

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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By John Braden

FREEZING TO DEATH!

The Luptaks' gravedigger at 94 Beach found himself digging out of the pre-Halloween snow on Oct. 26. Chilling!

Lake Budget Committee recommends increase in annual assessments

By John Braden

The Lake residents Budget Committee recommended Oct. 22 that the Country Club increase annual assessments by \$100 per year for each of five years, starting in 2022, to avoid possible big-ticket special assessments for expensive projects in the future.

The recommendation, which would have to be approved by the Lake Board and a vote of property owners, would increase the current \$1,000 annual assessment to a total \$1,500 by 2026.

Steve Fink led discussion on raising assessments now to save for long-term expenses and avoid excessive special assessments in the future. The example given was the special assessment in 2000 to make state-mandated improvements to the dam, which cost each property owner about \$3,800 on top of the regular annual assessments.

David Dean mentioned the large balances that will be needed, such as \$350,000 for Miller's pond rehabilitation, plus expenses such as dredging and road resurfacing. Lake Board Treasurer Hap Graff said the board had paid about \$700,000 in the past five years for improvements such as dredging, the tennis courts, silt pond and Woods Chapel Road issues.

Mike Cherepak noted the last assessment increase doubled the annual payment from \$500 to \$1,000. Andy Rogers said the Country Club is overdue for an increase and that he thought most residents could support it.

Several committee members acknowledged that 2020 would be a difficult year to raise assessments due to

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Lake voters to cast ballots at Blue Springs church

By John Braden

The Nov. 3 general election ballot offers Lake Tapawingo voters a slate of federal and state offices, several judge-retention questions, two state constitutional amendments and two Jackson County questions.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, with Lake residents again voting -- due to the COVID-19 pandemic -- at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church at U.S. 40 and Woods Chapel Road in Blue Springs.

Voters are reminded to wear masks and keep their distance. Judges are to wear masks or face shields, hand sanitizer will be available, surfaces will be cleaned regularly and each voter will receive a pen/stylus to use and keep.

The state legislative race on the Lake ballot features a Lake resident. For state representative in the 31st district, candidates are incumbent Rep. Dan Stacy, a Blue Springs Republican, and Rhonda Dolan, a Democrat from Lake Tapawingo.

The top of the ballot includes the presidential race with incumbent President Donald Trump, a Republican; former Vice President Joe Biden, a Democrat; Libertarian Jo Jorgensen; Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins and Conservative Don Blankenship.

The governor's race includes incumbent Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican; state Auditor Nicole Galloway, a Democrat; Libertarian Rik Combs and Conservative

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Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Mike Barron, 166 Beach, and Lynda Clarke, 3 Clipper, on the death Oct. 19 of their mother, Mary Stephens, 96, formerly of 38 Emerald Shore.

John Gale, 95 Beach, on the death Oct. 1 of his mother, Ann Gale, 95, Blue Springs.

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 9 Lorri Boydston, 84 Beach
- Nov. 11 Shelly McCanless, 168 Anchor
Brooke Payne, 106 Dockside
- Nov. 16 Sarah Wilke, 55 Dockside
- Nov. 20 Diane Ayers, 162 Dockside
- Nov. 23 Jayme Dean, 62 Beach
- Nov. 27 Stacy Wharton, 22 Emerald Shore
- Nov. 30 Brenda McIntire, 44 Anchor
Pat Robinson, 81 Dockside

CONGRATULATIONS

- Nov. 1 Ron and Brenda McIntire, 44 Anchor, 51st wedding anniversary
- Joe Rush, 80 Beach, on the birth, Oct. 18, of his first great-grandchild, Audrey June, 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Her parents are Tyler and Amy Sandmark of California.

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

- Cathy Bledsoe, 51 Beach
- Bryan and Emily Davenport, 94 Dockside
- Kari Frayling, 135 Dockside (formerly of 174 Anchor)
- Mark Gifford, 11 Emerald Shore
- Kathleen Hughes, 78 Dockside

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"Fall" doesn't mean "Snowfall"

From top left, 1. A little Chiefs fan is blinded by snow; 2. Really Hardy Mums; 3. Don't drink hand sanitizer and sit outdoors; 4. A little angel asks frogs where he can trade his wings for a pair of pants.





Panel zeroes out streetlight ‘contribution’ to city

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economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was suggested residents should be afforded more than a one- or two-month notice that assessments would increase and that a plan for increases should be incremental.

Buddy Young suggested a five-year commitment with \$100 increases per year. Mention was made of a 10-year plan and Young suggested there might be complaints if the plan were of too long a duration.

Fink made a motion to recommend raising assessments \$150 a year for 10 years. There was no second.

Morgan Combs made a motion to recommend raising assessments in \$100 increments every year for five years beginning in January 2022. Patti Fedo seconded the motion. The committee voted, 11-1, to recommend that the proposal be made to the annual property owners budget meeting on Dec. 10.

The 12-member committee of property owners was appointed by the Lake Board to consider budget requests from board subcommittee chairmen for the coming year. Under the guidance of the board’s accountant, the panel examined those proposals and recommended a proposed 2021 budget to the Lake Board. The board then reviews the recommendation, makes its own modifications and presents a final budget to the property owners meeting for approval.

Budget draft: \$436,000 for silt basin, Miller’s pond

The committee approved a budget draft with \$434,400 in total operating expenses, plus estimated spending of \$86,000 for restoration of the silt basin and \$350,000 for Miller’s pond dam rehabilitation -- a total of \$436,000 from money saved back in undesignated funds. That would leave an estimated balance in December 2021 of \$335,507 in undesignated funds.

The budget committee cut a proposed contribution to the city of Lake Tapawingo to zero from \$3,240. The line item would have continued a 2020 budget item to donate an amount considered equal to half the cost of city streetlights.

After lengthy debate in October 2019 over whether the Country Club was responsible for paying for city streetlights, the Lake Board voted to make a monetary “donation” to the city for 2020 equal to half the cost of the city’s street lights, without accepting responsibility for the streetlights themselves. In the meantime, the city was to look at alternative means of paying for the lights by itself.

Budget Committee members noted that this year the city already approved its July 2020-June 2021 budget, which contains only half the cost of the streetlights.

Dean said the city was made aware last year that the Country Club was only contributing an amount equal to the cost of half of the city streetlights for one year. Dean moved to reduce the budget item to zero, seconded by Morgan Combs.

Cherepak said the residents don’t care where the money comes from and said the Country Club should pay it. Fink said he disagreed and urged the committee to allot nothing.

Dean’s motion was approved, 7-5, deleting the contribution to the city.

Clubhouse rehab money diverted to Lake Office

Committee members questioned why \$45,000 was proposed for Clubhouse renovation and what it entailed. Visitor John Braden said the board had discussed replacing flooring and wall coverings, improving the kitchen, adding an entry, and making bathrooms wheelchair accessible.

Young said this is an inappropriate time to make such a large expenditure on the Clubhouse. The committee said there is a potential legal issue with the Americans with Disabilities Act that should be corrected and supported regular repairs and maintenance. Trevor Combs suggested priorities should be established and improvements be made over several years.

Graff noted the budget for Lake Office renovations was \$15,000 and a bid for the work totaled \$37,700. Board Secretary Sarah Wilke said black mold and other potentially harmful materials in the ceiling created a safety hazard. She shared other office renovation highlights including electrical update, separate water source for lake testing, space for invasive species training and repair of water stains and mismatched flooring. The bid for renovation includes a 15 percent overage for unknowns.

Committee members suggested the board consider sharing the City Hall kitchen and meeting space.

Rogers moved, seconded by Young, to divert funds from the Clubhouse renovation budget request to the Lake Office renovation budget, increasing the Lake Office budget to \$38,500 and reducing the Clubhouse budget to \$21,950. The motion was approved, 10-2.

Taxes down, legal up

Graff said the line item for real estate property taxes was \$20,000, but was expected to be somewhat less. He said the Lake Board’s property assessment appeal to Jackson County had reduced the original \$47,000 tax bill though all resulting billing had not arrived.

Rogers questioned \$20,000 in the legal expense budget. Graff said attorney fees included representation to appeal property assessment increases as well as legal advice and letters to deal with resident issues. President Jayme Dean said more legal services were needed to review the several construction contracts being undertaken and to deal with some increasingly contentious property owners.

Karen Kappler asked why funds in the previous budgets for pathways were not being used. Graff said the board had been preoccupied by other issues and pathway projects had been delayed as a result. It was determined that this subject was beyond the scope of the Budget Committee and that it should be brought up in another forum.



Amendments to limit terms, modify redistricting

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Jerome Howard Bauer. The lieutenant governor's race includes incumbent Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe, a Republican; Democrat Alissia Canady; Libertarian Bill Slantz and Green Party candidate Kelley Dragoo.

For secretary of state, the candidates are incumbent Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, a Republican; Democrat Yinka Faleti; Libertarian Carl Herman Freese; Green Party candidate Paul Lehmann and Conservative Paul Venable. For state treasurer, candidates are incumbent Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick, a Republican; Democrat Vicki Lorenz Englund; Libertarian Nicholas Kasoff and Green Party candidate Joseph Civettini. For attorney general, candidates are incumbent Attorney General Eric Schmitt, a Republican; Democrat Rich Finneran and Libertarian Kevin C. Babcock.

For congressman in the 6th District, candidates are incumbent Rep. Sam Graves, a Republican; Democrat Gena L. Ross and Libertarian Jim Higgins.

For Jackson County prosecutor the candidates are incumbent Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker, a Democrat, and Republican Tracey Chappell. Incumbent Sheriff Darryl Forte, a Democrat, is unopposed.

The ballot also has yes-no retention votes for 10 state judges: Missouri Supreme Court Judge Patricia Breckenridge; Appeals Court Judge Tom Chapman; Jackson County Circuit Judges Kenneth Garrett III, Patrick Campbell, John Torrence, Cory Atkins and Kevin Harrell; and Associate Circuit Judges Jeffrey Keal, Janette Kay Rodecap and Kyndra Stockdale. For information on the judges, see yourmissourijudges.org on the Internet.

Two Missouri constitutional amendments are on the ballot, both proposed by the Missouri Legislature. Amendment No. 1 would put two-term limits on the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor and attorney general. The governor and state treasurer already are limited to two terms each.

Amendment No. 3 would prohibit gifts from paid lobbyists to legislators and their employees and reduce legislative campaign contribution limits to \$2,400 from \$2,500. It would also modify an amendment passed by voter referendum in 2018 that created a non-partisan state demographer's office to draw legislative districts designed to create political outcomes that would make more equal political divisions between parties in the Legislature.

Amendment No. 3 would eliminate the state demographer and return to redistricting by bi-partisan commissions appointed by the governor. It would retain guidelines for "partisan fairness" and "competitiveness" established by the 2018 amendment, but would restore some previous guidelines and give priority to guidelines of: creating districts as equal as practicable in population; preventing denial or abridgement of any citizen's right to vote based on race or color; creating

contiguous districts that are as compact as possible in regular shapes that conform to natural and local political subdivision lines as much as possible (to avoid dividing up cities and counties as much as possible).



By Vernon Galloway
Harry S. Truman Library and
Museum



President Harry Truman, above, speaks Dec. 26, 1949, at the dedication of the Andrew Jackson statue that he presented to the Jackson County Courthouse in Independence upon becoming president. At left, the president's daughter, Margaret, examines the Jackson statue as it is unveiled.

County seeks 911 fee, asks about statue removals

Jackson County has placed two questions on the ballot. Question No. 1 would impose a maximum monthly fee of \$1 on subscribers of any communications service that can contact the 911 emergency service for the purpose of funding 911 service in the county.

Question No. 2 asks Jackson County voters whether to remove the statues of Andrew Jackson located outside the Jackson County Courthouse in Kansas City and the Historic Truman Courthouse in Independence.

The downtown Jackson statue was vandalized during protesting after George Floyd, a black man, died during arrest by police in Minneapolis. County Executive Frank White urged the Jackson County Legislature to remove the statues of the war hero and president, saying they are symbols of slavery and oppression due to Jackson's ownership of slaves and his role in displacing Native Americans from their lands. The county Legislature instead voted to place the question of statue removal on the November ballot.





CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City attorney: No state, federal money for city road takeover

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

Visitors: Charlie Plank, 38 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Municipal Committee: Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint City Council-Lake Board Municipal Committee met once since last council meeting, with aldermen updating Lake Board members on the fence issue on Beach Drive.

Cloverdyke said the panel also discussed possibly transferring ownership of the roads. He said the Lake Board members of the panel said the board was open to the city taking ownership of the roads from the Country Club but wanted to know the feasibility of such a move. Cloverdyke asked how to determine what state or federal money might be available to the city to operate and maintain roads.

City Attorney Paul Campo said the city receives its current limited amount of state motor vehicle fuel tax revenue based on population and it is inadequate to cover the potential costs of Lake roads. He said he could think of no other state funding that would be available. When asked about the possibility of federal money for roads, Campo said federal money is administered through the Missouri Department of Transportation or the Mid-America Regional Council and that residential roads do not qualify.

Campo said, unlike Lake Tapawingo, other municipalities have commercial real estate tax and sales tax revenues that enable them to pay for streets. Cloverdyke said, without commercial businesses, the city does not have the tax revenue and “may be going nowhere fast” in considering taking over the roads.

Alderman Charlie Cruit said the Municipal Committee discussed a possible 50-50 split of the cost for streetlights by the city and Country Club.

John Braden asked if the Municipal Committee was required to hold open public meetings under the Missouri Sunshine Law. City Attorney Paul Campo said he would check and report to Mayor Goddard and City Clerk Paul Blixrud.

Blixrud subsequently said that Campo did say the meetings are to be open. Blixrud said they likely would be held at City Hall with meeting notices posted on the City Hall front door.

Noise Control: Alderman Steve Magel presented a revised draft of a noise control ordinance conforming to a City Council decision Aug. 6, *Bill 1210 Ordinance 1005: An Ordinance Amending the City Code Related to Noise Control*. The proposed ordinance would change the noise ordinance, Chapter 222, Section 222.040, to restrict operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, drilling or demolition work to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Magel noted the ordinance had been amended upon first reading to correct errors in section numbering. The council voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Magel to give final approval to the ordinance on second reading.

Little Blue Valley Sewer District: Mayor Goddard and City Clerk Paul Blixrud presented a contract amendment request from Little Blue Valley Sewer District that would change the district’s rate methodology from a 20-quarter linear projection to a five-year rolling average.

Goddard and Blixrud said the change appeared to be insignificant

for Lake Tapawingo, but more advantageous to larger LBVSD member communities such as Blue Springs or Lee’s Summit. They said all customer cities of LBVSD would have to approve the amendment for it to go into effect.

After discussion, the council unanimously approved a motion by Alderman John Sellars to approve the amended service contract.

Mayor: Mayor Goddard said there are two or three new homes under construction and he talked to a prospective builder of a new house at 108 Beach. He said work on a new house at 42 Emerald Shore is proceeding.

Alderman Steve Magel expressed concern that the builder could be assuming ownership of the house being built at 108 Beach. Mayor Goddard said the builder is aware of the one-year restriction on selling a new-built house. Magel and Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the Country Club should be advised of such arrangements when permitted by the city.

Goddard asked the council to review a letter from Kate Gray, 156 Anchor, expressing concern about posts on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page calling for spraying of chemicals for mosquito control. He said she was concerned about the adverse effects of aerosol chemicals on the lake and proposed alternative mosquito

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Water-Sewer Department to fill maintenance vacancy

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control actions, including establishment of martin houses and bat houses.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said trucks were used to spray for mosquitos years ago with unpleasant chemicals

Cloverdyke said he would show the letter to the Municipal Committee and suggested publicizing alternative ways to control mosquitoes.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said Water and Sewer Maintenance worker Dalton Perry resigned and his last day was Oct. 2. He said the department would seek a replacement.

Seago said the department had two sewer grinder pump calls in the last 30 days and had a good supply of grinder pumps in stock. He said they have been putting risers on grinder pump pits to help reduce water infiltration. He said risers, rings that fit on top of the pit upper edges, cost \$175 each. Seago said the sewer manholes below the dam that were repaired in 2015 are still in good shape.

Office: City Clerk Paul Blixrud said he is still working with the city's new computer financial software. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke asked Blixrud to determine if financial reports could be organized by city departments.

Signs and Lights: Alderman Steve Magel said he would meet with Chief Tammy Taylor on signage plans. He said former Alderman Mike Cloyde contacted Evergy to have the security lights in the Lease Lot reconnected.

Police: Chief Tammy Taylor said her officers were taking on-going police education courses. Mayor Goddard said Sgt. Mike Zielinski was back to work after a non-work-related injury.

Fund transfers: The city previously closed most of its accounts related to the changeover to gWorks accounting software. City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the city only needed two actual bank accounts now, Debt

and General Operation. Blixrud noted the closing of the Police Fund account, which will be joined with the general operating account.

Blixrud asked if the council wanted to continue to approve the monthly transfers, which now will usually be only one transaction (city portion of property taxes transferred from the general obligation water bond account to the general operating account). He said he would contact the city's auditors for their opinion and the topic was tabled until the November meeting.

The council approved a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to approve remaining money transfers.

Transfers approved:
 -- \$1,003.77 Police Fund Account to Operating Account, close account
 -- \$1,525.34 Debt Service to Operating, city portion of Sept. property tax collection.

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



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DOLAN
 for STATE REPRESENTATIVE 

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MAYOR'S MINUTES

Water meter replacements over half complete

By Mayor Tom Goddard

We have a great water system project going on around the Lake that probably many residents are not familiar with. We are replacing all of the water meters that have more than 750,000 gallons of use or more.



The project started in June 2018 and was projected to be a five-year project. After just two years we are ahead of schedule with over 50 percent of the work completed. We started with Emerald Shore, went to Docksider and then Docksider Circle. We have just completed most of Clipper and soon will be moving to Beach Drive.

City Councilman Bob Seago has been the leader of this project and its success has been the direct result of his many hours of dedicated service. Also, our maintenance employee, Vance Fredricks, has been willing to do anything we ask to make the project work.

More than 100 of the meters are on inside of houses. These need to be moved outside and placed in a meter pit. The area inside needs to be re-plumbed and a new meter pit installed outside.

Also, many of the pits that are outside are around 6 feet deep and need to be raised up so they can be maintained. Often this requires a new pit because the old one cannot be moved without destroying it.

This project needed to be done in 2015-2017 when we replaced the water main with the bond issue that was passed in 2014. However, there was not enough money in the bond to pay for the meters as we had reached bonding capacity. We are now able to pay for the project with the water maintenance fund that is part of your monthly water bill.

The contractor that won the bid for the project is Underground Plumbing Pros, Lee's Summit, Mo. The owner is Glen Tomblason. You will see their trucks and equipment around the Lake at just about any time of day.

However, they try not to work during school bus hours or when residents are going to work. There are times that they are needed on weekends or after hours if we have a leak that we need help with.

There will be times when they will be partially blocking traffic with their equipment. Please be patient with them and pass the construction zone carefully. They do their best to not cause a problem.

Glen, the owner, will almost always be on the job and he is just a great person to work with.

If you get a chance to say thanks to Bob Seago, Glen or Vance, I am sure they would appreciate it. They are doing a great service for the Lake!

As a homeowner, there is one important issue that you need to be aware of and that is that the water feeder line that comes into your house is your responsibility. Many of these lines are incredibly old.

If it breaks or needs replacing it is your responsibility to take care of it. This can be awfully expensive, depending on the length of the line and other circumstances.

There is an insurance company that will cover this for about \$100 per year. If you are interested in this coverage contact Paul at City Hall for more information.

Be sure and vote!

Wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands frequently! Let us work together to help keep this virus out of our community.

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period is upon us.

During this time, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, you can review plan options for 2021 and make changes. **Remember, if you are happy with your current plan you need not do anything! You don't need to talk to anyone, sign anything, or see anyone!** Every Medicare Advantage Plan, Stand-alone Drug Plan, and Medicare Supplement Plan, automatically rolls over for the next year. Everyone will receive their Medicare Advantage Plan or Prescription Drug Plan **Annual Notice of Change** by Oct. 1. So watch for it!

Because of COVID-19, there will be no in-person seminars for now. Instead, I will be conducting individual plan reviews by phone, e-mail and online media. After Oct. 3, you can view Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) 2021 Plan Guides at www.seniorbenefits101.com/2021. I strongly urge you to view the guides.

What you need to do for AEP this year:
-- After Oct. 3, go to www.seniorbenefits101.com/2021 to view the guides.

-- If you are happy with your plan, no need to contact me, it will automatically renew.

-- If you have had changes in your medicines or have questions about plan changes and/or costs, **please contact me** for assistance.

-- If you are diabetic, insulin dependent or have other chronic issues, there are new 2021 plans including drug plans or formularies that I can share with you.



As a former Lake resident, I appreciate and thank you for the opportunity to be of service over the years.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome, Diana; thanks to Budget Committee

By President Jayme Dean

Please join the Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors in welcoming Diana Reyes to the Lake Office! We know our residents are in great hands when they come in to do Lake business.

Diana comes to us with great customer service, organization, and the financial knowledge we were looking for when filling this position. We are certainly glad to have her!

A big thank you to all the members of our Lake Tapawingo 2021 Budget Committee. After last week's meeting of the committee members, recommendations were made based on project bids and various requested dollar amounts that were submitted by members of the various Board committees.

As you know, it takes many volunteers to make our community run. With the upcoming Board of Directors election in February it takes many volunteers and candidates to make these important events run smoothly. For more information, please feel free to reach out to a Board member if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, as a Board election volunteer, or signing up to run as a candidate.



Many projects are now under way around the Lake with important improvements to the shoreline near the Woods Chapel spillway and near Liberty Landing. This project will help mitigate the erosion caused by the new spillway. Also, numerous road grates around the Lake will also be improved or replaced. The Board of Directors continues to address projects around the Lake that need attention.

Unfortunately, COVID precautions are going to force us to cancel our traditional Christmas lighting ceremony. COVID will also prevent the Board of Directors from meeting in-person through the rest of 2020.

Please join us on the screen as our two meetings each month will be held via Zoom.

The meeting link is posted on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page and can also be shared with residents who call the office for meeting log-in information.

Please remember, masks are still required to enter the Lake Tapawingo Country Club office and the dropbox and Lake Office porch pick-up are still optional ways of continuing to do business without contact. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Women's Club Senior Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 19th, Noon – 1:00

Open to all residents 55 and over

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Sign up for a meal using link below or leave a message, include your name and phone #, at 816-229-7439 (landline so no texts).

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Board cites questions about Miller's pond proposal

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Oct. 19 via Zoom video conference. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: (who could be identified participating in video conference) David Dean, 62 Beach; Nick Earhart, 15 Clipper; Patti Fedo, 85 Beach; Steve Fink, 13 Dockside; Angela Montague, 152 Beach; Kathy Morgason, 61 Anchor; Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor; Stacy Scherer, 64 Beach; Susan Stiles, 26 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Announcements: President Dean welcomed Diana Reyes to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club office as the new office manager beginning Oct. 14.

Dean said the Christmas lighting ceremony normally scheduled in November is cancelled due to COVID-19. Maintenance Supervisor Matt Kempf is to put up the lights, which are to be turned on at dark Nov. 27.

Board meetings are to continue to be held via Zoom until Dec. 31 and possibly longer. Dean thanked Board Member Kim McReynolds for office management during absence of office staff.

Lake Management: C Cove erosion.

President Dean said contractor Hill Brothers has its equipment in final stages of quarantine and work can begin soon to grade the south shore of C Cove, remove debris and riprap the south shoreline. She said debris removed from C Cove might be deposited at the silt basin site.

Miller's pond. Board Member Renny Buckaloo said it must be determined whether the Country Club owns enough property on the upstream side of the Miller's pond dam to allow installation and maintenance of a proposed skimmer structure. If not, he said an agreement must be made with the Miller family to permit the structure's installation and service.

President Dean asked board members to bring all their questions about the proposed pond and dam rehabilitation project drafted by



By John Braden

The Big Ditch

Hill Brothers construction has positioned riprap rock below the Clubhouse in preparation for improving the eroding drainage ditch between Liberty Gardens and D Block. The ditch is fed by drainage pipes that carry runoff from Blue Springs, under the railroad tracks, and past the Clubhouse toward the lake. Hill Brothers, which built and is decommissioning the Ponderosa silt basin, also is to carry out major erosion repair and riprap on the south shore of C Cove.



Affinis Corp. engineering. She said work cannot be done during the school year because closing the dam road would block the school bus route.

Board Member Clayton Holland asked if the Miller family is agreeable to the project, processes and timeline. Dean said the board should agree to a firm plan before it makes a presentation to the Millers. Board Member Gary Mallen expressed concern that if the property were sold, would the new owner grant access to the skimmer for maintenance and cleaning.

Dean asked whether the board would like to have Affinis Corp

engineers attend the Nov. 2 board meeting to answer questions. Board Member Hap Graff requested that board members share questions prior to the November meeting as one question by a member might spark additional thoughts or questions.

Mallen agreed to share questions with the board prior to the meeting. Board Member Bill Ellwood said he had legal questions that he also would share with the board. Dean said questions can be considered and submitted to the board's lawyer if necessary.

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Firm hired for delinquent assessment collections

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Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hap Graff announced a Budget Committee meeting to be held via Zoom at 6 p.m. Oct. 22. This is to prepare the 2021 budget for presentation to property owners at 7 p.m. Dec. 10. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Graff to approve Budget Committee members Mike Cherepak, Morgan Combs, Trevor Combs, David Dean, Patti Fedo, Steve Fink, Scott Johnson, Karen Kappler, Carolyn Lee, Andy Rogers, Barnard Wilson and Buddy Young. Graff offered to provide the Budget Committee draft of the 2021 budget to the board if requested.

The board approved, 13-0, a motion by Graff moved to accept the audit review proposal from Dana McIntire of Troutt Beeman & Co. at an amount not to exceed \$9,075.

Graff confirmed that lawyer Jonathan Zerr of Kapke Willerth LLC, has been hired to begin legal processes to collect delinquent assessments from six properties. President Dean said there was one property, 97 Dockside, that sold during the COVID-19 shutdown of the office without collecting \$1,204 assessments at closing. She said she has called the title company numerous times since the sale to collect these dues with some progress.

Graff discussed three certificates of deposit, one of which is coming due Nov. 6. He asked board members for information/thoughts about possibly purchasing an annuity (an insurance product). He said he knows of one paying 3.1 percent for three years but there must be an annuitant to invest in this product. He suggested that he would be willing to be that person, should the members decide to invest funds in an annuity.

Property tax appeal: President Dean said the board received reduced property tax bills as a result of a reduction of property assessments due to the board's appeal to Jackson County. She said the bills must be paid by Oct. 31 or the original amount billed would be reinstated. She said she is reviewing the property tax bills to confirm that the board has received all notices.

Docks and Waterfront: Board Member Brian Smith noted that 16 buoy lights along with other components of the buoys were replaced and/or repaired with a cost of about \$4,000. He asked to notify residents in the newsletter and social media about how costly it is to repair and replace these boater-damaged items.

35-B. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve an application by Tom Rodenberg for a boatlift beside a new, previously approved 12-foot-wide dock. Smith said Rodenberg would apply for electricity at a later date.

152-B. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to allow Angela Montague to move an 8- by 10-foot dock (encapsulated foam, no ramp) from 54-B to a space between 34- and 35-B.

54-B. Smith presented an application by Keith Fry to construct a 12- by 14-foot stationary dock to replace the previous dock at 54-B. He said the replacement dock site would be 8 feet closer to the spillway in upper B Cove. President Dean expressed concern the water was too shallow at that spot and floodwaters coming over the spillway could damage the dock and boats. Smith said there is no guarantee against such damage. The board voted, 12-0 with 1 abstention, to approve the application.

Clubhouse: Board Member Renny Buckaloo said the Scout troop was using

the Clubhouse and was appreciative of board permission for its use. He also stated the kids were wearing masks.

Lake Office: COVID-19 update. President Dean announced that the Lake Office was cleaned and sanitized again and all meetings would be held virtually at least through the end of the year.

Insurance. Board Member Jennifer Moran reported she is compiling insurance quotes to present to the board in November. Rita Rainey said the insurance bid last year permits a six-month deadline extension that the board might consider exercising so that real estate taxes and insurance are not due at the same time of year.

Boat registration. President Dean said she has been working to order 2021 boat registration stickers and would check recent sticker colors before ordering new colors.

Lake Environment: Invasive species training. Board Member Renny Buckaloo announced the next invasive species training would be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Clubhouse. There will be no training in December. In January, training will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Clubhouse.

Board Member Clayton Holland asked whether those who were trained two years ago must be retrained or
See Lake, Page 11.



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By John Braden

WHY WILLOWS WEEP -- Green leaves, white snow, Oct. 26 on C Cove in Liberty Gardens.

Lake Board allows Liberty Gardens stones to remain

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required to sign a statement of compliance similar to last year. Buckaloo said the next board (after the February election) could make that decision.

Board Member Brian Smith volunteered to present overall boating safety training beginning in March 2021. Holland and Board Member Wes Knox agreed to assist. Board Member Kim McReynolds said that information would be included in an information packet being prepared for new residents.

Parks and Beautification: Board Member Steve Meek said he investigated the placement of two memorial stones placed in Liberty Gardens despite board decisions to prevent such actions so the park does not look like a cemetery.

Kathy Morgason gave history of families raising more than \$2,000 to create the berm where the stones are located, with the knowledge of former Board Member Margaret Dowis, who was Beautification chairman at that time. She said a stone was placed for longtime resident Bob Hatfield upon his death in 2004 and a bench was added for his wife Judy when she died in 2008. Morgason said the stone for Morgason's father, longtime resident Bruce Herndon, was added this year.

The board passed, 9-1 with 2 abstentions, a motion by Meek to approve a variance to allow those memorials.

President Dean noted the board voted as recently as 2016 to allow no more memorials without board permission. She noted the board has a memorial brick program and a memorial tree program to serve that purpose for residents.

John Braden suggested memorial tree information be updated to show available spots and those dedicated.

Maintenance: Board Member Joe Rush announced that the salt and sand spreader was ready for winter weather. He said the 2004 dump truck is in the shop with a faulty regulator valve and oil change service and should cost about \$750. He said the bobcat needed tires and suggested using retreads. He said all of the 2020 weed-eating should be complete.

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox reminded all residents that even though the Water Patrol is not on the lake, all Lake rules still should be obeyed by residents.

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

No Lake privileges

October 2020

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of Oct. 25. 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.

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|-------|---------|-------|----------|
| 11-A | Coleman | 124-A | Schwenk |
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Lake Board plans outreach to new residents on rules

After a summer of frustration, particularly with boaters who either do not know or do not follow Lake rules, the Lake Board is starting an initiative to contact new residents as soon as possible about their Lake privileges and their obligations as property owners and lake users.

Water Patrol reporting through the summer presented a litany of boating rules violations -- essentially safety violations -- including standing on moving watercraft, zig-zagging while tubing, doing speedboat circles in the middle of the lake, swimming outside buoys in the main body of the lake, exceeding no-wake speed in coves or after dark, lack of navigation lights, pulling more than two riders on tubes, leaving unattended fishing lines in the lake and improper tow flag display.

Other issues have involved violations of invasive species quarantine rules by bringing into the lake boats, floats, fishing equipment and other gear from outside Lake Tapawingo without it undergoing quarantine to prevent zebra mussel

infestation. Invasive species rules violations also include use of the lake for any purpose without first receiving invasive species training. Loss of Lake privileges and other penalties can be severe depending on the flagrance of the violation.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean asked the board to come up with an outreach program to ensure all new residents have a rule book, invasive species information, and a Lake overview as soon as they join the Lake community.

Board Members Kim McReynolds and Sarah Wilke volunteered to head the initiative. Wilke said she and McReynolds intended to put procedures in place to contact new residents before they close on the purchase of their residences.

Outside the lake use realm, other useful information would be provided to new residents about what they can and cannot do on Country Club lakefront property, including rules for dock and seawall placement and improvements.

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By referring to this you will save yourself problems and might be able to avoid costly repairs and service.

The City of Lake Tapawingo Ordinance No. 710.100, governs the use and maintenance of your Sewer System. Please make note of the following requirements, and inform your guests, that the following may not be introduced into the sewer system:

1. **NO Large amounts of grease, sand, ashes, mud, feathers, or grit.**
2. **NO pantyhose, elastic bands, disposable sanitary items or diapers, disposable/flushable wipes, baby/hand wipes, Q-Tips or prophylactics.**
3. **NO Toxic wastes, poisonous gases or solids.**
4. **NO garbage which has not been properly ground or shredded by an approved garbage grinder equipped with at least a ¾ hp motor.**
- NO EGG SHELLS.**
5. **NO petroleum products, i.e.: paint thinner, kerosene or gasoline, fuel oil, flammable or explosive liquids.**
6. **NO paint.**
7. **NO acids, pickling wastes or concentrated plating solutions.**
8. **NO waters containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc or similar objectionable substances.**

Basically, if it isn't TOILET PAPER or hasn't PASSED THROUGH YOUR MOUTH, it SHOULD NOT be flushed or go down any drain (sink, garage, basement, etc.).

Each homeowner should be aware of their Sewer Control Box location and familiarize him/herself with the Alarm Silence Button. It is a small rubber-covered button on the bottom or looks like the shape of a hand on the left-hand side of the box. To silence the alarm, push up on the button or press the image of the hand!

If the pump should malfunction, the RED Warning Light will go on and the alarm will sound. At such time 1) STOP all water functions, 2) SILENCE the alarm and wait 20 minutes for light to go off, if light does not go off then CALL: 719-3101 immediately. Leave a short message as directed stating your address and your telephone number. The Water and Sewer Department will return your call and will attend to your problem. As the City MUST authorize ANY and ALL maintenance, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THE PUMP YOURSELF!

If you experience a power outage, the pump pit has a limited number of gallons holding capacity of waste. In this circumstance, your other appliances (washer, dishwasher, etc.) will not be working and only the basic living needs will be met. **WARNING:** Any excessive use of water during an outage could result in a sewer backup into your home!

We trust you to keep these facts in mind and close at hand. They are intended to make your grinder pump last longer and better serve you. If a household introduces any of the above mentioned forbidden items, or causes damage to the sewer system and/or grinder pump resulting in a call for service, that household will be charged for the repairs.

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Household sump pumps are prohibited from discharging into the sewer system, including into basement floor drains. Excessive water from sump pumps, or rainwater entering the grinder pump pit as runoff, can cause the pump to run excessively, damaging its components.

Please minimize water use during power outages. When the power is out, continued water usage, including toilet flushing, fills grinder pump tanks. When the power is restored, numerous pumps activate simultaneously, boosting pressure on the sewer system and sometimes causing sewer line breaks.



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FEEL THE BURN -- OR IS IT FROSTBITE? -- Competitors in varying degrees of costume, blaze down the Clubhouse driveway at the Oct. 24 Women's Club Costume 5K Run and Kids Walk.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Costume Run featured a chill in the air

By Shannon Follis

Holy brrr... Well, less so since I am writing from the coziness of my newly purchased Lake Tapawingo hoodie.

The Women's Club long sleeve shirts and hoodies seem to have been a success. There are still some left and we are working on setting up

additional opportunities for people to be able to purchase. See the flier enclosed with this issue.

Thank you to everyone who braved the chill to run, walk, or cheer at our recent Costume 5K Run and Kids Walk. It was so great to see everyone who was there.

Thank you to Chief Tammy Taylor, for escorting our participants and bringing water bottles. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make it such a success.

The Women's Club invites all residents 55 years of age and over to the annual **Thanksgiving Luncheon** from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 19. Please RSVP by Nov. 8 for curbside pick-up from the Clubhouse. Limited deliveries will be available as well. See the notice on Page 8 for more information.

We hope everyone has a wonderful month in warmth and safety.



THE COSTUME WALK AND RUN -- also featured these costume contest entries, hot cider, pumpkin prizes and a cupcake truck. Lots of Lake logo gear was on sale, too.



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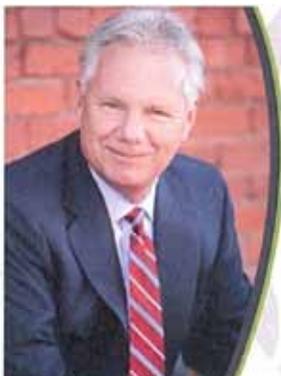
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FATHEAD CITY -- Harrison Fisheries of Hurdland, Mo., delivered, and the Sportsmen's Club released, 140,000 fathead minnows into the lake Oct. 30. Volunteers Barnard Wilson, Greg Fedo, Gary Geib, Dale Blanchard and Bob Skelton of Independence installed minnows in five habitats to serve as food for crappie that the club hopes to fatten up.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Incumbents re-elected, Chili Dinner canceled, 2020 continues

By John Nicol

Without an activity during October, Sportsmen's Club news was limited to club decisions. The first being the annual election of club officers, so when Nominations Committee Chairman Matt Quinn presented the list of nominations, it was barely changed from the current officers. It seems we like our jobs.

Matt opened the floor for additional nominations. With none being presented, Tyler Follis, seconded by Mike Cloyde, made a motion to elect the slate that was passed by acclamation.

So, in this year's election cycle of uncertainty, the following retained their posts: Jim Clarke, President; John Harrison, First Vice President; Joe Rush, Second Vice President; Jeremy Cumberland; Third Vice President (who has been sharing duties with Barnard Wilson); Chuck Welch, Treasurer; and John Nicol, Secretary.

The other main decision was to cancel the last major activity on the calendar, the annual Chili Dinner, due to the COVID-19 threat. Decisions on "Santa at the Gate" appearance and distribution of candy canes will be resolved in at the Nov. 10 meeting at the Clubhouse.

Membership invitation letters sent out

At the Oct. 13 regular meeting, Treasurer Chuck Welch provided the financial status and said a small dollar certificate of deposit with an even smaller yield would be returned to the general fund when it comes due.

First Vice President John Harrison listed the membership at 156 and said the annual membership invitation letters would be mailed in the coming month. A new meeting attendee, Curt Tadlock, 142 Beach, was introduced and welcomed.

Second Vice President Joe Rush looked to the coming year activities that will require event-by-event decisions. Between the two Third Vice President representatives, not much fishing activity was seen in the last month, though a 31-pound flathead catfish and other large catfish were reported being caught. Barnard Wilson had made further supplier contact for stocking fish in the lake during November.

Under New Business, Jim Clarke thanked Matt Quinn for providing the club officer nominations and the election proceeded.



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Here comes winter! Be ready

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Winter is upon us! Let's take this time to review some helpful tips to get us through safely.

Check:

- Your car battery
- Brakes, tire treads and pressure.
- Replace windshield wipers if needed and don't forget to fill up your windshield wiper fluid.
- Always make sure your gas tank is at least half-full to full.
- Make sure all other fluids are topped off.
- Carry a "rescue bag" in your trunk containing water, snacks, gloves, hats, blanket, flashlights, small shovel and ice scraper, kitty litter or ice melt, jumper cables and cell phone charger. Be prepared, you never know what could happen while on snowy/icy roads and in extreme temperatures.

Unfortunately, we cannot hibernate until spring so if you have to go out please remember to slow down, stay focused and limit your distractions, stay back, keep your distance from other motorists and arrive alive.

With the upcoming winter and holidays let's be mindful of ourselves and others



By John Braden

Liberty Tree in the snow, on Oct. 26!

and the effects that are brought on during these times. For some, winter months and holidays lead to anxiety, sadness, loneliness and depression along with feelings of being overwhelmed.

Please check on family, friends and neighbors. Just a simple, "Hello, how are you?" can make a huge difference in someone's life. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance during these times please don't hesitate to reach out. Our department is here to help in any way possible.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Let's all be thankful and grateful for all the blessing we have in our lives and let's be a blessing to others!

Police Reports

	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31	June 1-30	May 1-31
Traffic offenses - Anchor	0	3	4	3	2
- Beach	0	3	2	2	0
- Clipper	1	3	2	7	0
- Dockside	0	4	6	1	2
- Emerald Shore	0	1	0	3	0
- Tapawingo Lane	0	0	0	0	5
- Woods Chapel	5	0	0	0	4
- U.S. 40	36	64	59	27	37
- Total	42	78	73	43	50
Warrant arrests	1	0	5	1	0
Arrests	3	7	10	1	3
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	2	2	0	2	2
Calls for service	17	35	27	24	26
Warnings	46	40	45	39	38
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Daylight Saving Time ends	2 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	3 General election 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church Blue Springs	4	5 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall	6	7
8 RSVP to Women's Club for Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Lunch. See Page 8	9	10 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse	11  Veterans Day <i>City Hall closed. Lake Office: Closed</i>	12 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	13	14
15	16 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	17	18 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	19 Women's Club Thanksgiving Lunch Noon, Register for pickup, Clubhouse	20	21 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Clubhouse (pre-register)
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving <i>City Hall closed. Lake Office: Closed</i>	27 <i>City Hall closed. Lake Office: Closed</i>	28
29	30					

Invasive species training offered at Clubhouse with precautions

The Lake Board offers in-person invasive species training at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of every month with COVID-19 mask and social distancing precautions. Training is required before residents may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

The Lake Office currently is only open to the public on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

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

- Nov. 21
- Jan. 16



Those seeking training should contact the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or 228-3721 to make arrangements.

New training only pertains to residents who have not been

trained before. Lake residents who underwent training classes in 2018 and 2019 are required only to sign certificates in 2020. Copies are available from the Lake Office.

Lake Rules require invasive species training certification before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity." Rules require a member of each household to be retrained every two years.





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