

# LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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## City, Lake Board develop pact to fund street, ‘security’ lights

*By John Braden*

After ups and downs over several years, the Lake Tapawingo City Council and the Country Club Board moved toward agreement over funding of the community’s streetlights. The city tentatively proposed and the Lake Board tentatively accepted a plan in which the city would pay utility Evergy for streetlights while the Country Club would reimburse the city for nine or 10 “security lights” that are part of the streetlight system but are not on the roads.

Details were to be negotiated by the joint City Council-Lake Board Municipal Committee, with terms possibly to be drafted by City Attorney Paul Campo.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke told the City Council Nov. 5 that, if the council agreed, he wanted to propose to the Municipal Committee that the city pay for actual streetlights on city roads, while the Country Club pays for what could be termed security lights located on non-road Country Club property. He said by his own count 10 lights on the streetlight system are on non-road Country Club property. He said four were at the Clubhouse, two in the Lease Lot and four around the Maintenance building.

Cloverdyke said the lights cost about \$12 each per month, regardless of how much electricity is used. So, the cost to the Country Club would be \$120 per month. He said the Country Club had been making a donation to the

city of about \$600 per month, equivalent to the cost of half of all of the lights.

Cloverdyke said the proposal was appropriate because streetlight funding has been an open issue. He said while the city is not required to provide streetlights, historically it has paid for the lights until the Country Club agreed to help out the city when it had financial difficulties in 2014. He added that the Country Club is incurring large expenses of its own and the property owners Budget Committee recently proposed increasing Country Club assessments to deal with them.

City Council members indicated they supported making the proposal, so Cloverdyke brought it before the joint Municipal Committee on Nov. 10. At that meeting, Lake Board Member Steve Meek said the city’s offer was much appreciated as a way to resolve the long-standing issue.

“This gets us back to where we should be,” Cloverdyke told the committee. “It’s the right solution and won’t unduly burden the city.”

Prior to the Lake Board’s final action Nov. 16 on its 2021 budget, Meek reported on the streetlight funding discussions with the city.

Meek noted the property owners Budget Committee had designated zero funds for street lights for 2021. He said the city then proposed paying for all streetlights on

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## Candidates sought to fill five Lake Board seats

*By John Braden*

Five seats of the 15-member Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board will be up for election in February for three-year terms.

The Lake Board is required to select a nominating committee no later than 60 days before the Feb. 18 election, about Dec. 20, to recruit candidates. Ideally, at least six candidates are needed to ensure voters have a choice.

Lake Rules require the nominating committee to report back its nominees at least 45 days before the Feb. 18 Property Owners Meeting and election -- about Jan. 4. Then ballots can be prepared and residents notified by letter of the candidates before the election, scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

If Coronavirus pandemic restrictions are still in place in February, the Lake Board will have to make alternative plans for voting. Lake bylaws -- written before the time of video conferencing -- merely say, “If the election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual

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*By John Braden*  
**NOT STANDING ON CEREMONY**  
-- The Country Club’s holiday lights were lit about Thanksgiving time, but, thanks to COVID-19, without ceremony and without Santa. Here’s hoping for next year.



# Around the Lake

## SYMPATHY

Jerry Choate of Warsaw (formerly of 3 Emerald Shore) and family on the death Oct. 25 of his stepmother, Mary Isabelle Smith Choate, Independence.

Mary Ellen Miller, 37 Anchor, on the death Nov. 29 of her husband, Mike Krasovec.

Jeanne Turner, 6 Anchor, and Mike Hefley, 19 Emerald Shore, and family on the death Nov. 23 of their son, Ryan Hefley, Blue Springs.

## BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 Sharon Arbaugh, 74 Anchor  
Jeanne Turner, 6 Anchor
- Dec. 2 Pat Miller, 159 Beach
- Dec. 5 Christine Smith, 38 Beach
- Dec. 8 Jody Goddard, 5 Beach
- Dec. 10 Paula Weber, 115 Anchor  
Frances Welsh, 77 Beach
- Dec. 12 Braden Hodges, 17 Beach
- Dec. 14 Larry McCue, 83 Anchor
- Dec. 18 Lisa Cloverdyke, 3 Beach
- Dec. 21 Barbara Young, 63 Beach
- Dec. 22 Heather Bateman, 116 Anchor
- Dec. 24 Jody Cloverdyke, 168 Beach
- Dec. 26 Craig Combs, 82 Anchor
- Dec. 29 Beverly Payton, 140 Beach
- Dec. 30 Kennedy Bateman, 116 Anchor
- Dec. 31 Greta Hoener, 151 Dockside

## WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Eric George and Cathy Bledsoe, 51 Beach

*If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Birthday greetings, Congratulations, Sympathy or Welcome to New Resident, please call Margie Guffey of the Women's Club at 589-4166.*

## Even more Lake 'Zoom' video meetings set

Jackson Country further tightened meeting restrictions due to COVID-19, prompting even more Lake meetings to switch to Zoom video conferencing.

**Country Club Board** -- The Lake Board, which has been Zooming for months, has scheduled its two December meetings, **Dec. 7 and 21**, for the Internet conferencing. The meetings start at 7 p.m. The Zoom link can be obtained in advance from the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com, or usually from the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page.

**City Council** -- For the first time, the Lake Tapawingo City Council is to conference via Zoom at its regular meeting time, 6 p.m. Thursday, **Dec. 3**. Previously the council met by telephone, or masked and distanced at City Hall. That Zoom link can be obtained in advance from City Hall at 229-3722 or pblixrud@laketapawingomo.org. The Zoom link also is included in the council meeting agenda on bulletin boards and the city website, www.laketapawingomo.org.

**Property Owners Budget Meeting** -- Lake Tapawingo Country Club property owners are to meet for the first time by Zoom for the annual Property Owners Budget Meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, **Dec. 10**. Property owners are to vote on the 2021 Country Club budget. That link is <https://bit.ly/3m1HTZa> -- published in the meeting notice mailed to residents. It can also be obtained in advance from the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com or likely from the Residents Facebook page.

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# Municipal Committee to discuss terms of light agreement

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the roads while the Country Club would pay for 10 lights, termed security lights, located on Country Club property other than roads, at a cost of \$12 per light per month.

Instead of 10, Meek said he counted nine “security” lights: three (rather than four) at the Clubhouse, two in the Lease Lot and four around the Maintenance Building, which included one over the parking lot behind the A Block boat lot and tennis courts.

He said if the board agreed, the Country Club would pay \$108 per month or \$1,296 per year. He said that was significantly less than the nearly \$8,000 per year it would cost to cover half the streetlights as originally proposed.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean proposed that payments to the city be monthly so if some lights were not operational, the board could withhold payment. She said the board also needed to determine whether the Country Club was already paying for the two Lease Lot lights on a line that originally ran to lights that had been in the silt pond location.

Dean said the agreement needs a time limit and that the Municipal Committee could discuss that and whether a contract is required.

Meek moved to pay \$12 monthly for each of the nine security lights for 2021. Board Member Joe Rush seconded. The motion was approved, 8–3 with 1 abstention.

In discussion with accountant Rick Wesemann, the board decided to reallocate \$1,296 from a Miller’s pond budget item to pay the city for nine security lights. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Board Member Hap Graff to approve the 2021 budget as proposed by the Budget Committee with the recommended adjustments by the board.

At the City Council meeting, Police Chief Tammy Taylor had asked if the Country Club were not in agreement, would the security lights in question be on the streetlight bill. Cloverdyke said they were and the City Council might then consider turning them off. However, he said he thought the Lake Board would want to keep those lights in service.

At the Lake Board meeting, Board Member Bill Ellwood said the board should look into alternative methods of lighting those areas in the future.

# Mayor, three alderman seats to be on April 6 ballot

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meeting, ... the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.” The board already has made plans to conduct the Dec. 10 Property Owners Budget Meeting via Zoom video conference rather than in person.

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

The five regular seats up for three-year terms include those held by Renny Buckaloo, Jayme Dean, Bill Ellwood (elected to complete the term of Rocky Queen), Tyler Follis (elected to complete the term of Chris Laddish) and Sarah Wilke.

Continuing on the board are Hap Graff, Clayton Holland, Wes Knox, Gary Mallen, Kim McReynolds, Steve Meek, Jennifer Moran, Joe Rush, Brian Smith and Randy Thatcher.

The Lake Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month and board members are appointed to subcommittees having responsibility for various Country Club tasks and properties.

To be eligible for election to the Lake Board, a candidate must own a lot in Lake Tapawingo, must be a year-round resident, must have resided within Lake Tapawingo for not less than two years preceding the date of the election, and must have no outstanding dues, assessments or fees owed to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.

## City election candidate filings begin Dec. 15

Dec. 15 is the first day that candidates may file for the April 6 City Council election. Two-year terms of the mayor

and three of the six city aldermen are to be filled by Lake Tapawingo voters.

Mayoral and City Council candidates may file at City Hall from 9 a.m. Dec. 15 until 5 p.m. Jan. 19. The last day to register to vote is March 10.

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

The seat of Mayor Tom Goddard, who was elected to a second two-year term in 2019, will be up for election.

The three aldermen whose terms expire in April are:

- In Ward 1 (A Block), Alderman Charles Cruitt, 51 Anchor;
- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach;
- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Alderman John Sellars, 11 Dockside.

Aldermen Steve Magel in Ward 1, Tom Rodenberg in Ward 2 and Bob Seago in Ward 3 have terms that expire in April 2022.

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

To be eligible for election, candidates for mayor must be at least 25 years old, while alderman candidates must be at least 21. All must be citizens of the United States, registered voters and residents of the city for at least one year preceding the election. Alderman candidates also must be residents of the wards in which they file for election. Candidates may not be in arrears for unpaid city taxes.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Property owners to vote on budget in virtual meeting

By President Jayme Dean

As Lake Tapawingo Country Club wraps up 2020, we are actually gearing up for a busy time of the year.

Our Annual Budget Meeting of the Country Club will unfortunately look a little bit different this year due to Jackson County requirements for COVID-19. We will hold our virtual meeting by video conference at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10. The purpose of our meeting will be to approve a budget for 2021.

Property owners are those holding legal title to one or more lots within Lake Tapawingo 30 days prior to this meeting. Each person owning one or more lots is entitled to one vote. Persons owning one or more lots jointly, or in common, shall be entitled to one vote collectively. Please make plans to join us on the screen using a Zoom meeting link provided in your budget meeting notice letter.

Our Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors has five positions that will expire in February. To be eligible for nomination, and election, to one of those positions, a person must be a bona fide owner of a lot in Lake Tapawingo, a year-round resident with no outstanding dues/assessments/fees, and must have resided within Lake Tapawingo for not less than two years.



If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the Country Club Office, 228-3721, and Diana will connect you with a member of the Nomination Committee.

## Invoices coming for assessments due Jan. 1

Annual assessment invoices will soon be sent. Please contact the office to discuss any changes/corrections that need to be made to your invoice. Lake Tapawingo Country Club fees are due Jan. 1 of each year.

I can't begin to show my appreciation for our current members of the Lake Tapawingo Board of Directors! This group of dedicated volunteers has worked extremely hard this year making our Lake a great place to live.

The countless hours they dedicate to meeting with residents, launching boats, assisting with maintenance issues, water patrol, inspecting pathways, docks and shoreline, and working in the office do not go unnoticed. These members show up and work hard for each of you. Thank you for everything you do!

## Boaters, if it's getting dark, slow down!

As the days get shorter, the no-wake hours on the lake start sooner (by the clock).

Lake rules allow a boat speed up to 35 mph from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. or until sundown "**whichever is earlier.**" (The boldface and underline are included in the Lake Rule Book for emphasis.)



"At all **other** times, the 'no wake' rule (idle speed) will be observed," the rules say.

As the days get shorter, sundown comes earlier. Currently sundown comes more than three hours BEFORE 8 p.m. Exceeding no-wake speed during that period is subject to a 3-point penalty from the Lake Board.

No-wake or idle speed is generally defined as the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering.

The rules also provide: "At all times a 'no wake' rule (idle speed) will be observed in the coves and on the shore side of the marker buoys."

## 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](http://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](http://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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## COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

# Country Club pays reduced tax bill, advances budget

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Nov. 2 and 16 via Zoom video conference. President Jayme Dean presided.

**Visitors:** (who could be identified participating in video conference) Brenda Bowers, 23 Clipper; Regina Gregory, 38 Emerald Shore; Kevin Hornick, 7 Anchor; Scott Johnson, 16 Anchor; T.J. McGinnis, 102 Dockside; Angela Montague, 152 Beach; Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor; Crissy Wilson, 152 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor; and Rick Wesemann, CPA, Higdon and Hale.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hap Graff said the 2019 real estate tax bills were reduced from 60-plus invoices to 13 bills on appeal and were paid, totaling \$23,600, reduced from about \$47,000 by appeal. President Dean said the property tax appeal amounts are locked in for two years.

Graff said two of the larger bills were for half of the lake each, with another large tax bill for land near the U.S. 40 entrance.

Graff said there is a parcel of land near the U.S. 40 entrance that is leased for \$1 by Blue Springs School District for its maintenance building (former bus barn) access road dating back a number of years. Graff recommended the lease agreement be reviewed and renegotiated to potentially include a fair share of real estate tax for that land.

Graff presented bills from Oswald, Roam, Rew law firm for \$2,100. He said an \$8,500 accounting bill encompassed services for all of 2020 and a portion of 2019, \$26,000 was for the silt basin drainage, \$4,800 was for tree removal including one tree from Liberty Gardens.

Graff confirmed that law firm Jonathan Zerr of Kapke Willerth LLC sent letters to six delinquent property owners for past due assessments. One additional collection account was added for 97 Dockside, which was sold during the COVID-19 office shutdown. President Dean said the

title company failed to collect unpaid assessments.

Graff reported letters have been sent and responses received but nothing has been recovered from past due assessments of more than \$2,000 from six different properties. Graff said Zerr had been in communication with one property owner who offered to pay \$20 per month to bring the account into good standing. The offer was rejected.

Graff said one certificate of deposit was coming due Nov. 6. He said he found the best rate of .9 percent on a one-year CD and Blue Ridge Bank & Trust offered to match the rate. The board approved, 13-0, a motion by Board Member Gary Mallen to move the funds of the expiring CD into the one-year CD at Blue Ridge Bank at a rate of .9 percent.

**2021 Budget:** Accountant Rick Wesemann reviewed the 2021 budget as proposed by the property owners Budget Committee.

The board adjusted the budget in several areas, including increasing the estimated real estate tax payment of \$20,000 by \$3,600 to be in line with the actual 2019 amount that was locked in on appeal for two years.

The line item for Clubhouse repairs and maintenance was reduced from \$21,950 to \$20,350. However, Board Member Gary Mallen said the budget item was not for repairs and maintenance but had been for complete remodeling of the Clubhouse, one of the Lake's primary assets. Mallen said the project had been approved at \$40,000 then delayed and chipped away.

Board Member Sarah Wilke said she did not recall the board ever fully approving the project. President Dean said a spending cap and permission to take bids had been approved but motions to proceed had been voted down two times by the board.

Wilke noted the residents Budget Committee suggested work be performed to make Clubhouse bathrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Board Member Joe Rush said if the door is widened to meet ADA requirements, the flooring must be replaced.

An expense in the regular operating budget for Miller's pond work was increased from \$0 to \$4,000. However, the bulk of the estimated \$350,000 for Miller's pond rehabilitation would come from designated funds outside the normal operating budget.

It was noted the Budget Committee eliminated a proposed contribution to the city of \$3,240 that would have continued a 2020 budget item equal to half the cost of city streetlights. President Dean recommended the board delay action on the 2021 budget until the joint City-Lake Board Municipal Committee and the City Council met to discuss the city's intention for streetlight funding.

In the subsequent meeting, prior to the final action on the 2021 budget, Board Member Steve Meek was asked to explain the outcome of streetlight funding discussions by the joint City-Lake Board Municipal Committee and City Council.

After the property owners Budget Committee had designated zero funds for street lights, Meek said, the city proposed paying for all streetlights on the roads while the Country Club would pay for 10 lights, termed security lights, located on Country Club property other than roads, at a cost of \$12 per light per month.

Meek said he counted a total nine lights: three at the Clubhouse, two in the Lease Lot and four at the Maintenance Building, which included one over the parking lot behind the boat lot and tennis courts. He said if the board agreed, the Country Club would pay \$108 per month or \$1,296 per year.

President Dean said she attended the City Council meeting in which it was asked what would happen if the board did not agree to pay for those

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# Assessment increase proposal a discussion for new year

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security lights. She said the response was that the city would ask that the lights be shut off. She said the city wanted to enter a contract with the board so the issue could be put to rest.

Dean proposed that payments be monthly so if some lights were not operational, the board could withhold payment. She said the board also needed to determine whether the Country Club was already paying for the Lease Lot lights on a line that originally ran to lights that had been in the silt pond location.

She said the agreement needs a time limit and that the Municipal Committee could discuss that and whether a contract is required. Board Member Bill Ellwood said the Country Club should look into alternative methods of lighting in the future.

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In discussion with accountant Rick Wesemann, the board decided to reallocate \$1,296 from the Miller's pond budget item to pay the city for nine security lights. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Graff to approve the 2021 budget as proposed by the Budget Committee with the recommended adjustments by the board.

Dean said the 2021 budget should be mailed by Nov. 20 to all property owners in time for the Dec. 10 property owners Budget Meeting.

Dean said COVID-19 restrictions made it impossible to hold an in-person property owners budget meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 as required by Lake bylaws. After discussion, the board approved, 12-0, a motion by Board Member Kim McReynolds that the 2021 budget package mailer to property owners include an Internet link and that the annual meeting be held via Zoom video conference at the regularly scheduled time in order to satisfy the bylaws and still remain COVID compliant.

The board noted the Budget Committee recommended that the Country Club increase annual assessments by \$100 per year for each of five years, starting in 2022, to avoid possible special assessments for expensive projects in the future. President Dean said discussion of increasing assessments should begin in December or January.

Dean noted former Board Treasurer Jon King projected two years ago that assessments need to be increased. Ellwood asked why. Board Member Hap Graff said there are three large and costly projects currently under way, resurfacing of the roads is imminent, dredging is expected again by 2030, plus unseen repairs and maintenance would create a deficit within a few years.

Ellwood asked whether the board would consider selling parcels of property to eliminate property tax and maintenance on those parcels.

**Lake Management: C Cove erosion.** Board Member Brian Smith reported Hill Brothers Construction completed

excavating and placing riprap on the drainage ditch near the Clubhouse and had delivered rock for upcoming work to correct erosion on the south shore of C Cove.

Brenda Bowers asked whether a wall was being built as part of the C Cove erosion project. Smith said concrete fill would be placed on the shoreline topped by riprap.

Bowers asked whether a structure could be installed to catch debris entering C Cove from the creek under Woods Chapel Road. Board Member Steve Meek said he and Board Member Wes Knox discussed a skimmer used by Lake Winnebago but had been unable to contact anyone with information on the device.

At the subsequent meeting, Meek described photos that he took of a debris barrier, or boom, that captures debris as it runs into Lake Winnebago from Raintree Lake. Smith asked how captured debris could be removed from such a structure. President Dean suggested a committee be formed to look at debris containment after the C Cove erosion project is completed.

**Miller's pond.** President Dean said discussion of the engineering estimate to rehabilitate the Miller's pond dam would be delayed until a subsequent meeting. There were questions whether the issue of dumping waste onto another property had been discussed with the Department of Natural Resources. She said more information regarding Miller's pond would be brought to another meeting.

Board Member Gary Mallen asked whether an offer to purchase a portion of the property would solve the issues. Board Member Renny Buckaloo said an offer to purchase part of the property for a silt pond in 2017 was rejected by the family.

**Docks and Waterfront: 9-B.** Board Member Brian Smith presented a permit application for a 7-foot, 10-inch by 36-inch handrail on steps at 9-B on the Country Club lakefront, with rope as the horizontal "rail" between posts. Smith moved to approve the application with a stipulation not to exceed 36 inches in height. Board Member Jennifer Moran expressed concern about the safety of a rope railing. The motion was approved, 12-0 with 1 abstention.

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## No Lake privileges

November 2020

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of Nov. 23. 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  |
| 56-A  | Beatty  | 135-B | Stickney |
| 120-A | Rogers  | 148-B | Smith    |
| 123-A | O'Grady | 13-E  | Semstead |



# Board issues penalty for fence on Country Club land

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**10-B.** Smith presented a permit application for a replacement drain pipe already installed on Country Club lakefront property a 10-B. The new homeowner experienced severe flooding in the basement of the home and had a contractor replace damaged drainage pipe in the existing location.

Smith said the drain pipe had protruded above grade level with bricks on top of it but dirt has been added above the pipe and the bricks removed. The board approved, 11-0 with 2 abstentions, a motion by Smith to allow the replacement piping and drain to stay in place with the caveat that any future damage to Country Club property is repaired at the homeowner's expense.

**152-B.** Smith said a permit application and fee were received for the transfer, approved Oct. 16, of an existing dock from 54-B to a new location for 152-B. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Smith to approve a permit to add a 4- by 8-foot ramp to the previously approved 8- by 10-foot dock that would be attached to posts in the lakebed rather than to a seawall.

**207-A.** Smith presented an application for a 120-foot-long, 4-foot-wide replacement seawall of a new type aggregate at 207-A. Work would include removal of existing broken and heaving sidewalk and all ground to be restored. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve the seawall.

**115-D.** Smith postponed presenting a request for a concrete slab to anchor a dock for 115-D on the Railroad Cove dam until he gathered more information on the distance to the boathouse at 1-D.

**152-A.** Smith said a previously approved dock for 152-A could not be anchored close enough to the shoreline between 27-A and 28-A because of shallow water. He said he needed drawings and more information before



By John Braden

**DITCH DIG --** Hill Brothers Construction straightened the eroding drainage ditch between Liberty Gardens and D Block, placing riprap in its exposed areas to better carry runoff from Blue Springs from under the railroad tracks. The contractor prepared to carry out additional erosion control on the south shore of C Cove.



presenting a permit application to add a 7- to 8-foot ramp to the 24-foot dock. Lake Rules do not allow a dock to extend more than 25 feet from the shoreline.

**Rules and Regulations:** President Dean said a penalty citation was issued to Jason and Janet Eaves, 24 Beach, for erection of a fence on Country Club lakefront property at 24-B. She said the homeowner had until Nov. 16 to remove the fence or a new citation would be issued with accompanying penalty points.

Board Member Clayton Holland suggested residents be advised in the *Lake Tapawingo News* that no-wake boating hours begin at sundown or 8 p.m., whichever is earlier. He said a particular boat has been speeding on the lake after dark in violation of rules. Board Member Brian Smith and President Dean said the boat had been identified and was also involved in other rule violations that were being pursued.

**Lake Office:** President Dean said due to COVID-19 concerns, the Lake  
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## Invasive species training to be renewed by certificate again

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Office still operated under reduced public hours. Masks must be worn at all times in the office.

She said Jackson County updated COVID-19 guidelines to lower gathering capacity to 10 people or less. She said December board meetings again would be held via Zoom video conference, as would the Dec. 10 Property Owners Budget Meeting.

There was discussion also regarding Boy Scouts meeting at the Clubhouse. President Dean said no more than 10 could meet or the Country Club could be fined by the county. Any bookings for the Clubhouse into next year were to be canceled.

Dean also said she was assembling a nominating committee to recruit candidates for election to the Lake Board in February.

**Insurance.** Board Member Jennifer Moran reported there was no update

on current insurance from Billups Snyder & Associates. She said Kevin Hornick Agency updated underwriting, which is on track to be presented at the first meeting in December.

**Lake Environment:** Board Member Renny Buckaloo announced the new zebra mussel quarantine periods are: November, 28 days, December, 28 days, January, 35 days and February, 28 days. Buckaloo said he would conduct invasive species training at 9 a.m. Nov. 21. Board Member Kim McReynolds asked for a list of residents enrolled for that training. President Dean reiterated all new residents must have invasive species training.

Due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions and other considerations, Dean suggested that the board allow residents to renew their invasive species training for another year by paper certification rather than class attendance. Buckaloo agreed that

would be acceptable for 2021. A recertification form is to be included in the 2021 assessment mailing. Board Member Brian Smith said he could also cover invasive species issues in boating and other rules orientation sessions proposed for new residents.

**Maintenance:** Board Member Joe Rush said three large trees were to be removed. Board Member Brian Smith reported a light out at Gate 2 that could be replaced when Christmas lights go up. Rush subsequently reported the holiday lights were being put up.

**Executive session:** President Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened a closed executive session to discuss past due assessments with the board's attorney.

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MAYOR'S MINUTES

# Don't leave a place for COVID-19 at your holiday festivities

By Mayor Tom Goddard

As I write this column the COVID-19 virus is raging across the country. There were 1,800 deaths for three days in a row and the count was still rising. We are averaging more than 183,000 new cases every day!



The good news is that there may be as many as three vaccines available in a few weeks. In the meantime, we must social distance, wear a face mask and wash our hands frequently. Even though the holidays are here we should limit our contacts to the people in our own household.

It is a very strange virus with some people having little or no symptoms and others getting critically ill and even dying. So far, we have lost no residents that I know of but some have lost very close friends and relatives to this terrible virus.

Stay at home as much as you can and follow the recommended guidelines. To get the Jackson County guidelines go to the jackson.gov website and type in COVID-19 and you will be directed to the newest set of regulations.

At City Hall we will be operating under reduced open hours. However, all employees are still working full time. We ask that you drop your water payments in the drop box in front of City Hall. If you need to enter City Hall for any reason please call ahead, make an appointment and wear a mask.

We are doing our best to serve you in the safest way possible. If we all work together on this, we will get through it.

We had an extremely competitive horseshoe tournament on Halloween! I finished first, Brandon Jackley was a remarkably close second and Terry Forbes was third. If those two continue to improve there could be a new champion next year!

Have a happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

# Aldermen question mayor's approval of fence

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

**Visitors:** Lake Board President, Jayme Dean, 62 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

**Building Codes:** The City Council discussed a fence issue on Beach Drive. Alderman Charles Cruit made a motion that anyone asking for a building permit for work outside the city code, including fences, be required to bring it to the City Council. When asked by the mayor, City Clerk Paul Blixrud said nothing has ever been approved outside the code.

The council had voted Sept. 9 to eliminate a previous moratorium on fence building but postpone public hearings on a revised fence ordinance

until a public hearing could be safely held due to the COVID-19 pandemic, at least until the end of the year. The council at that time voted in the interim to allow fences on first tier of wood, aluminum, iron or composite materials, but no chain link or wire mesh. The council required first-tier fences be no taller than 4 feet and with vertical pickets or slats a minimum of 3.5 inches and a maximum of 4 inches apart. Mayor Goddard at that time said if a resident wanted something outside those requirements, such as a solid fence, they would have to wait until a new ordinance is passed.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said a fence that subsequently was allowed on first-tier of B Block did not meet his interpretation of fences that would be allowed by the Sept. 9 vote. Cloverdyke said the fence in question had pickets on

## Zoning Commission to hear request to split, transfer partial lot

The Lake Tapawingo Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing Dec. 2 to consider a request to split off a portion of a first-tier lot in A Block. The five-member panel is to meet at 5 p.m. at City Hall, with masks and social distancing required.

Larry and Dana McCue, 83 Anchor, seek to split a triangular parcel off the western corner of a 9,510-square-foot triangular lot at 207 Anchor that adjoins their 5,333-square-foot lot at 83 Anchor. The McCues own both houses and lots.

The parcel being split off 207 Anchor is less than a third of the full lot and includes a gravel parking area. One side of the triangle adjoins 83 Anchor, one side faces Anchor Drive and the other side extends along a stone retaining wall that would mark the new western boundary of 207 Anchor.

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# Alderman e-mail: Mayor should not override council

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blocking a view of the lake but said a minimum space of 3.5 inches between slats was required.

Goddard said the September motion was poorly worded and probably not very well presented or recorded and should have been drafted by City Attorney Paul Campo. The mayor said the council was told “falsely” that the Country Club had a fence rule and there were one or two complaints received and “now we are going crazy. We are not going to micromanage Paul.”

Goddard said Alderman Steve Magel and Tom Rodenberg should contact Campo and return with a motion “that Paul will feel comfortable with.”

Magel said if the person behind the desk, Blixrud, does not know what to do with a permit request, it should come to the council for consideration.

Mayor Goddard then accused Magel of violating the Missouri Sunshine Law by sending an e-mail to all City Council members but not to Blixrud.

The mayor then said the fence issue would be turned over to Campo and he declared it tabled. Magel pointed out that Cruik still had a motion on the floor but Goddard insisted the matter was tabled.

After the meeting, Magel confirmed he sent an e-mail to the aldermen but not to Blixrud or Goddard. However, he said he sent it via the council e-mail system so it was a public record and not a violation of law. The Missouri Sunshine Law says any member of a governmental body who sends an e-mail relating to public business to a majority of the body shall also send a copy to the member’s public office computer or to the custodian of records to be retained as a public document.

Upon request, Magel’s Oct. 27 e-mail was provided by Blixrud to the *Lake Tapawingo News*. Sent to the other five aldermen, it was titled “My rant.” In it, Magel said he was very disturbed about the fence approved at 22 Beach.

“This in my opinion goes totally against the intent of the motion that was made and passed in place of the moratorium we had in place,” the alderman wrote.

Magel said the resulting fence should be corrected to comply with the council-approved restrictions “and the person that approved it can pay for it!”

“The person/persons that approved this permit should not be allowed to approve any more permits,” Magel wrote. “NO one should be able to form their own opinion and override the council. NO approval should be made unless it is clearly stated in the ordinances. If it is not clear, it should be approved by the council. Maybe we should create a building committee appointed by the council and not be left to the sole discretion of the Mayor to make the decision.”

“I’m very upset and this is why I put the moratorium in place because the decision making is not that of the ordinances that the council has put in place,” he wrote.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean asked what city official examined a fence erected by Jason and Janet Eaves at 24 Beach and whether that official told the Eaveses the fence was not on Country Club property. Dean said Lake Board members had received a letter on behalf of the property owners stating the city said the fence was not on Country Club property.

Mayor Goddard said he had examined that property and measured the fence, but told the residents he could not determine if the fence was on Lake property or residential property and that it

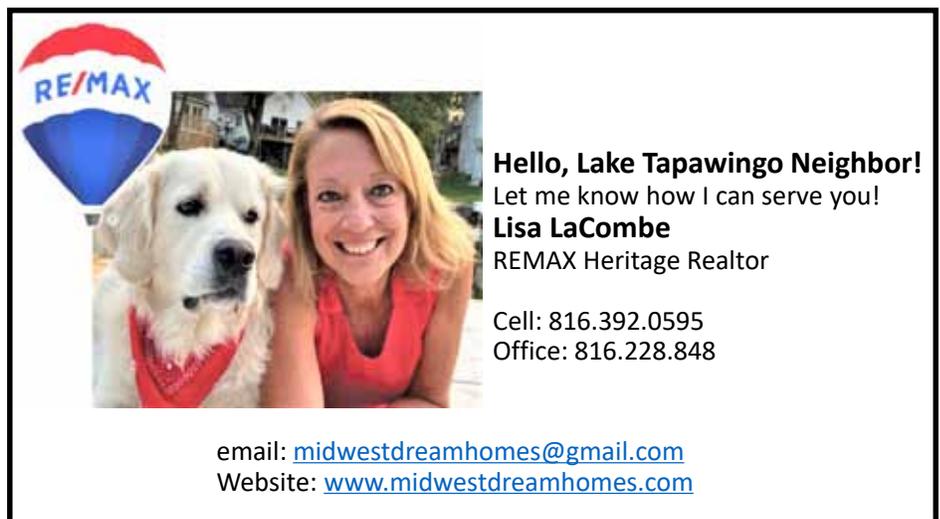
would require a survey to do so. He noted it was easier to pay for a survey than an attorney. Although the residents described the fence as temporary, Goddard said the fence had been there for a year or more and was not considered temporary. He said no permit was issued for the fence and its proper location would have to be determined before one was.

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the city had issued a letter dated Aug. 24 telling the residents they had installed a fence without a city permit and Goddard had been addressing the issue at that time.

On July 6 the Lake Board rejected a request from the Eaveses to keep the fence, which the board said was 10 to 12 feet onto Country Club property. In September the board issued a penalty citation to the Eaveses for failure to remove the fence. Dean had said subsequent citations would be issued when the compliance deadline is passed until the fence is removed or the Eaveses accumulate sufficient penalty points to lose their Lake privileges.

**Municipal Committee:** Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said, if the council agreed, he wanted to propose to the joint City-Lake Board Municipal Committee that the city pay for actual streetlights on city roads, while the Country Club pays for what could be termed security lights located on non-road Country Club property. He said by his own count 10 lights on

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# City overture appears to break streetlight deadlock

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the streetlight system are on non-road Country Club property. He said four were at the Clubhouse, two in the Lease Lot and four at the Maintenance building.

Cloverdyke said the committee would discuss having the Country Club pay for those 10 lights while the city pays for the remainder of the streetlights if the City Council is agreeable. He said the lights cost about \$12 each per month, regardless of how much electricity is used. So, the cost to the Country Club would be \$120 per month. He said the Country Club had been making a donation to the city of about \$600 per month, equivalent to the cost of half of all of the lights.

Aldermen indicated they favored making the proposal, so Cloverdyke said he would call a Municipal Committee meeting to discuss it.

Mayor Goddard said City Attorney Paul Campo could help write an agreement if both entities agree. Chief Tammy Taylor asked if the Country Club was not in agreement, would the 10 lights in question be on the streetlight bill. Cloverdyke said they were and the council might then consider turning them off. However, he said he thought the Lake Board would want to keep those lights on.

Lake Board President Jayme Dean said the Country Club Board had postponed considering the streetlight issue pending consideration by the City Council and Municipal Committee.

**Water and Sewer:** Alderman Bob Seago said the department replaced two grinder pumps and had five service calls in the previous five weeks.

He said the department currently has only one employee, Vance Fredricks, but has been using the city-approved local contractor, Underground Plumbing, for assistance when needed. Seago said he is negotiating paying one of Underground Plumbing's employees \$30 per hour to help when needed.

Seago said two completed repairs are awaiting concrete for patching the street or driveways but concrete is in high demand due to large construction projects in the metro area.

The alderman expressed concern that some water service lines were not properly connected to the new water main when it was installed in 2016-2017. He said he thinks some of the old residential service lines were not in good condition and should have been replaced at that time to ensure a good connection. As a result, he said, there have been a number of underground water leaks that are hard to detect as they run into the lake.

Seago said new water meter installations are under way in C Block but five or six sites in E and D blocks need new meter setters, a pipe-fitting device that facilitates installation and removal of meters.

**Office:** City Clerk Paul Blixrud asked the council to review the financial statements and noted Alderman John Sellars requested an income statement similar to the auditor's financial statement. He said he has asked the city's software host to create the statement. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke asked if the statement could display both month-to-date and year-to-date figures.

Cloverdyke suggested in future the council consider employee compensation holistically with insurance coverage including an employee contribution to help pay for part of their city-provided health insurance premium. He said the current employee health insurance plan went up about 8 percent, which he said the city can absorb at this time.

**Signs and Lights:** Alderman Steve Magel asked the council to review a handout showing possible new street sign placements (stop, yield, no parking, etc.). The Municipal Code requires an ordinance for city signage changes. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke asked if the city could eliminate city ordinance approval for street signs and turn the matter over to the Police Department. Magel said he would check with City Attorney Paul Campo.

**Mayor:** Mayor Goddard thanked City Clerk Paul Blixrud for his assistance in the office while the mayor has been dealing with family matters.

**Fund transfers:** The council approved a motion by Alderman Brad Cloverdyke to approve money transfers. Transfers approved:  
-- \$0.05 Police Fund Account to Operating Account, close account  
-- \$947.15 Debt Service Account to Operating, city portion of Oct. property tax collection.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud asked if the council wanted to continue receiving separate money transfer statements for approval or if the new financial statements were sufficient. After discussion, the council approved a motion by Cloverdyke to eliminate the separate money transfer statement as an independent agenda item in lieu of the bank cash report as shown.

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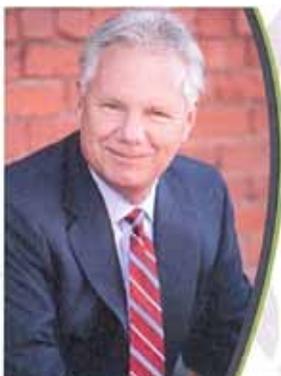
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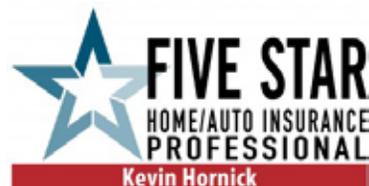


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Lake Resident





By John Braden

REMEMBER NOVEMBER -- the early part anyway. Sailing was sweet Nov. 5 on Lake Tapawingo, cruising peacefully as the leaves displayed their fall colors.

## Lake, adjoining precincts reflect most of state vote

By John Braden

Due to a new combined voting location, Lake Tapawingo's November election votes were mixed in with those of two surrounding precincts. As a result, the Jackson County Election Board said vote tallies in the Lake's three precincts could not be separated from those of two precincts that cover surrounding neighborhoods mainly in Blue Springs and unincorporated Jackson County.

In all contested races but two, most votes from the five combined precincts went for the Republican winners.

In the presidential race, the five precincts voted 653 for Republican Donald Trump and 454 for Democrat Joe Biden. While Trump won Missouri's votes, Biden received the most votes nationally with formal certifications still under way in several states. Additionally, incumbent Democrat Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker defeated Republican Tracey Chappell, though Baker got only 444 votes in the five local precincts to Chappell's 630.

The five precincts delivered 600 votes to the re-election of incumbent state Rep. Dan Stacy, R-Blue Springs, and 495 votes to his Democratic challenger, Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor.

The five precincts including the Lake also voted like the rest of the state on two Missouri constitutional amendments. Amendment No. 1, which would have put two-term limits on the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor and attorney general, was rejected (494-570 in the five precincts).

However, both the five precincts (551-525) and the state at large approved Amendment No. 3, which reverses a 2018 initiative that had turned legislative redistricting over to a non-partisan state demographer to draw districts designed

to create political outcomes that would make more equal political divisions between parties in the Legislature.

### Top local vote-getter in contested race: Andrew Jackson

The five precincts also agreed with a majority of the county, rejecting, 288-805, a proposal to remove the statues of Andrew Jackson located outside two Jackson County courthouses. Of all contested votes, the five precincts were most unified in casting 805 votes against removing the Jackson statues.

(Local voters in the five precincts did cast more votes -- 817 -- for incumbent Democrat Sheriff Darryl Forte, but he was unopposed.)

The five precincts also agreed with the majority of voters in Jackson County, approving, 580-486, a fee to fund 911 emergency service in the county.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Lake's voters in Sni-a-Bar Township precincts SN34, SN35 and SN36, voted together with precinct SN3, which according to the county map is mainly Brittany Ridge subdivision off U.S. 40, and SN19, which is the remaining territory south of the Kansas City Southern railroad tracks, east of Brittany Ridge and west of northern Woods Chapel Road extending around Fleming Park as far south as Liggett Road.





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## WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

# Use safe holiday activities to keep us together

By Shannon Follis

Turkeys, hams, and jingle bells are upon us, the holidays are here. The Women's Club sends thanks to everyone who helped through donating their time or pies for the senior luncheon. We hope our senior residents enjoyed their "curbside pickup" Thanksgiving lunch.



Our holiday celebrations will look a little different this year with social distancing but the Women's Club still wants to facilitate community sharing and enjoyment. Keep an eye out on the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page for the 12 days of Christmas.

Posts will be put up with a holiday theme. Please comment, respond and share pictures connected to the theme in the comments area of the post. This way we can all interact and share holiday joy in social distanced safety.

At our last board meeting, the Women's Club voted and passed a motion to support the Community



Services League. We will be purchasing and donating \$400 in gift cards to CSL.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Women's Club this year and allowed the opportunity to help the community on a larger scale.

We hope everyone is enjoying their Lake long sleeves, hoodies,

and jackets. We are looking for additional opportunities where we can offer the remaining gear we have in stock out for purchase. Once we get that set up, we will let you know.

There will not be a Women's Club general meeting in December. Until our next meeting, we wish everyone happy and safe holidays.



### Thank you, Women's Club

Please know you have our heartfelt thanks for the wonderfully delicious turkey with all the trimmings lunch on Nov. 19. Every single thing in the pleasantly presented package tasted delicious.



You all are very much appreciated for your hard work, thoughtfulness and time to make the holidays brighter. Best wishes for the holiday season to you and the families of Lake Tapawingo. May 2021 dreams come true!

Warm regards,

City of Lake Tapawingo; Lake Tapawingo Police Department; Matt Kempf, Maintenance; Diana Reyes, Country Club Office

## Women's Club scholarship applications available

Lake Tapawingo Women's Club Scholarship applications are now available at the Lake Office and will be posted on the Blue Springs High School website.

Go to [bshs.bssd.net](http://bshs.bssd.net) and click on Academics and Counseling, then Local Scholarships.

Each year, two \$1,000 college/advanced education scholarships are presented to qualified Lake Tapawingo high school seniors by the Women's Club.

Transcripts, cover letter, application form, and results of ACT or SAT scores are required. Applicants will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee for interviews.

To be considered, applications are due no later than 6 p.m., Feb. 15, 2021. Please submit to: Niki



Pitts, 4 Clipper Drive, Lake Tapawingo, MO 64015.

Applicants must be from property-owning Lake Tapawingo households (not rental) and have lived in Lake Tapawingo City Limits for a period of at least 12 consecutive months previous to and adjacent to the scholarship award date.

If there are any questions, please call or text Niki Pitts at (618) 779-7773.



## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

## *Santa at the Gates Dec. 12, but no candy canes*

By John Nicol

With an apparent shortage of candy canes at the North Pole, Santa at the Gates will wave and greet at a distance from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, but he will not be handing out candy canes. There are Christmas lights at the Shelterhouse (and other spots on the Lake), lending further holiday spirit to get us through 2020 and to look forward to a better 2021.

While in November, we did not hold the annual Chili Dinner, we still salute all our veterans. We also reserved the club's 2021 normal events calendar including, Spaghetti Dinner, St. Patrick's Day Parade and Dinner, Easter Egg hunt, BBQ, Kid's Fishing Derby, Pancake Breakfast, Fireworks sales, Shrimp Boil, Fish Fry and back to the Chili Dinner and Santa at the Gates. How many of these activities will be possible will depend on limits of the COVID-19 virus threat. So keep watching your *Lake Tapawingo News* and bulletin board signs.

### Club Scholarship applications at Lake Office

One activity not subject to cancellation is the Sportsmen's Club offering of scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. For resident Blue Springs High School or private high school graduates with a 2.75 GPA and Lake resident college students with a 2.5 GPA, applications are available at the Lake Office.

The application must be completed, transcript included, and returned to Darren Lengyel, 161 Anchor, or to Mike Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor, by Feb. 26. The current funding is \$3,000 divided among eligible applicants with a maximum of \$1,000 per student. Applicants awarded a Women's Club Scholarship may not also receive a Sportsmen's Club scholarship that graduating year.

### Thanks for renewing Sportsmen's Club membership!

One bright spot during the Nov. 10 regular meeting was the "early returns" of Sportsmen's Club 2021 membership renewals.

The very pleasant news came from First Vice President John Harrison reporting the 2021 renewals had already reached 102 with our thanks, and, more we hope will be



counted for the new year. So, if you have not sent in your annual dues, please do so to beat the Christmas rush.

Treasurer Chuck Welch said he is planning to research cost of obtaining a computer notebook and required service to have better control of our credit card service and actually save some fees from our current situation.

Second Vice President Joe Rush discussed the new club activities of Santa

at the Gates; set time to put up Shelterhouse Christmas lights, and, looking at the 2021 calendar. The chances to be able to hold the February Spaghetti Dinner will be evaluated in January.

Third Vice President Jeremy Cumberford and Barnard Wilson provided the fishing report that crappie were being caught, but the big event was the delivery of 14,000 flathead minnows from Harrison Fisheries on Oct. 30 and installation of five habitats with the help of volunteers Barnard Wilson, Greg Fedo, Gary Geib, Dale Blanchard and Bob Skelton.

While the club's old and new business was not specifically acted upon, flag costs and needs were mentioned and Scott Patton volunteered to investigate physical status and costs for new aerators at the C Cove stream entrance and other Lake issues.



By Diane Dryer

HERE COME THE FATHEADS. See the November issue for more on the 14,000 minnows stocked in the Lake.

## LAKE TAPAWINGO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

### Scholarship 2021 Process:

Scholarship applications can be obtained at the Lake Tapawingo Country Club Office, 144 Anchor. The application must be completed, transcript included, and returned by February 26, 2021, to Darren Lengyel, 161 Anchor Dr., (816-405-4661) or Mike Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor Dr. (816-229-9152).

A scholarship committee of three Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club members will verify applications and submit selected scholarship winners' names to the Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club members at a regular meeting for approval.

Selected Scholarship winners will be announced and notified by April 30 each year.

Scholarship winners must show enrollment in college/university. The scholarship check will be written in the name of the college/university and sent to the college/university admission/financial office by the first week in August.

### Scholarship Criteria:

Applicant must be a Resident of Lake Tapawingo.

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# LAKE TAPAWINGO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

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An applicant may apply each consecutive year beginning with their high school graduation for a total of four (4) consecutive years. They must be a public school graduate of Blue Springs High School or a private school while being a resident.

High school applicants must have a grade point average of 2.75 (GPA) as verified by submitting the high school transcript issued to them in September of their senior year and will be attending college in the year after graduating high school.

College applicants may reapply during consecutive years. An applicant must maintain a college/university grade point average of 2.5 GPA as verified by submitting their college transcript and complete or be enrolled for 24 semester hours annually (Fall and Spring semesters or trimesters). Summer school semester hours do not qualify.

If selected for scholarship, annually, the student must show enrollment in college/university. The scholarship check will

be written in the name of the college/university and sent to the college/university admission/financial office.

**General Information:**

The amount of the scholarship for each scholarship recipient will be determined by dividing the number of selected scholarship recipients into the total amount of scholarship money available each year. Example: Six (6) selected scholarship recipients divided into total amount of scholarship money, \$3,000 dollars, equals \$500 dollars per scholarship recipient.

**NOTE:** The maximum amount the scholarship recipient can be awarded per year is one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

**NOTE:** The applicant can NOT be awarded both the Lake Tapawingo Women's Club Scholarship and the Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Scholarship in the same year.

## LAKE TAPAWINGO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach transcript. Due Date, Friday, February 26, 2021, deliver to: Darren Lengyel, 161 Anchor Dr. (816-405-4661) or Mike Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor Dr. (816-229-9152)



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# TAPAWINGO POLICE GAZETTE

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

## Thanks for adopting seniors, donating coats

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Wow! What a great response to our first annual Adopt-a-Senior. All of our seniors were adopted in less than 48 hours. We still have a wish list available that benefits the senior living center as a whole. Check it out by stopping in at City Hall for the list.

Many thanks to all citizens for helping us to bless these seniors' lives. They are going to be so surprised! We will be delivering their gifts on Dec. 17. Please watch our Facebook page for photos.

A big thanks to everyone for dropping off coats for the coat drive. They are greatly appreciated and will be a blessing to others in need. If you would like to assist families in need at The Hope House Domestic Violence Shelters,



they have a wish list available. Please contact our office at 224-6645 and we will let you know how you can help.

### Celebrate holidays responsibly

With the holidays upon us let's all celebrate responsibly. Keep it small, wear your mask and social distance. Stay home if possible and remember to buckle up and don't drink and drive. This is the best gift we can give our loved ones!

This being the last newsletter of 2020, we want to say thank you to everyone for always showing your continued appreciation and support for our/your department. The men and women at Lake Tapawingo Police Department enjoy serving the citizens and providing the best possible service and protection. We look forward to another great year in 2021!

## Police Reports

|                   | Oct. 1-31 | Sept. 1-30 | Aug. 1-31  | July 1-31  | June 1-30  |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Traffic - Anchor  | 1         | 0          | 3          | 4          | 3          |
| offenses - Beach  | 2         | 0          | 3          | 2          | 2          |
| - Clipper         | 0         | 1          | 3          | 2          | 7          |
| - Dockside        | 3         | 0          | 4          | 6          | 1          |
| - Emerald Shore   | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0          | 3          |
| - Tapawingo Lane  | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| - Woods Chapel    | 1         | 5          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| - U.S. 40         | 37        | 36         | 64         | 59         | 27         |
| - Total           | 44        | 42         | 78         | 73         | 43         |
| Warrant arrests   | 0         | 1          | 0          | 5          | 1          |
| Arrests           | 0         | 3          | 7          | 10         | 1          |
| Felony arrests    | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Codes complaints  | 1         | 2          | 2          | 0          | 2          |
| Calls for service | 18        | 17         | 35         | 27         | 24         |
| Warnings          | 30        | 46         | 40         | 45         | 39         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>93</b> | <b>111</b> | <b>162</b> | <b>160</b> | <b>110</b> |



### Recycle sites

The Lake has its own paper recycling dumpster, left, and aluminum can depository (in pontoon rails), right. They are located on either side of the salt barn by the Maintenance Building. Lake dumpsters are not for resident trash.





# MONSTER TREE SERVICE DOESN'T HIBERNATE

-  **SAVE YOUR HOUSE** Get your trees winter storm ready to help prevent hazardous or dead limbs and branches from causing damage to your home.
-  **SAVE YOUR TREES** Pre-winter pruning helps to reduce the risk of disease and encourages optimal tree growth.
-  **STRATEGIC PRUNING** When foliage is gone, our arborists can easily identify and remove dangerous, dead or dying branches. Winter is the best time to prune Oak Trees! We do not use climbing spikes while pruning.

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# DECEMBER 2020

| SUN | MON   | TUE  | WED  | THU   | FRI  | SAT   |
|-----|---|--|--|---|--|---|
|     |   | 1  | 2<br>Zoning Commission<br>5 p.m. City Hall                               | 3<br>City Council<br>6 p.m., via video<br>conference  | 4  | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br>Country Club<br>Board, 7 p.m., via<br>video conference   | 8<br>Sportsmen's Club<br>7 p.m., Clubhouse         | 9  | 10<br><b>Hanukkah begins</b><br>Country Club<br>Budget Meeting<br>7 p.m., via video<br>conference | 11   | 12<br><br>Santa at Lake gates,<br>10 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 13  | 14  | 15<br>First day to file for<br>April City election | 16<br>Municipal court cases<br>1:30 p.m., Circuit<br>Court, Independence | 17  | 18   | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br><br><b>First Day of Winter</b><br>Country Club<br>Board, 7 p.m., via<br>video conference | 22   | 23   | 24<br><i>City Hall closed.<br/>Lake Office closed</i>   | 25<br><br><b>Christmas</b><br><i>City Hall closed.<br/>Lake Office closed</i> | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31<br><b>New Year's Eve</b><br><i>City Hall closed.<br/>Lake Office closed</i>                    |   |   |

## 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."

Training sessions are held at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of the month. There will be

no training in December. The next session is scheduled:

-- Jan. 16

Those seeking training should contact the Lake Office at [office@laketapawingomo.com](mailto:office@laketapawingomo.com) or **228-3721** to make arrangements.

New training only pertains to residents who have not been trained before. Residents who underwent training in 2018, 2019 and 2020 are required only



to sign certificates in 2021. Copies are available from the Lake Office.

Rules require invasive species training before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

Violation of invasive species rules -- including using the lake without invasive species training -- can result in revocation of Lake privileges for up to a year plus other penalties.



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