

LAKE TAPAWINGO NEWS

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City secures \$145,000 in U.S. ‘Rescue Plan’ funds

By John Braden

The city of Lake Tapawingo has received approval of \$145,000 from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, to be used for work on city sewer and water systems. Mayor John Sellars said the city received approval for a first-tranche payment of \$72,541.91.

The Missouri Office of Administration notified the city Aug. 26 of the first-tranche payment, which arrived by check at Lake Tapawingo City Hall on Aug. 30.

Sellars said he and City Clerk Paul Blixrud worked with the Missouri Municipal League to submit a proposal for an ARPA grant, to be received over two years. He said expenditure of the funds would be restricted to the city’s water and sewer systems.

The mayor said the money would be used mainly for water meter replacements and water system upgrades. He said the funds would allow those improvements to be completed without increasing residents’ sewer and water rates.

Congress passed ARPA in March “to provide direct relief to Americans, contain COVID-19 and rescue the economy.”

The act’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund included \$65.1 billion for cities, towns and villages across the nation, with \$1.272 billion of that going to Missouri municipalities. The federal government sent direct payments to cities of more than 50,000 residents. As a smaller city, Lake Tapawingo is among “non-entitlement units of government” (NEU), whose payments are administered by the Missouri Office of Administration.

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CHURCH VOTES TO SELL TWO ACRES TO 90 BEACH -- First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs voted Aug. 16 to sell two acres to David Hillerman, owner of 90 Beach. The property partially fronts on Beach Drive between 90 Beach and 50 Clipper. The Lake Board previously turned down a church inquiry about direct access from the property to Beach Drive. The tract remains zoned agricultural, is within Blue Springs city limits and is not part of the Country Club.

Church votes to sell 2 acres to 90 Beach with no Lake road access, no housing

By Elizabeth Braden

Talk of access to Lake Tapawingo roads for development of church acreage adjacent to Beach Drive has been put to rest.

Members of First United Methodist Church of Blue Springs voted, 34-2, Aug. 16 to accept an offer from David Hillerman, 90 Beach, to buy two acres of church property behind his house. Hillerman had leased the acreage for a nominal amount and mowed the ground for several years, erecting a patio and storage building on the ground.

Hillerman made the offer after more than a year of inquiries by the church to have the two acres de-annexed by the city of Blue Springs, then annexed by Lake Tapawingo, with the hope of selling tracts as residential property that would have Lake road access via Beach Drive.

Hillerman’s offer of \$15,000 per acre plus closing costs and other fees was above the going rate of \$10,000-12,000 per acre for land zoned agricultural, Ray Harris, chair of the church’s Leadership Council, said during a presentation to church members before their vote.

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Around the Lake

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to:

Ron and Brenda McIntire, 44 Anchor, on the death Aug. 12 of their great-granddaughter, Alexis Forrest.

John Powell, 10 Clipper, on the death Aug. 20 of his wife, Glenna.

GET WELL

Marge Guffey, 45 Beach

Joe Rush, 60 Beach

BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 5 Chris Moran, 4 Dockside
 Sept. 8 Cathy Rowe, 24 Emerald Shore
 Sept. 10 Angie McKay, 32 Emerald Shore
 Sept. 12 Rick Cunha, 28 Anchor
 Sept. 15 Penny Ellwood, 52 Dockside
 Sept. 16 Barbara Landes, 173 Anchor
 Sept. 17 Nick Cunha, 154 Anchor
 Linda Sangster, 28 Dockside
 Sept. 18 Mary Bedsworth, 17 Anchor
 Sept. 19 Cheryl Clary, 119 Anchor
 Sept. 22 Colleen Gibler, 32 Dockside
 Sept. 24 Elizabeth Welch, 45 Beach
 Sept. 26 Rhonda Dolan, 54 Anchor

WELCOME TO THE LAKE

James Loneman, 50 Emerald Shore Drive
 Chris and Jennifer Moran, 4 Dockside Drive (moving from 50 Emerald Shore)
 Tamara Thissen, 17 Clipper Drive

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.

City to file annual reports on aid spending

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Lake Tapawingo initially was included on a list of Missouri NEUs to receive a total of \$450,143,657. That list estimated a payment to Lake Tapawingo would be \$145,083.83. The \$72,541.91 first tranche is the first half of that amount. The Missouri Office of Administration said it would receive the second half of the state's NEU funds for distribution at least 12 months after the first payment.

NEUs were asked to complete applications by Sept. 1. They are required to file annual expenditure reports to the U.S. Treasury each Oct. 31 on projects, expenditures and contracts that utilize the funds.

Unpaid vehicles to be towed from Lease Lot

Owners of vehicles abandoned in the Lease Lot with unpaid rents are advised those vehicles will be towed if rents are not paid by Oct. 15.

The Lease Lot gate combination has been changed and most renters' payments now are current.

To make payment or recover unpaid vehicles, owners should contact the Lake Office by e-mail at laketapawingomo.com or by telephone at 228-3721, leaving a recorded message.



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Lake Board votes \$54,000 for Clubhouse renovation

By John Braden

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board voted, 9-4, Aug. 16 to spend \$54,256 to renovate the Clubhouse, despite only having property owner approval of \$20,350 budgeted for limited work on the building.

Board Member Gary Mallen said he had asked board members for opinions on renovation of the Clubhouse, which has been discussed by the board since 2019. He said he had received great responses from most of them regarding preferences for proceeding. He said he planned to meet with city Codes Administrator Kip Thomas on Sept. 17 regarding the board's obligations to bring the building up to code.

Mallen moved to approve the renovation project at a cost of \$54,256.

Treasurer Randy Thatcher said the budget for Clubhouse work was \$20,350, of which \$5,683 had been spent, leaving a total of only \$14,667 available to spend for the project. He said he found no other designated funds for the Clubhouse.

The property owners Budget Committee and the board had recommended, and property owners approved last December, that only \$20,350 be budgeted for Clubhouse repairs and maintenance only to cover possible costs of modifications to make the building comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Board Member Hap Graff seconded Mallen's motion, saying the board received more income than budgeted due to the high percentage of Country Club assessments actually being paid this year. He said the board also has a \$150,000 contingency fund from which the money could be taken. He said the board has the money and this would be a good year to carry out the project.

Vice President Brian Smith -- who chaired the meeting in the absence of President Jayme Dean -- said spending on the estimated \$362,000 Miller's pond dam rehabilitation project has been delayed. At the Aug. 2 meeting, President Dean had said the board delayed spending money on the dam rehabilitation because it was saving funds in case of unanticipated expenses to deal with a proposed housing development along Anchor Lane.

Smith said the difference between the Clubhouse budget and the proposed cost of the project is \$30,000 (actually \$33,906, not counting the \$5,683 already spent from the budget). He said the board had previously approved spending \$40,000 on the project.

John Braden said the board had not previously approved spending on the project, explaining that approval of a budget line item does not constitute approval of a project by the board or actually spending the money, which requires separate votes by the board. The board voted three times in 2020 to reject spending for the project.

In August 2019, the board had voted, 9-1 with 1 abstention, to allow Mallen to acquire bids and review options for the Clubhouse renovation. In February 2020, the board rejected, by votes of 2-8, motions by Graff to spend \$60,000 and by Mallen to spend \$50,000 for Clubhouse

renovation. Although \$40,000 was budgeted for the project in 2020, the board voted, 4-9 with 1 abstention, in June 2020 to reject a motion by Mallen to spend up to half the budgeted \$40,000. No action had been taken since that time.

Board Member Susan Stiles asked what is the scope of the project. Mallen said it was to cost \$80,000 but parts were put off and some work such as painting could be done by volunteers to arrive at the \$54,256 cost.

Stiles asked if there was a proposal that could be reviewed. Smith said it was previously approved in the budget.

Board Member Bill Ellwood said he would abstain because the board needs to do a better job of providing documentation to board members and that the proposal was "too much seat of the pants."

Stiles said she would like documentation of the project specifics and added that the Clubhouse renovation spending was not on the board's Aug. 16 meeting agenda for action.

In a show of hands, via the Zoom video conference, Mallen's motion was approved, 9-4.

Ellwood said the board approved a \$54,000 expenditure but he had no recollection or understanding of what the project is doing. Mallen said he had reached out to board members more than once and told Ellwood his response was helpful.

After the meeting, Mallen forwarded to John Braden a July 23 e-mail he had sent inviting "new" board members to meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at the Clubhouse with contractor Mark Wharton to review renovation plans. Mallen said this was evidence board members should not have been surprised by his proposal, and that he had questioned each board member individually.

Board members who were e-mailed the meeting invitation included Allison Holmes, Susan Stiles and Cyndi Willoughby, the only members who were not on the board the last time renovation spending was rejected in June 2020. Others invited were Bill Ellwood, Jennifer Moran and Randy Thatcher. Carbon-copied on the invitation were Hap Graff, Kim McReynolds and Brian Smith. Not invited were President Dean and members Clayton Holland, Wes Knox, Steve Meek and Joe Rush.

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<h2>No Lake privileges</h2>	
<h3>August 2021</h3>	
The Lake Board lists the following property owners or tenants who do not have Lake privileges as of Aug. 24. 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	



Sale terms prohibit construction on purchased land

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In April 2020, church officials asked the Lake Tapawingo City Council to consider annexing the two acres, which front on Beach Drive on second tier between 90 Beach and 50 Clipper, for the purpose of residential development. However, Lake Tapawingo could not act until Blue Springs agreed to de-annex the agricultural-zoned tract, which never occurred.

In February 2021, the Lake Tapawingo City Council forwarded to the Lake Board a letter from the church that said the church was exploring the possibility of selling the two acres and asked about the process to obtain access to Beach Drive, which is owned by the Country Club. Without that access, the acreage would be landlocked and only accessible from the church, Hillerman's property, the Country Club's B Block Boat Lot and from acreage owned by Bob and Libby Comfort, 120 Beach.

At an April 2021 Lake Board meeting, President Jayme Dean reported the board's lawyer said there were no benefits to the Country Club from allowing access to its privately owned and maintained Lake roads by properties that are not within Country Club boundaries. Hillerman, who was on the Lake Board then, was attempting to buy part of the acreage and said the situation between the church and Blue Springs regarding annexation was unclear.

The back of Hillerman's house at 90 Beach sits as near as 3 feet from the church's property line, and the patio and shed are on the church property. Under the terms of the land sale, no fence, garden, shed, pool or parking would be permitted on the property other than what currently exists.

The tract remains zoned agricultural, is within Blue Springs city limits and is not part of the Country Club.

David and Karen Hillerman have moved to Houston, Texas, and the sale of 90 Beach is pending.

Horseshoe season opener coming Sept. 7



Horseshoe pitching season opens Sept. 7 with league commissioner Tom Goddard setting the first match for 6 p.m. Sept. 7 at the "Larry and Dana McCue Sports Complex" -- the horseshoe pit at 7 Beach.

Goddard, 5 Beach, said horseshoes will be flung at 6 p.m. every Tuesday night through September and October, starting Sept. 7. The season will wrap up with a tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

There are no fees, just come join the fun. For information, contact Goddard at 228-2738.

MONTHLY HOME CHECKLIST

GET A MOVE ON

The days are not only progressively shorter this time of year, they're also leaning closer and closer to winter. As a result, you have a limited amount of time left to take care of fair-weather outdoor maintenance tasks.

- * Apply a new sealcoat to asphalt driveways
- * Spray or scrub the moss off walkways
- * Make any necessary rain gutter repairs
- * Scrape and repaint any peeling paint
- * Use binoculars to safely survey your roof
- * Look for deteriorating mortar joints between bricks
- * Resist the urge to prune (which should only be performed in spring and mid-winter)

STROGANOFF MUSHROOMS

While most mushrooms are available year-round, many are at their peak in fall and winter. Combine them with noodles and the perfect sauce, and you have yourself a seasonally sensational dish!



- YOU WILL NEED:**
- 16oz pkg egg noodles
 - 1 1/4 lb mix of cremini & shiitake mushrooms
 - 1/2 c nonfat plain yogurt
 - 1c vegetable stock
 - 2c sliced onions
 - 1 garlic clove minced
 - 2tbsp dry sherry
 - 1tbsp paprika
 - 1tbsp lemon zest
 - 1/8tsp cayenne pepper
 - 2tbsp chopped fresh dill
 - 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- SERVES 4**

DIRECTIONS

- Cut off the base of the mushroom stems & gently wipe each with a damp paper towel. Slice thinly and set aside
- Add the onions and garlic to a large saute pan with 1/2c vegetable broth. Simmer (covered) until onions are tender - 10-15 minutes. Stir
- Now add the mushrooms to the saute pan & simmer for an additional 5 minutes, stir.
- Add the sherry to the pan and cook for 2 more minutes.
- Stir in paprika, cayenne, lemon zest & 1/2c vegetable stock. Simmer (uncovered) about 10 minutes or until reduce by 1/3.
- Season to taste w/salt & pepper. Remove from heat and let sit 5 minutes.
- Stir in yogurt, dill & parsley, heat on low heat.
- Cook noodles accordingly, reserve about 1/3c noodle water and drain.
- Stir the noodles into saute pan, add some reserved water so the noodles are well-coated. Bon Appetit!

EASY IMPROVEMENTS FOR YOUR DECK OR PATIO

BUYING A HOME IN THE FALL DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT SPRING TO START ENJOYING THE OUTDOOR SPACES. INCLUDED BELOW ARE THREE EASY IMPROVEMENTS THAT CAN MAKE A DECK OR PATIO YOUR GO-TO GATHERING PLACE RIGHT UP UNTIL WINTER.

SPACE HEATERS- In addition to the freestanding propane gas heaters commonly found in outdoor spaces today, there are electric infrared versions that can be mounted on a wall or ceiling, or even hung like a light fixture. Propane heaters get hot faster and emit more heat, while electric heaters are less expensive to operate and not affected by wind.

OUTDOOR LIGHTS - Weatherproof, commercial-grade string lights (with full-size bulbs) are easy to hang and create a lighting effect that's both practical and romantic, but you will need an outdoor outlet. Beware of inexpensive outdoor solar fixtures; the idea is nice but the results are often disappointing.

RAIN PROTECTION - To keep you, your guests, and any outdoor furniture out of the rain, consider installing a "sun sail" roof. Made of colorful, fade-resistant outdoor fabric with grammets installed along the edges, one of these fabric roofs can be tightly stretched above your deck or patio using cables, turnbuckles, and other inexpensive mounting hardware.



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COUNTRY CLUB BOARD REPORT

Lake Board avoids siting docks on Railroad Cove dam

Lake Board meets via Zoom in Sept.

The Lake Board is to meet via Zoom video conference again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, and Monday, Sept. 20. The Zoom link for both meetings is <https://www.zoom.us/join>; Meeting ID: 856 2087 9761; Passcode: d3TEZ9.

The Lake Tapawingo Country Club Board of Directors met Aug. 2 and 16 via Zoom video conference. President Jayme Dean presided Aug. 2; Vice President Brian Smith presided Aug. 16.

Visitors: Brad Barlow, 134 Beach; Sarah Buchanan and Scott Johnson, 16 Anchor; John Hoffman, 21 Dockside; T.J. McGinnis, 102 Dockside; Jim Megerson, 110 Beach; Rita Rainey, 107 Anchor; Steve Robinson, 48 Dockside; Andy and Kristy Rogers, 120 Dockside; Sarah Wilke, 55 Dockside; John Braden, 45 Anchor.

Docks and Waterfront: 115-D, 120-D. Board Member Jennifer Moran said Andy and Kristy Rogers requested a dock space for their third-tier property at 120 Dockside, suggesting either a space on the D Block end of the Railroad Cove dam or another on the far point of Railroad Cove near 27-E.

Board members said: The dam space already was assigned to 115-D, whose residents use the space but have not installed a dock; there is reluctance to allow more dock spaces on the dam due to danger from the nearby road; and the E Block space is an extreme distance from the 120-D residence. Placement options for installation of a new dock were tabled until the owner of 115-D could be contacted about their expired dock application and a suitable dock space could be found that is within reasonable walking distance for the third-tier property owner.

At the subsequent meeting, Board Member Wes Knox presented an application for a dock space for 115-D on the dam at the end of Railroad Cove at the site of a previous dock for that residence that was lost several years ago. Knox said it was resubmission of an application that the board approved nine months ago but expired because no dock was installed.

Vice President Smith said the board had approved a location for 115-D but did not vote on a dock due to concern it would interfere with boat passage from the nearby 1-D boathouse. Knox said the new application proposed to move the proposed dock 10 or 12 feet farther away from 1-D than the original dock location to avoid interference with 1-D.

Moran said the board did not act on the original November 2020 application because there were requests made of the applicant that were not followed up. She said ownership of the residence had been questioned. Board Member Kim McReynolds said there was a missing deed of trust to confirm transfer of home ownership. In the meantime, Moran said Andy and Kristy Rogers filed the application in July for the site for 120-D that was tabled.

Andy Rogers said ownership of 115-D was not the issue and that the Jackson County Recorder of Deeds listed

the owner. He said the 115-D applicant filed the original application, did not follow through and therefore did not have a valid application. Rogers said he had since filed an application and paid a deposit on dock materials. Kristy Rogers said the board cannot pick and choose among applicants and that 115-D only filed again because the owner was prompted by the board after the Rogerses already filed.

Board Member Hap Graff asked whether the homeowner was the 115-D applicant. McReynolds said it was uncertain since the house was transferred as the result of divorce. Graff said the applicant cannot have a dock if they don't own the house. Scott Johnson then submitted Jackson County Parcel Viewer information on Zoom via its chat feature showing Rebecca Jameson to be the owner.

In addition to urging approval of the 115-D application, Knox argued that additional docks should be placed on the Railroad Cove seawall due to inadequate space for additional docks elsewhere. He said four docks could be installed there.

Board Member Randy Thatcher said docks so close to the road would be hazardous to users. Board Member Clayton Holland said he recalled the dam originally was made of riprap with the wall put in later and that the structure is vital in holding up the land at the end of the cove. He said the board should beware of installing dock anchors that might damage the integrity of the wall. He also questioned who would be liable to repair the wall if it were damaged since there are no first-tier property owners at that location.

Board Member Gary Mallen said, despite shallow water due to a rock shelf at the D Block point of Railroad Cove, he waded along the lakefront in the vicinity of 17-D, toward the main body of the lake, and found what appeared to be adequate space and adequate depth for another dock.

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Two new D Block dock spaces found in Railroad Cove

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Moran said two additional dock spaces had been found on D Block in Railroad Cove that she said were big enough according to Lake Rules. She said one, in front of 2- and 3-D, had room for a new dock with 15 feet to the neighboring dock and, on the other side, 8 feet to the neighboring boatlift, as allowed by rules. The other, in front of 14-D at the end of a pathway, appeared wide enough to allow at least 15-foot spacing on either side. She suggested 120-D could be assigned one spot and 115-D the other, placing no residential docks on the dam.

Knox argued that the board voted to allow 115-D to have the dam spot and “grandfathered” it. Smith said the original application expired so the board could vote again but now there appeared to be two additional dock spaces that are not on the dam.

Board Member Bill Ellwood said the Country Club is responsible for maintaining the dam and that placement of docks on it would cause congestion along the road such as golf cart traffic and parking near the docks.

Despite having no dock approval, Rogers said they were well into the dock process, already having dock materials in quarantine and he would prefer the space near 14-D if the dam wall was being denied. Rogers said the dock would be 12 by 25 feet. The board passed, 12-0

with 1 abstention, a motion by Holland to approve the space near 14-D for 120-D.

Knox moved to approve the application of 115-D for the space on Railroad Cove dam. Board Member Susan Stiles said the board should first discuss with Jameson the new spot at 2- and 3-D. Knox’s motion failed, 3-8 with 1 abstention.

Smith said Jameson would be made aware of the potential dock location at 2- and 3-D.

Board minutes contain no record of a previous vote to approve a space on the Railroad Cove dam wall for 115-D. Minutes for Nov. 16, 2020, state: “Docks and Waterfront: 115-D. Mr. Smith postponed presenting a request for a concrete slab to anchor a dock for 115-D on the Railroad Cove dam until he gathered more information on the distance to the boathouse at 1-D.” There is no further reference to the issue in the minutes before or since that date.

John Braden responded to board member comments that: It is difficult to find new dock spaces, the rules state no lot is guaranteed a dock space and the board could stop providing dock spaces. He acknowledged dock space is a privilege, but the rulebook’s “No lot is guaranteed a dock space” term is linked to language saying a dock site must be renewed each year by paying an annual fee (or the space can be lost), rather than, after 90 years,

the board could start denying dock sites. While it has been a difficult task, the board has done an excellent job managing to find dock spaces, he said.

In response to a question how lakefront access can be obtained on the few shorelines where residential property lines extend into the water, Braden said a city ordinance, not a Lake rule, requires fences to be no closer than 10 feet from the water, even if that is the homeowner’s property. In all other instances, Lake rules prohibit residential fences on Country Club property.

48-D. Board Member Jennifer Moran presented an application from Steve and Brenda Robinson that proposed a new 12-foot-wide by 16-foot-long dock with an 8-foot-long ramp at 48-D for an overall length of 24 feet. She said the application included a boat lift on the left side of the dock. She said the space between the two neighboring docks is 49 feet. She said the materials list and drawing are complete and the parameters are within an allowable range. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Moran to approve the new dock utilizing the existing electrical connection.

24-D. Moran presented an application from Karen Kappler for a new 9-foot, 6-inch-wide boatlift to the right side of the 24-D dock, replacing a damaged boatlift. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Moran to approve.

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Lake Board delays Miller's pond work to conserve cash

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152-B. Moran presented an application from Angela Montague to install a solar-powered boat lift on the left side of the existing 8-foot-wide dock at 152-B. She said there is 13 feet 3 inches between pontoon boats that she said allows ample room for the lift, which would fit in one boat's space. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Moran to approve the boatlift. President Dean asked Moran to check where the lift is coming from and to remind the property owner that quarantine guidelines must be followed for the materials and tools utilized during the installation.

7-D. Moran presented an application from Brandon and Christina Misejka for a 12-foot-wide by 25-foot-long replacement dock and ramp at 7-D. She said there is no concrete or electrical connection requested. She said the current 10-foot-wide by 26-foot-long dock would be floated to the boat ramp for removal from the lake. President Dean said the docks are fairly densely spaced in that area and questioned whether the replacement dock could be centered between the neighboring docks. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Moran to approve the replacement dock, to be centered between the neighboring docks and requiring the old dock to be removed from the lake. Moran said she will contact the applicants to discuss placement.

62-A. Board Member Susan Stiles presented an application from Mike and Lisa Cherepak to repair 20-foot-wide concrete steps going into the lake. She said the top step has a 2-foot section that is deteriorated and crumbling and the entire bottom step is crumbling. President Dean asked Stiles to speak to the property owner regarding the amount of sand that is in the lake at this location, saying the board wants no sand placed in the lake. Moran said the application requires more information on plans and materials. Stiles said she would obtain more information from the contractor. The permit application was tabled.

52-E. Moran presented an application from Don and Linda Bolas for a replacement dock at 52-E. She

said the existing 13-foot-wide double-deck dock with a boat slip would be replaced by a 12-foot-wide, 25-foot-long double-deck dock without a boat slip. She said only the existing upper ramp would be retained. She said the existing dock would be floated to the boat ramp for removal from the lake. Smith said the existing dock was determined to be structurally unsound. The board passed, 13-0, a motion by Moran to approve the application.

Lake Management: Silt pond. Vice President Smith said Hill Brothers Construction Co. is not responding to his calls seeking final restoration of the silt pond property. He said he might attempt to contact the owner. He said he is soliciting bids from other contractors if they have workers compensation insurance. He said Underground Plumbing Pros was considered but had not submitted evidence of workers compensation insurance. President Dean said the final phase includes pushing in the raised perimeter, grading and seeding the entire area to reclaim green space.

Board Member Kim McReynolds asked whether tree sprouts could be removed and saved before the silt pond area is restored. Board Member Clayton Holland said most such sprouts are softwoods such as willow trees that are not good for planned green spaces. He added that it is time to cut similar sprouts that have grown up in the detention pond above B Cove.

GFCI testing. Smith said letters have gone out to dock owners that failed the electrical inspection. He said he is trying to schedule follow-up inspections after Sept. 15 for dock electrical systems that were found to be defective.

Miller's pond dam. John Braden said the board paid for a \$25,000 engineering study that recommended major repairs to the Miller's pond dam and that the board decided to delay action until a new board was elected last February. He asked, now that a construction season has been lost, when does the board intend to take action.

President Dean asked residents to be patient as the board is delaying some spending in case it incurs expenses to deal with a potential housing development near 1 Anchor.

Board Member Gary Mallen said the engineering study the Country Club invested in isolates the problems of the Miller's pond dam along with solutions and will be a valuable tool to utilize when consideration of the project resumes.

Treasurer's Report: Due to absence of Office Manager Diana Reyes, Treasurer Randy Thatcher said the treasurer's report, including presentation of bills, was postponed. He said bills likely would be completed and board approval requested by e-mail. Board Member Kim McReynolds offered to help process bills and payroll.

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Tree work delay considered due to depleted tree budget

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Thatcher said next year's budget must be prepared in November for presentation to property owners in the second week of December. He asked board members to recommend property owners to serve on the 10-member Budget Committee, which is to meet in October to review board budget proposals. Vice President Smith proposed contacting last year's committee members. Scott Johnson offered to help.

Delinquent assessments. Mr.

Thatcher said the 2021 unpaid assessments remaining are less than \$1,217. He said there are property sales contracts on two of those properties making up this amount. He said the amount did not include five long-term delinquent properties with court-awarded judgments or still in court. He said these accounts have custom-tailored collection plans that are in the process of being executed. One property of the five is currently on the market for sale. President Dean said that property would be discussed during executive session.

Maintenance: Tree trimming and removal. Board Member Bill Ellwood said Sarah Wilke of 55 Dockside had obtained a \$350 bid from Rick LaCombe's Tree Service to remove about a dozen tree sprouts that have grown up on the boundary between her property and a Lake pathway. He said she offered to split the bill with the

Country Club 50/50. The board passed, 12-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Ellwood to approve paying \$175 or one half of the bid to thin out the trees.

Vice President Smith said Monster Tree Service bid \$750 to remove a dead ash tree on the lakefront at 23-B. Board Member Joe Rush said the subcommittee chairman may approve bids of less than \$1,000 without a board vote. The board approved, 11-0 with 1 abstention, a motion by Board Member Hap Graff to accept the \$750 bid to remove the tree at 23-B.

President Dean said bids were still being received for fence repair and downed tree removal along the railroad. She said the work would be performed, paid for and a reimbursement request would be submitted to Kansas City Southern Railway.

Smith expressed concern the tree removal and trimming budget might be nearly depleted for the year. He said it was expected some funds would be recovered when Kansas City Southern Railway reimburses the board for removal of fallen trees and fence repairs on the railroad right of way. Treasurer Randy Thatcher said \$15,640 of the \$20,000 tree budget was spent by July 9.

Smith said, except in cases of possible safety issues, some tree work might have to be delayed until next year. Smith said proposed tree work at 126-B, 34-D and 3-E would be examined to determine if safety issues were involved.

Board Member Wes Knox said someone already was cutting up a newly fallen tree on the lakefront at 69-A, which had not been determined whether it was on Country Club property.

Rush said Maintenance Coordinator Matt Kempf suggested filling a hollow stump at 69-A with concrete blocks to grade, then using charcoal to burn out the stump. Smith said board policy has been not to remove stumps. He said he would talk to Kempf and President Dean about the matter.

Liberty Landing. Rush said there was a bad board in one arm of the dock at Liberty Landing, which is marked with a hazard cone until it can be repaired. He suggested Williams Lakefront Construction be asked to make the repair but that Kempf probably could do the work if he had help. T.J. McGinnis volunteered to help.

Rules and Regulations: President Dean requested a Facebook post regarding swim mat placement when not in use. Lake Rules, G. Swimming, 3. Swim Floats, states, if left at the waterfront, floats must be secured so as not to infringe on a neighbor's dock area and not be in front of the dock. A violation is subject to a 3-point penalty. She said swim mats can be used at the front of the dock but must be rolled and stowed on the dock or tethered to the side of the dock to allow room for adjacent neighbors to pull their boats in.

See Pothole, Page 9.

Get ready for Lake Fall Garage Sale, Sept. 10-12

Get your treasures priced and ready for the Lake Tapawingo Garage Sale, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12.

Sellers, get your own garage sale signs for your yard, so buyers will know you are participating. Signs will be prepared for the Lake bulletin boards or Lake entrances.

A Habitat for Humanity truck will come to the Lake Monday, Sept. 13, to pick up anything left over (non-clothing). Notify Pat Robinson, 81 Dockside, 260-8838, with addresses for pickup.

Lynda Clarke, 3 Clipper, has offered to take leftover items that she can sell in her shop, Necessities Thrift Shop, 704 S.W. Walnut, Blue Springs, open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Drop off items at Necessities or call Lynda at 224-3213 regarding pickup.





Pothole repairs await asphalt contractor scheduling

Continued from Page 8.

Lake privileges. Vice President Smith reminded board members to stay current with the list of residents denied Lake privileges to be sure none is trespassing on the lake.

Horsepower limit. Board Member Joe Rush said a new resident at 3 Emerald Shore asked him to launch a pontoon boat with a 50 hp motor. He refused noting the maximum horsepower allowed for pontoon boats is 40 hp. He said the resident was inadvertently issued a registration sticker during absence of the office manager.

Storage Lots and Lease Lot: President Dean said in order to curtail misuse of the Lease Lot, the gate combination would be changed. She said lessees in good standing would be notified of the change.

Board Member Gary Mallen asked that a notice be published in the *Lake Tapawingo News* advising that abandoned, unpaid vehicles will be towed from the lot if owners have not paid rents by Oct. 15.

Roads, Easements and Pathways:

Board Member Clayton Holland said he was waiting for Seal-O-Matic Paving Co. to schedule pothole repairs, which had been estimated to begin in mid- to late August.

He said the board also needs to decide how to proceed with repairs to the road in front of the gate to the former pasture near 1 Anchor. He said waiting to do that work would require separate mobilization costs. He said the bid was \$1,500 and the board should consider how to obtain reimbursement for road damage.

Holland said large landscaping stones had been placed over the road grate near 31-A covering a third to one-half of the surface. He said the stones must be moved as they partly block the drain and pose a damage risk to any vehicle that may swerve to make room for oncoming traffic. He said he intended to find out who placed the rocks. He said he and Board Member Joe Rush would use the Bobcat to remove the stones in Matt Kempf's absence.

Board Member Kim McReynolds said a large road pothole near the

Clubhouse needs to be filled immediately to prevent vehicle damage. Holland said he would investigate whether it could be filled temporarily with asphalt cold patch until pothole repairs get under way.

Lake Environment: Vice President Smith noted the lake water testing season is coming to an end and thanked volunteers who conduct water testing. He said the water quality was so good this year it was "almost drinking water."

Water Patrol: Board Member Wes Knox said the Water Patrol would continue to work through Labor Day.

Executive session: President Dean adjourned the Aug. 2 meeting and reconvened the board in a closed executive session to discuss collection of long-delinquent assessments.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at **6 p.m. Sept. 2, 2021**, at the Lake Tapawingo City Hall, 144 Anchor Drive, Lake Tapawingo, MO 64015 at which time citizens may be heard on the proposed 2021 property tax levies for the City of Lake Tapawingo, Mo.

ASSESSED VALUATION:	2021	2020
Real Estate	\$20,009,982	\$18,556,579
Personal Property	\$2,889,764	\$2,578,312
State-Assessed Railroad and Utility Personal	\$25,217	\$27,321
Total	\$23,109,216	\$21,343,638

TAX RATES

General Operating Fund	\$0.7593	\$0.7999
Debt Service	\$1.4500	\$1.5000
Total	\$2.2093	\$2.2999

REVENUE:

General Operating Fund	\$175,468	\$170,728
Debt Service	\$335,084	\$320,155

Increase in general tax revenue due to new construction/ reassessment	\$864/\$0	\$415/\$0
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MAYOR'S MINUTES

Seasons change; city weighs planning assistance

By Mayor John Sellars

A few days ago, while walking the dogs one morning, I could hear the sounds of a laboring engine and slowly a yellow school bus appeared round the corner. There is a certain peacefulness that comes with the passing of a season. For me, the start of a new school year instills the wonder of children growing up emotionally, physically, and intellectually.



It is in school that children learn how to play fair on the playground and to hold hands when they cross the street. Life after all, seems to be about the discovery of the bigger world and the worth of others around us. Life

is learning about civility in community, the Golden Rule, loving kindness, and compassion for others.

Council to consider hiring planning consultant

At the August Board of Aldermen meeting, we discussed hiring the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS). We will be deciding whether to hire IBTS and reviewing the budget at our Sept. 2 meeting.

IBTS is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to assist local jurisdictions to meet the challenges they face in governance, public safety, economic development, and general welfare. In our case, IBTS would review existing zoning codes and present the recommendations in a process flow diagram and recommendations. The intent is to ensure we have consistent and comprehensive zoning codes.

Slight decline in property tax levies expected

Another agenda item at the September meeting is the property tax levies. A couple of months back the Board of

Aldermen reviewed the estimated tax levies, and the actual numbers are close to those earlier estimates. We anticipate a slight decline in the Lake Tapawingo tax rates.

Water/sewer to benefit from federal COVID funds

During the month of August, City Clerk Paul Blixrud and I worked with the Missouri Municipal League on submitting a grant proposal for American Rescue Plan funds provided by the federal government under the COVID-19 recovery program. These funds would be restricted to the water and sewer systems.

The full amount of the potential grant to the City of Lake Tapawingo is \$145,000. With approval of the first tranche of the funds on Aug. 26, we are to receive the monies over a two-year period and plan to pay for meter replacements and water system upgrades. With the receipt of these monies, the city wouldn't need to increase monthly sewer and water maintenance fees to complete these projects.

No news on 'pasture' housing development

There is very little new information on the annexation question related to proposed development of the former pasture near 1 Anchor. I am hopeful that we can resolve this issue over the coming month and have more information to share with you in the future. As of today, no annexation request has been filed with the city.

On another note, I want to applaud the Lake Board for approving monies to make upgrades to the Clubhouse building. It is always exciting to see enhancements made in facilities that provide community activities. Congratulations Lake Board!

As always, please let me know if you have questions or ideas for improvement. My e-mail address is Johndsellars1@gmail.com.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

City updates building standards, eyes planner

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Lake Tapawingo met Aug. 5 at City Hall. Mayor John Sellars presided.

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

Building Codes: Alderman Steve Magel again presented a proposed ordinance to adopt updated national building codes standards. He noted on May 6 the council advanced on first reading the ordinance to adopt 2018 International Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Residential Codes to replace the 2000 version the city currently uses, plus a 2017 National Electric Code to replace the 1999 version currently in use. He said the 90-day period for review had passed.

After discussion, the council passed, 5-0, a motion by Magel to approve on second reading Ordinance 1009: *An Ordinance Amending the City Code Related to Adopting Certain Technical Codes.*

Magel said new building permits will be covered by the new codes and that residents with any type of project -- he mentioned hot tubs, pools and electrical work -- should check with City Hall because inspections will be required for more improvements than in the past.

The alderman said plans to change requirements for occupational licenses and Lake Tapawingo-specific building code sections are on hold pending a thorough rewrite of some sections. City Attorney Paul Campo said it would be easier to draft some codes from scratch than to amend existing language.

City planning: Alderman Steve Magel said he, Mayor Sellars, Alderman Tom Rodenberg and City Clerk Paul Blixrud met Aug. 5 via Zoom video conference with Curt Skoog of the Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS) and his associate, Jennifer Reinhardt.

Magel said City Attorney Paul Campo suggested the city consider hiring a city planner on an on-call basis to assist with permits, building and other city projects.

Magel said IBTS, which is associated with the Mid-America Regional Council, charges \$125 per hour and serves about 30 communities including Lake Lotawana. He said the firm could review city ordinances for inconsistencies and would be available to advise city officials on specific questions.

City Clerk Paul Blixrud was to obtain a proposed service agreement or contract for review by the council for the September meeting. Magel said a fee structure could be set up to pass costs through to project applicants, builders or developers. He said start-up costs could be paid by the city from general operation reserve funds.

Water and Sewer: Alderman Bob Seago said he would have to leave the council meeting early due to a Zoom meeting regarding grinder pump purchasing. He said the Water and Sewer Department had four new E-1 grinder pumps in stock plus one more on the way. He said it has been challenging to buy and keep the E-1 pumps in stock.

Seago said the department has replaced seven grinder pumps since June and July. His concern is still water infiltration in the grinder pump

sewer system and he is having the city-approved plumbing contractor inspect some residents' sewer lines with a camera.

The alderman said he would obtain bids for maintenance on the sewer manholes below the dam.

Financial: Mayor Sellars said the office was working on an application for COVID-19 relief funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act and he had been talking with the Missouri Municipal League. Sellars said they would see whether the city qualifies for water and sewer infrastructure funding.

Executive session: At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Sellars asked for a motion to recess the open meeting and begin a closed executive session. Alderman Steve Magel moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Missouri Sunshine Law Sections 610.021.1 (legal), 610.021.2 (real estate). Alderman Brad Cloverdyke seconded the motion, which passed, 4-0. After discussion, Sellars asked for a motion to return to the open meeting. Magel so moved, seconded by Cloverdyke. The council approved the motion, 4-0, returned to open session and adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Board of Zoning Adjustment approves variance requests

The Board of Zoning Adjustment voted Aug. 16 to approve two variances for boundary setback encroachments at 26 Emerald Shore and 15 Anchor.

Rod and Marsha Largent, 26 Emerald Shore, requested a variance to allow a room addition to encroach about 10 feet into the 25-foot setback from the lakefront property line. The couple said they want to add a 20- by 30-foot room addition to their house, which is situated on an extremely narrow, pie-shaped lot. They said there is no room to expand except into the setback from the Country Club property line, which they said is 40 or 50 feet from the edge of the lake.

Alderman Steve Magel appeared before the board, saying he was named development director by Mayor John Sellars. Magel said in future the city plans to provide a report and recommendations to the BZA on variance requests.

In the meantime, he reminded board members they have to meet certain standards in order to grant a variance. BZA Chairman Dan Brown said an applicant must demonstrate “practical difficulties,” that, as a practical matter, the property cannot be used for a permitted use without coming into conflict with ordinance restrictions.

BZA Member Joe Rush, seconded by BZA Member Meg Seifert, moved to grant the variance. The board approved, 5-0.

Reed Alberg, 15 Anchor, returned to the BZA for an additional variance that would allow him to complete a driveway project to a previously approved project to remove and replace a garage encroaching into the 6-foot setback from the side property lines of his extremely narrow, pie-shaped lot. The BZA granted the previous variance in March 2018.

In the current request, Alberg said he needed to complete a raised driveway to the new garage, which was built to a higher elevation of the narrow sloping lot. He said building inspector Kip Thomas said he needed approval for low retaining walls on both sides of the driveway that were not included in his original variance request. In addition, Alberg proposed to build an underground room beneath the raised driveway that, while not seen from outside, would be within

the 25-foot setback from the property line at the street.

Magel, who lives next door at 14 Anchor, testified that he and Alberg had reached agreement on the location of one retaining wall and structural mitigation Alberg would have to perform to provide for rainwater drainage. Alberg said Scott Johnson and Sarah Buchanan, 16 Anchor, also agreed to the construction.

Brown, seconded by Seifert, moved to grant the variance. The board approved, 5-0.

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By John Nicol and Shannon Follis

BLOCK WARRIORS -- Tug of war in Liberty Gardens, left, was one of the many sports undertaken during Block Wars Aug. 14. The victorious members of the D Block team rallied at the Shelterhouse to wave the Golden Paddle and to rub it in to the other worthy teams.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

D Block seizes the Block Wars Golden Paddle

By Shannon Follis

TRIUMPHANT MUSIC TOLLS

The winners of the second annual Block Wars, and the glory of the Golden Paddle, are D Block! Way to go D Block!

Thank you so much to our amazing Block Wars committee, Lisa Hodges, Mary Bedsworth and Kendra McGinnis. You put together an awesome day. It was fantastic to see so many Lake residents out participating, cheering on, smiling and having fun.

The final placements are below. The year and winning team will be added to the Golden Paddle. Until next year, Blocks A, B and C/E (the 2019 past champ) will have to plot and practice to try and take the glory of the Golden Paddle for themselves.

- 1st - D Block team
- 2nd - A Block team
- 3rd - B Block team
- 4th - C/E Block team

The Women's Club would like to invite Lake Tapawingo community members and their guests to the following events: a family friendly movie night at the Shelterhouse on Sept. 25 and a Barn Dance on Oct. 16.

For movie night, the Women's Club will be selling popcorn and drinks. We are also working on getting a food truck out for dinner. Details on a food truck will be shared out as soon as we have confirmation. Even if you can't stay for the movie, come out and grab dinner to go.

For the barn dance: pearl snaps, cowboy boots, and cowboy hats, oh my! Dress to impress and ready to do-si-do, come listen to live music and dance the night away! We have booked the band the Fat Rascals. They will play from 7-10 p.m.

Social hour will start at 6:30 p.m.

and the Women's Club will be selling spiked sweet tea. We will also have a Southern style food or BBQ food truck out for the event. Details on a food truck will be shared out as soon as we have confirmation. Attendees under the age of 15 are free and attendees 15 years and older will be \$5 a person.

Upcoming important dates

Sept. 9: Women's Club Board meeting at 7 p.m.

- Contact Tomi Bellinghausen or Lisa Hodges to purchase Lake logo gear. You can come out before the meeting to do so.

Sept. 25: Goonies Movie Night, 6 p.m. at the Shelterhouse.

- Women's Club will provide popcorn.
- Food truck will be there, TBD.

Oct. 16: Barn Dance at the Shelterhouse

- A live band, the Fat Rascals will play from 7-10 p.m.
- Happy hour starting at 6:30 p.m.
- The Women's Club will be selling spiked sweet tea.
- Younger than 15 years of age are free; 15 and older at \$5 a person.



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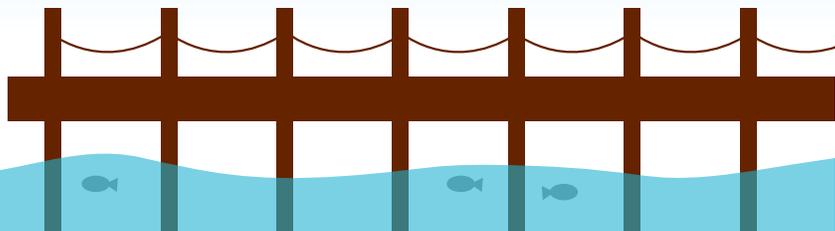
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SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Shrimp Boiling in August, Fish Frying in September

By John Nicol

It was "A Great Lake Day" Aug. 14 with beautiful weather for Block Wars and then the Low Country Shrimp Boil that more than 100 residents raved about.

Right after the social hour, people began peeling shrimp and crawfish to enjoy with the mix of andouille smoked sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes, plus dessert. With music adding to the party ambiance, residents stayed and stayed.

Credit goes to the Sportsmen's Club regulars setting up, preparing, cooking, serving, collecting and cleaning up at the Shelterhouse. It was headed up by Jeremy Cumberford, Scott Patton, Tyler Follis, Scott Rhodes, Matt Quinn, Chuck Welch, Mike Bellinghausen, Jim Mergerson and John Nicol with helpers Shannon Follis, Raquel Cumberford and Tomi Bellinghausen delivering the desserts. Thanks to all the volunteers and all who came out for a most enjoyable event.

Fish Fry returns Sept. 18

The seventh annual Vernon McGuire Memorial Fish Fry is back Sept. 18 with perfect fried fish, onion rings, potato fries, and hushpuppies with coleslaw, hotdogs and desserts by the Women's Club. Usual water, soda, beer and margaritas will be included. All for just \$5 for adults and teens. Children 12 and under are free. Credit and debit cards are welcome. You won't find fresher, more sumptuous fried food anywhere, so come



to the Lake Shelterhouse serving from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or until all is sold out.

Sportsmen's Club President Jim Clarke opened the Aug. 10 regular meeting. Treasurer Chuck Welch's July entries provided fireworks sales numbers for each day and cost of the fireworks. He also announced scholarship payments had been sent to the colleges. The membership was placed at 185 by First Vice President John Harrison.

Second Vice President Joe Rush

presented the board costs for reroofing the Clubhouse, main Shelterhouse and smaller shelter. After discussion, Scott Patton made a motion to make a payment toward the insurance deductible roof cost that was seconded by Chuck Welch; motion then passed.

Shrimp Boil plans were made to purchase gas burners, large cooking pots and the shrimp, crawfish and other ingredients for the boil. Jim Clarke said he was allergic to shrimp so asked Jeremy Cumberford to be in charge and gather the necessary dinner items.

Jeremy, as third vice president, said the heat had slowed the lake fishing activity. Under new business, topics included fan replacements, adding new gutters on the Shelterhouse and considering ways to limit rain coming thru the roof's divided levels.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Make a record of valuables to help with ID

By Brad Barlow

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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The Neighborhood Watch Program isn't a group, it is all of us just "looking out for each other."

This month I would like to recommend all residents take a photo or video, or make a paper record, of all your valuables in your home. The National Neighborhood Watch Program calls this "Operation ID" and if, God forbid, your valuables were ever taken this record would assist law enforcement in looking for and helping identify any recovered items. This record also can be used for insurance claims as well.

The easiest way is just taking a photo/video of your items along with any identifying information such as serial/ID numbers or other identifying information. Save this information to your computer as well as a zip drive if you are able and store this in a safe and secure location preferably in a vault or off property. This information is yours to store and maintain and would only be used if items were ever taken.



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Please contact the Lake Tapawingo Police Department if you would like to register your surveillance system in the LTPD Video Assistance Program. Contact them directly for details.

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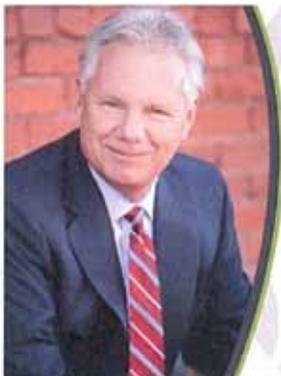
A: Let us shop for you. We have access to many different companies, not just one.

Q: Insurance is confusing. A real hassle.

A: With 36 years experience we can help coach you, making it understandable and easy.

Q: I hate calling "an 800" number or talking with someone different every time.

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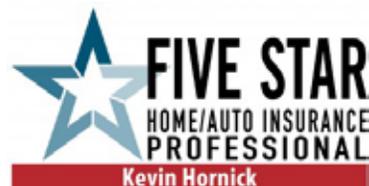


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By Officer Jamie Arwick

Fall is right around the corner, time for patio lights and fire pits. Your favorite foods and beverages, and, as some would say, "Sweater Weather."

2020 was a year that had a profound impact upon society, likely touching those here at the Lake as well. 2021 was/is still being navigated the best we know how. We all made choices we felt were the best for ourselves and our families. As you plan how to spend the remainder of the year -- the "get-togethers" -- please remember to treat everyone with dignity and respect. Practice the "Golden Rule."

The residents of Lake Tapawingo are a special bunch of folks whom Chief Taylor, Sgt. Mike Zielinski, Cpl. Alex Cruz, Sarah Chatham (our administrator), Officer Terrence Brown and myself have the honor of serving.



Please follow the traffic laws in and around our community. As you know, there's little room for error on our streets. You all have driven 40 Highway. The majority of citations are written for excess speed along our short stretch. There are hills, curves and blind corners.

There's an older saying, "Speed Kills." This is a very true and accurate statement. You can access the National

Transportation Safety Board website (I have -- www.nts.gov) and see the statistics -- the results of the increase in speed and how it can determine Serious Bodily Injury or Death in a traffic crash. Slow down, make it home.

AP article in Newsmax Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021: "Pandemic Set Off Deadly Rise in Speeding that Hasn't Stopped."

Check golf cart ordinance; it's a motor vehicle

By Chief Tammy Taylor

Did you know that golf carts, ATVS and mini-bikes have all been deemed a motor vehicle in Missouri for DWI purposes? Golf carts have to adhere to the "rules of the road" just like cars.

You must carry insurance, have valid drivers licenses and follow all traffic laws. Citizens operating golf carts can be stopped by police for infractions/violations and charged for such. If you have a suspended/revoked Missouri drivers license you are not allowed to operate a golf cart.

If you drink and drive on a golf cart you can possibly be charged with DWI. Please remember the same rules apply as with cars. The city of Lake Tapawingo also has an ordinance 890, Section 340.115 of the Municipal Code,

that states no person shall operate a golf cart under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

When operated on a street, all traffic and signage rules and ordinances applicable to all other motorized vehicles shall be adhered to. It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Copies of the golf cart ordinance can be obtained at City Hall or it can be found under Section 340.115 of the Municipal Code on the city Internet site, www.laketapawingomo.org, under Helpful Info. Please review it for full details.

Before getting behind the wheel of any motor vehicle, car, boat, aircraft, motorcycle, ATV, minibike or golf cart please keep Missouri laws and city ordinances in mind. Be safe!

Police Reports

	July 1-31	June 1-30	May 1-31	April 1-30	March 1-31
Traffic offenses - Anchor	1	5	2	9	4
- Beach	4	1	5	1	4
- Clipper	4	2	5	0	2
- Dockside	6	0	1	2	1
- Emerald Shore	0	0	1	0	0
- Woods Chapel	3	9	5	8	2
- U.S. 40	31	32	33	39	45
- Total	49	49	52	59	58
Warrant arrests	0	0	1	3	0
Arrests	1	0	1	3	1
Felony arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Codes complaints	1	0	1	2	0
Calls for service	15	26	22	26	19
Warnings	22	30	25	31	38
Total	88	105	102	124	116



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SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 City Council Tax Levy Hearing 6 p.m., City Hall	3	4
5	6 Labor Day <i>City Hall closed</i> <i>Lake Office closed</i>	7 Horseshoe Pitching 6 p.m., 7 Beach Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	8	9 Women's Club Board, 7 p.m. Clubhouse	10 Lake Garage Sale	11 Lake Garage Sale
12 Lake Garage Sale	13	14 Horseshoe Pitching 6 p.m., 7 Beach Sportsmen's Club 7 p.m., Clubhouse	15	16	17	18 Invasive Species Training, 9 a.m. Clubhouse (preregister) Sportsmen's Club Fish Fry, 4 p.m. Shelterhouse
19	20 Country Club Board, 7 p.m., via video conference	21 Horseshoe Pitching 6 p.m., 7 Beach	22 First Day of Fall Municipal court cases 1:30 p.m., Circuit Court, Independence	23	24	25 Women's Club Movie Night, 6 p.m. Shelterhouse
26	27	28 Horseshoe Pitching 6 p.m., 7 Beach	29	30		

Invasive species training for new residents offered at Clubhouse

The Lake Board offers in-person invasive species training at 9 a.m. at the Clubhouse on the third Saturday of every month.

Training is required before property owners or renters may obtain boat registration stickers or dock permits, or use the lake "for any activity."

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

Upcoming sessions include:

- Sept. 18
- Oct. 9
- Nov. 20



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.

Lake Rules prohibit the transfer of boats and gear between Lake Tapawingo and other water bodies unless quarantined before they return to Lake Tapawingo. 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, fines by the Missouri Department of Conservation or other agencies, or civil damages awarded to the Lake Tapawingo Country Club.

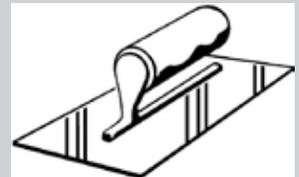


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