received, with the five highest vote-getters winning three-year terms, followed by the sixth winner receiving the two-year term.

Winning three-year terms were Rush, 80 Beach; Hap Graff, 30 Dockside; Clayton Holland, 23 Beach; Darren "Wes" Knox, 23 Clipper, and Gary Mallen, 9 Dockside. Winning the two-year term was Tyler Follis, 132 Beach.

Board President Jayme Dean thanked unsuccessful candidates April Coleman, 185 Anchor; David Hillerman, 90 Beach; Steve Meek, 203 Anchor, and Jennifer Moran, 50 Emerald Shore, for agreeing to run so that property owners had a choice of candidates.

Dean said Board Members Rocky Queen and Gena Queen have resigned, but too late to provide proper notice of their vacancies prior to the election. Those seats are to be filled by Lake Board appointment until the 2020 election. Those appointments are expected to be made at the 7 p.m. March 4 Lake Board meeting.

Leaving the board at the end of their terms are Greg Fedo (appointed to succeed Chris Laddish until the election), Gary Geib, Jon King (appointed to complete the term of Dave Brumagin), Darren Lengyel and Charlotte Phillips (appointed to complete the term of James Corazzo).

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



By Willy Williamson

**FRACTURE** -- The view past Willy and Kaye Williamson's big ol' flag at 73 Beach shows a big ol' crack in the ice as if C Cove were trying to secede from the lake.



By John Nicol

**A WEALTH OF CANDIDATES** -- Nine of ten Lake Board candidates lined up Feb. 21. Number 9, Joe Rush, did not move fast enough to make the photo.



# Around the Lake

## GET WELL

Cheryl Barron, 166 Beach

## BIRTHDAYS

March 3 Amy McDonald, 159 Dockside  
 March 4 Ron McIntire, 44 Anchor  
 March 10 Johnnie Lowther, 85 Dockside  
 March 12 Gretchen Betz, 37 Emerald Shore  
 Jackie Gale, 95 Beach  
 March 15 Kay Coen, 31 Emerald Shore  
 March 24 Gina Chavez, 34 Anchor  
 Peggy Davis, 7 Clipper  
 MaryAnn Rivera, 40 Clipper  
 March 25 Deb Hayes, 66 Dockside  
 March 27 Kathy Summers, 5 Anchor  
 Cathy Pirner, 81 Anchor

## WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Patricia "P.J." Smith, 51 Beach

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

## Variance requested for deck steps

The city Board of Zoning Adjustment is to meet March 5 to consider a request for a variance to erect deck steps that would encroach into the setback from a side property line. The BZA is to meet at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor, seeks a variance to erect steps to a newly approved deck, with the steps encroaching into the 6-foot side setback from the property line, which is established by city ordinance.

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.

*Do you hear the beat? Away down the street?*

## The St. Patricks Day Parade is coming Sunday, March 17



Anyone is welcome to be in the parade! Bring your vehicles, floats, bicycles or just your feet!  
 Line up begins at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Parade begins at 2 p.m.

*Do you smell the meat? And cabbage mighty sweet?*

## Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Follows the parade at the Clubhouse.  
 \$8 for corned beef and cabbage dinner. \$3 for a hotdog dinner.

Questions, contact Gena Queen (816) 564-6767 or lagenahunter@sbcglobal.net

## Hope to see everyone there!

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

# Resident requests larger boats, bigger engines

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Feb. 4 and 19 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

**Visitors:** Dan Allgaier, 78 Dockside; Jan Baldwin, 9 Anchor; Janice Cunha, 28 Anchor; Wes and Dawn Knox, 23 Clipper; James and Elizabeth Megerson, 110 Beach; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Meg Seifert, 39 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Mary Jo Goettling and Matt Weishaar of Blue Springs Marine.

**Rules and Regulations:** Dan Allgaier, 78 Dockside, said he is a new resident who is having difficulty buying a new inboard/outboard boat due to the Lake's horsepower restrictions, including a maximum 140 hp at the propeller shaft for I/Os.

Mary Jo Goettling of Blue Springs Marine said General Motors no longer makes a 3-liter engine block for Mercury I/Os, with the smallest block a 4.5 liter that makes the lowest horsepower available 200 or 250 hp. She said no other manufacturers have the smaller engines.

Goettling also said the smallest power boats now are 19 feet long, a foot longer than the Lake's 18-foot maximum for inboards, inboard/outboards and outboards.

President Dean said the board would take the request under consideration but granting it would

require much discussion, multiple rule changes and three readings of each proposed rule change. She noted boat size and horsepower is not a new topic for the board and that an increase from 140 to 200 hp is a significant change.

Allgaier said a 90-horsepower outboard -- the maximum allowed by the Lake -- also is insufficient for him to carry his family and get a skier out of the water.

Goettling said 42 miles per hour is the top speed for a 19-foot boat with a 200-hp, 4.5-liter engine. Lake rules allow a maximum 35 mph during wake hours.

Goettling said the Environmental Protection Agency is beginning to require catalytic converters on inboard/outboard engines. As a result, manufacturers are looking at promoting outboard motors on fiberglass boats. She said those boats would be at least 19 feet long with 115-hp motors, although manufacturers recommend at least a 150-hp outboard to get the boat to plane on the water. She added that people want more amenities on boats, making them heavier.

Board Member Brian Smith asked if parts are still available for the smaller boats. Goettling said many are, although the smaller replacement engine blocks are not available.

**Board vacancies:** President Dean reported that Board Members Gena

Queen and Rocky Queen had resigned from the board but the resignations came too late for proper notification to fill the vacancies at the Feb. 21 property owners election. She said the board would appoint members March 4 to fill the seats until the February 2020 election.

Dean thanked Board Members Greg Fedo, Gary Geib, Jon King, Darren Lengyel, Charlotte Phillips and Joe Rush, whose terms were expiring.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jon King said an annual budget sheet was mailed to residents with the notification of the property owners election. He presented a schedule of designated and undesignated funds so board members could see amounts budgeted for various subcommittee tasks.

King noted unpaid annual assessments will be delinquent by March 31 and that accounts unpaid by April 1 will be assessed interest retroactive to Jan. 1 when assessments were due.

**Lake Office:** Office Administrator Rita Rainey said Kansas City Power & Light is still evaluating kilowatt usage to determine whether Country Club electricity bills should be adjusted since the street lights were replaced by less expensive light-emitting diode bulbs.

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## March 6 last day to register to vote in April city election

March 6 is the last day for new voters to register to vote in the April 2 city election. Mayor Tom Goddard has filed for re-election and three city alderman candidates filed for election to three Lake Tapawingo City Council seats.

Voters may register at Lake Tapawingo City Hall; the Jackson County Election Board, 215 N. Liberty, Independence; or in Blue Springs at City Hall, either Mid-Continent Public Library, or the Blue Springs License Bureau on Missouri Highway 7.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by written request to the Jackson County Election Board. An application form may be obtained from the board Internet site at <https://jcebmo.org/voter-information/absentee-voting>.

The mayor's seat and three City Council seats are to be filled by voters at the April 2 city election. Only one candidate filed per vacancy, meaning all four unopposed candidates are expected to be elected.



Goddard, who was elected for two years in 2017, filed for re-election.

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

-- **Ward 1 (A Block)**, Charlie Cruit, 51 Anchor, seeking the seat held by Alderman

Larry McCue, who did not seek re-election;

-- **Ward 2 (B and C blocks)**, incumbent Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, filed for re-election;

-- **Ward 3 (D and E blocks)**, John Sellars, 11 Dockside, seeking the seat held by Alderman Mike Cloyde, who did not seek re-election.

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



## Security precautions studied for Lake Office

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President Dean proposed the Country Club take safety precautions at the Lake Office as a result of an incident in January involving an armed man at City Hall. She noted the City Hall door is being kept locked until visitors can be identified and that the city is considering installing some type of security system.

It was decided the Lake Office door would be kept locked and, during the week, visitors would enter the City Hall door and use the connecting door to the Lake Office. Board Member Brian Smith volunteered to study options for security systems, perhaps with the city.

Smith subsequently said he obtained one bid for security system options for the Lake Office. He said he would seek at least one more. He said options might include security cameras, motion sensors and monitors.

### **Lake Testing and Invasive Species:**

Board Member Renny Buckaloo said the next series of invasive species training will be held at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Lake Office.

Board Member Brian Smith suggested a review of boating rules be offered in conjunction with invasive species training. President Dean said that could be discussed further after the new board is seated. She said board members also might volunteer to take new residents on boat tours around the lake.

**Silt Control:** President Dean said she has a meeting scheduled Feb. 25 with the board's lawyer to discuss how to proceed with possible legal action involving C Cove shoreline erosion.

**Maintenance:** Board Member Joe Rush said another 20 tons of salt and sand were delivered for use on roads.

**Lake Management:** Board Member Joe Rush said he needs volunteers to help with goose control. Board Member Brian Smith said he would seek volunteers. Smith said he talked to the Missouri Conservation Department and learned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was the supervisory agency for goose control efforts.

Smith said he would apply to renew the board's permit for goose control activities including oiling or adding eggs. President Dean said scheduled goose control actions will be noted on the board's timeline of actions.

John Braden said the board should notify Police Chief Tammy Taylor that the Country Club uses pyrotechnics to discourage migrating geese from establishing on the lake. Smith subsequently said Taylor requested a list of board representatives designated to use pyrotechnics.

**Parks and Beautification:** President Dean reported on recent vandalism

including motor vehicles driven on the grass near the Clubhouse and a damaged block marker sign between A and B blocks. It was reported that children of residents damaged the sign. It was suggested parents should be charged for the repairs.

Dean said workers remodeling a house on Beach Drive parked vehicles on Country Club grassland next to the B Cove detention basin resulting in damage to the grass. She said the board is working with the house owner to restore the ground, which has been driven on again. It was proposed that 3 penalty points be assessed for parking on Country Club grassland without permission.

Dean said additional motor vehicles left tracks on Country Club property above B Cove and behind the Clubhouse. Board Member Greg Fedo reported the tracks behind the Clubhouse were made by the Police Department's all-terrain utility task vehicle, checking for transients behind the Clubhouse and storage building.

### **Roads, Easements and Pathways:**

Board Member Greg Fedo asked what is to be done about patching a concrete cut in the new pathway at 11-C. President Dean said the issue would be followed up when the weather improves.

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

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By John Nicol

SUN YES, SNOW NO! -- The sun peeks through, painting the frozen landscape at 59 Dockside.

MAYOR'S MINUTES

*Lake becomes an even more beautiful place*

By Mayor Tom Goddard

When I was elected mayor in 2017 my goal was to clean up some of the dilapidated and abandoned houses around the Lake. The wheels of government move much slower than any of us would like but I am happy to inform you that three of the worst ones are presently being worked on.

Rocky Queen purchased 190 Anchor Circle and is completely rehabbing it. This house was abandoned, boarded up and home to various wild animals. Rocky and his crew have done a great job of restoring it into a beautiful 3,500-square-foot mansion. It is very close to being ready for occupancy.

Restoring this house helps the property values around the entire Lake. The owner will soon be paying real estate taxes and Country Club dues, which helps all of us. Thanks, Rocky, for a job well done.

Sarah and Viktor Jordan, the owners of 70 Anchor Drive, have cleaned up their lot and when the weather breaks, they will begin construction on a new home. The building permit has already been approved and it will be exciting to watch the new house go up. This will be a great addition to the Lake.

The "crown jewel" is the cleanup of 56 Anchor Drive! The City Council and our attorney have worked for two years on cleaning up this property. The house has been demolished and fill dirt



brought in and graded. Soon our contractor will put the finishing grade on it and plant some grass seed. This property went from being a problem to one of the most beautiful lots on the lake. Thanks to all who had a hand in

making this happen.

Several other houses have been rehabbed at the Lake. Scott and Debbie Martin, Andy and Kristy Rogers, and Ray Santo have all rehabbed at least three houses in the past two years. I apologize if I missed someone who improved their property at the Lake. All of the hard work has helped make Lake Tapawingo a more beautiful place to live.



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# Zebra mussel training set for third Saturdays

By John Braden

The Lake Board is scheduling the next series of zebra mussel training sessions for the third Saturday of each month through June. The invasive species educational sessions will be held at 9 a.m. at the Lake Office on March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

The mandatory sessions are intended to educate incoming new residents or those few existing residents who did not obtain training earlier about the dangers of zebra mussel infestation and other invasive species. A member of each household is required to take training every two years.

Since all but a few households were trained last year, it is expected that most of this year's training will be for new residents and those few who skipped last year.

Residents are asked to preregister at the Lake Office at [office@laketapawingomo.com](mailto:office@laketapawingomo.com) or 228-3721 for their chosen meeting date, so trainers will know how large a group to expect. Advance notice of training sessions is to be published in the *Lake Tapawingo News* and posted in a regular spot on the bulletin boards.

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.

Though a household member might have trained last year, the Lake Board considers it good for additional members of the household to take training. The board also has discussed

possibly expanding session topics to include some basics of boating regulation.



Lake Rules prohibit the transfer of boats and gear between Lake Tapawingo and other water bodies unless quarantined before they return to Lake Tapawingo. Violation of invasive species rules -- including using the lake without prior invasive species training -- can result in revocation of Lake privileges for up to a year, fines by the Missouri Department of Conservation or other agencies, or civil damages awarded to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.

The Missouri Department of Conservation has confirmed zebra mussels are now in Jackson County's interconnected Prairie Lee Lake, Lake Jacomo and Blue Springs Lake. They are also in nearby Lake Lotawana. They have been found in many other locations in Missouri, including many reports in the Lake of the Ozarks. Zebra mussels are spread by human activity, transporting infected boats, docks, lifts and assorted gear to previously "clean" bodies of water.

The prolific mussels can harm boats and docks, encrust all lake surfaces with sharp-edged shells, and destroy the aquatic ecology that supports sport fishing, boating and swimming. They are filter feeders that filter large quantities of water, removing the microscopic plants and animals that most young fish need as their first foods.

Each female zebra mussel can produce as many as a million eggs per year. These develop into microscopic free-swimming larvae called veligers that can float into new waters or be transported by unwary boaters and fishermen.



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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

# Audit finds city finances, accounting to be sound

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Feb. 7 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

**Visitors:** Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Butch Beeman, Troutt, Beeman & Co.; Les Boatright, Assistant Emergency Management Director, Central Jackson County Emergency Management Agency; Erin Boatright.

**City audit:** Auditor Butch Beeman of Troutt, Beeman & Co. presented his report on the city's audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018. Beeman said the audit found the financial statements were presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The auditor said the city utility operation has solid income, noting that has not always been the case. In the last few years, the city has adjusted utility rates to better cover the cost of operation. He said the general obligation bond to replace city water mains is being paid off in good order and that the city has been retaining reserve funds to cover paying the principal and interest.

Beeman repeated a previous recommendation that the city replace its QuickBooks accounting software with a software program that is better suited to accounting of a small municipality. As the council's request, Beeman was to forward information on some recommended programs.

**Emergency management:** Assistant Director Les Boatright of the Central Jackson County Emergency Management Agency, presented the agency's annual report summary, reviewing CJCEMA accomplishments, including its community newsletter, exercises and training, Community Emergency Response Team classes, debris management, and siren testing. The 2019 opportunities included a federal approved debris management plan, training, an updated emergency medical assistance strategic plan, and an unpaid intern from the University of Central Missouri Crisis and Disaster Management Program.

Boatright invited city officials to watch a test of the emergency operations center in May. He said a grant was received to upgrade area sirens to two-way communication to monitor their functioning. Sirens typically are tested at 11 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting.

John Braden asked what the closest sirens were to Lake Tapawingo. Boatright said he could check on the closest one. Braden asked whether the inoperative siren at the Lake Maintenance Building could be restored to service. Boatright said the Lake siren, a Thunderbolt model, was obsolete and parts were not available. He said a replacement siren would cost \$25,000.

**City Hall security:** Mayor Goddard said he is looking into obtaining a security system for City Hall and has asked Lake resident Jeff Pirner, who works in security, to price a camera/audio/door activation system. Alderman Steve Magel noted the Country Club is also looking into a security system for its office.

**Parking, nuisance ordinances:** Mayor Goddard, the City Council and residents discussed potential changes to Chapter 220.025 Storage of Recreational Vehicles in the city's municipal code.

Goddard noted the recently passed nuisance ordinance now prevents residential parking of various vehicles on grass.

The mayor said the city soon will start more regular enforcement of ordinances already on the books involving residential property. He said Chief Tammy Taylor would hold a nuisance ordinance update meeting Feb. 16. That meeting subsequently was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at City Hall.

Taylor said greater enforcement of residential property ordinances likely would begin in mid-April after residents have been given sufficient notice of the initiative. Goddard said a list of violations would be compiled and letters sent to property owners calling for compliance with ordinances, probably within 60 days.

Taylor said if residents do not comply, tickets would be issued for violations. City Attorney Paul Campo said the Jackson County Circuit Court judge that handles Lake Tapawingo cases would determine the amount of fines for violations. Alderman Steve Magel said if residents do not comply to correct nuisance violations, the city could take action to abate nuisances and charge the cost to the properties in question.

Charles Plank asked if officers must identify neighbors who make a complaint to the Police Department. Taylor said the police do not release information about who makes a complaint. Campo said police incident reports are open records under the Missouri Sunshine Law, including any anonymous letters the

**See Separate, Page 8.**

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# Separate computer system sought for police department

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department might receive. Officer Michael Zielinski said he does not identify the sources of tips in his reports, but observes violations himself and writes a report.

Goddard said the City Council probably is six months away from completing an ordinance increasing restrictions on parking of recreational vehicles on residential property. He said the council would continue to seek input from residents on the issue.

**Building:** Mayor Goddard said the city has addressed three residential properties that were in violation or in need of repair: 56 Anchor Drive, demolished with only a little ground work still to be done when weather is more favorable; 190 Anchor Circle that Rocky Queen has purchased and renovated; and 70 Anchor Drive, whose lot has been cleaned up and the permit process begun to build a new home.

**Awards of Excellence:** Mayor Goddard presented awards of excellence to City Clerk Paul Blixrud for confronting an armed man at the City Hall door and Chief Tammy Taylor for outstanding leadership and bravery in dealing with the suspect in a Jan. 4 incident at City Hall.

**Water and Sewer:** Mayor Goddard said the Water and Sewer Department had only one remaining water meter to replace to complete the meter replacement program in E Block and to begin on D Block.

**Police:** Chief Taylor said she is looking into purchasing a computer server and firewall that will comply with state statutes requiring the Police Department computer system to be independent from other city systems. She said she is seeking pricing from HighTouch Technologies of Lee's Summit, with whom she has worked before.

The chief said the U.S. Postal Service donated a used secure cluster

mailbox for use by City Hall and the Lake Office. The mailbox also is to allow residents to drop off, from their car, water/utility payments or other payments due to the city or Country Club.

Alderman Andy Rogers inquired about laptop computers for Police Department vehicles. Taylor said she is researching "Tough Books" as they are called, estimating the regular cost to be from \$1,500 to \$1,800. She said she hoped to find them for \$500 to \$600. She said the city could use state equipment funds for the purchase.

**Executive Committee:** Alderman Larry McCue said the city-Country Club liaison committee had to cancel four meetings but that he met with Lake Board Member Rocky Queen who said he would ask that secure boat and vehicle storage be on the next Lake Board agenda.

**See Mayor, Page 9.**



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# Mayor proposes strategic plan for next five years

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**Strategic plan:** Mayor Goddard said he would be working on a strategic comprehensive plan for the city for the next five years to include subjects including annexation and building codes. He said he would seek council members' input after the April city election.

**Fund transfers:** The council approved a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke 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:
- \$4,650.25 Police Fund Account to Operating Account to pay for camera equipment for a police car
  - \$82.00 Operating to Police Training Account, November court revenue for police training
  - \$4,616.32 Water/Trash Account

- to Operating to pay WCA December trash bill
- \$3,621.75 Water/Trash to Operating to pay December Independence water supply bill
- \$18,758.00 Little Blue Valley Sewer District Account to Operating to pay LBVSD October-December bill
- \$1,880.56 Sewer/Water Maintenance Account to Operating for January supplies/maintenance
- \$2,833.76 Sewer/Water Maintenance to Operating to pay for January water meter installations
- \$7,130.90 Grinder Pump Account to Operating to purchase grinder pump parts in January
- \$28,835.77 Debt Service Account to Operating, city portion of January property tax collection
- \$4,810.39 Operating to LBVSD, revenue collected from January billing
- \$9,220.36 Operating to Water/Trash, revenue collected from January billing
- \$10,471.26 Operating to Sewer/Water Maintenance, revenue collected from January billing
- \$2,761.95 Operating to Grinder

- Pump, revenue collected from January billing
- \$900.00 Peace Officer Standards and Training Account to Operating for July 2018 police training (Cole/Wilson)
- \$389.15 POST to Operating for July 2018 police training (Bergman)

**Executive session:** Mayor Goddard asked for a motion at 7:16 p.m. to adjourn the open meeting and reconvene in closed executive session. Alderman Larry McCue made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Magel, to convene in executive session under Missouri Sunshine Law Sections 610.021.1 to discuss legal matters and 610.021.3 to discuss personnel. The council voted 4-0 to convene in executive session. The council subsequently voted unanimously to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. and adjourn.

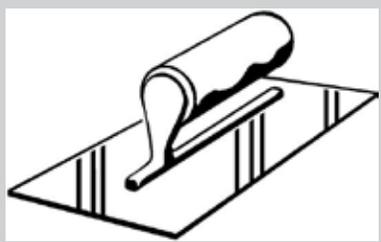
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## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

# Good food! Good conversation! Good ideas! All in March!

By Linda Osborne

The Women's Club's March 19 meeting will include a potluck dinner with lots of friendly conversation followed by a brief installation of officers. Then we will break out into smaller groups to discuss upcoming and new ideas and plans for the following groups; Program and Publicity, Social, Scholarship, Philanthropy and Fundraising, and Welcome Baskets.

There will then be a brief summarization of each group's breakout session. We hope everyone will bring a favorite dinner dish to share at our potluck meal and be prepared to have another evening of fun and purposeful sharing of your thoughts and ideas for these groups. Change is in the air, and we are excited to breathe it in. Come join us at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Clubhouse.

### Don't mess with the ladies now!

Wow! What a lot of useful information and tips were presented at our well-attended February meeting! Chief Tammy Taylor gave us a handout of Safety Tips & Reminders in multiple areas and expounded on them to the 24 in attendance.

Chief Taylor also allowed everyone to select a reflective tape, small



flashlight, or whistle from her goodie basket to add to our self-protection when out and about. Officer Mike Zielinski demonstrated various self-defense moves, which we then practiced. (Don't mess with the ladies now!)

Angela Miller, an information social media specialist, concluded the program with a few surprising facts and good safety tips in regard to our telephones and concerns regarding Facebook, Snapchat, Marco Polo and Instagram. Everyone agreed it was time well spent. Thank you, Chief Taylor, Officer Zielinski, and Angela Miller!

### Officers to be installed

The following officers for 2019 were elected unanimously: President Tomi Bellinghausen, First Vice President Judi Kruse, Second Vice President Jeanne Turner, Recording Secretary Linda Osborne, Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Saban, and Treasurer Niki Pitts. They will be installed into office at the March meeting.

Judi Kruse is collecting Best Choice labels and Jeanne Turner is still collecting annual dues (\$15).

The March Board meeting will be a breakfast meeting at 9 a.m. Friday, March 8, at the Independence IHOP, 20100 E. Valley View Circle. Not our usual time, but it's not our usual meeting.

## Council approves severance deal with Corporal Cole

The Lake Tapawingo City Council voted Jan. 16 to approve a severance agreement with Police Corporal Ernest Cole, under which Cole resigned his job, effective Jan. 15.

Meeting in closed executive session, the council voted, 6-0, to pass a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Tom Goddard to sign it.

The agreement, which was provided to the *Lake Tapawingo News* along with redacted minutes of the executive session, said the city agreed to pay Cole \$3,300 in severance, while Cole agreed to turn in uniforms and equipment.

The agreement said Cole and the city desired to terminate his employment amicably and settle any disputes they might have. Cole agreed to release the city from any causes of action, including age or other types of discrimination.

As part of the pact, the city expressly denied any such violations and said it would provide neutral job references for Cole, confirming his dates of employment and rank.

In a previous closed session, Dec. 17, the council voted, 6-0, to put Cole on unpaid leave, effective Dec. 17. At the same meeting, the council voted to promote newly hired Officer Michael Zielinski to full-time from part-time.

In November, one of retiring Chief Ken Bergman's final actions was to promote Cole to corporal, saying Cole had been a faithful, on-time and effective officer since 2009.

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Photos by John Nicol

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

# Cold fails to stem turnout for saucy Spaghetti Dinner

By John Nicol

Given the persistent winter cold, and the new spaghetti dinner theme, the thought at the Sportsmen's Club was the attendance could be subpar like the temperatures outside. We were glad plenty of spaghetti was prepared, along with buttered bread strips, because more than 60 crowded into the Clubhouse Feb. 12 for a great turnout.

Additional tables had to be squeezed in to accommodate the Lake family residents and their children. Potluck sauces and desserts were brought to share for all to enjoy.

Club President Jim Clarke thanked all who came, then made announcements and presented the two \$25 door prize checks to Tremayne Umbles and Niki Pitts.

The fine response is expected to launch a new spaghetti tradition to complement the chili dinner in November.

President Jim called the regular club meeting to order after the dinner. First Vice President John Harrison said the club had increased to 160 members.



Second Vice

President Joe Rush said we would decorate our entry in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade starting at 10 a.m. at the storage addition behind the Clubhouse. Since the March club meeting is before St. Patrick's Day, final details will be made then.

Third Vice President Barnard Wilson had not been ice fishing so could not provide any fishing news. Under old business, Chuck Welch said he had ordered the previously approved purchase of American and Missouri flags for the dam flagpoles.

Under new business, Tom Paul expressed

concern about the footing available on the lake side of the dam to raise and lower flags. He is to do some research as to what state approvals might be necessary based on proposed solutions.



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## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

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

## CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

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



## KNOW THE RISKS!

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

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

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

## FACT

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

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## Be safe on Lake roads this spring

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Walkers and joggers, spring is just around the corner! Please remember to wear your bright-colored clothing or reflective gear and carry flashlights at night.

Also, do not wear your headsets or talk on phones while walking, so you can hear the traffic and any persons approaching you.

Thanks to those who have filled out event permit forms.

It has been a great help to the Police Department. The purpose of the forms, which are available at City Hall, is to give the police advanced notice so as to aid you with or contend with parking issues and higher than normal traffic in the city.



Please remember you must have a current state motor vehicle license tag on your vehicles to park on city streets. If it is expired, you could receive a citation.

### Missouri Child Passenger Safety Law

**Infant & Toddler** - Children less than 4 years old OR less than 40 pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat.

**Booster** - Children ages 4 through 7 who weigh at least 40 pounds must be in an appropriate child safety seat UNLESS they are 80 pounds OR 4 feet 9 inches tall.

**Seat Belt** - Children 8 and over OR weighing at least 80 pounds OR at least 4 feet 9 inches tall are required to be secured by a safety belt or booster seat appropriate for the child.

Children under the age of 13 are safest in the back seat!

## Residents to be briefed on nuisance ordinance March 2

All residents are invited to attend a one-hour meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at City Hall to discuss city ordinance updates regarding nuisances. The informational meeting was postponed from Feb. 16 due to a winter storm.

Police Chief Tammy Taylor, who is to conduct the meeting, said it is important for residents to learn what nuisance ordinance changes mean for

property owners, especially if they think they might be affected.

Mayor Tom Goddard has said the city soon will start more regular enforcement of ordinances already on the books involving residential property. Taylor said greater enforcement of residential property ordinances likely would begin in mid-April after residents have been given sufficient notice of the initiative.

Goddard said a list of violations would be compiled and letters sent to property owners calling for compliance with ordinances, probably within 60 days. Taylor said if residents do not comply, tickets would be issued for violations. If residents do not correct nuisance violations, the city could take action to abate nuisances and charge the cost to the properties in question.

## Police Reports

	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30
Traffic - Anchor	8	2	8	8	6
offenses - Beach	0	3	5	6	0
- Clipper	0	0	0	0	7
- Dockside	0	2	0	13	4
- Emerald Shore	0	0	0	5	0
- Tapawingo Lane	3	10	7	27	10
- Woods Chapel	16	18	14	13	55
- U.S. 40	35	99	67	73	39
- Total	62	134	101	145	121
Warrant arrests	1	12	8	21	36
Arrests	4	9	4	9	15
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	0	0	0	1	2
Calls for service	19	16	9	12	16
Written warnings	60*	70*	6	4	11
Verbal warnings			32	71	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>244</b>

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<b>Country Club Office hours:</b> -First, third Mondays, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. -Second, fourth, fifth Mondays closed. -Tuesday-Friday, open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. -First, third Saturdays, open 9 a.m.-noon. -Second, fourth, fifth Saturdays closed. -Sunday closed. <b>City Hall hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.</b>					1	2 Nuisance Ordinance Update, 9 a.m., City Hall  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-noon</i>
3  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	4 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	5 Board of Zoning Adjustment, 6 p.m., City Hall  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	6 Voter registration deadline for April 2 election  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	7 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	8  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	9  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
10  Daylight Saving Time Begins  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	11  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	12 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	13 Women's Club Board, 8:30 a.m. IHOP, Independence  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	14  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	15  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	16 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m., Lake Office (preregister)  <i>Lake Office: 9 a.m.-noon</i>
17  St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1 p.m. Clubhouse Dinner  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	18 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	19 Women's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	20  First Day of Spring  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	21  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	22  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	23  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
24  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>	25	26	27 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	28  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	29  <i>Lake Office: 11 am-5pm.</i>	30  <i>Lake Office: Closed</i>
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## Preregister for spring zebra mussel training sessions

The next series of invasive species training sessions will be held, primarily for new residents, at the Lake Office on the third Saturday of each month through June. Residents are required to preregister at the Lake Office.

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

Through the spring, training sessions will be held at 9 a.m. at the Lake Office on the third Saturday of the month:

- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15



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

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

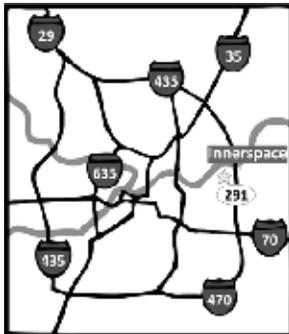
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