

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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The hits keep comin'



SHORT BUT SWEET -- It was barely dark at the start, but the Fourth's fireworks display was no less impressive. There reportedly was an electrical failure at the finale but it went unnoticed.









Chickens come home to roost at Aug. 7 Council meet

By John Braden

The Lake Tapawingo City Council is expected to consider at its Aug. 7 meeting an ordinance to allow some residents to raise chickens in limited circumstances. The council meets at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The city Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded proposed chicken ordinance language to the council June 4 without a recommendation for passage.

Although some council members thought the commission needed to hold a public hearing and vote yes or no on the

ordinance, City Attorney Paul Campo said the chicken ordinance would amend animal control ordinances rather than zoning ordinances. As a result, the attorney said it would be proper for the council to consider the ordinance directly rather than returning it to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Campo said he found the commission's proposed chicken language helpful as a guide for drafting the ordinance. Campo, who provides legal services to several area municipalities, said this was his first chicken ordinance.

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Around the Lake

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WELCOME TO THE LAKE

Will and Allison Roderick, 46 Anchor

If you know of anyone who needs a Get Well card, Sympathy, Birthday greetings, Congratulations or Welcome to New Resident, call or text Lisa Davis of the Women's Club at (530) 386-1629.

Panel sets hearing on carport size limit

The city Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for citizens to consider a proposed ordinance to revise the definition and dimensions of carports. The hearing is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at City Hall.

Commission members, without a formal vote, recommended June 4 to the City Council a revised Ordinance 400-1.40.9 defining a carport. The language in the commission's June 4 meeting minutes, drafted by Commission Member Andy Gibler and modified by the panel, notably would limit a carport to a maximum of two motor vehicles and maximum size of 20 feet wide by 24 feet long, with a vehicle entry opening of a maximum 10 feet high.

Similar to the existing ordinance, that new language would define a carport as a structure without doors or sides consisting of a roof supported by only enough vertical load-bearing columns as reasonably necessary. It would eliminate existing language that says if one or more sides is enclosed it would be deemed a garage, which is subject to a 10-foot-setback rule from the property line.

Because the proposed ordinance would be an amendment to the city's Unified Development Ordinance, a public hearing was scheduled as part of the amendment procedure before the change would go to the City Council.

Thanks from Paul Blixrud

I wish to thank everyone who attended my retirement party on June 25. Your warm wishes, cards and gifts were very generous and I want to let you know it was a pleasure to serve Lake Tapawingo as your City Clerk. I will always remember the many wonderful people and appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Sincerely, Paul

Invasive species training session set Aug. 23

The regular invasive species training session for August is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Lake Office. Preregister for training by contacting the Lake Office at office@laketapawingomo.com or (816) 228-3721.

Training is required before residents 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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No birds on first tier; space limits to restrict upper tiers

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Campo suggested the draft ordinance be posted on the city's Internet site, www.laketapawingomo.org, prior to the council meeting, so residents could review it before the council acts. Additionally, the draft ordinance is on Page 4 of this issue.

The proposed ordinance would be quite restrictive about who may raise chickens, prohibiting chickens at first-tier residences and limiting use of other residences due to the space requirements. It would require coops to be at least 25 feet from property lines and at least 50 feet from neighboring residences. They would have to be on lots with a single-family dwelling and in back yards only.

Annual \$50 permits would be required from the city. No more than six hens would be allowed, and no roosters. No other types of fowl would be allowed. Chickens could be raised for

"personal egg production and household enjoyment" and not for commercial purposes. Prohibited would be slaughtering of chickens on residential property and sale of eggs or chickens.

Coops could not exceed 4 by 8 feet and must be predatorproof, well-ventilated and water tight. Runs would have to be fenced, kept clean and provide at least 4 square feet per chicken. During daylight hours, chickens would be allowed outside in a securely fenced rear yard "only if under the continuous supervision of an adult who maintains visual contact with the chickens at all times..."

Other requirements would ensure health and safety of the birds and limit nuisance odor, dust, waste and noise.

Violations would be subject to fines up to \$500 and imprisonment up to 90 days or both.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Police hire new officer, win \$50,000 grant

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met July 3 at City Hall. Mayor Tom Rodenberg presided.

Visitors: Zack Barber, 140 Anchor; Jim Conway, 91 Dockside; Gary George, 7 Beach; Brian Hodges, 17 Beach; Gary Mallen, 9 Dockside; Steve Meek, 203 Anchor; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Sue Schreiber, 51 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Scott and Jann Riggs, Lee's Summit.

Police: Chief Paul Thurman introduced a new full-time police officer, Scott Riggs, who has been working as a reserve police officer in Oak Grove. Thurman inaugurated the new officer. The chief said with Riggs' addition to the force, the department would have seven-days-a-week police coverage.

Thurman announced the department was awarded a \$50,000 state grant under the new Missouri Blue Shield Program. The chief said the funds can be used for equipment upgrades including incar cameras and related information technology equipment, officer body cameras, body armor, safety equipment and security cameras. Other possible equipment could include license plate readers, radios and gunshot detection technology.

Police Administrator Sarah Chatham and vendors are to help the city determine the best use of funds with the City Council to review options.

Codes enforcement: Mayor Rodenberg said the city has launched a program of increased codes enforcement that appears

to be working. He said some residents are responding favorably and some are not. He said with notices and appeal hearings, the process can take weeks.

Former Alderman Gary George, a former Independence police chief, commended Chief Thurman for securing the Missouri Blue Shield Program grant and the city for its code enforcement efforts.

Charles Plank questioned the city's ordinance on outside storage and its application to houses with side-facing "front" doors. Rodenberg said the council would review the outside storage ordinance with City Attorney Paul Campo to clarify its application to various property layouts.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Rodenberg asked council members whether they would support the Planning and Zoning Commission's proposal that its membership be increased to seven members from five.

Alderman Steve Magel said if one or two members cannot be present, the commission would be making decisions with its minimum three-member quorum. He said increasing the panel to seven members would mean the minimum quorum would be four members to do business. As to concerns that there were insufficient interested residents to serve on the panel, Magel said enough people have expressed interest.

City Attorney Paul Campo said members would be appointed to fouryear terms on a staggered basis so only a few seats would turn over at one time. Magel said the commission plans to meet every other month and be more proactive on planning issues.

Mayor Rodenberg asked Campo to draft an ordinance to increase commission members for consideration at the next council meeting.

Short-term rentals: Zack Barber asked whether the council could approve a two-month exemption, during the World Cup event in Kansas City, to the city's ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals of less than 31 days. Alderman Lisa Hodges said she thought the matter was more of a Country Club issue due to problems of invasive species training for multiple short-term renters. City Attorney Paul Campo said the City Council could change the ordinance but should coordinate with the Lake Board to ensure the issue is thought through.

In May 2018, the Jackson County Circuit Court approved a settlement and voluntary dismissal of a lawsuit by thenowners of 5 Dockside who lost Lake privileges for a year due to invasive species rule violations related to their operation of a short-term rental at the property. The property was sold soon after that. The Lake Board considered short-term rental activity put the lake at risk for possible invasive species contamination by gear from other bodies of water. The property owner had accumulated 15 penalty points due to failure to train short term renters on invasive species as well as use of an unregistered paddleboat at the property.

In June 2019, the City Council approved an ordinance prohibiting short-

See City, Page 5.



City Council considers chicken law draft

The following draft of a "backyard chicken" ordinance was compiled by City Attorney Paul Campo based on city Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations. The City Council was scheduled to consider this draft at its next meeting, 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at City Hall.

BILL NO. 1267 ORDINANCE NO. 090370 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 205 TO ENACT REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS AND TO AMEND SECTION 205.030.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LAKE TAPAWINGO, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 205.300, Article VI, Chapter 205, Title II of the City Code is hereby added to read as follows:

Article VI Backyard Chickens

Section 205.300 Backyard Chickens

- **A. Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to permit the keeping of a limited number of backyard chickens under conditions that ensure the health and well-being of chickens while minimizing potential adverse impacts on neighboring properties.
- B. Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

Backyard chickens: Domesticated female chickens (hens) kept on residential property for personal egg production and household enjoyment.

Chicken: Gallus *gallus domesticus* of the female sex. This definition does not include male chickens (roosters) or other fowl such as, but not limited to, peacocks, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, or waterfowl, all of which are not permitted under this ordinance.

Chicken coop: An enclosed and roofed structure for housing chickens that provides shelter from the elements. The term includes movable enclosures commonly referred to as 'chicken tractors.'

Run: A securely fenced outdoor area attached to or adjacent to a chicken coop where chickens may roam unsupervised.

First-tier residence: Any residential property that is immediately adjacent to or abuts the lake shoreline.

Permittee: The individual who has been issued a backyard chicken permit by the City.

Predator-proof: Constructed to prevent entry by common predators including, but not limited to, dogs, raccoons, foxes, and birds of prey.

C. Permit Required. No person shall keep backyard chickens without first obtaining a Chicken Permit from the _____ on application forms provided by the City. Permits shall be valid for a term of one year and shall be renewable annually. The annual permit fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). Permits are non-transferable and are issued to the property owner or tenant with property owner consent.

D. Number and Type of Chickens Allowed.

- 1. No more than six (6) hens may be kept on any single lot.
- 2. Roosters are prohibited.
- 3. No chickens shall be raised or kept for commercial purposes.

E. Location and Setback Requirements.

- Chicken permits shall not be issued to firsttier residences.
- 2. Chickens may only be kept on lots improved with a single-family dwelling.
- All chicken coops shall be located in the rear yard of the residential property.
- 4. Coops must be located at least twenty-five feet (25') from any property line and at least fifty feet (50') from any neighboring residence.

F. Coop and Run Requirements.

- 1. Chickens must be kept in a secure, well-ventilated, and roofed coop.
- 2. Coops shall not exceed a footprint of four feet by eight feet (4' x 8').
- 3. Chickens shall have access to an enclosed run that provides at least four (4) square feet per chicken.
- 4. Coops and runs shall be kept clean, dry, and in sanitary condition at all times.
- 5. Coops shall be constructed in a manner that prevents access by predators.
- 6. All chicken feed shall be kept in sealed containers to prevent the attraction of rodents or other animals.
- 7. Chickens must be provided with adequate food, water, and shelter at all times.
- 8. The chicken coop and run shall be maintained to prevent the development of odor, dust, waste, or noise that may constitute a public nuisance.
- Coops and runs must be regularly cleaned to prevent the accumulation of waste and feathers and to minimize the attraction of flies or other insects.
- 10. The permittee must provide for the storage and removal of chicken manure. All stored manure shall be kept in a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid. No more than three (3) cubic feet of manure may be stored at any time. All excess manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed. The chicken coop, pen, and surrounding areas must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.
- 11. During daylight hours, chickens may be allowed outside of the coop and run in a securely fenced rear yard only if under the continuous supervision of an adult who maintains visual contact with the chickens at all times to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
- 12. During non-daylight hours, all chickens shall be secured within a chicken coop and/or enclosed run.
- 13. A chicken coop shall be enclosed on all sides and shall have a roof and doors. Access doors must be capable of being shut and locked at night. Opening windows and vents must be covered with predator- and bird-proof wire with openings of less than one inch.
- 14. The materials used in constructing a chicken coop shall be uniform for each structural element. Walls shall be made of the same material, roofs shall use consistent shingles or other coverings, and all windows or openings shall be constructed using uniform materials. The use of scrap wood, sheet metal, or similar materials is prohibited. All materials

shall be impervious to moisture, either inherently or through application of a sealant such as paint. Surfaces must be routinely maintained. If paint is peeling, the structure must be repainted to restore its moisture-impervious surface. Chicken pens shall consist of sturdy wire fencing and must be covered with wire, aviary netting, or solid roofing.

G. Prohibitions.

- 1. Slaughtering of chickens on residential premises is prohibited.
- 2. The sale of eggs or chickens is prohibited.
- 3. Chickens shall not be allowed to roam freely outside the coop and run.
- 4. No chicken shall be kept in a manner that creates a public nuisance, including offensive odors, noise, or unsanitary conditions.

H. Chicken Permit Revocation or Suspension.

- A Chicken Permit may be revoked or suspended by the _____ upon a showing of any of the following:
- a. The chicken's place of keeping constitutes a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors.
- b. Humane standards of care are not being met by the permittee.
- c. A failure to meet or to continue to meet any applicable Chicken Permit Requirement.
- d. The permittee provided false information in their application.
- e. It is reasonably necessary to protect against an immediate threat to public health or safety.
- f. Failure to comply with any provision of this Section.
- 2. Any person who is denied a Chicken Permit or whose existing permit has been revoked or suspended may, within ten (10) days thereafter, file a written appeal with the _____ and may request a hearing. The ____ shall render a decision within ten (10) days after the hearing. The decision of the ____ shall be final.
- I. Enforcement and Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this Section shall be subject to the general penalty provisions of the City Code. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- **Section 2.** That City Code Section 205.030 is hereby amended to read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions contain a strikethrough):

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or harbor more than four (4) adult animals over the age of six (6) months in a zoned residential neighborhood. Five (5) or more animals will constitute a commercial kennel and require proper zoning and an occupational license issued by the City License Collector. Notwithstanding any-provision in this Code to the contrary, no person-shall own, keep, raise or harbor chickens, ducksor geese. Backyard chickens may be kept in accordance with Section 205.300 of this Chapter. No person shall own, keep, raise or harbor ducksor geese within the City.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.



MAYOR'S MINUTES

Codes enforcement and grant congrats

By Mayor Tom Rodenberg

Well, it looks like the dog days of summer have finally arrived. I'm really looking forward to fall.

Codes enforcement is the subject at hand once again. I want to thank everyone who received codes enforcement notices and cooperated with us in dealing with the issues involved. We greatly appreciate our residents and their understanding of the City's efforts to respond to codes violation complaints.

I should point out that if you received a notice letter, it did not mean that one of your neighbors has complained. As those associated with the City drive in the community and notice violations, they can request that a notice letter be sent to someone whose property is in violation of our codes. Please do not assume that your neighbor made a complaint.

We do have complaint forms available for those who would like to make a formal written complaint.

City to enforce bans on brush, empty lot parking

Another area of codes enforcement that we are pursuing is overgrown vegetation and brush piles. Both of these situations could be a violation of various parts of Ordinance 220. If you have overgrown vegetation or brush piles, we would greatly appreciate your attention to these situations in the coming weeks. Also, if we would deem that the brush pile creates an emergency situation, we could move more swiftly to remove it and the cost to do so would be added to your annual tax bill should you refuse to reimburse the City.

Finally, we will also be pursuing vehicles that are parked in violation of our ordinances. Two different ordinances come into play with respect to parked vehicles in the nuisance ordinances. Section 220.100.4.a states it is a nuisance for "Any vehicle that is parked on a surface other than a street, or driveway that is surfaced with gravel, concrete, asphalt, or paver brick."

Section 220.025 states as follows: "No off-street parking shall be permitted in any yard including, but not limited to, the front, side and back yards, except upon a driveway providing

access to a garage, carport, or parking area for a dwelling. Any person who knowingly allows a vehicle to be parked in a yard in violation of this Subsection upon property to which he or she has right of possession shall be guilty of a violation of this Subsection regardless of ownership of the vehicle, shall be guilty of a violation which shall be punishable by a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus court costs for each and every day of violation. Each day of unauthorized parking under this Subsection shall be deemed a separate offense."

In addition, Section 220.025 states "It shall be unlawful for motor vehicles to park in the City having an overall length which exceeds twenty-four (24) feet which shall include an attached trailer, excepting those vehicles parked for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading and unloading."

If you own a vacant lot, it is a violation of both of these sections of the nuisance ordinance to park any type of vehicle on the vacant lot. The definition of "vehicle" in the ordinance includes recreational vehicles, boats and trailers, and watercraft. It is also unlawful to park a truck and trailer that exceed 24 feet in length.

If you own a vacant lot and have "vehicles" parked on it, please remove those vehicles. Please avoid parking trucks and trailers in excess of 24 feet on the streets. In the coming weeks, we will begin enforcement of these parts of the nuisance ordinance that regulate parking in our community. Once again, we will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

City to utilize \$50,000 police grant

On a lighter note, congratulations to Chief Paul Thurman and Police Administrator Sarah Chatham for their efforts to secure a Blue Shield Grant from the state of Missouri. The grant was awarded to our City in the amount of \$50,000. Chief Thurman and I will be meeting to discuss the best use of this grant as the state has designated what items can be secured with the grant.

Everyone stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer on the Lake!

City Council renews agreement with auditing firm

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term rentals, defined as rental of a dwelling for 31 consecutive calendar days or less, and also declaring it a commercial use, which is prohibited by residential zoning.

Auditor agreement renewal: Mayor Rodenberg presented an engagement letter to renew the city's agreement with auditing firm Troutt, Beeman & Co. for July 2024-June 2025. The firm has performed audits for the city since 2010. Rodenberg said the \$21,000 fee is a \$1,000 increase from the previous year.

The council passed, 5-0, a motion by Alderman Traci Via to approve.

Financial update: Mayor Rodenberg provided an end-of-year budget report for 2024-2025. He said the city's bank balance decreased from \$126,000 at the end of May to \$80,000 at the end of June due to payments for sewer manhole liners, a water leak and sewer grinder pump orders

Water and Sewer: Rodenberg said replacement garage doors for the Maintenance Building were expected soon.

He said 10 sewer manhole repairs were scheduled for the week of July 21. He said the contractor would need to coordinate logistics and equipment access with Rick Bedsworth, 1 Anchor, due to potential weight concerns. He said the company of David Beemer, 23 Anchor, was selected for the work at a cost of \$27,000, which was within the budgeted amount. Rodenberg said other bids were for \$37,000 and \$48,000.

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Country Club tax assessments seen mostly correct

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met July 7 and 21 at the Clubhouse. President Clayton Holland presided.

Visitors: Bryan Davenport, 94 Dockside; Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore; Hap Graff, 30 Dockside; Shirley Graff, 26 Dockside; Natalie Graff-Baker, 64 Anchor; Kris Hall, 8 Clipper; Gary Hawkins, 18 Anchor; Charles Plank, 38 Dockside; Linda Sangster, 28 Dockside; Kerri Waller, 25 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Cameron Kelly, Monster Tree Service, Greenwood Mo.

Jackson County property tax assessment: Board Member Jayme Dean said all of the information had been gathered and calculated to determine whether the Country Club needs to appeal the 2025 property tax assessment by Jackson County. She said there were still a couple of weeks to submit an appeal if needed and everything but one parcel was assessed correctly based on the formula provided by the county for property owners to determine their property values.

The parcel that could be appealed comprises the green space on both sides of the U.S. 40 entrance to the Lake. Dean reported previously the Board of Equalization refused to declare the parcel to be green space but would continue to list it as a commercial property until some structure can be built to declare the space a common area. However, the Board of Equalization did vote to return the value of the property to \$175,000, when it had been increased to \$240,680.

Board Member T.J. McGinnis asked if the board needs to name a group to decide what to build on the property to secure the common area designation. Dean said the board needs to decide first whether to appeal the parcel's assessment and added there are other options available.

Lake Management: Miller's Pond Dam Project. Board Member Jayme Dean asked for an update on the status of the Miller's pond dam rehabilitation project. Dean said the board is seven months into 2025 with no update since voting in March to discontinue talks with the Miller family owners of the pond and to seek proposals to revise engineering of the dam and road above AB Cove, to be performed on Lake Tapawingo Country Club property only.

Board Member Darren Davis reported four engineering companies, Affinis Corp., Allstate Consultants, Own Inc. and Quist Engineering, expressed interest in designing rehabilitation of the Miller's pond dam and road. He said at least one of the firms, Quist Engineering, requested a copy of a land survey of the area. Davis and Office Administrator Cassandra Marcotte said a survey could not be found. Dean said she thought one had been performed, possibly by Affinis, which performed a preliminary study of the site. Board Member Brian Zoller said he could check to see if such a survey was filed with Jackson County.

Liberty Landing dock. President Holland said Williams Lakefront Construction was expected to start rebuilding the Liberty Landing dock within the next few days. (The work was completed and the dock returned to its space a few days later.) The board voted in May to spend \$22,713 for partial replacement, adding steel and concrete to what had been a wood and composite lumber structure.

Holland said Williams would float the dock from Liberty Landing to the boat ramp and anchor it to some trees in Railroad Cove for the work. He said there would be trucks and trailers



By John Braden

MILLER'S POND BY-PRODUCT -- This is a ribbon of green algae, stretching from Miller's Pond above AB Cove to the dam, where this was taken. Heavy rains pushed the weed out of the foot-deep pond into the lake. Find this newsletter at www.laketapawingomo. com under *News* to see it in color.



THE SOURCE -- Miller's pond is still green.

carrying concrete for the dock and Williams did not want to tear up Liberty Gardens while trying to fix the dock. Holland said when the work was complete, Williams would float it back to reattach it.

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Coming World Cup raises short-term rental concerns

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Boat launch schedule. Board Member T.J. McGinnis asked how long to schedule board members to attend regular boat launching sessions at the boat ramp. Board Member Jayme Dean suggested to continue to the end of boating season. McGinnis said he would continue the schedule through August and asked for board volunteers.

Legal: Short-term rentals. Board Member Jayme Dean noted several years ago the board had required every renter of a short-term rental at 5 Dockside to have invasive species training or lose Lake privileges for the property. The then-owner of the property filed a lawsuit against the board, which was settled out of court. Since then, Dean noted, the city passed an ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals of 31 days or less. However, she said a couple of such businesses currently exist anyway and that more are likely to creep in as the World Cup games come to Kansas City in 2026.

Dean said the board needs to urge the city to enforce the ordinance. In addition to other issues, she said short-term rentals would put an undue burden on volunteer board members to carry out invasive species training for every newly arrived renter. Board Member John Nicol, who also is a city alderman, read the city ordinance and noted it is enforced as a police matter. Board Member Renny Buckaloo said the problem would be resolved if the City Council enforces the ordinance.

Illegal dumping. Dean reported a resident and contractors were using Country Club property to dump trash, concrete and leftover building supplies. President Holland said at one building site a concrete truck was washed out and property owners were told it had to be cleaned up. Dean said at a residence in A Block, a resident removed fencing and put it on Country Club property. Holland said letters need to be sent to correct situations of illegal dumping.

Utility poles. Board Member Scott Patton said he talked to contractors that Comcast hired to transfer their lines to new electric utility poles to allow old pole removal. He said AT&T would not call him back. Board Member Andy Gibler said contractors need to be told to stop leaving trash and wire cuttings around poles where they have been working. President Holland and Patton said they would pursue the pole issues.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brian Zoller said the Country Club has collected 99 percent of annual assessments and there is about \$1.3 million in the operating accounts. He said certain Treasury bills were not reinvested last year so the

No Lake privileges July 2025

The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of July 25. Lake privileges include use of the lake for any purpose as well as all common space such as Liberty Gardens, boat lots, tennis courts, the Clubhouse and shelterhouses.

11-A McDonald 25-C Beel 43-A Charlton 80-D Smith 112-A Dyer 14-E Foster 123-A O'Grady 61-E **Thomas** De La O Contreras

Country Club lost the opportunity to collect interest. He said one Treasury bill is to come due on July 22 for about \$400,000. He said he intended to get approval immediately to reinvest the funds when they become due. He said he wanted to reinvest \$200,000 of the expiring Treasury bill into another 90-day Treasury bill at whatever rate is available at the time of opening it. Zoller said he wanted to take the remaining \$200,000 and invest it in a six-month certificate of deposit at whatever rate of interest is available at the time. He said CDs for six months normally run about 3.75 percent interest. The board approved, 12-0, Zoller's motion to reinvest half of the expiring Treasury bill into another 90-day Treasury bill and the other half into a six-month CD.

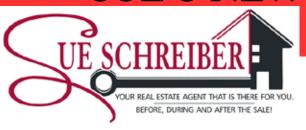
Maintenance: Tree trimming, removal. 30-D. Board Member Brian Smith said Hap Graff, 30 Dockside, asked the board to remove a cottonwood tree on Country Club lakefront at 30-D. Smith said branches have fallen from the tree so an arborist looked at the tree multiple times and performed rejuvenation pruning multiple times.

Smith said a couple of weeks ago a large limb fell that prompted resident complaints. However, he said the board does not See Safety, Page 11.





SUE'S NEWS AT THE LAKE







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- Leave a shallow water dish with pebbles for bees to rest and drink.
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HOME STATS FOR LAKE TAPAWINGO

6 Active Listing
3 Pending Sales
9 Homes SOLD in the past 30 days
Average price of 9 Homes Sold
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Safety of giant lakefront cottonwood studied, debated

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vote on trees. He said they rely on the information from an arborist and decide on the best course of action based on choices given by the arborist.

Smith said the question is whether the tree is worth saving or if it should be removed. He said there was only \$30,000 in the tree trimming and removal budget this year and \$45,000 already has been spent.

President Holland opened the floor to owner Cameron Kelly of Monster Tree Service who said his certified arborist examined the tree in its entirety. He said some dead limbs were removed and a squirrel's nest was found high in the trunk about 8 inches deep. Kelly said no carpenter ants were found but there did appear to be a minor ant infestation. He said there was no water pool around the tree and he estimates the tree to be between 80 and 90 years old.

Kelly said there was nothing unusual in the branches that were cut off and it is still a living organism. He said it is going to shed limbs, adding all cottonwoods and oaks do. Kelly said the board just needs to make a decision on keeping the tree or not. Kelly said water can get into the squirrel hole but Smith said the hole can be filled. Kelly said an ant treatment can be applied to reduce future damage from the ants that were found.

Board Member Sarah Jordan asked if the tree should be taken down because it poses a major risk. Kelly said it shows no more risk that other cottonwoods, but it is a cottonwood. President Holland said cottonwoods are soft woods and notorious for dropping healthy branches because the weight of the branches can be too much for the soft wood to hold. Board Member Andy Gibler said the tree could lose limbs tomorrow such as the last time a limb was lost, with no wind or natural reason.

Bryan Davenport said his wife was under the tree 24 hours before the large limb fell and the limb could have killed her. He asked if the tree has been tested for heartwood disease and said cottonwoods normally live for 60-80 years and this one is past its prime.

President Holland said cottonwoods and sycamores are soft wood trees that hold a lot of moisture. He said if a certified arborist says it is healthy, the board will not remove it. He said acts of nature do not constitute liability for the Country Club.

Jordan said regarding liability, whether it's an act of nature or not, the Country Club has performed its due diligence and the fault would not fall on the Country Club. She said if anything did occur, there would be an investigation into what happened to determine fault. Jordan asked what a heartwood disease test would cost. Kelly said he would submit a bid and said the test is performed two ways: either drilling holes through the trunk in various places or taking an x-ray of sorts to determine the health of the trunk. Jordan advised the board to approve the test.

Gibler asked if all of the dead limbs had been removed from the 30-D cottonwood. Kelly said the bigger ones have been taken off the tree and the only other dead limbs remaining are the little ones at the very tips of other branches.

Gibler asked if the board was accepting the risk associated with the tree. Kelly said people are always accepting the

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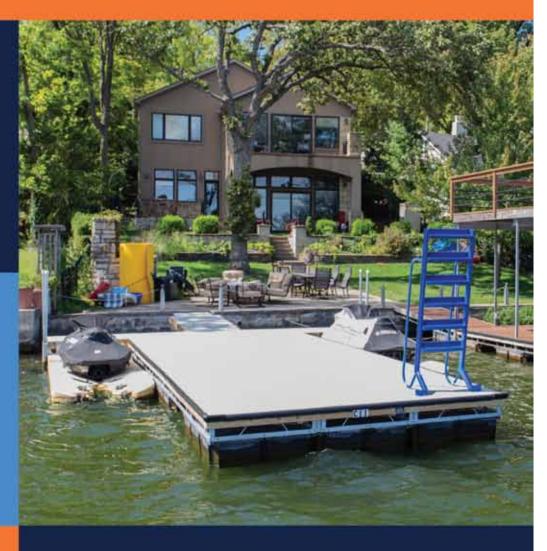


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Board accepts resident's pickleball court light offer

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risk when owning a softwood tree. Jordan said if the board is doing its due diligence and recommended maintenance, the board is not responsible.

At the subsequent meeting, Holland said Monster Tree Service performed a core test on the tree and reported its condition to be "A-OK" and that a written report on the test would be presented at the Aug. 4 meeting.

Graff asked if there was further consideration of removing the tree. Holland repeated that Monster reported the tree's condition to be good and that a written report on the test would be presented at the Aug. 4 meeting. Graff said he talked to someone on the scene of the testing who said he considered some of the tree to be healthy but he could not say all of it is healthy, and the problem of falling branches is not solved.

Jordan said Graff would be able to pose his questions and concerns directly to the expert at the Aug. 4 meeting. Graff said the tree is too dangerous and he is ready to proceed to the next steps. Holland said the report would be considered at the next meeting but the board does not remove healthy trees. Graff said the board is "going to get sued." Holland said with the threat of a lawsuit, the discussion ends.

Smith said there were no new bids for tree work. He said three previously approved trees had not been completed yet. Smith said Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf was on vacation and helper Dan Rowe had been given a to-do list to complete in Kempf's absence.

Board Member Shawn Weigel asked if the weeping willow in Liberty Gardens had been assessed by Monster Tree Service. Smith said he did not know there was an issue with the tree and asked if the Lake Office had been contacted. Weigel said the office had not been contacted but one side of the tree appears to be sick or dying. He said a resident had brought it to his attention. Smith said Monster could examine it. He said there was also a tree limb hanging over a dock at 78-D that would be examined.

Lakefront hazard. Charlie Plank reported Maintenance was unable to remove two large underwater beams from near his dock at 38-D. President Holland proposed Brad Williams of Williams Lakefront Construction be asked to use his work barge and winch to attempt removal.

Boat ramp. President Holland said a contractor experienced brake failure on a truck pulling a trailer above the boat ramp. He said the driver had to jackknife the truck and trailer to prevent them from rolling into the lake. He said, as a result, the fence above the ramp was damaged. He said police responded to the accident.

Parks and Beautification: Pickleball courts. Board Member T.J. McGinnis returned to the board with design and plans from Dennis Reed, 36 Dockside, to install solar-powered lights on the pickleball and tennis court. He said two smaller lights would have motion sensors and would operate until their power ran out. He said two larger lights would have remote controls that could be kept in an onsite storage box. McGinnis indicated he was unsure if they would be bright enough.

Board Member Jayme Dean said before approving, the board should investigate multiple lawsuits filed against homeowners associations by nearby homeowners complaining of nighttime noise pollution at lighted courts. She said other cities' parks and recreation departments were studying potential noise pollution.

President Holland asked if there was a timer to shut the lights off. Board Member Renny Buckaloo asked if a time of use would be established. McGinnis said there was no timer but his original motion was to require shutoff at 10 p.m.

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Board weighs dock, boatlift, lakefront applications

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McGinnis moved to allow installation of the four lights and a box with access to the remotes, with an agreement they be turned off at 10 p.m.

Dean asked how turning off the lights would be regulated. McGinnis said there was no real way to enforce it. Board Member Brian Zoller said if the rule was abused, the board had the ability to terminate permission.

McGinnis said the two smaller motion-sensor lights would burn until their power ran out. Board Member Dan Via said only the first court would be lighted. McGinnis said he was not sure if it would be enough to make the court playable. The motion was approved, 11-1.

Docks and Waterfront: 24-A. Board Member Brian Zoller presented an application from Jeff Straka and Katie Grusing, 24 Anchor, to install a small row of pavers on the Country Club lakefront to prevent erosion at the location of the stump of an uprooted tree that had been removed previously due to shoreline hazard. Zoller said they planted a new tree to replace the fallen one but the pavers were needed to

prevent erosion of a small slope. The board passed, 12-0, Zoller's motion to approve.

64-A. President Holland returned to discussion of removing an unused boatlift on the lakefront at 64-A. Board Member Brian Smith said five or six people could move it. Board Member Mike Stiles said the lift is not in a legal location, sitting off by itself along the seawall.

Natalie Graff-Baker, 64 Anchor, said the lift was hers from the time she purchased the house and she wants to keep it. Graff-Baker said she did not want the boatlift removed and three docks possibly installed in the resulting spaces. President Holland said the Docks and Waterfront subcommittee would examine the matter and she would be contacted.

102-A. President Holland returned to discussion of Board Member Scott Patton's overlength dock at 102-A. Patton had applied to install encapsulated foam, add a cover to his boatlift and to reposition his dock anchors when board members pointed out his 37-foot, 3-inch-long dock exceeds the maximum allowable 30 feet for docks in shallow water and should be shortened.

Holland said Board Member Shawn Weigel measured depth of the water again.

after a major rain when the lake was quite full, finding about 2 feet depth at the back corner. Board Member Jayme Dean said it still must be determined whether there is less than 3 feet of water below where the bow of a boat would be docked alongside the dock -- which would allow a dock to extend beyond 25 feet, up to 30 feet.

Holland said the board was concerned with the way in which the dock had been lengthened and had given Patton the option of shortening the ramp or shortening the dock. Weigel said he did not think the dock needed to be more than 30 feet long and would measure again so the board can make a decision at a subsequent meeting.

171-A. Board Member Brian Zoller presented an application from Adam and Caroline Dunavant, 171 Anchor, for a boatlift for their 171-A dock in front of 10-A. The lift is to be acquired from the owner of 142-B, who is to help move it, and installed by contractor Randy Gregory. The 8-foot, 10-inch-wide lift is to be installed 6 to 8 inches from the dock in 25 feet of space to the neighboring dock, leaving at least 15 feet of space to the neighboring dock. The space to the dock on the other

See Docks, Page 17.

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Docks to be built, moved, lengthened, electrified

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side is 19 feet. The board passed, 9-0, Zoller's motion to approve the application.

178-A. Board Member Jayme Dean asked for an update on a request from the owners of the 178-A dock to move their dock's location. Board Member Brian Zoller said he has been trying to contact the owners to verify they have seen the proposed site and wanted that location before continuing with the process. Zoller said the application would be presented at the Aug. 4 meeting.

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17-B. Board Member Brian Zoller presented an application from Board Member Brian Hodges to lengthen his 12-foot-wide stationary dock from 16 feet to 20 feet, including new deck boards and skirting. Board Member Jayme Dean asked that materials be listed on the application. The board passed, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Zoller to approve.

78-B. Board Member Shawn Weigel presented an application from David and Diane Riordan, 78 Beach, to install

electricity to a new 12-foot-wide by 25-foot-long dock at 78-B and low-voltage lighting on the lakefront. Weigel said it was proposed electricity be run to the seawall and a ground fault circuit interrupter would be installed on the dock. President Holland said historically, the board has required the GFCI to be installed on the applicant's property and not on the Country Club lakefront.

Weigel subsequently reported he talked to the electrician who said a ground fault circuit interrupter for dock electricity would be installed in the house. He said a 110-volt outlet would be on the dock with an emergency shut-off at the seawall. The board passed, 9-0, Weigel's motion to approve the application.

23-C. Board Member Shawn Weigel presented an application from Paul and Brenda Bowers, 23 Clipper, to build a landscape retaining wall on Country Club lakefront 15 feet from the shoreline and below two other walls to

prevent erosion and slippage of the steep slope into the lake. He said the intervening land would be protected by mulch and shrubs. Weigel moved for approval.

Board Member Renny Buckaloo asked that the landscape material be quarantined against invasive species before application since there was a danger it could slide into the lake. Weigel amended his motion to provide the landscape materials be quarantined on site. The motion was approved, 10-1 with 1 abstention.

28-D. Board Member Brian Zoller presented an application from Linda Sangster, 28 Dockside, to replace her dock at 28-D with a dock of the same size, 12 feet wide and 25 feet long. Distance to one neighboring dock is 16 feet 3 inches and to the other, 27 feet 6 inches. The board passed, 9-0, Zoller's motion to approve the application.

92-D. President Holland said Board Member Mike Stiles talked with Carlos and Lenilce Oliveira, 92 Dockside, who requested to repair their 92-D dock with new concrete footings and lumber that do not constitute 50 percent of the dock. The materials are to be quarantined. Holland said a permit is not required and no vote needed.

Water Patrol: Board Member Jayme Dean said there were still many boaters pulling skis or tubes that had no warning flags or improper flags and that greater enforcement is needed. She said the patrol boats now have new canopies but work is required on the pontoon boat. She said there are still invasive species violations.

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LAKESIDE NEWSLETTER

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From Lisa Hodges, Realtor KS & MO



MARKET NEWS

Mortgage rates are expected to hold steady in the mid-6% range through next month, with slight movement depending on inflation reports. There are growing talks of potential Fed rate cuts later this year, which could help ease mortgage rates closer to the low-6% range by fall. For now, the housing market remains steady

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Weeds sprayed, boatlift followup, fireworks snag

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President Holland asked if there is a rule prohibiting zig-zagging by power boats. Dean said there is. He asked that the Water Patrol be advised to enforce it.

Lake Environment: Shoreline weed spraying. Board Member Renny Buckaloo said Blue Valley Labs completed spraying of shoreline water weeds but avoided spraying land-based weeds. He said a subsequent review of sprayed sites during lake water testing found satisfactory results.

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: 10-C boatlift. Board Member Mike Stiles followed up communication with Angela Montague, seller of 10 Clipper, on a board directive that she move an improperly installed boatlift from the left side of the dock (as viewed from shore) to the right side as approved by the board to ensure dock/lift spacing required by Lake Rules.

The board voted Dec. 2, 2024, that she must remove the boatlift or relocate it to the proper side of the dock within 30 days. The board had said if the seller's disclosure stated the lift must be moved

or removed no later than May 1, the board could extend the deadline. Stiles said he received a text from Montague stating the new owners would not release escrow money that would pay for the move and that agents were discussing the matter.

Rule Book update. John Braden noted the version of the Lake Rule Book on the Country Club website had been updated to reflect the current language of the Lake's Original Corporation Warranty Deed Covenant.

Lake litter. Ty Francis, 3 Emerald Shore asked whether the board can stop the amount of trash, including condoms, that are littered in the lake, where they tend to collect at the end of the dam near his dock.

Clubhouse: Board Member T.J. McGinnis moved to spend \$150 to mount a projector and install a connecting HDMI cable in the Clubhouse for use in board meetings. Board Member Jayme Dean questioned whether the Clubhouse security deposit is sufficient to cover projector replacement if it should be damaged by a renter. The board approved McGinnis' motion, 12-0.

Fireworks display: Board Member Jayme Dean said Troy of Rainbow Fireworks reported there was an electrical problem during the finale of the Fourth of July fireworks display. As a result, she said the contractor promised the "most amazing fireworks display ever" next year.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: President
Holland asked for an update on removal
of abandoned boats from the boat lots. No
details were offered in absence of Board
Member Brian Smith. Board Member Scott
Patton said a couple of boats have been
removed but others are still in process.
Board Member Jayme Dean said a storage
pod needs to be removed from one lot.
Holland asked her to contact the owner.

John Braden reported one abandoned sailboat and trailer had been removed from the A Block Boat Lot and that another had been assessed by a knowledgeable boat restorer who said the trailer and mast should be offered to a metal recycler and the hull dumped.

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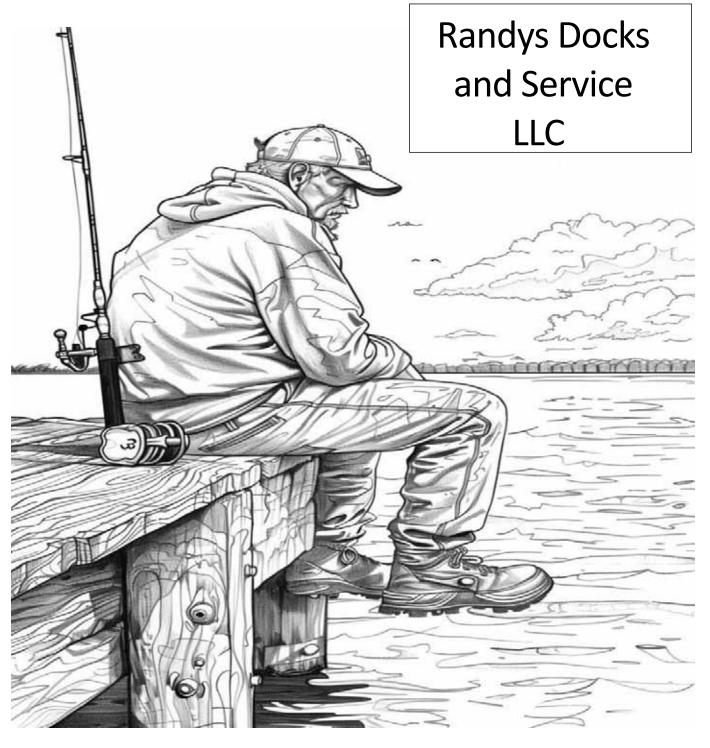


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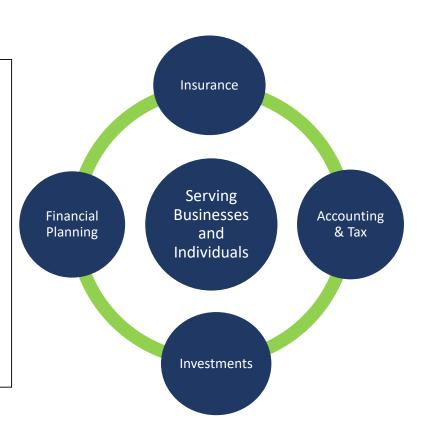
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BOAT PARADE FIRST PLACE -- Mark & Nancy Swaney, 25 Beach, "Spider-man."



SECOND PLACE -- Mike & Susan Stiles, 26 Beach, "Batman."

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Super entries highlight Boat Parade; Swaneys First again

By John Nicol

For the second year, the Fourth of July Boat Parade entry by **Mark and Nancy Swaney**, 25 Beach, won the First Place trophy with a multi-tiered Spider-man display.

It seems "Spidey" has been showing up at family gatherings for years and was a natural choice for the parade's superhero. Matthew is Spider-man, who was high above the cityscape decorations including a flag. Caroline portrays girlfriend Mary Jane, Alice is Carmen, James is the anti-hero Punisher and the rest of the crew in masks include Haley, little James and Mark.



THIRD -- Kris & Klm Hall, 8 Clipper.

Their immediate neighbors, Mike and Susan Stiles at 26 Beach, were Second Place with fine renditions of a Batmobile (boat), Batman insignia and cast of characters: James as

Batman himself; Sam as Alfred the butler; Grant as the Riddler; Sara as Poison Ivy; Luke as the Joker; Natalie as Harley Quinn and of course Mike as the Penguin.

New to boat parades, **Kris and Kim Hall**, 8 Clipper, took Third Place, with Superman (Kris) joining forces with Captain America (John), supported by Madison, Kasey and Stephen as bomb pops dressed in red, white and blue to match the decorations.

Honorable Mention goes to a consistent participant in Fourth Boat Parades, **Philip Zuspan and Sheryl Young**, 53 Dockside, who devised a giant star with the Stars and Stripes and Super Heroes theme. Heroes: Phil as Superman, a week before the latest movie rendition; friend Wayne as Captain America and super support from Sheryl, Kim and Jeannine.



Scott Patton recruited judges, ordered trophies and the Lake Patrol led the parade. Also, thanks to residents who were off the lake during the boat parade, for safety, while the parade made its way around the lake.

'I wanna go back to my little grass shack' at the Luau

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"I attended the Blue River Public Riggs
Safety Institute and graduated in 2022
at age 56. I joined the Oak Grove Police Department
in June of 2022 as a part-time officer supplementing
their workforce a few days a week as needed. I was still
managing our corporate real estate portfolio through 2024
but really enjoyed the police work. I sold my portion of
the real estate company to focus on my family and police
work.

"I joined Lake Tapawingo full time on July 3, 2025, and will continue my part-time work in Oak Grove as needed. I reside in Lee's Summit with my wife, Jann, and our two dogs. We have two sons. Brennan is a project

manager and resides in Lee's Summit and Connor (and his wife, Lexa) live in Stanley, Kan. Connor is a Master Trooper with the Kansas Highway Patrol and Lexa is an art teacher at Olathe West High."

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Ward 2: Beach, Clipper:

Report 25-000085 -- Informational/Trespass: Parking complaint.

Ward 3: Dockside, Emerald Shore:

Report 25-000081 -- Outside agency assist: Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to area check,

Report 25-000082 -- Outside agency assist: Central Jackson County Fire Protection responded to emergency medical services call.

Report 25-000084 -- Trespass call: subject arrested on outside warrant.

Directed Patrol: Stop sign enforcement -- multiple directed patrols

U.S. 40:

Report 25-000079 -- Warrant arrest: subject transferred to Clay County

Report 25-000080 -- Warrant arrest: subject transferred to Cass County

Report 25-000083 -- Solicitor.

Citations: 31

Arrests: 3

See Police Reports, Page 27.



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				O	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Boat launching, 9 a.m noon (preregister Lake Office or laketapawingomo.com) Block Warst 10 a.m. registration Shelterhouse
3	Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse Lake Office hours:	5 Lake Office hours:	City Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall Lake Office hours:	7 Municipal Court 10:30 a.m., Circuit Court, Independence City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall Lake Office hours:	8 Lake Office hours:	Boat launching, 9 a.m noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingomo.com)
10	Noon-6 p.m.	9 a.m5 p.m. 12 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse	9 a.m5 p.m.	9 a.m5 p.m.	9 a.m5 p.m.	Boat launching, 9 a.m noon (preregister Lake Office or lake tapawingomo.com)
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17	Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	23 Boat launching (preregister Lake Office or laketapawingomo.com) Invasive Species Training 8 a.m. Lake Office (preregister) Sportsmen's Club Luau, 5 p.m. Shelterhouse
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Lake Office hours: Noon-6 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	Lake Office hours: 9 a.m5 p.m.	

Police Reports

	June 1-30	May 1-31	April 1-30	March 1-31	Feb. 1-28	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30
Traffic - Anchor	1	1	5	1	0	2	5	4
offenses - Beach	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
- Clipper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
- Dockside	6	3	3	2	0	1	7	4
- Emerald Shore	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel - U.S. 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- U.S. 40	24	17	12	8	1	2	2	4
- Total	31	23	20	11	1	8	14	15
Warrant arrests	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints Calls for service	8	11	15	13	5	11	3	7
Warnings	0	0	1	0	1	1	10	6
Total	43	38	39	24	7	21	27	28

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