

# LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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Photos by John Braden

NO CUTTING IN LINE -- because there was no line. Because of Jackson County pandemic restrictions on meeting size, 22 in-person votes and one absentee vote were cast in the Lake Board election. Other property owners were able to help achieve the quorum of 50 needed participants by submitting 38 proxy "present" forms, making a total of 61 participants in the election.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Lake holds board election despite pandemic clampdown

*By President Jayme Dean*

Our annual Property Owners Meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 18, with only one item on the agenda: To elect five members of the Board of Directors. The Jackson County pandemic meeting regulations required the Board to get creative with the voting process.

Property owners who were "members in good standing" were able to drive up to the Clubhouse for voting right from their cars, or they could come into the Clubhouse individually to register their vote any time from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Despite a last-minute change to our carefully planned emergency provisions for holding an election during the pandemic, this meeting and election were both a success. A total of 38 completed proxy forms were submitted, 22

in-person votes were cast and 1 absentee ballot was submitted. That was a total of 61 election participants,

exceeding our requirement for a 50-member quorum.

There were many volunteers who assisted in the election as inspectors, judges and clerks. A special thank you goes out to Mary Bedsworth, Brian and Katy Zoller, Jennifer Moran, Kim McReynolds, Randy Thatcher, Bill Ellwood, Clayton Holland and Wes Knox for volunteering their time.

Thank you to each property owner who participated in the election and welcome to the new members of the Board of Directors:

- Jayme Dean, 62 Beach
- Bill Ellwood, 52 Dockside
- David Hillerman, 90 Beach
- Allison Holmes, 43 Anchor
- Cyndi Willoughby, 5 Dockside

The new members will be sworn in at our next meeting on Monday, March 1. There are many goals and projects that this new Board will be working on throughout the year.

Please join us on the first and the third Mondays of the month for our meetings. The link to the Zoom meetings will be posted on both the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page and the Lake Tapawingo Country Club website, [www.laketapawingomo.com](http://www.laketapawingomo.com).





# Around the Lake

## SYMPATHY

Chuck and Colleen Drinkard and family, 32 Beach, on the death Feb. 16 of their son, Paul, 42, Olathe.

Wyatt Zucca and family, 117 Dockside, on the death Feb. 12 of his mother, Opal, 89, Independence.

## BIRTHDAYS

March 3 Amy McDonald, 159 Dockside

March 4 Ron McIntire, 44 Anchor

March 10 Johnnie Lowther, 85 Dockside  
Jerry Miller, 41 Anchor

March 12 Gretchen Bretz, 148 Dockside  
Jackie Gale, 95 Beach

March 15 Kay Coen, 31 Emerald Shore

March 24 Gina Chavez, 34 Anchor  
Peggy Davis, 7 Clipper  
MaryAnn Rivera, 40 Clipper

March 27 Kathy Summers, 5 Anchor  
Cathy Pirner, 81 Anchor

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

## Richard Finehart, former Lake resident, firefighter, dies

Former long-time Lake resident Richard Frank Finehart, died Jan. 26, 2021, at age 93 in Edinburg, Texas. Dick and his wife, Mary Jane, and five kids lived for many years at 161-A (now 161 Anchor Drive) in Lake Tapawingo.

Dick was a volunteer fireman for Lake Tapawingo in the 1960s and 1970s before becoming assistant fire chief for Blue Springs. When the last of their children graduated from Blue Springs High School, he retired from the fire department. He also was a foster parent, missionary and handyman.

Eventually Dick and Mary Jane sold the family home, bought a recreational vehicle and traveled the country building and repairing churches, orphanages and Christian schools and universities for more than 10 years. They bought their last home in Mission, Texas, and continued to volunteer for local churches.

Daughter Diane Sanchez of Dallas said she still visits friends and family in the area.

"In my youth, Block A was full of kids in our age group," she said. "The Johnsons, Williamses, Secrists, Niemeysers, Fineharts and Comforts were constant playmates! We contributed to the ski shows (Mom sewed dozens of costumes), we ice skated, sailed, skied, boated and, of course, swam in every cove for years and years. Dad helped design and put on fireworks displays at the back gate for decades."

Dick is preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane, daughter Kathleen Rose and grandson Bryan Rose. He is survived by daughters Marijo Brookshire, Diane Sanchez and Deborah Jordan-Jones, and son Doyle Finehart, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

## More Lake Zoom meetings set for March

**Country Club Board** -- The Lake Board meets at 7 p.m. **Monday, March 1, and Monday, March 15**, on Zoom. Obtain the Zoom link from the Lake Office at 228-3721 or office@laketapawingomo.com; the Country Club website, www.laketapawingomo.com; or from the Residents of Lake Tapawingo Facebook page.

**City Council** -- The City Council meets at 6 p.m. **Thursday, March 4** on Zoom. Obtain the Zoom link from City Hall at 229-3722 or pblixrud@laketapawingomo.com, or from the meeting agenda on bulletin boards and the city website, www.laketapawingomo.org.

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# Frostbite Follies

February's brutal cold snap surrendered A Cove and several other parts of the lake to snowman building, ice skating and ice hockey rinks.



Photos by Marianne and John Braden

YOU KNOW IT'S WINTER -- when you have to shovel your way across the lake to get to your skating/hockey rink.



Snow man is an island.



## March 10 last day to register to vote in April city election

March 10 is the last day for new voters to register to vote in the April 6 City Council election. There will be a contest in Ward 1, which includes A Block. Otherwise, unopposed candidates filed for mayor and the other two City Council seats.

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

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

The election board has not announced where Lake voters will cast ballots in April. Last year's city election, which was delayed until June 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, was held at the Blue Springs High School



Freshman Campus. Last year's primary and general elections were held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church in Blue Springs.

Alderman John Sellars was the sole candidate to file for the two-year term for mayor. Sellars, 11 Dockside, is a one-term alderman who led city annexation and strategic planning studies in the past two years.

City alderman candidates are:

- In Ward 1 (A Block), Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor, and Kerri Waller, 25 Anchor, seeking the seat of Alderman Charles Cruit, 51 Anchor, who did not seek re-election;
- In Ward 2 (B and C blocks), Alderman Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, who seeks re-election;
- In Ward 3 (D and E blocks), Morgan Combs, 70 Dockside, seeking the seat Sellars is vacating.

The two-year City Council terms are staggered so that one alderman is elected from each of the three city wards each year. Aldermen Steve Magel in Ward 1, Tom Rodenberg in Ward 2 and Bob Seago in Ward 3 have terms that expire in April 2022.

Mayor Tom Goddard, who was elected for two years in 2017 and re-elected in 2019, did not file for a third term.



## COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

## Lake Board revises proxy process for election

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Feb. 1 and 16 via Zoom video conference. The board also met Feb. 10 in closed executive session via Zoom. President Jayme Dean presided.

**Visitors:** Jeff Burns, 183 Anchor; Colleen Drinkard, 32 Beach; Allison Holmes, 43 Anchor; T.J. McGinnis, 102 Dockside; Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor; Cyndi Willoughby, 5 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor; Steve Turner, KC Pros Electric.

### Property Owners Meeting and election:

Due to Jackson County's meeting restrictions under the pandemic, President Dean told the Feb. 1 meeting that board lawyer Zach Goff recommended the Feb. 18 Property Owners Meeting use voting by proxy which is permissible by state law in Missouri. She said a proxy form, when signed by a property owner, allows a volunteer proxy representative to vote on behalf of the property owner. The form could then be dropped off with a proxy representative or at the Lake office. Keeping within the Jackson County COVID limitations, the proxy representatives could then enter the Clubhouse to submit votes for which they are responsible. There must be at least 50 votes to constitute a quorum. The board voted, 13-0, to approve a motion by Board

Member Renny Buckaloo to allow voting by proxy.

The board later met in closed executive session Feb. 10 for further advice from Goff about the election.

At the subsequent regular meeting Feb. 16, Dean said because it had been determined proxy voting procedures could not be used for the Property Owners Meeting election, residents who had been turning in proxy forms at the Lake Office were asked to convert those into proxy "present" forms to help reach a quorum of 50 eligible participants. She said those property owners who decided to actually vote between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 18 would be met at the Clubhouse with ballot forms. In the meantime, she said proxy "present" forms could be dropped off at the City Hall-Lake Office drop box.

Dean thanked Board Members Renny Buckaloo and Sarah Wilke for their service on completion of their board terms. She also thanked Board Member Bill Ellwood, who was ending his one-year term but was expected to be re-elected to a full term.

**Treasurer's report:** Bills were presented to the board for approval. Board Member Joe Rush questioned why the board received three Spire gas bills as the office is all electric. He said there should only be two gas bills, for the Maintenance

Building and the Clubhouse. Office Manager Diana Reyes subsequently determined the third bill was for City Hall rather than the Lake Office.

President Dean said no refund of appealed property taxes had been received from Jackson County but the paid receipts had been received in the office.

Treasurer Hap Graff said the auditor's staff had been working with the Lake office reviewing records for issuance of an audit report in about a month.

Reyes said about \$45,000 in assessments had been received since the Jan. 19 meeting.

**Unpaid assessments.** Graff said board lawyer Jonathan Zerr had been given verified totals for five properties with delinquent assessments. The accounts have an 8 percent annual late penalty (per Lake bylaws) added, which corrected the totals owed to substantially more than was reported in October 2020. The past due accounts all have multiple years owing, one as far back as 2006. President Dean said the past due assessments total \$96,050.53. Graff said lawsuits were filed against the property owners and collections are proceeding.

Graff said Zerr confirmed an attempt to collect from one former property owner using his collection service would cost

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# Birthday drive-by!



Photos by Elizabeth Braden



LAKE FRIENDS – spent part of Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 7, in a drive-by parade, with police escort, to celebrate the 90th birthday of longtime Lake icon Chet Landes, 173 Anchor.



## Lake Board orders electrical inspections of docks

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more than the amount owed. That property sold despite unpaid assessments while the Lake Office was closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, Graff said the former property owner had moved to Colorado and would be difficult to pursue in court. It was suggested that the amount of \$1,246 be written off. Dean said she was not convinced that the board has tried all avenues of collection.

Jeff Burns, owner of 183 Anchor, said the Country Club could file for a certificate of judgment in Colorado against the previous property owner who left owing assessments.

### Docks and Waterfront: GFCI testing.

Board Member Steve Meek said it was found the last time dock electrical inspections were done was 2017. It took two to three years to complete. President Dean asked Meek and Board Members Kim McReynolds and Brian Smith to research how other lakes handle the task.

Board Member Sarah Wilke said the board should not rely on city inspections.

Board Member Renny Buckaloo noted the board only paid for previous inspections, not for actual repairs. Smith noted failure to maintain a safe dock electrical system is a violation subject to 6 penalty points.

Jeff Burns, owner of 183 Anchor, said since the Country Club owns the lake, it might be legally liable, in addition to the dock owner, if someone were to be electrocuted at a dock with unsafe electrical connections.

At the subsequent meeting, Smith introduced Steve Turner of KC Pros Electric, which has performed dock electrical inspections for 12 years at Lake Winnebago and five years at Lake Lotawana.

Turner said inspectors work in pairs, one walking the shoreline while the other records information with an electronic tablet from a boat. He said records and photos are maintained for each dock. Turner said docks are inspected for ground-fault circuit interrupters; improperly installed, damaged or exposed wiring; use of extension cords for electrical

connections; and overhead connections, which he said are dangerous.

Turner said inspections cost \$12 per dock and residents are required to correct problems at their own expense. It was suggested that the board also could collect inspection fees from residents. John Braden said it was reported there were 101 docks with electrical connections in 2017.

Although board members indicated they were ready to act on the issue, it was noted Lake rules would have to be amended in a three-reading rulemaking process to compel dock owners to comply and pay for inspections and repairs. President Dean asked Smith, Meek and McReynolds to create an inspection plan for presentation to the next board meeting.

Board Member Hap Graff moved to hire KC Pros Electric to perform GFCI inspections on all docks with electricity without making provision yet for payment by residents. With an estimated 100 docks with electricity, he said the \$1,200 total inspection cost is not an issue at this time.

Graff said the current board members

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## Board advances lakefront improvements

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could make the decision to hire KC Pros, with the new board to be seated in March deciding how to proceed with rule making on payments and enforcement. Board Member Clayton Holland seconded the motion, which passed, 13-0.

**32-B.** Board Member Brian Smith presented a permit application and photographs from Chuck and Colleen Drinkard for widening and replacement of stairs and landings down the bluff to the 32-B dock. The application also requested permission to construct a 9- by 32-foot landing over a rock area between two cliffs. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve the application.

**33-B.** Smith presented a permit application and photographs from Carla Misejka for replacement and widening of lakefront stairs down the bluff at 33-B. The application included new posts and concrete. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve the application.

Smith said Mark Wharton of Sunset Craftsman would perform the work at both 32-B and 33-B. Smith said nothing would touch the water, so no invasive species quarantine was required for supplies or equipment.

**29-B.** Smith said Rob Jordan of 29 Beach wanted to remove bushes from the lakefront at 29-B. Smith said he suggested Jordan return with the request when weather moderates enough to view the site.

**35-E.** Smith said Curt Fay of 35 Emerald Shore wanted to construct an 8- by 12-foot patio on the lakefront at 35-B. Smith said he suggested Fay return with the request when the weather moderates.

**42-A.** Smith said Nick Bright of 42 Anchor submitted an application, photos and measurements for a dock space for a 12- by 25-foot dock between 39-A and 41-A. He said the distance between the 39-A and 41-A docks was about 55 feet and estimated the 12-foot-wide dock should be

15 feet from 39-A and 28 from the 41-A dock, which is angled toward the proposed dock space so its boat has enough room to enter and leave its dock. Smith said the proposed dock would not be attached to the seawall but would be anchored by "mud poles" driven into the lake bottom. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Smith to approve the space and dock at a maximum size of 12 by 25 feet.

**Municipal Business:** Board Member Steve Meek said the joint City-Country Club Municipal Business Committee met Feb. 11, discussing a letter sent to the city by Kate Gray, 156 Anchor, that expressed concern about possible spraying of chemicals for mosquito control as well as other environmental issues, particularly those that might affect the lake. He said the city referred the letter to the Lake Board.

Meek said he did not think rule changes were needed but the letter contained common-sense suggestions that he would share with board members. In response to a question, John Braden

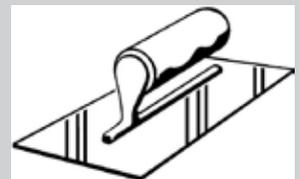
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# Lake Board to consider process for lake road access

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said in the spring the *Lake Tapawingo News* publishes a board request that residents use non-phosphate fertilizers on their lawns to discourage algae blooms in the lake.

Meek said the City Council members of the committee also passed along to the Lake Board members a letter from First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs, which asked if there is a request process the church can utilize to obtain access from the back of the church property to Beach Drive between 90 Beach and 50 Clipper. Meek said the church is at the early stages of exploring selling two acres and is not currently asking for access but merely seeks information on the process.

President Dean noted the only way to access the landlocked property would be via the Lake road. She said she would take the letter and determine what the process would be and present it at a March meeting to discuss pros and cons. Dean said the board might consider charging a road fee to non-resident property owners that access their properties by way of Lake roads.

**Dam and Spillway:** Board Member Randy Thatcher said the Missouri Department of Natural Resources issued a dam inspection permit valid for two years. He said there were recommendations for some repair and maintenance that President Dean said require attention to be discussed at upcoming meetings.

**Maintenance:** Board Member Brian Smith reported a buoy in Railroad Cove was broken beyond repair. He said a buoy light in A Cove and other buoys are in need of maintenance.

Smith said residential block boundary signs have deteriorated and need repair. He said Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf is working on the signs.

Smith said the dumping of debris in the gated area of the dam was done by Underground Plumbing Pros, which has been working for the city. He said Kempf cleaned up the debris, changed the lock to the gate and is the only one with the code.

President Dean said an e-mail request was received asking that receptacles for dog waste be installed around the Lake. Board members questioned cost and effort of installation plus continual maintenance of such receptacles by limited Maintenance staff. Board Member Kim McReynolds said neighbors could volunteer use of their trash cans for the purpose. However, city ordinances limit placement of trash cans along the roads to a few hours before trash pickup.

Board Member Joe Rush said the dilapidated areas of fence along the Kansas City Southern railroad tracks belong to the Country Club. Smith said Maintenance would obtain an estimate on repairs. John Braden suggested the railroad be asked if it would participate in cleaning of brush that has grown up into the fence.

**Roads, Easements and Pathways:** Board Member Clayton Holland reported Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf used asphalt cold-patch to repair a number of

potholes around the Lake. He said in mid-March he and Kempf would go around the Lake and mark areas for at least three contractors to come in to bid repairs.

Jeff Burns, owner of a rental house at 183 Anchor, said the asphalt on the outside bend of the southeast corner of Anchor Circle has deteriorated and has a steep drop off that could be hazardous, particularly to motorcyclists. Holland said he would take a look at it and try to determine the boundary between the road and the adjoining private property.

Board Member Joe Rush said city Alderman Bob Seago told him there are several waterlines that are going to be replaced. Rush said repairing the roads prior to completion of waterline excavations would not be ideal.

Kempf was commended for his work on snow removal.

**COVID-19 update:** President Dean requested that masks and social distancing rules be followed along with limiting time spent in the Lake Office by visitors to 5 to 10 minutes. She said the board was working with the Sportsmen’s Club and Women’s Club to ensure that Jackson County meeting restrictions are followed. She said the Feb. 18 Property Owners Meeting would include appropriate precautions during the balloting process.

**Lake Office:** John Braden suggested that Lake Board meeting Zoom links be available on the Country Club website for those property owners who are not on social media. T.J. McGinnis also asked that board members and committees be updated on the website.

**Lake Environment:** In response to questions from John Braden, President Dean said invasive species training sessions would continue to be held at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at the Clubhouse. Board Member Renny Buckaloo said quarantined boats that sustained 48 hours at temperatures below 32 degrees had completed quarantine. He said once temperatures return to warmer than 32, the quarantine period returns to 35 days.

**Executive session:** President Dean adjourned the Feb. 1 meeting and reconvened the board in a closed executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

<h2>No Lake privileges</h2>	
<h3>February 2021</h3>	
The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of Feb. 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.	
56-A Beatty	124-A Schwenk
120-A Rogers	135-B Stickney
123-A O’Grady	13-E Semstead



## BZA denies variance for lakefront deck extension

By John Braden

The Lake Tapawingo Board of Zoning Adjustment denied Feb. 9 a request for a variance from building ordinances to extend a deck further into the setback from the lakefront property line.

Mark Wharton of Sunset Craftsmen submitted an application for Chuck and Colleen Drinkard, 32 Beach, to replace their deck and extend it so it encroaches further into the 15-foot setback from the Country Club's lakefront property line.

City codes call for decks to be set back 15 feet from the property line on the lakeside. Wharton said the Drinkards sought to replace their existing deck, which he estimated is already only 8 feet from the lakeside property line, and wanted a variance to extend the deck an additional 6 feet into the setback.

Wharton said there was no stake survey establishing the property line. He estimated the current deck and addition, which would be 7 inches off the ground, would be only 3 feet from the lakeside property line.

Wharton said the addition would extend the deck beside an existing hot tub with the purpose of adding more entertainment space.

Neighbor Carla Misejka, 33 Beach, told the board she had lived in her home for 36 years. She spoke against the deck addition, saying when patio furniture was added, her lake view would be blocked from inside and outside of her house. She also questioned whether that would affect her property's value.

In answer to a question by BZA Member Meg Seifert, Wharton said he was not seeking a variance to replace the existing deck, saying the existing deck could be replaced within its existing footprint, even though it is in the setback.

BZA Chairman Dan Brown explained that variances are granted rarely and under exceptional circumstances requiring an applicant to demonstrate "practical difficulties" -- that, as a practical matter, the property cannot be used for a permitted use without coming into conflict with ordinance restrictions.

Brown and BZA Alternate Member Greg Fedo abstained from voting, citing their current discussions with Wharton about possible work on their own properties. Brown said that required the remaining four members present to vote unanimously in favor for the request to be granted. However, the vote for the variance failed, 0-4.

A second application was withdrawn before the board met. Rick and Lisa LaCombe, 117 Beach, had sought to replace an 8- by 10-foot shed with a 12- by 16-foot shed. City ordinances do not allow sheds larger than 10 by 10 feet. However, City Clerk Paul Blixrud said the existing shed apparently is built on Country Club property adjoining the LaCombes' property. Blixrud said he told the LaCombes the Country Club must provide written authorization before the BZA could approve construction on Country Club property.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

# It has been an honor to serve the City

By Mayor Tom Goddard

I want to start by saying it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mayor the last four years. I have not taken that responsibility lightly.



I have tried to serve everyone in the community equally no matter what the issue was. Even though you may not have always agreed with me, I can assure you that I always had the best interest of the City at heart.

Family health issues dictate that I concentrate my energy toward my family. Lake Tapawingo is a friendly and tremendous place to live! Jody and I have made it our home since 1988 and we will continue to do so.

One incident that I want to share with you epitomizes the way I think we should work as a City. I had a resident walk into my office and contribute a sizable amount of money to one of my favorite causes. On the way out he paused and said, "Oh, by the way Mayor, I don't agree with you on ...." an unnamed project. I was just blown away by the sincerity of his actions. It was extremely rewarding that we could disagree and still work together on a meaningful project. It is too bad that we do not see this kind of cooperation at higher levels of our government.

### Secure display needed for donation of Lake artifacts

Jody and I have acquired in the last few years a small collection of Native American artifacts. All of it has been found in construction projects at our Lake. One piece may go back as far as the last Ice Age!



One artifact was found by Mr. Jim Conway during the construction of his home at 91 Dockside. It is called a three-quarter-groove ax by archaeologists because of the way the handle is attached. It is incredibly old and cannot be dated exactly because it was not found in the strata. Estimates range from 1,000 to 3,000 years old.



Other pieces in the collection are arrowhead making tools that go back as far as the beginning of the Stone Age. I found some of the pieces when I was cleaning up the property next door at 7 Beach which for many years was the home of Dale and Rose Swenson.



One stone hammer tool was given to me by one of our City workers and he would not reveal the location where he found it except to say it was found in the City.

Jody and I have decided to donate this collection to the City of Lake Tapawingo with the following condition: Someone or some group must fund a safe and secure display case in which the items may be displayed. The City has no

funds for this type of project. We do not want them to end up in the City attic!

Stay safe, spring is just around the corner!

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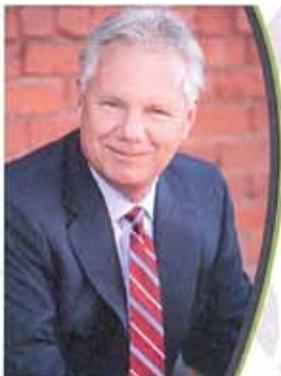
**A: Let us shop for you. We have access to many different companies, not just one.**

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

# Young, Pirner named to planning commission

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Feb. 4 via Zoom video conference. Mayor Tom Goddard presided.

**Visitors:** Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** Mayor Goddard announced appointment of Buddy Young, 63 Beach, to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission through 2025 replacing Lou Joline, whose term expired. Young also serves as alternate on the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Goddard also appointed Jeff Pirner, 81 Anchor, to the Planning and Zoning Commission through 2024 to complete the remaining three years of the term of Morgan Combs, effective with her resignation, which is expected by April when she becomes a city alderman. Combs is running unopposed for the City Council from Ward 3.

The mayor also reappointed Dale Blanchard, 3 Clipper, to a second term on the commission through 2025.

The council voted, 6-0, to approve a motion by Alderman Steve Magel to accept the appointment of all three nominees.

Other commission members are Chairman Bob Comfort and Janice Cunha.

**Water main replacement bond:** Alderman John Sellars said he would like to begin discussing the possibility of refinancing the general obligation bond that funded the water main replacement project. The bond is scheduled to be repaid in three years, which would reduce residents' property taxes used to repay the bond.

It was suggested the bond could be refinanced at a lower rate that would somewhat reduce residents' current taxes but would extend repayment for 10 to 20 years. Also, it was thought that money might be used for future infrastructure projects.

Sellars said he wanted to assess community opinions on infrastructure needs. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke

said he would raise the exploratory matter with the joint City-Lake Board Municipal Committee.

**Building:** Alderman Steve Magel said he planned to meet with City Attorney Paul Campo and Building Official Kip Thomas for opinions on updating building codes.

**Finance:** Alderman John Sellars said the new balance sheet has been adjusted and improved, noting the city now has all its cash in one account, with the exception of the water bond debt account. He said the city is working with auditor Troutt Beeman & Co. and software contractor gWorks to make additional improvements.

Sellars noted the city's finances are in good shape, seven months into the fiscal year.

**Water and Sewer:** Alderman Bob Seago said new Water and Sewer employee Dan Rowe is working out

well. He said the department had 20 calls since the previous meeting with one grinder pump replacement.

**Municipal Business:** Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said the joint City-Lake Board Municipal Committee had not met since the previous City Council meeting but would be addressing a letter from Kate Gray, 156 Anchor, regarding the use of chemicals and potential pollution of the lake.

**Mayor:** Mayor Goddard said he and Alderman John Sellars would be receiving their COVID-19 vaccination shots soon and Alderman Bob Seago was expected to do so as well. Goddard thanked the candidates who filed for the April 6 election.

*Official city minutes may be read at City Hall or on the city Internet site, [www.laketapawingomo.org](http://www.laketapawingomo.org).*

<b>City of Lake Tapawingo</b>			
<b>Revenue &amp; Expense Report</b>			
<b>Fiscal July 2020 – June 2021</b>			
<b>Six Month Report July-December 2020</b>			
	<b>YTD</b>		<b>YTD</b>
	<b>12/31/20</b>	<b>FY Budget</b>	<b>Remaining balance</b>
<b>General Fund</b> (Admin., Police, Court)			
Revenue	195,441.63	388,164.00	192,722.37
Expenses	192,080.80	394,569.00	202,488.20
General Total	3,360.83	-6,405.00	-9,765.83
<b>Sewer Fund</b>			
Revenue	150,352.17	294,132.00	143,779.83
Expenses	177,976.82	317,277.00	139,300.18
Sewer Total	-27,624.65	-23,145.00	4,479.65
<b>Water Fund</b> (Water Dept. & Water Bond)			
Revenue	368,151.50	573,847.00	205,695.50
Expenses	228,253.63	546,757.00	318,503.37
Water/Bond Total	139,897.87	27,090.00	-112,807.87
<b>Trash Fund</b>			
Revenue	39,906.22	78,250.00	38,343.78
Expenses	44,468.47	75,790.00	31,321.53
Trash Total	-4,562.25	2,460.00	7,022.25
<b>Total Profit/Loss</b>	<b>111,071.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-111,071.80</b>



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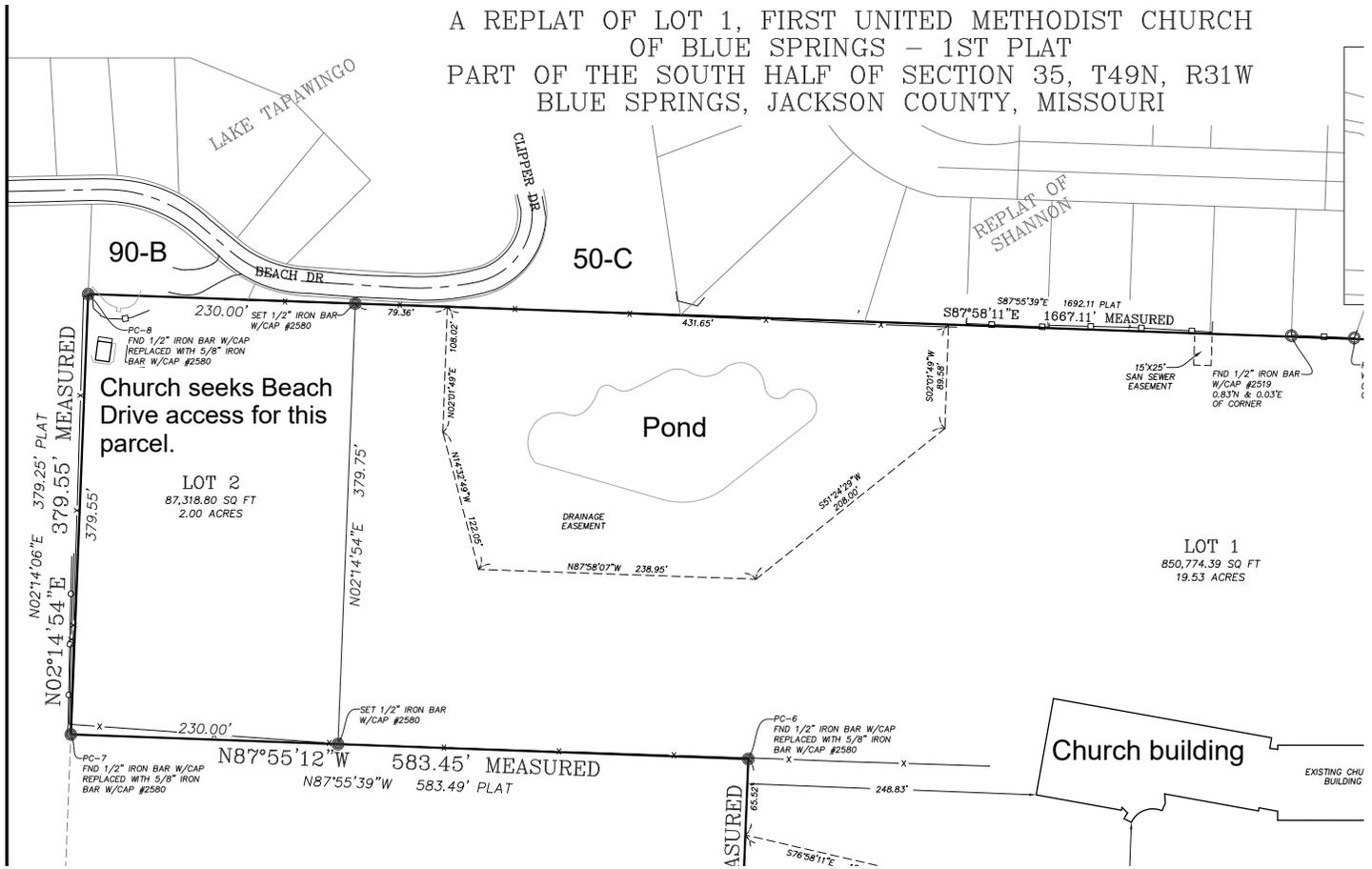


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**NEW REPLAT OF CHURCH PROPERTY** -- First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs provided a replat of its property showing Lot 2 of two acres on second tier of Beach Drive between 90 Beach and 50 Clipper. It is bordered by 90 Beach and Beach Drive on the north, the B Block Boat Lot and 114 Beach on the west, the remainder of the church property on the east, and non-Lake property owned by Bob and Libby Comfort, 120 Beach, on the south. Church officials are considering sale of Lot 2 and asked Lake Tapawingo what is the process to request access to Beach Drive. Last year it was reported the church asked Blue Springs to consider deannexing and the city of Lake Tapawingo to consider annexing the property. Since that time, it was indicated Blue Springs was not forthcoming with a deannexation proposal.

## City-Lake Board panel discusses chemical use, road access

By John Braden

The joint Municipal Business Committee met Feb. 11 to discuss mosquito spraying and other environmental matters, a request from a neighboring church for road access on Beach Drive and ways the city and Lake Tapawingo Country Club might cooperate on project funding.

The committee, comprising two City Council and two Lake Board members, was formed to improve communication between the Lake's two governing bodies.

The panel discussed a letter sent to the city by Kate Gray, 156 Anchor, that expressed concern about possible spraying of chemicals for mosquito control as well as other environmental issues, particularly those that might affect the lake. The letter was referred to the Lake Board since it owns the lake and common areas around it.

Lake Board Member Steve Meek said the letter contained common-sense suggestions that he would refer to the board.

The City Council members also passed along to the Lake Board members a letter from First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs, which asked if there is a request process the church can utilize to obtain access from the back of the church property to Beach Drive between 90 Beach and 50 Clipper.

Jim Barrows of the church Leadership Council's Property Committee, wrote that the church council is exploring the possibility of selling about two acres comprising the northwest corner of the church property, which lies within Blue Springs. To avoid the property being landlocked between the rest of the church property and Lake Tapawingo, the church asked about the process to obtain road access through the Lake.

"The Leadership Council is interested in selling to someone(s) who will build a structure(s) that would blend appropriately with church and Lake Tapawingo properties," Barrows wrote.

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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

*St. Patrick would understand*

# No St. Pat's parade, but smoked corned beef for sale March 14

By John Nicol

St. Patrick served his parishioners until his passing in 461 A.D. and would likely appreciate the effort of the Lake Tapawingo Sportsmen's Club (in its year 83) to serve our residents with packages of smoked corned beef to be sold by the pound from 1 p.m., until sold out, Sunday, March 14.

Given the continued pandemic restrictions, like the fish fry, the corned beef sale will be a drive-up, pick-up at the Clubhouse entry with smoked corned beef sold first come, first sold and no pre-orders.

With fluctuations in the price of meat, the sale price will be based on market price. No other dinner items are involved. Credit card purchases are welcome as usual.

No regular club meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, but President Jim Clarke called officers to meet instead. St. Patrick's celebration decisions were to provide for the sale of smoked corned beef instead of a dinner to avoid potential COVID-19 spread. The same reasoning again



postponed a St. Patrick's parade this year.

Chuck Welch is petitioning the Jackson County Health Department to consider allowing, with strict protocol rules, a Sportsmen's Club regular meeting on Tuesday evening March 9. Watch the Lake Bulletin Boards for a meeting notice board.

While the board was together, First Vice President John Harrison reported membership had increased to 165 which is greatly appreciated given the pandemic limits imposed on gatherings for traditional activities.

## Joint panel eyes bond refinancing, project cooperation

Continued from Page 13.

Last year it was reported the church asked Blue Springs to consider deannexing and the city of Lake Tapawingo to consider annexing the property. At that time, the church said it had been approached by a couple of Lake Tapawingo residents about purchasing the land. Since that time, it was indicated Blue Springs was not forthcoming with a proposal to deannex the property.

Because the Country Club owns the Lake roads, the City Council members turned the letter over to the Lake Board members so that body could consider how to respond. The committee members noted the letter merely asked whether there is a process to request access and did not actually request access at this time.

Committee members indicated it would be of interest to the Lake as to what type of development might be permitted on the property if road access were to be granted.

Currently there are three non-Lake properties with access to Lake roads, 5101 Tapawingo Lane, just inside the

U.S. 40 gate; the former pasture near 1 Anchor; and 125½ Beach Drive, on second tier above B Cove.

The committee also discussed a proposal by Alderman John Sellars to consider refinancing the bonds that funded the city water main replacement project. The bonds are slated to be repaid within three years, which would reduce residents' property taxes used to repay the bonds. It was suggested the bonds

could be refinanced at a lower rate that would somewhat reduce residents' current taxes to repay the bonds, but would extend repayment for 10 to 20 years.

The committee also discussed whether the city and Country Club could legally help fund each other's projects. Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said he would ask City Attorney Paul Campo whether there are legal impediments to such cooperation.



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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

# Valentine's cheer followed by winter ice fun!

By Shannon Follis

I think the lesson of the last month boiled down to: Communication between Punxsutawney Phil and Mother Nature is strong. He said six more weeks of winter and she delivered like Amazon.

Of our sudden winter resurgence, the fun on the ice was my favorite.

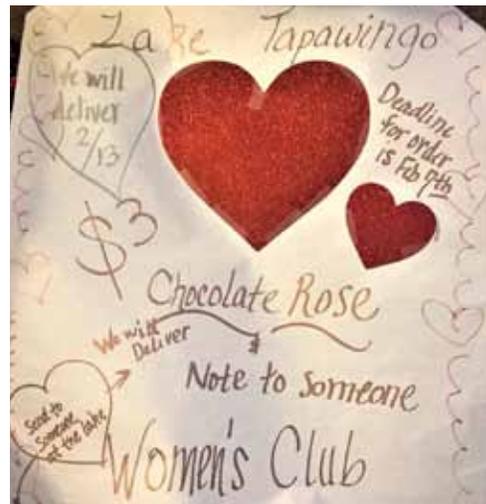
A huge thank you to the Women's Club members who helped write cards, take orders, and deliver orders of chocolate roses. Thank you to Julie



Howe, Lisa Hodges, Lou Bellinghausen, Rhonda Dolan and Hilary Wheat Peknik for making it such a success.

We hope everyone had a sweet and lovely Valentine's Day. Thank you to all of the community members who ordered roses.

There are no scheduled upcoming Women's Club meetings or events for March. We hope everyone has a wonderful spring break.



## Delinquent Lake assessments to be charged interest

The Lake Board plans to charge interest, retroactive to Jan. 1, to property owners having unpaid Country Club assessments as of April 1.

Lake Rules state that Lake Tapawingo Country Club fees are due Jan. 1 each year. While fees not paid by March 31 are considered delinquent, many property owners delay paying until March 31 or until they seek boat registration stickers before launching their boats.

Country Club bylaws provide that interest of 8 percent annually can be charged to delinquent assessments.

Residents who have not paid the annual assessment by March 31 also lose all Lake privileges including use of the lake for swimming, fishing and boating, and use of recreational space such as Liberty Gardens and other Country Club open space and shelters, and discounted rental of the Clubhouse.

### Power boat owners must show proof of insurance

Power boat owners paying their assessments and seeking boat registration stickers are required to provide proof of \$100,000 in liability insurance coverage for their boats.

### Lake Office payment policies

The Lake Office no longer accepts cash payments for transactions. Credit card users must pay the 3 percent credit card convenience fee, rather than it be absorbed by the Country Club.

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## Things to remember to keep you safe

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Over the last month, with the weather conditions we have experienced and the many accidents that occurred, it has brought several topics to mind that I believe we all need a reminder on.



### Seat belts save lives!

Seat belts are safety devices designed to help secure and protect you and your loved ones from crash-related injuries and from possibly being ejected completely from your vehicle. Please make sure you are wearing them correctly.



Wearing both the shoulder strap (across the chest/rib cage) and lap belt (across the pelvis/hips) is the correct way. Make sure you are removing any slack in the belt and it fits snugly. Air bags are not a replacement for seat belts; they are designed to work in conjunction with seat belts. Remember to buckle up every trip, every time!

### Auto insurance

Missouri law requires all drivers and owners to maintain liability insurance on your vehicles. It also requires that you

keep proof of financial responsibility with you to provide to law enforcement if requested. Remember: It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Missouri without liability insurance. Your license, plates and/or driving privileges can be suspended for not having insurance.

### Distracted driving

Distracted Driving can be caused by numerous things such as talking on phones, looking at something other than the road, listening to loud music, computer usage while driving, texting and eating. Distracted driving is anything that is taking your attention away from the road.



If you receive a citation for distracted driving (and there is such a thing) it can increase your insurance rates. Be sure to research and know the distracted driving laws in Missouri and any other states where you might travel.

### Check your vehicle

Vehicle checks -- Try to remember to do weekly or bi-weekly vehicle checks. Make sure your windshield wipers, tail lights, blinkers, headlights and brakes are all working properly. Check your tire pressure, treads and fluids. Keeping your vehicles in good working order helps to cut down on traffic accidents and leaving you stranded.

## Police Reports

	Jan. 1-31	Dec. 1-31	Nov. 1-30	Oct. 1-31	Sept. 1-30
Traffic offenses - Anchor	4	3	0	1	0
- Beach	8	1	0	2	0
- Clipper	4	0	0	0	1
- Dockside	5	3	1	3	0
- Emerald Shore	1	0	0	0	0
- Tapawingo Lane	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	2	3	9	1	5
- U.S. 40	45	39	42	37	36
- Total	69	49	52	44	42
Warrant arrests	2	1	0	0	1
Arrests	4	3	1	0	3
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	5	1	0	1	2
Calls for service	18	17	15	18	17
Warnings	31	27	38	30	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>111</b>



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	2	3	4 City Council 6 p.m., via video conference	5	6
7	8	9 Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., to be determined	10 Voter registration deadline for April 6 election	11	12	13
14  Daylight Saving Time Begins Sportsmen's Club Corned Beef Sale 1 p.m., Clubhouse	15 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20  First Day of Spring Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Clubhouse (pre-register) 
21	22	23	24 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Last day to pay Country Club assessment without 8% interest.			 Plan ahead. Invasive species quarantine period is now 35 days.

## Invasive species training for new residents offered at Clubhouse

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.

Upcoming sessions include:

- March 20
- April 17

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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