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## Lakeview

### Janet Quillman, LTIA President

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020!

Before we get into things to come, we have a quick recap for 2019. We finished the year with a visit from Santa and one of his elves for pictures and followed with our chili cook-off. We had 10 great chili entries, but only one winner...this year's chili champ was Robin McKinnon. Congratulations, Robin, you are the chili queen for the year!



Photos by Julie Johnston

After everyone had their fill of chili, we held the drawing for the fabulous prize package. We had 29 families pay 2020 membership by the December meeting for an opportunity to win a goodie-filled basket. The lucky winners were Barb and Ron Rohm.



**Chili Champ  
Robin McKinnon**

Moving into the New Year, our January dinner meeting was well attended. As always great food and great company.

*Lakeview continues in next column, after calendar*

| Calendar |       |        |                                    |
|----------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Feb. 9   | Sun.  | 5:30pm | LTIA Dinner: Mardi Gras            |
| Feb. 11  | Tues. | 7:00pm | LTPOA Board Mtg.                   |
| March 8  | Sun.  | 5:30pm | LTIA Dinner: Corned Beef & Cabbage |
| March 10 | Tues. | 7:00pm | LTPOA Board Mtg.                   |
| April 12 | Sun.  | 5:30pm | LTIA Dinner                        |
| April 14 | Tues. | 7:00pm | LTPOA Board Mtg.                   |

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Our next meeting will be February 9. The theme will be Cajun to get us in the Mardi Gras mood. March 8<sup>th</sup> will be corned beef and cabbage to get prepped for St Patrick's Day.

In March, we will also be hosting a trivia night on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Time really flies; it's been three years since our last. Get your teams together and prepare for a great time...the winning table will take home 25% of the door money collected.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us throughout the year and over the last decade. As of the writing of this newsletter, our 2020 membership is up to 38, we hope you will consider joining us and send in your dues today. There is a membership form on page 10 of this newsletter.



## Infrastructure Update

**Summary by Janet Hirsch, based on documentation by those who worked on the problem**

### Repair of Road Damage at the South Side Bridge December 2019–January 2020

*Background. Precipitation in 2019 was 140% of our historical average. The two inches of rain that fell Saturday morning, November 30, led to visible signs of erosion at the south side bridge. This summary lists the observations and efforts of LTPOA board members and volunteers in solving this problem before it turned into a dangerous situation and an expensive project to repair.*

*Tuesday, December 3.*  
Steve Blaha noticed a hole developing next to the road on the south side bridge above the upstream inlet to the north culvert pipe. He estimated that it was 3 ft in diameter and 3 ft deep in some areas. He checked the area the next day and noted that it continued to grow larger.



Photo by Steve Carey

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LAKE TISHOMINGO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

**LTPOA**

|                |                |              |                           |
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| Gate Directory/Entry Codes | laketishomingo.com |              | gate@laketish.com        |

Allow 7–10 days lead time

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**PWSD#13**

|                   |                 |              |                         |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
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| Sewer Emergency   | Operator office | 636-257-3976 |                         |

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|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| LTIA members, non-commercial listing | no charge |
| Non-LTIA members, each listing       | \$5.00    |

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|               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
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| ½ page        | \$25 per issue | \$150 per year |
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*Classified Ads*

- Lots for sale. N32 & N33. Extra-large, pie-shaped lots. Total acreage approx. 1.5A. Total assessment \$400. Rick or Marilyn 636-274-1385.
- Wanted: a single non-buildable lot second tier. Tim 314-809-5614.
- Do you have any steel or something with steel in it that you need to get rid of? Please do not throw it in the trash. Call or text me with your address and I will come pick it up for free. I will pick up most appliances and electronics and anything with steel components in it to recycle. I can also haul away junk for a fee. Like you, I want to help keep our lake water and community healthy and beautiful. Steve Kottemann 636-524-2600.

**Next Newsletter Deadline is March 20, 2020.**

Thursday, December 5. The exposed area was estimated to be 3 ft x 4 ft. Ken Stojeba and Steve Carey inspected the upstream inside of the north culvert pipe. They found that from the entrance to about 15 feet downstream there appeared to be no sign of water intrusion, dampness, or dirt on the side walls and ceiling of the pipe. They did find a hole in the pipe approximately 4 in x 6 in at the 1 o'clock position located 13 feet in from the inlet. The area around the hole in the pipe was rusty but relatively clean and dry. They also inspected a pipe joint about 15 feet from the upstream end of the pipe and it appeared to be maintaining its integrity. Neither spot seemed to be related to the erosion.

Friday, December 6. Steve C. had the Bill Williams Construction Company inspect the hole in the road. They suggested a temporary fix of filling the hole with gravel.

Saturday, December 7. Ken S. and Mark Stubits checked the hole in the road and found that it was continuing to grow larger. And under the road the dirt was washed away leaving a void that extended approximately 20 inches under the road.

View of hole undermining roadway



Photo by Rich Hirsch

Sunday, December 8. Ken S. checked the hole and found the void extended 24 inches under the road. That meant that a 24-inch section of the road was unsupported.

Sunday, December 8. Steve C. performed a dye test. A dye solution (14oz/10 gal) was poured into the hole. After 10 minutes, two areas in the culvert pipe showed dye infiltration through the floor of the culvert pipe.

- 6 o'clock position, 12 ft from entrance – significant infiltration at a previous repair in the pipe floor
- 7 o'clock position, 13 ft from entrance – several small points of dye observed

There was no sign of dye flowing around the outside of the pipe from the upstream to downstream side, which indicated that the erosion damage did not extend as far as the pipe outlet.

Steve C. sent pictures to and consulted with a licensed professional engineer. They discussed the dye results and the engineer agreed with the recommendation of Matt Holloran that the area should be excavated to determine the extent of damage.

Ken Stojeba, Steve Blaha, Doug Leeker, Steve Carey, and Matt Holloran agreed that excavation was the proper course of action to determine what was happening underground.

Monday, December 9. Ken S. contacted all LTPOA board members and received unanimous approval to excavate the damaged area of the road.

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Monday, December 30. Holloran Contracting excavated at the damaged area and backfilled with 2 cubic yards of flowable concrete and finished off about 6 inches below the surface of the road. The exposed concrete area was about 3 ft x 6 ft.



Thursday, January 2. The concrete was topped off with about 6 inches of asphalt to finish the road repair. Final asphalt repair is about 7 ft by 12 ft.



Thank you to everyone who helped solve this problem!



## Tishomingo Anglers

Brian Stevens and Mark Stubits have agreed to do the organization of the aluminum can recycling. But they need volunteers to assist with the recycling process. If you are able to assist, please call Brian at 573-247-2796.

As always, please do not put trash in the bags. This is only for aluminum cans.

The Tishomingo Anglers use the money earned from recycling to stock the lake. Please consider getting more involved! It takes a lot of volunteers to keep this lake the wonderful place it is to make family memories.



## PWSD#13 Sewer Report

Text and photos by Rich Hirsch

### The PWSD#13 Geyser

One of the "highlights" of Treatment Plant Tour 2019 on November 9, 2019, was the appearance of a geyser in gravel bed #3.

When I was at the Treatment Plant (TP) on January 8, I decided to investigate. Evidence that the geyser was still active was the presence of ice surrounding the area where the geyser had been originally sighted.

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And when Control Panel #3 got around to dosing the gravel bed, the geyser was again observed.

In digging down into the gravel bed with a trowel, I found that the emitter pipe was lacking a cap: ▼



Emitter pipes contain 1/8-inch holes every two feet or so. Normally they have caps on them to deflect the stream into the bed. This emitter pipe lacked at least one cap. To make sure there was not a split in the pipe or some other problem, I waited for the control panel to dose the bed. As expected, the 1/8-inch hole was the only source of water from that section of the pipe. A stream of water about 6 ft tall shot from the exposed pipe.

I added a cap to the pipe ► and then mounded gravel over the cap.



This seems to have solved the problem.

Based on the appearance of the pipe, I think a cap had been originally fitted to the pipe, but somehow the cap was removed. I'm guessing that one of our plant operators accidentally pulled the cap off in the process of weeding the gravel bed.



### Sewer Emergency?



Do you hear an alarm? Is there a bad odor outside your house? Do you have any other reason to suspect a malfunction?

Call the Water Resources Management (WRM) office to report a problem with your sewer.

**Call the WRM sewer emergency number:  
636.257.3976**

*For questions about your sewer bill or service (non-emergency), email [PWSD13@charter.net](mailto:PWSD13@charter.net).*

## LTPOA Meeting Minutes

### Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

#### LTPOA Minutes November 12, 2019

Board members present Steve Blaha, Jon Riche, Ken Stojeba, Mark Stubits.

At 7:03 pm, President Steve Blaha called the meeting to order. There were 5 residents in attendance.

#### President's Report

Steve asked the board members if they read the September and October minutes and if they had any additions, corrections or deletions. Ken made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

#### Treasurer's Report

Jon read the financial report for November 2019. October had a cash inflow total of \$3,496.69 which included \$3,386.76 from assessments and \$35.43 from interest and \$74.50 from a lien fee and late charge. The cash outflow for October totaled \$5,195.93 and included: Revised bill for GCI (\$2,328), MO Employers Mutual Workers Comp policy (\$981), Ameren (\$100.75), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.24), Happy grass for mowing in September (\$320), USPS Presort fee (\$235), Red Oak Landscaping dam mowing on 09/21/2019 (\$1,100) and Steve Blaha for spot light and certified mail cost (\$41.95). The checking account balance was \$278,524.12 as of 10/31/2019. Interest accrued in the Major Projects Fund account in the amount of \$59.64, resulting in a balance of \$117,103.42 as of 10/31/2019. Ken made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Jon asked for approval to pay November bills totaling \$95,122.07 which included Ameren (\$100.34), Mickey's Portable toilets 6 months (\$540), CEG Paving (\$93,670), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.24), Will Electronics (\$402.50) and Happy Grass for mowing and trimming in Oct (\$320). Ken made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

#### Building

No report

#### Security

Steve spoke on a crime spree which has been occurring [in] rural areas. Thieves are targeting unlocked cars for easy access. Please remember to lock your vehicles.

Further discussion was had regarding speed bumps and the bumps were tabled for now. Discussion with emergency services indicated that the bumps may be a hindrance in our already narrow roads. It was agreed to place speed limit and slow signs in problem areas in lieu of the speed bumps.

#### Gate

Rich reported the code for JC Transit was being abused and has now been changed. Codes were also changed for a couple of residents with high usage, with the likelihood their codes were being used inappropriately.

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**Maintenance**

Ken reported that the plow truck needs a new battery. The construction of the cinder bin has taken John Mooney additional labor and materials due to an unforeseen issue. Mr Mooney has asked if the board would consider an additional \$300 payment for the extra work. Jon made a motion to approve the \$300 payment to Mr. Mooney and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Brush is encroaching on the maintenance shed and needs to be cleared. With Mark removed from the discussion, Ken made a motion to have Happy Grass clear the area directly surrounding the shed for \$150 and it was seconded by Jon. MOTION PASSED.

The board thanked Joel Critchlow for his volunteer work to restore our entrance sign.

*Sign refurbished by Joel Critchlow*



*Photo by Steve Blaha*

**Garden Club**

Saturday November 9th a group of volunteers worked to remove some invasive honeysuckle along areas of North Lakeshore Dr.

**Sewer board**

Also on November 9th a tour was led of the Lake Tishomingo Treatment Plant. The tour was attended by the sewer board members. The tour was to serve as informative for the board members and others who attended.

**Old Business**

The water willow has been sprayed around the lake front for residents who requested the service. The TAA and other volunteers completed the task and will continue the process on a continuing basis.

**New Business**

No new business

**Adjourn**

Jon made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.



**LTPOA Minutes December 10, 2019**

Board members present Steve Blaha, Mike Steeno, Shelby Reneski, Ken Stojeba, Mark Stubits

President Steve Blaha called the meeting to order.

**President's Report**

Steve asked the board members if they read the November minutes and if they had any additions, corrections or deletions. Ken made a motion to approve and dispense the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Shelby. MOTION PASSED.

**Treasurer's Report**

Shelby read the financial report for December 2019. November had a cash inflow total of \$5,727.54 which included \$5,687.44 from assessments and \$30.10 from interest and \$10 from gate cards. The cash outflow for November totaled \$95,122.07 and included: Ameren (\$100.34), Mickey's Portable toilets 6 months (\$540), CEG Paving (\$93,670), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.24), Will Electronics (\$402.50) and Happy Grass for mowing and trimming in Oct (\$320).

The checking account balance was \$177,153.59 as of 11/30/2019. Interest accrued in the Major Projects Fund account in the amount of \$57.75, resulting in a balance of \$117,161.17 as of 11/30/2019. Ken made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

Shelby asked for approval to pay December bills totaling \$8,740.63 which included: Ameren (\$109.55), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$19.24), Beth Mann County Collector for personal property tax (\$593.45), Beth Mann [Mahn] County Collector for real estate tax (\$702.82), Red Oak Landscaping for dam mowing on 11/04/2019 (\$1,100), Dormakaba for gate cards (\$564.14), Shelby Reneski for stamps (\$22), Krieg, Lohbeck & Co for Tax forms prep (\$145), Happy Grass 3 hours snow removal and bush clearing (\$240), Jim Fish for entrance sign paint (\$33.44) and Mooney Landscaping for cinder storage bin and rip rap \$4,945. Ken made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

*Sign refurbished by Jim Fish*



*Photo by Steve Blaha*

Shelby reported that currently 26 property owners have not paid their 2019 assessments for a total of \$13,485.08. Shelby and Marilyn have been making calls and collecting some payments. Shelby will be sending out a letter to notify the remaining owners that if payment is not collected, liens will be placed and the matter will be forwarded to our attorney.

**Building**

Doug reported on an application from the Young Residence I29, I30 to install a boat lift next to their dock. The adjoining neighbors have been notified and have signed off on the installation of the lift. Doug made a motion to approve the lift and it was seconded by Shelby. MOTION PASSED.

An application was received from the Schatzman residence for a porch extension on the front of the home. Only a rough drawing was provided at this time. Doug made a motion to approve the porch subject to approval of final drawings as well as approval from Jefferson County and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

**Security**

No report

**Gate**

Rich reported the most used code in November was UPS at 1.6 times per day.

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### Maintenance

Ken reported that the battery has been replaced in the plow truck. Also, because of mice, peppermint oil has been sprayed in the truck and poison has been placed in the maintenance building.

The rope and post will be removed along the road near the community house. The intention is to eventually replace these with larger rocks. This plan will likely be continued around the parking lot over time. Mark has spoken with a friend that knows the owner of a nearby quarry about obtaining some rocks at low cost.

On Tuesday, the 3rd of December, Steve noticed a hole in the road, on the inlet side of the bridge, over the culvert. The hole was approximately 3' x 2' x 4' deep. Cones were placed and the hole was inspected over the course of the next few days. While the size of the hole did not appear to be growing from above, more and more of the dirt inside the hole was found to be rapidly eroding underneath the asphalt. Ken and Steve Carey poured some dye in the hole. The dye was found in the culvert immediately, indicating that a void exists and water is flowing into the culvert. A 4" x 6" hole was then noted inside the top of the culvert. This is thought to be causing the erosion and creating the hole. Matt Holloran has been contacted to inspect and offer advice on the matter. At this time the best course of action was determined to be to excavate in order to identify the source and extent of the problem. As a cost could not be known ahead of time, all 7 board members unanimously voted over email to utilize any means necessary in order to repair the hole, road, bridge and/or culvert. A more detailed time line regarding this issue is being recorded and will be included in a future newsletter.

### Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is 01/20/2020.

### Old Business

More discussion took place regarding assessing a monthly late fee on any unpaid assessments. More research is still needed in order to determine if this is a possible action the board can take, and what a typical amount would be. Mike stated he would run this by our attorney.

### New Business

Linda Fulford spoke with Steve regarding a sea wall she wants to install near a drainage pipe. She is wondering what limitations the board may have regarding the project. Steve asked the board if anyone had comments or concerns. It was agreed that she would be able to install the sea wall along her property as far as she wants as long as she does not impede the flow of any drainage. Doug stated he would go by and speak with Linda and inspect the area.

The flag pole was blown over by high winds. Steve is looking into getting this replaced.

### Adjourn

Ken made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Doug.



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# LTPOA Financial Reports

## Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

### November 2019

#### Cash Inflow for October

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2019/2020 assessments         | 3,386.76        |
| Lien fee and late charge paid | 74.50           |
| Interest                      | 35.43           |
| <b>Total Cash Inflow</b>      | <b>3,496.69</b> |

#### Cash Outflow for October

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Ameren                                   | 100.75   |
| Charter                                  | 69.99    |
| Phone.com                                | 19.24    |
| Happy Grass – mowing for September       | 320.00   |
| GCI Security--Revised August bill        | 2,328.00 |
| MO Employers Mutual--workers comp        | 981.00   |
| USPS—presort fee                         | 235.00   |
| Red Oak Landscaping—mowing dam (9/21)    | 1,100.00 |
| Steve Blaha—spotlight and certified mail | 41.95    |

**Total Cash Outflow** **5,195.93**

**Checking Account Balance 10/31/19** **278,524.12**

**Major Projects Fund 9/30/19** **117,043.78**

Interest 59.64

**Major Projects Fund 10/31/19** **117,103.42**

### December 2019

#### Cash Inflow for November

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2019/2020 assessments    | 5,687.44        |
| Gate cards               | 10.00           |
| Interest                 | 30.10           |
| <b>Total Cash Inflow</b> | <b>5,727.54</b> |

#### Cash Outflow for November

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Ameren                               | 100.34    |
| Charter                              | 69.99     |
| Phone.com                            | 19.24     |
| Happy Grass--October mowing and trim | 320.00    |
| Mickey's Portable Toilets- 6 months  | 540.00    |
| CEG & Family Paving & Sealing        | 93,670.00 |
| Will Electronics--Sept labor charge  | 402.50    |

**Total Cash Outflow** **95,122.07**

**Checking Account Balance 11/30/19** **177,153.59**

**Major Projects Fund 10/31/19** **117,103.42**

Interest 57.75

**Major Projects Fund 11/30/19** **117,161.17**

## A Change in the Gate Access Code Rules

*The rules for acquiring a construction project code for the gate have changed. An approved LTPOA building permit is now required. Here is the updated language from the Access Code Request page on our website (<http://laketishomingo.com/forms/entrycoderequest.aspx>):*

A property owner may request a temporary access code for a party, delivery, or vendor providing a service. An access code is a 4-digit number. The access code is hour- and day-limited, and has an expiration date.

**A construction project requires an approved LTPOA building permit before an access code will be issued. [LTPOA Building Permit application](#)**

The property owner is responsible for the code and must not give it to unauthorized users. Application for an access code must be at least 10 days before it is needed.

Access codes are not to be used to admit property owners or visitors on a routine basis.

Make sure the access code recipient understands the confidential nature of the access code.

- REMEMBER the access code is to be used only for the requested purpose.
- DO NOT SHARE IT with anyone other than the individual the code is meant for.

*Editor's Note: Al Ferrell submitted the photo of the white squirrel below. This made me curious. I found the post which follows about white squirrels in the Earth Matters (MNN.com) blog. -ck*



photo by Al Ferrell

### Have you ever seen a white squirrel?

by Laura Moss, MNN.com

While there are two known species of white squirrels in Asia, there aren't any in North America, so if you've spotted an all-white or mostly white squirrel in the wild here, you've seen something quite rare. But to understand why, some background is in order.

Most of the white squirrels seen in North America are genetic color variants of the eastern grey squirrel.



An albino eastern grey squirrel in Olney, Illinois. (Photo: TonyCampbell/Shutterstock)

For some of these eastern grey squirrels, their unique coats are caused by [albinism](#), a congenital disorder characterized by little or no production of melanin. This lack of melanin makes the albino animal's eyes appear pink or red, the color of its blood vessels.

*NatureNews continues from previous column*

However, squirrels with completely white coats and dark eyes are likely [leucistic](#). Leucism involves a partial loss of pigmentation and it's often mistaken for albinism, but while leucistic animals have white, pale or patchy coloration, their eye color is unaffected. [Ed. Note: Al reports that "his" squirrel sometimes has patchy grey spots or grey stripes on her tail. But dark eyes]

But then there are the white squirrels that aren't albino or leucistic. "Still rarer seems to be the type of coat pattern we have here in Brevard, North Carolina. The coat is mostly white but there is a distinctive (gray) head patch and dorsal stripe that broadens in the shoulder region," writes [Robert Glesener](#), research director of the White Squirrel Research Institute. "There is some evidence that this pattern is inherited."

### Where to see them

Eastern grey [squirrels](#) are a common species, so you could technically spot a white squirrel anywhere in the animal's native range.

The squirrels inhabit the eastern and midwestern U.S. and the eastern provinces of Canada, but certain cities and towns are known for their large population of white squirrels, including Brevard, North Carolina; Marionville, Missouri; Olney, Illinois; Kenton, Tennessee; and Exeter, Ontario.

But your odds of seeing a white squirrel are higher in Brevard. Glesener's research has found that almost one in three of the city's squirrels has white fur, meaning it has the highest percent white of any known squirrel colony.

In many of the places where white squirrels thrive, their



A white squirrel peeks out from behind a tree at Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina. (Photo: Laura Moss/MNN)

colonies can be traced back to pet white squirrels that were released or escaped into the wild.

In the case of Brevard's white squirrels, a local resident received a pair of white squirrels — which had escaped from a Florida carnival — as a gift in 1949. Eventually, one of these squirrels made another jailbreak and began breeding in the wild.

"[Have You Ever Seen a White Squirrel?](#)" by Laura Moss was first published on August 12, 2015, on the Mother Nature Network *Earth Matters* blog, and this abridged version appears here courtesy of the Mother Nature Network.



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## Replacing the Flagpole



On January 14, 2020, Board members and volunteers replaced the flagpole near the entrance. The previous flag pole had been damaged in a storm.

*Photos by Al Ferrell*



*Photo by Rich Hirsch*

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# Cooking Corner

Carol Kohnen

*Editor's notes: If you attended the January 12 LTIA dinner meeting, you may have tried this chowder. If you would like to see Cooking Corner as a regular feature of this newsletter, send your favorite recipe to [tishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tishnewsletter@gmail.com) —or nominate a friend! —ck*

## Lake T Clam Chowder (8 servings)

*(Note: I doubled this recipe, but then it made about 5 cups too much for my 6 qt. crockpot.)*

- 6 oz thick-sliced bacon, chopped
- 2 medium onions, chopped (approx. 2 cups)
- 3 medium carrots, chopped (2 cups)
- 2 celery stalks, thinly sliced (1 cup)
- 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 large russet potato, cubed (approx. 3/4 lb.)
- 2 cans cream of potato soup
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- 6 (6 1/2 oz) cans minced clams in juice
- 1 can chicken broth
- 2 Tbs flour
- 2 Tbs butter
- 1 pint half-and-half
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley to garnish
- Oyster crackers (optional) garnish
- Freshly ground black pepper

Day 1 [You can do all the hard work the day before the dinner.]

- Fry bacon until crisp. Remove. If more than 2 Tbs grease, drain some.
- Brown onion, celery, and carrots in bacon fat until tender (5-7 minutes). Add garlic and saute briefly.
- Add juice from 5 cans of clams and chopped potato. Add chicken broth to cover. *(I used the whole can.)* Bring to boil. Simmer 15-20 minutes until potato is tender.
- Add cream of potato soup, dried parsley, and some freshly ground pepper. Heat through.
- Chill in ice bath, refrigerate.

Day 2

- Heat chowder from day 1 on stovetop. Put warmed chowder in crock pot. Crock pot on high.
- Make a roux of 2 Tbs flour and equal amount of butter. Gradually add clam juice (from reserved can).
- Add half-and-half and mix. Heat until thickened. Add to crock pot; stir.
- Add clams and half of the bacon. Heat until warm.
- Set crock pot to warm.

Just before serving:

- Garnish with remaining bacon, fresh-ground pepper, chopped parsley, and oyster crackers. Serve additional oyster crackers on the side.



### A Thank You

Thank you to all the generous Lake residents who contributed canned goods or cash to the Food Drive during the 2019 holiday season. Donations were distributed to the Hillsboro Food Pantry and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Hillsboro.  
— Barb Rohm

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# Tishomingo Trivia Night

## Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Doors open at 6:30pm

Trivia starts at 7pm

\$10 per person, tables of 8

(Only have 6 or would like to join a table, let us know.)

**Winning Table Splits 25% of Paid**

**Admission**

Cheap Beer and Drinks will be available.

Prize awarded for best decorated table.

50/50 Raffle

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### LTIA Membership - 2020

Yes, here is my membership to LTIA. This will help to support the Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association projects and maintain the Community House.

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