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Country Club eyes list of fee increases

By John Braden

The Country Club Board is preparing to discuss a series of potential new or increased fees on property owners by the end of the year that some members think would help the board postpone a general increase in annual assessments for a while.

President Jayme Dean told the Lake Board Oct. 17 that creative ways of increasing revenue in 2023 are being carefully considered as alternatives to raising annual assessments. Dean said the board has only a few meetings remaining this year and should act quickly if it wants to change Lake Rules to increase fees in time for 2023.

It appeared the fee increases or creations could be imposed by rule changes, which require three readings and affirmative votes by the Lake Board, rather than an increase in the \$1,000-per-property annual assessment, which requires a property owners' vote and a court order to ratify it.

Dean said the fee proposals would be discussed at the next Lake Board meeting, 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Clubhouse. There are two board meetings remaining in November and one in December before the annual Lake budget goes before property owners for approval at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Clubhouse.

Information was distributed to board members on comparable amounts charged by four area lakes for boat, motor and dock fees and revenues if those fees were raised.

Dean said other lakes charge more in fees that might be a strong consideration since an assessment increase for 2023 is not possible this late in the year. Dean said transfer fees on sale of property or Lake Office fees for assistance in completing sale waivers also are being considered.

Docks: Information provided to board members noted Lake Tapawingo charges dock fees of \$15 per year for its 370 docks, raising a total of \$5,550, while Lake Lotawana charges \$50 per dock, which would raise \$18,500 for the same number of docks. Lake Winnebago charges \$25 for
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By John Braden

A DAMSITE BETTER -- A-1 Excavating completed its work dredging the pond across the fence from Anchor Circle above A Cove, increasing its holding capacity and rebuilding its dam and spillway. The pond, belonging to Larry Zehnder, is across the fence in Jackson County, but will benefit Lake Tapawingo by again being able to capture silt runoff from the surrounding pastureland and no longer threatening to overflow in torrential rains.

Lake Board to boatlift lawsuit: Variance can be revoked

By John Braden

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board rebutted a lawsuit petition that seeks restoration of a rule variance that had allowed a boatlift beside a non-conforming dock, saying a variance is a "mere license" that the board can revoke at will. Additionally, the board denied numerous contentions in the lawsuit.

The Lake Board filed an answer Oct. 21 to the lawsuit by the owners of 78 Anchor that seeks restoration of a previous rule variance that would allow: installation of a boatlift next to a boathouse dock that is too wide under terms of Lake Rules and; placement of the lift too close to a neighboring dock under those rules.

The property owners, Barry Kaseff and Lynne Melcher of Mission Hills, Kan., filed the suit Aug. 24 in Jackson County Circuit Court seeking a declaratory

judgment stating the plaintiffs are entitled to have a boatlift on the left side of their dock (as viewed from the shore).

The Kaseffs contended an unidentified Lake Board office representative had told them the previous owners' side lift variance was still good even though the previous owners removed the lift and sold it before the Kaseffs bought the house.

The Lake Board's answer denied the allegation that the Kaseffs had been advised by an office representative that the variance was still good.

Additionally, the Lake Board response stated: "That the deed to the Plaintiff's property does not include the right to maintain a side boat lift."

Further it stated: "That any variance granted to the Plaintiff's predecessors in interest to maintain a

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Around the Lake

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 Nov. 11 Shelly McCanless, 168 Anchor
 Brooke Payne, 106 Dockside
 Nov. 14 Darren Davis, 22 Clipper
 Nov. 15 Dale Blanchard, 4 Clipper
 Nov. 20 Diane Ayers, 162 Dockside
 Nov. 23 Jayme Dean, 62 Beach
 Nov. 27 Stacy Wharton, 22 Emerald Shore
 Nov. 30 Brenda McIntire, 44 Anchor
 Pat Robinson, 81 Dockside

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Docks and Waterfront



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Board answer: Boatlift variance was ‘a mere license’

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side boat lift was a mere license which Defendant could and can revoke at will.”

As a result, the Lake Board said the plaintiffs failed to state a claim for which relief can be granted and asked that the petition be dismissed at the plaintiffs’ cost.

The couple had submitted an application to the Lake Board in September 2020 for a variance to install a boatlift next to the 29-foot-wide dock with less than 8 feet of room from the proposed lift to the next dock. The previous owner had a variance for a boatlift in that spot, but the lift was removed and sold prior to sale of the house. The 2020 application failed when board members made no motion to approve it.

Rules limit the width of docks to 12 feet for docks without boat slips and 14 feet for docks that include boat slips. Boathouses are no longer allowed on the lake; and the Kaseffs contend the obsolete boathouse is too small to house a lift for a modern boat. However, Lake Rules provide that docks that were built before those rules were passed -- such as the Kaseff dock -- are “grandfathered” and can remain in non-compliance as long as no more than 50 percent of the dock is replaced during repairs.

As far as placement of boatlifts, Lake Rules state a boatlift may not be installed at the side of a dock if that dock

is more than 12 feet wide. Additionally, a lift must be at least 15 feet away from the neighboring dock.

The Kaseffs’ petition stated: “Unless Plaintiffs are permitted to have a lift on the left side of the Boat House Dock, Plaintiffs will be denied the ability to have one dock and one boatlift, which all other property owners at the lake enjoy.”

The Lake Board’s answer formally denied that statement. In actuality, a number of other docks do not have boatlifts because there is inadequate space to neighboring docks to comply with Lake Rules.

The Lake Board also denied language in the Kaseffs request for a declaratory judgment that would declare the plaintiffs have a “right” to a boatlift on the left side of the dock and that the original variance granted to the previous owner runs with the land, is not dependent on continuous use of a side boatlift and remains applicable to the dock.

The case was assigned to Circuit Judge Joel P. Fahnestock and scheduled for a case management conference at 9 a.m. Dec. 12. However, the Lake Board asked that the case be transferred from the Western District of Jackson County Circuit Court, in Kansas City, where it was filed by the Kaseffs, to the Eastern District, in Independence.

Fees for docks, boats, permits, lot sales, roads weighed

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docks without electricity and \$50 for docks with electricity, which would raise \$11,175 for the same number of docks.

Boats: Lake Tapawingo charges fees of \$15 for unpowered watercraft and \$15 plus 50 cents per horsepower on boats with motors raising a total of \$24,791. Lake Lotawana charges \$25 for unpowered and \$65 for powered watercraft, which would raise \$37,530 for the same number of boats; Lakewood charges \$5 for unpowered and \$90 for powered, which would raise \$32,300; Lake Winnebago charges \$10 for unpowered and \$40 for powered, which would raise \$19,520; Raintree Lake charges \$25 for unpowered and \$75 for powered, which would raise \$40,750.

Other fees: The information notes the board charges \$200 per year for Lease Lot spaces, which (if paid) earns \$8,000; an increase to \$250 per year would earn \$10,000. The board charges \$25 for other permits, which earns \$825 in the year to date; an increase to \$50 per year would earn \$1,650 for the same number of permits.

Boat Lot fee: Information said some lakes charge \$50 for boat/trailer parking.

Property transfer fee: Dean said Lake Lotawana charges transfer fees on the sale of resident properties. She said they charge \$250 for vacant lots and \$500 for residences.

Based on 33 Lake Tapawingo transfers in the year to date, that would earn \$16,250.

Property sale waiver fee: Dean asked the board to consider charging a fee when Lake Office help is needed to obtain signatures on property sale waivers, suggesting a fee of \$100. Based on the 33 transfers in the year to date, presumably that would earn \$3,300. Dean said the process takes time and effort by the Lake Office, noting one property recently required four different waivers because sales fell through.

Road fee: It was noted Lake Lotawana charges an annual \$200 road fee. A similar fee at Tapawingo would raise \$76,600.

Dean said Lake Lotawana officials said they had not received community resistance to the property transfer fee.

Board Member Bill Ellwood said he thinks the board is too worried about comments from three, four or five residents. He said typically the verbal few will be negative. He said he thinks it is reasonable to include transfer fees or other fees as it is common in real estate transactions.

Board Member Susan Stiles said the board still should consider increasing annual assessments because it is not setting aside sufficient funds for things like road repaving, major dam repair or the next dredging.

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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Board resumes talk of selling Lake properties

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Oct. 3 and 17 at the Clubhouse. President Jayme Dean presided.

Visitors: Renny Buckaloo, 69 Beach; Darren Davis, 22 Clipper; Jane Quinn, 19 Anchor; Curt Tadlock, 142 Beach; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Real Estate: Board Member Bill Ellwood said three or four people have asked about purchasing pieces of property from the Country Club. He said the properties in question are not full lots but only bits and pieces. He said he was not ready to present anything but he had agreed with President Dean it would be a good winter project.

He said he would prepare new packets listing Country Club-owned parcels for the board prior to the meeting in which the parcels would be discussed. He asked the board to consider things such as fair market value, maintaining a land barrier around the perimeter of Lake Tapawingo, and how to be consistent and fair to all interested parties. He said another consideration is Country Club maintenance and liability especially where trees are a factor.

Project “To-Do” list: President Dean said she wanted to briefly review the board’s previous “to-do” list:
 -- Work has been done and is ongoing on Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. Dean said the board attorney’s office has had the Country Club and Development Company bylaws since last spring and has not completed a review and suggestions for a combined bylaws document.
 -- Alderman Brad Cloverdyke has told the City Council about his discussions about Miller’s pond and a potential buyer of the Miller farm who might create more opportunity for the Country Club to buy or maintain the pond.
 -- The board has been researching other potential revenue streams such as transfer fees for the sale of properties and various other fees or registration increases rather than increasing the overall annual assessments.
 -- Dean said she met with Board Members Bill Ellwood and Steve Meek about Country Club-owned real estate and determined it to be a good winter project to research.

-- Collection of multiple-year delinquent assessments on three properties is stalled. Dean said Jackson County has not completed the appraisals for foreclosure. Board Member Bill Ellwood requested a report from the collections legal team, calling the process prolonged.
 -- Road drainage grate repairs have been awarded to a new vendor and should be done by the end of the month.
 -- Dean said according to the review/audit schedule, an audit is due for the 2022 calendar year. She said she will contact accounting firms and request bids.

-- She suggested the natural grass and native plant landscaping be used in some areas of the former silt basin on the Ponderosa property to help reduce mowing costs rather than in Liberty Gardens.
 -- Board Member Mike Stiles said he has contacted several engineers to review and correct issues on the dam recommended by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. He said only one responded. He said he will contact them for next steps.
 -- The 2023 property insurance renewal is due Jan. 1 and the insurance broker has

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BLUE SPRINGS EVENTS

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- NOV 4** Dazzling Divas Style Show Adam's Pointe Conference Center 6pm-9:30pm
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- NOV 19** Bingo for a Cure Side Pockets 6-9pm
- NOV 21** *Happy Thanksgiving*



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- Wipe down the kitchen vent hood
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2
Sold Home

4
New Listings

16
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Part of Ponderosa to be planted in native grasses

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been contacted to provide amounts for the 2023 budget. Dean said because of owning a dam, shopping for insurance is a challenge as many carriers will not provide coverage for dams, spillways and bridges.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Randy Thatcher said the 2023 Budget Committee would meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at City Hall. He said Lake Board Certified Public Accountant Rick Wesemann would attend to present the budget spreadsheet. The committee reports its recommendations to the Lake Board, which then submits a budget for approval at the Property Owners Budget Meeting, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Clubhouse.

The board voted, 11-0, to approve Thatcher's motion to appoint the committee members: Christine Baird, 48 Clipper; Tomi Bellinghausen, 26 Anchor; Angela Bergner, 34 Beach; Dave Brumagin, 80 Anchor; Chuck Cruit, 51 Anchor; Alex Edwards, 37 Beach; Lisa Hodges, 17 Beach; Sarah Jordan, 70 Anchor; Karen Kappler, 24 Dockside; Rob Markey, 1 Beach; Brian Zoller, 87 Dockside.

President Dean said there has been a tremendous turnover of nearly 100 Lake properties in the last two years. She said some committee qualifications require members be a resident for a minimum of 24 months. She said with the turnover, the participant pool has been reduced by nearly one-third. She said she was hopeful to get new residents involved and wanted to encourage their presence and participation wherever possible.

Dean said the 2021 financial review is complete and reports were handed out at the previous meeting. She said this board has been extremely transparent regarding finances and asked any of the board members who were not at the last meeting to take one of the available financial folders.

Board Member Susan Stiles asked if the dock electrical inspections would take place in 2023 and who would be responsible for payment to the inspector. Dean said she thought the inspection in 2021 was to be paid for by the Country Club with subsequent inspections to be paid for by the dock owners. She said she would check minutes of the discussion to be positive.

Parks and Beautification: Board Member Steve Meek said he met with Kate Gray, 156

Anchor, and Brad Cloverdyke, 3 Beach, to discuss their proposal to remove grass and reseed Liberty Gardens with native grasses and plants. He said he relayed the board suggestion to plant test areas both on the Ponderosa property and in Liberty Gardens, specifically where drainage is an issue and native plants would be beneficial. He said Gray and Cloverdyke were agreeable and would provide another proposal.

Board Member Clayton Holland said several dump truck loads of dirt probably are required at the Ponderosa first to change the direction of runoff away from Anchor Drive. Jane Quinn said natural plantings would create massive root systems that would be good for the boggy area at Liberty Gardens.

Board Member Cyndi Peterson said Andy and Kristy Rogers, 120 Dockside, submitted a proposal for maintaining the landscaped areas for \$6,000 in monthly installments of \$500 each. She said while the budget committee would need to approve 2023's landscape budget, she moved to approve \$500 a month for the remainder of 2022. The board approved, 12-0.

Board Member Joe Rush said there might be other uses for the Ponderosa. John Braden suggested the board leave some green space at the Ponderosa for outdoor recreation.

At the subsequent meeting, Meek presented a revised proposal to plant native grasses and flowers in a smaller area of Liberty Gardens on rough ground ringing three trees. He proposed planting the smaller Liberty Gardens ring for \$2,000 and a three-acre rectangle at the south end of the Ponderosa for \$1,500.

Peterson said she was concerned about the weedy look of the natural grasses and

plants. Board Member Wes Knox said he passes three properties with natural landscape on the way to work and said they look terrible. He added that he thought it would take longer to mow around the native grass area of Liberty Gardens than to simply mow it. President Dean asked if the grasses and plants would encourage deer and other wildlife that could pose future problems.

Holland said he was concerned that volunteer labor to maintain the new landscape would diminish and the area would become another task for the one-man maintenance department. He said he thought it was agreed that a smaller test garden or gardens were to be planted to see how it looks, as well as how volunteers maintain it, before committing more ground to the project. He suggested planting a 20-foot-wide strip of land on the Ponderosa, running along Anchor Lane rather than the larger areas proposed in the submitted revision. John Braden suggested the planted area be farther north on the Ponderosa, leaving the area next to Tapawingo Lane (the former soccer/football field) more accessible to residents, and parking, for recreation.

The board, passed, 7-4, a motion by Meek to plant the rectangle at the south end of the Ponderosa with native grasses and plants not to exceed \$2,000.

President Dean noted a pond outside the Lake boundary above A Cove was being dredged and the dam reinforced by the property owner, which should be beneficial.

Clubhouse: President Dean said availability of the restrooms in a Clubhouse outbuilding built by the Sportsmen's Club created

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Access sought to Sportsmen's Club bathrooms

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an issue for a Clubhouse rental over the previous weekend. She said a Lake resident who rented the Clubhouse was not issued a key to the restrooms and complained on Facebook of need to have access. She said ultimately the restrooms were unlocked by a Sportsmen's Club member but said the ongoing issue of not having access to the facilities must be resolved.

She said it is difficult to explain to residents who are renting the Clubhouse why the Country Club doesn't have keys to a building on Country Club property that the Country Club pays utilities and insurance on. She said it is likely the board's insurance company would not be pleased the board does not have access to the building.

She said a couple of options would include getting a deposit for the facilities when they are requested or asking the Sportsmen's Club to donate the building to the Country Club and leasing it back to them for their use at community events.

Board Member Bill Ellwood asked if it was due to vandals that the restrooms were locked in the first place. It was stated the restrooms were not vandalized by anyone renting the Clubhouse but by trespassers and the restrooms were locked at that time.

Board Member Joe Rush suggested the Sportsmen's Club give the board keys and grant usage by rentals. Board Member Wes Knox said he doubted the Sportsmen's Club was willing to do that or else the board would already have keys.

Office Administrator Diana Reyes said the bathrooms are winterized and unusable

in winter. Board Member Jennifer Moran suggested adding language in the Clubhouse rental agreement that would include facility rental rules and dates for winterization and de-winterization. Ellwood suggested respectfully addressing the Sportsmen's Club and requesting a key to the facilities. Dean said she was going to a Sportsmen's Club meeting to address the issue.

Board Member Brian Smith asked if board members were interested in moving the Clubhouse furniture storage shed off the parking lot and onto the grass. Moran noted that would require carrying or rolling furniture a longer distance to the Clubhouse. Board members did not express support of the proposal.

Lake Environment: President Dean welcomed former Board Member Renny Buckaloo and asked him to explain what prompted a calling tree system notification on Sept. 29 about weed spraying of Miller's pond and AB Cove. Buckaloo said Miller's pond had been on a waiting list with Blue Valley Laboratories Inc. for several months to spray invasive weeds that spill into AB Cove. He said the Lake Board had gotten permission to treat the pond by the heirs of the Miller property as long as it was no expense to them.

Buckaloo said he received a call the morning of Sept. 29 from a Blue Valley Laboratories technician stating he had time to come out and treat the pond immediately. Buckaloo said he approved the treatment and notified the Lake Office and City Hall

of the unscheduled treatment. He said City Clerk Paul Blixrud sent out an all-call to residents letting them know not to water their lawns if using lake water from AB Cove until Friday. Office Administrator Diana Reyes called residents with homes in AB Cove nearest Miller's pond to let them know not to water lawns until Friday.

Buckaloo said he initially thought the technician was going to treat AB Cove in addition to Miller's pond but said most, if not all spraying was done at Miller's pond. He said the pond would need to be treated again in spring 2023.

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: President Dean said the issue of light poles on docks that extend above the dock height limit is creating an issue for some property owners. Board Member Brian Smith said if there is a rule or regulation change, he questioned whether it should also apply to flag poles and martin houses as they extend above the dock height limits. Board Member Clayton Holland said he spoke to a new resident on Beach Drive who will be removing a light post from his dock.

Dean said the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations subcommittee should consider clarifying height restrictions. John Braden asked the board to consider rules on light pollution on the lake as well.

Dean also asked the subcommittee to clarify restrictions on installation of kayak or other non-motorized vessel storage racks. She said she has seen a number of them attached to docks

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Quarantine, boatlift violations draw penalty points

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where they extend over the water rather than over the resident's dock area. She said that changes the footprint of the dock and could be considered akin to a boat lift.

Docks and Waterfront: 58-A. Board Member Mike Stiles presented a seawall repair permit application made by Jeff Spalding of 58 Anchor. He said the application includes repair to the area where stones had fallen off the wall and into the lake earlier this year and repair to a washed-out area under the seawall at 58-A. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Stiles to approve the permit application. Stiles said Spalding would obtain the necessary masonry permit from the city upon an approved permit from the Country Club.

59-A. President Dean said work on the Country Club lakefront was started at 59-A by the son of Richard Arnold, 59 Anchor, without a permit application. Board Member Clayton Holland said he spoke to the family about the unpermitted work being done and lack of quarantine on equipment being used. He said they were apologetic and were not familiar with the rules. Holland said the equipment being used was immediately moved to the driveway for quarantine and work ceased. He said the following day the family was at the Lake Office to obtain paperwork required for necessary applications. He said they were not seeking to make changes to the wall other than repairs. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Holland to approve the permit application to make tuck-point repairs to both sides of the seawall and backfill upon completion. Mr. Holland said he explained quarantine protocol as well.

President Dean said equipment and materials for seawall repair had been placed on the Country Club lakefront at 59-A without prior application and without being quarantined. Holland moved to cite the property owner 12 penalty points, which would result in a 28-day suspension of Lake privileges. Office Administrator Diana Reyes said the property owner previously received a 3-point citation for unattended fishing lines during the summer. Dean said the resulting accumulation of 15 points would impose a one-year suspension of Lake privileges. Board Member Cyndi Peterson seconded the motion, which passed, 11-0.

Dean said while Lake privileges are suspended for one year, she wanted the seawall work, which had been halted in progress, to be completed prior to the onset of suspension. She said the board must always be consistent when it comes to citing points regarding invasive species quarantine.

Board Member Steve Meek suggested the board should review its penalty point system for a more consistent increase in penalties. He noted the penalty for 12 points is 28 days, but jumps to a full year at 15 points.

207-A. President Dean said Larry McCue, 83 Anchor and former owner of neighboring 207 Anchor, would like to renew a seawall permit application for 207-A that was approved in November of 2020. Board Member Brian Smith said at the time of the initial approval, Epic Concrete Construction, the contractor, could not take their equipment out of use for the required quarantine period and the approved work was not done. He said since that time, the McCues have sold the property but agreed to complete the seawall work at 207-A. Smith said he thinks they will restore the Country Club lakefront to its current condition should machinery rut the ground but will convey the requirement to McCue. He also said

the board should ensure the work does not come too close to the deteriorating limestone retaining wall on the Miller pond dam so it does not impede future work on that structure. The board passed, 11-0, Smith's motion to approve renewal of the permit.

68-B. Board Member Mike Stiles presented a permit application from Joel and Hilary Peknik to repair a 50-foot deteriorating seawall footing at 68-B and one corner of the concrete stairs into the lake. Stiles said contractor Chad Eickleberry would be performing the work. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Stiles to grant the permit.

Stiles asked that the *Lake Tapawingo News* notify residents they first must file an application with the board for docks and waterfront work and not simply send a contractor to talk to board members.

108-B. Board Member Scott Johnson said a previously approved dock at 108-B for Enrique and Barbara Chavez could not be installed as submitted by using mud poles to anchor the dock. He said the Chavezes asked to install a 12-foot by 2-foot concrete deadman to hold the dock in place rather than the previously approved poles. President Dean said the resident sought permission from the first-tier property owner at 66-B in order to finalize a vote from the board on the change. On Oct. 12, a letter from the resident at 66 Beach gave permission to allow the changes. The board voted by e-mail, 12-0, to pass a motion by Stiles approving the permit.

117-B. Board Member Mike Stiles said Justin King, the new homeowner of 117 Beach, applied for a permit for a boatlift that already had been placed at 117-B. He said the boatlift was purchased from John Peebles of 75 Beach who needed the lift removed from the dock prior to the sale of his property. Stiles moved to approve the boatlift as the dock is 12 feet wide with 15 feet to a neighboring dock on one side and 62 feet to the neighboring dock on the other.

Board Member Brian Smith said the length of the dock from the seawall is 26 feet, a foot more than the normal maximum, but had been approved at only 22 feet when the former owner applied for the dock in 2019. He questioned approving a boatlift for a non-confirming dock. He said with hardware, a 25-foot dock is about 6 inches longer but he said the ramp is on mud poles that have moved, angling toward the water and separating the ramp from the seawall another 6 inches. Stiles amended his motion to include repositioning

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Steps ordered to help ailing Liberty Tree

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the mud poles to snug the ramp to the seawall, shortening the ramp if needed to bring the dock to a maximum 25-foot length and allowing the boatlift on the north side of the dock. The motion was approved, 11-0.

Stiles then moved to cite Justin King 6 penalty points for not having an approved permit application prior to placing a boatlift at his 117-B dock. President Dean said King had submitted a permit application and fee, it just had not been approved prior to moving the lift from 75-B to his dock. Smith said the placement was temporary, to remove the lift from 75-B because 75 Beach had been sold. Ms. Dean read Item F, number 10 from the rules and regulations: *A permit for installation of a boatlift is \$25 and must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to installation of the boatlift. (3 points).* Stiles amended his motion to impose a 3-point citation for not having an approved permit application prior to placing the lift. The motion was approved, 11-0.

8-C. President Dean said the waterfall pump and housing had been reconfigured on the Country Club lakefront at 8-C. She said there now is walking space on the cement path, sinkholes have been filled, caution tape removed and the work is complete.

Municipal Business: President Dean asked for an update on the city road cuts for water and sewer utility work on Beach and Emerald Shore. Board Member Steve Meek said the city was again waiting on Underground Plumbing Pros to finish their work. Dean said the Country Club, which owns the roads and plows them in the winter, cannot continue to wait on the vendor. She asked Board Member Clayton Holland if he would have Seal-O-Matic Paving Solutions look at the needed repairs and bid them. She said, if necessary, the board would have the work done and bill the city. She said the board cannot go through winter with the repairs not completed.

At the subsequent meeting, Meek said he had seen some progress by the city in repairing cuts in the road. Dean said portions of road repairs previously made by the city contractor are sinking and will affect road maintenance during winter weather. She said further repairs will be needed. Holland said he thinks code requires 2 inches of concrete and 2 inches of asphalt for repairs and he said he doubted if code was met on other such repairs by the city's contractor.

Maintenance: Trees. Board Member Clayton Holland said a bid from Monster Tree was received for removal of a fallen tree from Kansas City Southern Railway property onto green space near the Clubhouse. The board passed, 12-0, a motion by Holland to approve the \$550 proposal. President Dean said the invoice would be submitted to the railroad for reimbursement.

Holland and Board Member Brian Smith said they had names of other tree companies that could submit bids. Both said the firms were licensed and insured. President Dean said mowing should also be bid by other providers as well.

Smith said there are a number of trees that require maintenance such as dead limb removal. He said he wants to encourage tree health rather than allowing the tree to deteriorate to the point of no option but removal. He said tree maintenance is less expensive than removal.

Liberty Tree. Office Administrator Diana Reyes said Monster Tree Service bid for treatment of lace bugs on the bur oak designated a Bicentennial Tree, or Liberty Tree, in Liberty Gardens. She said the arborist told Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf the bugs not only chewed leaves creating holes or "lace," they also create a residue on the underside of the leaves that holds moisture and becomes moldy. She said the bid for treatment was \$465.

Reyes said the Liberty Tree would not be trimmed until approval was received from the Missouri Department of Conservation Bicentennial Commission. She said the tree was treated with nutrients and minerals this fall and another treatment is scheduled in spring 2023.

She said the certified arborist agreed the dead wood could safely be removed from the Liberty Tree at this time and said the bid was \$2,420. Smith said a Monster Tree Service bid to prune limbs from another bur oak at 55 Beach was submitted in the amount of \$2,750. He said limbs had broken out of the tree leaving it lopsided. He said the pruning is for the overall health of the tree. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve the tree trimming bids.

143-B. Curt Tadlock, 142 Beach, said an overgrowth of trees created an unsafe blind corner on Beach Drive at 143 Beach. He said he had witnessed several close calls when vehicles come around the corner. He asked the board

to do something about the corner before someone gets hurt.

He said he had been in touch with John Cordes, one of eight heirs who now own the property, about maintaining it properly. He said he had offered to purchase the land, demolish the condemned house and clean up the landscaping. He said several Jackson County ordinances apply to the condition of the property which he says now has signs with the words "black mold" on the doors. He says there is a rat infestation and the house is splitting in the back and the interior of the house is visible from the outside.

Board Member Clayton Holland said he would speak to Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf about trimming the trees from the bottom up several feet to open up a line of sight for traffic.

Equipment. Board Member Joe Rush said the 2011 salt spreader equipment has been repaired numerous times and is worn out. Board Member Brian Smith said Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf received a bid of \$6,841.88 from Anderson Rental to supply a new salt spreader and installation. The board passed, 11-0, a motion by Smith to approve purchasing the equipment in 2022 since there is enough in the budget to do so.

Dean asked Smith to find out if maintenance help is needed for snow/ice removal this winter.

Boat Lots and Lease Lot: Board Member Bill Ellwood asked if the contractor for a new house on Beach had repaired damage to the B Block Boat Lot as agreed. Board Member Clayton Holland said repairs have been made. Ellwood said he didn't think it was necessary to add any gravel to the A Block Boat Lot.

Dam and Spillway: Board Member Mike Stiles said he had an appointment Oct. 20 with Anderson Engineering to look at proposed repairs on the dam and spillway. He said he was meeting the engineer at City Hall and invited interested board members to join them.

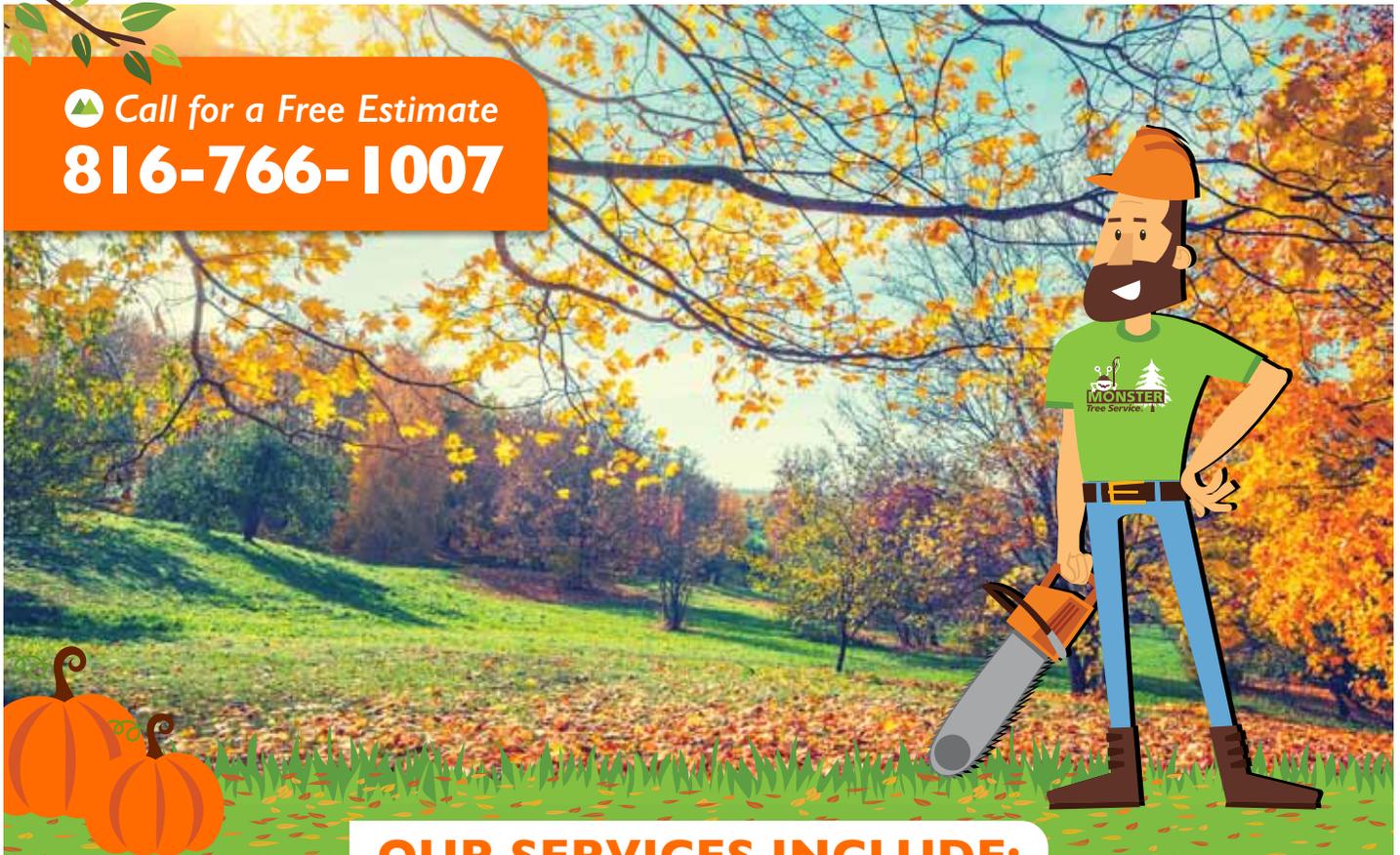
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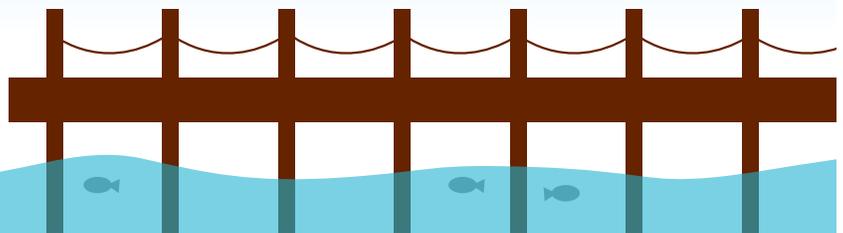


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By Elizabeth and John Braden

A SAMPLER OF HALLOWEEN WEIRD

Above: Grillin' & chillin'; Top right: Beach blanket bones; Right: Sure, come knock on the door, we've got candy.

MAYOR'S MINUTES

The leaves change and Fall turns into... Budget Season!

By Mayor John Sellars

As I write this column it is a surprisingly beautiful day in late October. The trees are slightly beyond their prime but still beautiful. The lake looks like a mirror but it is periodically disturbed by a small flock of ducks making ripples across the water. It is a reminder how wonderful it is to live in a lake community that has an array of home styles and large mature trees. It feels like living in paradise.



We are trying to get ready for Halloween by estimating how much candy to buy without buying too much. It is embarrassing to not have enough candy for all the kids (and their parents) but not wanting to have so much that there is a bowl

of candy in the kitchen calling my name. At the same time, we are planning ahead thinking of Thanksgiving and Christmas. What are appropriate menus? What gifts should we buy for our children and grandchildren? So much to think about!

Earlier this month the auditors were at the city offices getting ready for the December Board of Aldermen meeting when the audit will be presented. The audit field work was much faster this year, in part, because of the new accounting system that streamlines the process. Also, the work went faster because of our

City Clerk Paul Blixrud who has mastered the new system and has made ample preparations for the audit. It is always nice to hear from the auditors as they finish the field work how pleased they are with the new system and the work of the office staff.

Since I have responsibility for the office and city finances there are four things on my mind: 1) ensuring an audit report that has an unqualified opinion (which is a good thing), 2) creating ample reserves for the city and public works, 3) paying off the water system debt, and 4) preparing the 2023-2024 budget.

I believe on the first three we are on a good trajectory. The preparation of next year's budget has me in somewhat of a quandary because each annual budget should lead to a long-term desired state. This leaves me wondering if we are doing a good job looking ten or 25 years in the future. What should Lake Tapawingo look like 10-25 years from now? Will those residents be proud of our planning? Will they wonder why we didn't do a better job of our environment including taking care of the lake, trees, wildlife? Will they want community gardens, dog parks, and walking trails?

I need your help!!! Please take the time to send me your thoughts on how you want Lake Tapawingo to develop over the next 10-25 years. The vision for the future will be much better with your input. Send me your thoughts at johndsellars1@gmail.com.

May the holidays be filled with joy, peace and love for you and your family! May your Halloween candy be just enough!



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City Council increases pay of building inspector

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Oct. 6 at City Hall. Mayor John Sellars presided.

Visitors: Darren Davis, 22 Clipper; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Building: Alderman Steve Magel led discussion regarding a pay increase for the city building inspector, Kip Thomas. Magel said the part-time inspector uses his own vehicle and does not charge for fuel and he has not been charging for work-related telephone calls. He said Thomas has been paid \$30 per hour while the average for small communities is from \$30 to \$40 per hour.

Magel initially made a motion to approve a pay raise to \$35 per hour. However, after further discussion, Magel amended his motion to increase Thomas' pay to \$40 per hour plus a 1.5 minimum hours per bi-weekly payroll. The council approved the motion, 6-0.

Hazardous waste management:

Mayor Sellars introduced an ordinance to renew the city's agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council for collection of household hazardous waste for 2023. Because Lake Tapawingo participates in the program, residents may drop off their hazardous waste free of charge at various MARC disposal events and sites, including one as recently as Oct. 29 in Blue Springs.

The council approved, 6-0, a motion by Alderman Steve Magel for a first reading of *Bill No. 1230, Ordinance No. 1022: An Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the MARC Solid Waste Management District for Collection of Household Hazardous Waste*. The council then approved, 6-0, a motion by Magel to approve the ordinance on second reading.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago proposed hiring Dominic Milburn for a part-time position with the Water and Sewer Department. He said Milburn has been working for city contractor Underground Plumbing Pros. Seago said he would like to hire Milburn for a 60-day probation period

and also wanted to do a background check. After discussion, the council approved, 6-0, a motion by Seago to hire Milburn for a part-time position at \$20 per hour.

Seago said the department was replacing more sewer grinder pumps than usual due to the summer's excess heat and perhaps due to larger families moving into the city, increasing usage. (*See Homeowner Requirements for the city sewer system on Page 19.*)

Seago said the department also has been searching for and digging up pressurized sewer system check valves that have worn out.

The alderman said some work had been delayed due to injuries and illness of Glen Tombleson, owner of Underground Plumbing Pros.

He said the city is seeking reimbursement from a home builder's liability insurance for water and sewer repairs on Emerald Shore.

Seago said manholes on the sewer main below the dam are leaking sewer gas with a repair cost estimated at \$32,000. He said the manholes were last repaired in 2013 and that a new technique using plastic is expected to last a minimum of 20 to 25 years.

Police: Chief Tammy Taylor asked the council to consider approval to convert half of the police garage to office space for the department. Currently half of the garage is used for a booking room and the other half to keep one of the police cars. She said she met with City Clerk Paul Blixrud to discuss the costs in 2019 to convert the booking room, and together they estimated the cost to convert the other side of the garage to office space to be \$6,500 to \$7,000. Taylor said the department has available funds to pay for this project.

Mayor Sellars asked that Taylor and Blixrud meet with him to review and collect bids for the conversion.

Community Development: Alderman Magel noted Chief Taylor's news article about people improperly parking their boat trailers on the grass of residential lots after they have been winterized, which is against the city's

ordinance. He added that some new street signs have arrived and he expects to get them installed in the next week or so.

Mayor/Office: Mayor Sellars said the auditing firm finished its field work in record time, about 2.5 days vs. 4.5 to 5 days. He said it was mostly attributed to the improved computer software the city obtained.

Sellars asked council members to share their thoughts about how to observe the upcoming 100-year anniversary of Lake Tapawingo in 2026.

Landscaping: Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said he and Alderman Kate Gray (both acting as private citizens, not city officials) have been discussing with the Country Club the use of native plants, shrubs, and flowers in Liberty Gardens and the Ponderosa property across the street from City Hall. He said they are gathering information on similar projects from other lake communities.

Miller's pond, farm property:

Alderman Brad Cloverdyke said he had talked with an individual considering whether to purchase some or all of the Miller farm property south of AB Cove in Jackson County. Depending on the response of the owners, Cloverdyke said the Country Club might be informed of the opportunity to purchase a portion of the property along the Lake fence, including the Miller pond.

Executive session: At 6:39 p.m., Alderman Steve Magel made a motion to recess the open meeting and convene a closed executive session pursuant to Missouri Sunshine Law Sections 610.021.1 (legal). Alderman Seago seconded the motion, which passed, 6-0. During the session, City Attorney Paul Campo gave legal advice regarding a nuisance property. The closed session adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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



General election balloting returns to Clubhouse

By John Braden

General election polling returns to the Lake Tapawingo Clubhouse Nov. 8, after a 2020 pandemic diversion to Blue Springs. The ballot offers a slate of federal and state offices, several judge-retention questions, four proposed state constitutional amendments and one Jackson County tax question.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The top of the ballot includes a U.S. Senate race with candidates Republican Eric Schmitt, Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine, Libertarian Jonathan Dine and Conservative Paul Venable seeking the seat of retiring Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. The U.S. House race in District 5 (where the Lake got moved by redistricting) includes incumbent Democrat Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II, Republican Jacob Turk and Libertarian Robin Dominick.

In the state auditor's race, Republican Scott Fitzpatrick, Democrat Alan Green and Libertarian John A. Hartwig Jr. contend for the seat vacated by Auditor Nicole Galloway. In state Senate District 8, incumbent Republican Sen. Mike Cierpiot faces Democrat Antoine D. Jennings. In state House District 13, incumbent Republican Rep. Chris Sander is unopposed.

For Jackson County Executive, incumbent Democrat Frank White Jr. faces Republican Theresa Cass Galvin. For Jackson County Legislature: 1st District at-large, incumbent Democrat Jalen Anderson vs. Republican Bill E. Kidd; 2nd District at-large, Republican John J. Murphy vs. Democrat Donna Peyton; 3rd District at-large, Republican Lance Dillenschneider vs. Democrat Megan Marshall. Republican Jeanie Lauer is unopposed for the District 3 seat.

The ballot also has yes-no retention votes for 21 judges on the Missouri Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Jackson County Circuit Court.

Four constitutional amendments up

The first of four state constitutional amendments on the ballot, **Constitutional Amendment No. 1**, which was placed on the ballot by the Legislature, would let the state treasurer invest in highly rated municipal securities and let the Legislature

pass laws authorizing the treasurer to invest in "other reasonable and prudent financial instruments and securities." Currently the treasurer may invest in federal and agency bonds, time deposits with Missouri banks, repurchase agreements and short-term unsecured corporate debt.



Constitutional Amendment No. 3, which was placed on the ballot by initiative petition, would place 39 pages in the state constitution: legalizing sale and use of recreational marijuana by persons over 21; allowing certain people with marijuana-related convictions to appeal for release from prison or parole and expungement of their marijuana-related criminal records; enacting a 6 percent tax on sale of recreational marijuana; allowing the state to cap the number of licenses to grow and sell marijuana and give preference for licenses to current medical marijuana businesses.

Constitutional Amendment No. 4, which was placed on the ballot by the Legislature, would authorize the Legislature to pass laws increasing the minimum funding required for the Kansas City Police Department. The department is governed by a state Board of Police Commissioners but funded by the city of Kansas City, after a history of police corruption under home rule in the 1930s. The state constitution currently says the Legislature cannot require a city to increase an activity unless a state appropriation is made to pay for the

increased cost. Due to that provision, the Legislature was unsuccessful in trying to require by statute that Kansas City increase the minimum it spends on police to 25 percent from 20 percent of its budget. That had been proposed after the Kansas City Council passed ordinances in 2021 attempting to cut the police budget by \$42.3 million and proposing to negotiate how the money would be spent for other purposes.

Constitutional Amendment No. 5 would remove the Missouri National Guard from the Department of Public Safety and make it its own cabinet agency, with the Guard's adjutant general reporting directly to the governor, with no expected cost differences.

Constitutional Convention Question: Voters also are asked to decide whether the governor should call an election for delegates to a constitutional convention that would be convened to revise the Missouri Constitution. The convention question is automatically placed on the ballot every 20 years.

County children's services tax issue

Also on the ballot is **Jackson County Question No. 1**, which would extend the county sales tax for the Community Children's Services Fund and increase the tax to one-fourth cent from one-eighth cent. The current tax, first passed in 2016, raises about \$14 million per year that is distributed to aid agencies.



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WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Volunteers boost Barn Dance; Thanksgiving lunch coming

By Shannon Follis

The second annual Barn Dance was so much fun! It would not have been so amazing without your generous help and support!

A huge thank you from Lisa and Julie to all the people who donated items, sold tickets and volunteered: Sarah, Brenda, Diane, Kim, Jennifer, Jane, Gina, Traci, Libby, Wyatt, Scout Coffee, Morgan, Tomi, Shannon, Shanna, Lisa H., Connie, Raynette, Mary, Mike, Alise, Julie R., Katie and Darren.

The weather was gorgeous and it was great to see residents having fun dancing and socializing. The Fatt Rascals returned to provide some great music, yummy BBQ was eaten, prizes

were raffled, and good memories were made. Much appreciation to all who joined in to make such a fun event!

On Nov. 17, the Women's Club is hosting its annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon for residents 55 and over. We are returning to an in-person seated event this year (as long as that option remains within public health guidelines). It will be held at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 17 at the Clubhouse. Please see the ad in the newsletter for more information.



Upcoming Events

Women's Club Board Meeting -- 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, at the Clubhouse. Any Women's Club member is welcome to attend if you would like to join in the discussion and planning of upcoming events

Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon -- Nov. 17
● 11:30 a.m. -- arrival and sit down
● Noon -- food will be served

Women's Club Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thursday, November 17th
Open to all residents 55 and over
Social time at 11:30
Buffet opens at noon

Any residents that are house bound or if you know of a neighbor who can't get out, please leave a Facebook post for Tomi Bellinghausen or leave a message at 816-582-5293 with name, phone #, and house # and we will arrange to deliver a meal. Happy Thanksgiving!





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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Election bumps Free Chili Dinner to Wednesday; honor vets

By John Nicol

An early October abrupt chill made us aware of coming fall season temperatures, and naturally making it chili weather! The traditional Sportsmen's Club November Chili dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Clubhouse. The usual Tuesday club date had to give way to the Nov. 8 use of the Clubhouse for the general election. This year, bring chili to be eligible for one of the two \$25 door prizes.

As is our tradition, we will honor our Lake Veterans with American flag lapel pins. So, **bring your favorite Chili, soup, or dessert for a potluck with friends and neighbors.** There will be plates, service, hot dogs, condiments and usual drink choices provided by the Sportsmen's Club. The club meeting will follow.

Incumbent officers elected to serve again

The Sportsmen's Club regular meeting was gaveled-in on Oct. 11 by President Jim Clarke. An accounting of paid Fish Fry expenses and collections were presented in Treasurer Chuck Welch's financial report. Due to rising expenses, the Fish Fry \$5 dinner charge may have to be raised next year to break even. Chuck will prepare the 2023 budget for the coming meeting.

Vice President John Harrison said the membership was



steady with membership renewal coming up. New and renewal member solicitation letters will be scheduled to be mailed.

Second Vice President Joe Rush reviewed the upcoming November Chili dinner options. It was determined to continue

to have the two \$25 door prize drawings with those bringing chili to be eligible. A special thanks goes out to Patty and Greg Fedo for preparing the hush puppies for the Fish Fry.

Third Vice President Jeremy Cumberford said fishing had slowed but crappie were still biting. Under new business, a number of issues were talked about including ways to maintain bonds between the Sportsmen's Club and Women's Club for continued success providing scholarships and serving the Lake community.

Election Committee Chair Matt Quinn presented nominations of the current club officers to continue for 2023. With no additional nominations from the floor, Tyler Follis proposed voting for all nominees together, seconded by Scott Rhodes, which passed. All incumbent officers were elected: Jim Clarke, President; John Harrison, First Vice President; Jeremy Cumberford, Third Vice President; Chuck Welch, Treasurer, John Nicol, Secretary.

Women's Club scholarship applications now available

By Niki Pitts

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



Scholarship applications are now available at the Lake Office and will be posted on the Blue Springs High School website: Go to bshs.bssd.net and click on Academics and Counseling, then Local

Scholarships. Transcripts, cover letter, application form, and results of ACT or SAT scores are required.

Applicants will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview.

Applicants must be from property-owning Lake Tapawingo households (not rental) and have lived in Lake Tapawingo city limits for at least 12 consecutive months

previous to and adjacent to the scholarship award date.

To be considered, applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to

Colleen Gibler, 32 Dockside, **no later** than 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023.

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Winter reminders and safety tips

By Chief Tammy Taylor

The snow is just around the corner which means snow removal! Please make sure you are pulling your vehicles off the road as far as possible or parking in your driveways as to allow Lake Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf clearance with the snow plow.

The following are general ice thickness guidelines for lakes.

2 inches thick = the ice is very susceptible to breakage and is not safe to walk on.

4 inches thick = should be OK to stand, skate and ice fish on the surface.

Always remember that ice conditions can vary. Measuring in one place is not enough. Take measurements in several different locations to ensure that the entire area is safe.



Preparing your vehicle for winter

- Be sure to have your vehicle fluids checked. Top off your windshield wiper fluid, gas, oil, antifreeze and other fluids.
- Stay on main roads and avoid back road short cuts. Back roads are usually the last to be plowed.

- Do your tires have enough tread? Check them out; it could be time for a new set of tires.
- Keep a bag of sand, salt or kitty litter in your trunk to use for traction in case you get stuck.
- Don't forget a cold weather kit in your trunk. Items like snacks, a blanket, gloves, bottled water, extra cell phone charger, flashlight and some kind of folding shovel will come in handy in case you get stranded.

Be Safe!

See Police Reports, Page 21.

HOMEOWNER REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR LOW PRESSURE GRINDER SEWER SYSTEM

Please keep this letter in a handy place such as your telephone book or your Lake Rule Book. By referring to this you will save yourself problems and might be able to avoid costly repairs and service.

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

1. NO Large amounts of grease, sand, ashes, mud, feathers, or grit.
2. NO pantyhose, elastic bands, disposable sanitary items or diapers, disposable/flushable wipes, baby/hand wipes, Q-Tips or prophylactics.
3. NO Toxic wastes, poisonous gases or solids.
4. NO garbage which has not been properly ground or shredded by an approved garbage grinder equipped with at least a ¼ hp motor. NO EGG SHELLS.
5. NO petroleum products, i.e.: paint thinner, kerosene or gasoline, fuel oil, flammable or explosive liquids.
6. NO paint.
7. NO acids, pickling wastes or concentrated plating solutions.
8. NO waters containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc or similar objectionable substances.

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

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

If the pump should malfunction, the RED Warning Light will go on and the alarm will sound. At such time 1) STOP all water functions, 2) SILENCE the alarm and wait 20 minutes for light to go off, if light does not go off then CALL: 719-

3101 immediately. Leave a short message as directed stating your address and your telephone number. The Water and Sewer Department will return your call and will attend to your problem. As the City MUST authorize ANY and ALL maintenance, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THE PUMP YOURSELF!

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

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

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

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



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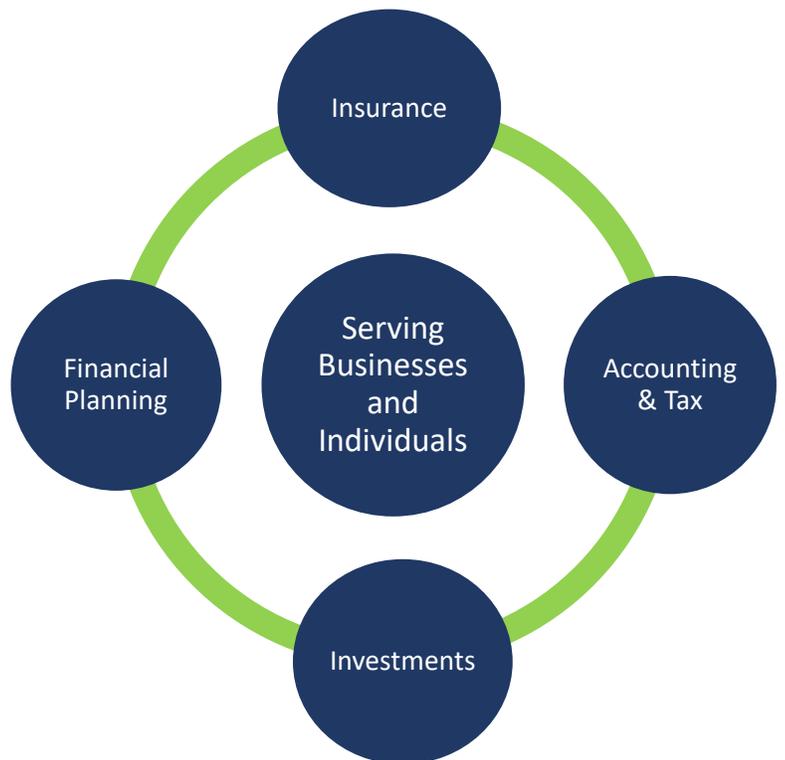
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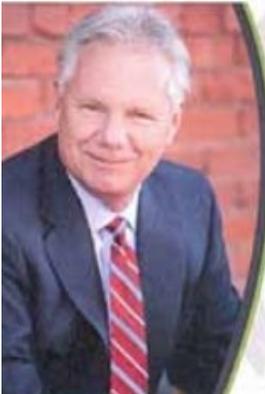
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NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 City Council 6 p.m., City Hall	4	5
6  Daylight Saving Time ends	7 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	8  General election 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Clubhouse	9  Sportsmen's Club Chili Dinner 6 p.m. Clubhouse	10 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	11  Veterans Day City Hall closed Lake Office closed	12
13	14	15	16	17  Women's Club Thanksgiving Lunch 11:30 a.m., Clubhouse	18	19
20	21 Country Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	22	23	24  Thanksgiving City Hall closed Lake Office closed	25 City Hall closed Lake Office closed	26
27	28	29	30 Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence			

Police Reports

	Sept. 1-30	Aug. 1-31	July 1-31	June 1-30	May 1-31	April 1-30	March 1-31	Feb. 1-28
Traffic - Anchor	2	1	4	5	1	9	3	1
offenses - Beach	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
- Clipper	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	2
- Dockside	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0
- Emerald Shore	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Woods Chapel	1	4	1	1	3	1	2	4
- U.S. 40	30	22	31	30	16	20	27	20
- Total	34	29	41	41	20	31	35	29
Warrant arrests	2	2	2	1	3	4	2	0
Arrests	2	2	3	1	3	4	2	0
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	2	0	2	2	3	0	1	1
Calls for service	22	9	20	14	17	14	11	11
Warnings	35	24	23	16	14	27	17	12
Total	97	66	91	75	60	80	68	53



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