



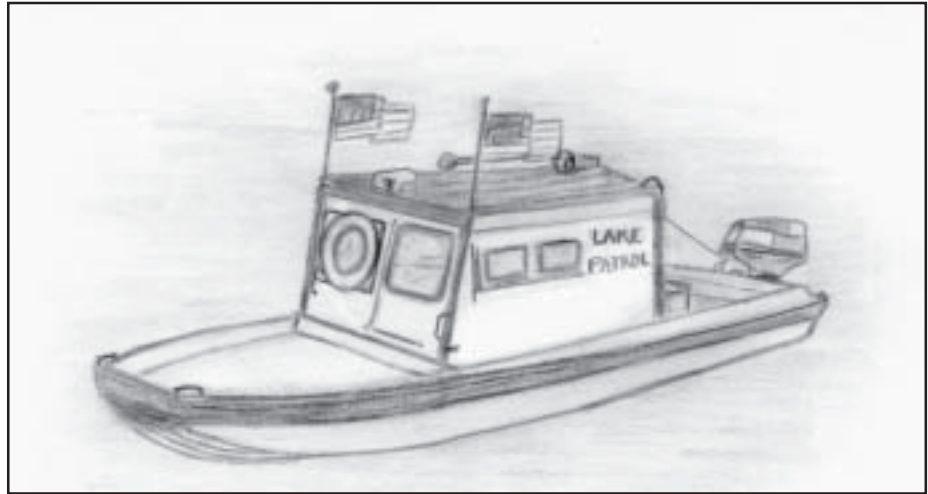
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Patrol Boat by Bev Jost

Lake View

by Janet Hirsch, Editor

Greetings from the Blue Mountain. That's what our house has turned into. We have new trusses over the old roof and carport and it is all draped in blue tarp. It's the kind that flaps in the wind and makes you think that we could be airborne at any moment.

Rich and I have been somewhat gratified though by the many compliments we've received on the excellent color coordination: blue tarp, blue port-a-potty, blue truck . . .

We'd had a lot of delays because of all the rain -- we're

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Dinner Meeting

6:30 pm Sat **Jan 8** - Bring a casserole

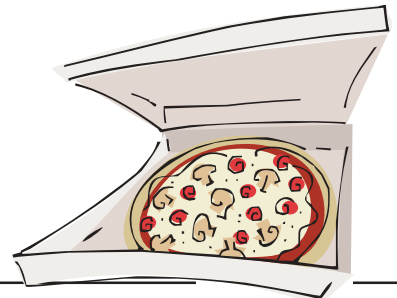
January Event. . .

Teen Pizza Party Saturday January 22, 8 pm

Lake Tishomingo Community House

Music
Games
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Happy New Year

Friday Dec 31,
2004

Party 8:30 pm

Lake Tishomingo
Community House

Sing, dance, have a
karaoke good time!

FREE

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snacks



February Event. . .

Trivia Night Saturday February 12, 7 pm

Lake Tishomingo Community House

\$10 per person

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February 20, 2005

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New Stuff

The Lake Tishomingo website, www.laketishomingo.com, now has past issues of *Tishomingo News* for 2003 and 2004 posted and available for download.

Email

We have a list with many lake owners' email addresses to which we send meeting and event notices. If you would like to receive these messages or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for the website or this newsletter contact Janet Hirsch, F-29, jhirsch@catenary.com, (314) 962-7833 or (636) 285-0813.



2005 Calendar

Jan 8	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Casserole
Jan 22	Sat	8 pm - 12 m Teen pizza party.
Feb 12	Sat	7 pm Trivia Night. Snow date Feb 26.
Mar 12	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Corned beef
Mar 19	Sat	8 pm - 12 m St Pat's dance. Music by Doubletake.
Mar 20	Sun	1 - 3 pm Children's Easter party
Apr 9	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Ham
Apr 23	Sat	Tishomingo Road Cleanup.
May 14	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. KFC
Jun 11	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Pork steak
Jun 18	Sat	Teen Progressive Dinner
Jul 3		Miss Tishomingo Coronation
Jul 4		3 pm Boat Parade
Jul 4		dusk Fireworks Display
Aug 13	Sat	6:30 pm Pie and Ice Cream Social
Sep 10	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Pasta & salad
Oct 8	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Oktoberfest
Oct 28		1 - 3 pm Munchkin Halloween Party 6 - 8 pm Teen Party/Bonfire
Oct 29		Halloween Dance, Adults
Nov 12	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Turkey
Dec 10	Sat	6:30 pm LTIA Dinner meeting. Chili cookoff
Dec 17		3 pm Christmas Caroling.
Dec 18	Sun	1 - 3 pm Children's Christmas Party

Classified Ads

Classified ads are free for LTIA members

FOR SALE



Living room furniture. Rattan 3-piece sectional sofa, 2 swivel rockers, tall bookcase, glass-topped coffee table, glass-topped side table. Wanda Fisher (636) 376-1702..

Window treatment. Drape valence 96" wide with side draperies 35", rose with pale green lining. Like new. Wanda Fisher (636) 376-1702..

Maytag Dryer. Neptune propane. Like new, model MDG4000AWW. \$280 OBO. Janet Hirsch. (636) 285-0813.

Water Heater. 40-gal GE water heater, propane. \$75 OBO. Janet Hirsch. (636) 285-0813.

SkyTec Treadmill. All electric: variable elevation, resistance, speed. Monitors heart rate. \$150 Barb Rohm, (636) 274-1977.

Grumman Canoe. 18-ft heavy gauge aluminum canoe in excellent condition. \$750 OBO. Ken Jost (636) 274-0453.

GE Washing Machine About 10 years old. Never used with well water. **FREE.** Janet Hirsch (636) 285-0813.

WANTED Boat lift for speed boat. Tim Schryver, (636) 285-7474.

Halloween Parties

photos by Bev Jost, Ken Jost, Mike Leiweke, and Jerry Uhlenbrock



LTIA Meetings Summary

by Barb McGlynn

November 13, 2004

Welcome Wagon, Dixie Bryant -- Two new residents will have baskets delivered by Marilyn Meyer.

Ways and Means; Gail Lents – Halloween Dance was Oct 29, a good time was had by all

The Children's Halloween Party was a huge success with 30 children in attendance

Christmas Caroling will be Dec 18, the north side against the south side for fun competition collecting donations for the Hillsboro Food Pantry.

We are having Christmas Decoration Contest again this year, no entry fee; the deadline to enter is Dec 15, Call Dixie to enter. Judging and winner announced Dec 18 after caroling. Winner will receive \$25 prize.

Children's Christmas Party is Dec 19 Santa will make a visit; please bring a wrapped gift and treats to share.

We will not be having a New Years Eve party this year so the Community House will be available.

Trivia Night scheduled for Feb 5 with an inclement weather date of Feb 19, tables of 8.

Garden Club; Marilyn Meyer – Bus shelter has been moved, thanks to Ron Sansone. Repairs come next. 150 narcissus bulbs were planted, the sales office decorated for Christmas.

The Garden is selling neat little cheese boards made by Gail Lents from wine bottles, price \$20.

Maintenance; Dixie Bryant – Bids are in on replacing steps to the pavilion. Lowest bid was \$3850.

Ron Sansone has volunteered his time and equipment if LTIA would supply the materials and volunteers to help. Motion made to accept Ron's offer- Barb McGlynn; Seconded –Gail Lents. Approved volunteers: Ron Sansone, Rich Hannick, Rich Hirsch and Rick Kardell.

TAA – No meetings til March 2005

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Happy Birthday to Rich Hirsch and Carlene Licari. Happy 40th anniversary to Kathy and Butch Hopfer.

Old Business: Decembeer dinner meeting will be the election of LTIA officers. Open positions are for President, Vice President and Maintenance.

A minute of silence was taken in memory of Larry Kimmel's father, Jan Hunnicutt's nephew, and Betty Diebold.

Next Meeting Dec 11 – Chili Cook-off. Bring your best Chili and a side.

Cell Phone Numbers

In a few weeks, cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. Call this number from your cell phone 888-382-1222. It is the national Do Not Call list. You can also do it via internet at DoNotCall.gov. It blocks your number for 5 years.

Trivia Night

Saturday February 12 is the date of our next **Trivia Night**. August 2003, the LTIA sponsored our first Trivia Night at the Community House. March 2004 we had the second and this year, in February will be the third.

Each of the past events has been an overwhelming success. We had gag gifts, raffles, a cash prize that went to the winners' table for being the best "know it alls" in the place, but most importantly, we had FUN. Gift baskets and donations were made by people here on the lake, and from companies that we were associated with so that most everyone left with something.

Donate a prize, reserve a table for eight, or just sign up to play and have a good time. It will be a great way to spend your Saturday evening. Bring your guests.

For reservations contact Dixie Bryant, 285-6043.

If you have any items you would like to donate, call Barb Rohm 274-1977.

Teen Pizza Party

This is just for the young adults . . . **January 22 will be Teen Pizza Party** lock in, 8 pm - 12 m.

We plan to have music, games, and fun stuff for the young adults of the lake, 5th grade and up. Bring snacks and soft drinks to share. Pizza will be provided. Free.



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Lakeside Gardeners



Welcome Wagon



New residents receive the Welcome Basket from the LTIA. If you are new to the lake and have not received your welcome contact Dixie Bryant, 285-6043.

Above left: in November the Lakeside Gardeners cleared the roadside along the Community House and marked desirable trees to be saved. Shown are Marilyn Meyer, Dixie Bryant, Chyree De Roode, and Rich Hirsch.

Left: December 4 the Lakeside Gardeners decorated the sales office with new curtains, garlands, wreath, and lights. Left to right: Chyree De Roode, Dixie Bryant, Jenny Kimmel, Fran Hovis, Hilda Schryver (on ladder), Liz Higgins, Mary Leiweke, Pat Harting. Not shown: Barb Rohm, Gail Lents, Marilyn Meyer, and Rich Hirsch

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about 5 inches over normal for this time of year. Rich has had to set up the hose to siphon off all the water, almost daily, from the pit that may one day will hold the foundation for the addition. The construction should last 90 days (work days, not calendar days) and we are learning a lot about joists, trusses, windows, concrete and all that other stuff. So I guess it's good. Friends keep telling us "Don't worry, everything will be ok." I hope.

LTIA BoD

Many thanks to Kathy Hopfer for her years of service to this community and the LTIA. Kathy retired from the board and we all appreciate all the time she has contributed. Thank you Kathy.

At the December dinner meeting we elected a new board to run the LTIA:

- President Gail Lents
- Vice President Mary Leiweke
- Treasurer Dixie Bryant
- Secretary Barb McGlynn
- Social Janet Farwig
- Newsletter Janet Hirsch

Congratulations to the new board -- and thanks for volunteering. We always need help, so everyone is invited to pitch in now and then.

Upcoming Events

The **New Year's Party** is free this year -- we'll be using the brand new karaoke machine to generate our own music. So be sure to join the fun.

Teen Pizza Party

New this year is the **Teen Pizza Party** scheduled for January 22. Sounds like a great idea to me and it's fun and it's free. Tell your kids about it -- fifth grade and up are all invited. This will be a great opportunity for the kids to make new friends -- especially those for who don't live here full time.

Trivia Night

The always popular **Trivia Night** is set for February 12. This will replace the regular dinner meeting -- so you already have it on your schedule. Donate a gift, invite your friends, challenge your neighbors, and have an enjoyable evening. Judging from the previous two events I'd say that no amount of formal education can help you with answers to the questions -- in fact, scholars may be at a distinct disadvantage -- not enough media exposure! It is always a fun time for everyone who participates.

Don't forget to make your resolutions -- eat less, walk more, be kind, be noble, and have a Happy New Year!



Lake Happenings

Newsletter Assembly

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped assemble the last *Tishomingo News & LTPOA Report*: Pat & Lou Harting, Bev & Ken Jost, Mary & Mike Leiweke, Gail & Charlie Lents, Marilyn Meyer, Charlene Sansone, Hilda Schryver, Irma Shepherd & Sandy & Jerry Uhlenbrock, and Kathy Ziebol.

Deaths

We are very sorry to report that Betty **Diebold**, passed away recently.

Tom and Betty were homeowners on the south side for many years, continue to have property here, and have many friends at the lake. Our sincere condolences to Tom and their family.



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Engaged to be Married

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Jason Covington and Lori Patton on their engagement. Jason is a professional writer and teaches Creative Writing at Jefferson College. He is also an avid fisherman and active in the Tishomingo Anglers Association.

Lori will soon finish her research thesis and receive a Master's degree in Fisheries Science. She is employed at Monsanto in Creve Coeur. Jason and Lori are planning their wedding for May 2005.

Fellowship Awarded

Congratulations to Tamera **Schryver**, daughter-in-law of Tim and Hilda Schryver. Tamera is completing her PhD in Nutrition at University of Minnesota and has been awarded a 3-year postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Cancer Research. Out of 100 potential candidates worldwide, she was one of ten selected for the fellowships. She will be working in the Epidemiology Department at the University of Minnesota for the next two years while Robbie Schryver (husband) completes law school. They will move to Rockville, MD, National Institute of Cancer Research to complete the last year of her fellowship.

College Graduation

Congratulations to Ricky **Licari**, son of Skip and Carleen Licari. Ricky is graduating with honors from University of Missouri Rolla with a degree in Civil Engineering December 18.

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Holiday Dishes

by Rich Hirsch

One way to extend the holidays well into January, is to serve holiday dishes in January. So, assuming you're not fed up with the holidays (pun intended), let's start with two of our holiday favorites.

Pumpkin Cheesecake

This version of The Cheesecake Factory's Pumpkin Cheesecake is from "Top Secret Restaurant Recipes" (www.topsecretrecipes.com) and uses an 8- or 9-inch springform pan.

1-1/2 c graham cracker crumbs
 5 T butter, melted
 1 c plus 1 tablespoon sugar
 3 8-oz packages cream cheese, softened
 1 t vanilla
 1 c canned pumpkin
 3 eggs
 1/2 t cinnamon
 1/4 t nutmeg
 1/4 t allspice
 whipped cream

1. Preheat the oven to 350 deg F.
2. Make the crust by combining the graham cracker crumbs with the melted butter and 1 tablespoon sugar in a medium bowl. Stir well enough to coat all of the crumbs with the butter, but not so much as to turn the mixture into paste. Keep it crumbly.
3. Press the crumbs onto the bottom and about two-thirds of the way up the sides of the springform pan. You don't want the crust to form all of the way up the back of each slice of cheesecake. Bake the crust for 5 minutes, then set it aside until you are ready to fill it.
4. In a large mixing bowl combine cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, and vanilla. Mix with electric mixer until smooth.
5. Add the pumpkin, eggs, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice and continue to beat until smooth and creamy.
6. Pour the filling into the pan. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes. The top will turn a bit darker at this point. Remove from the oven and allow the cheesecake to cool.
7. When the cheesecake has come to room temperature, put it into the refrigerator. When the cheesecake has chilled, remove the pan sides and cut the cake into 8 equal pieces. Serve with a generous portion of whipped cream on top.

Our second holiday fave is a yeast bread I make in a bread machine, but with a bit more work can easily be made by hand in a conventional oven.

Rich Hirsch's Cranberry Orange Bread

2/3 c orange juice conc. (1/2 of 12-oz can, 7 oz by wt.)
 1 c water
 2 T honey (1.1 oz by wt.)
 1/2 t salt
 10 oz wheat flour blend (Gold Medal "Better for Wheat Bread" Speciality Blend)
 10 oz bread flour
 1/2 c cranberries, coarsely chopped (for a less tart bread, use Craisons or dried cranberries)

1 T sugar
 1/4 c walnuts
 1 T yeast

Combine all ingredients except cranberries into loaf pan. Since this is a yeast bread the orange conc. should be at room temperature when it is added. After the initial kneading (about 20 min. in my bread machine), spread out cranberries on a large flat surface, remove the dough from the loaf pan and knead the bread over the cranberries to work the berries into the dough. Remove the mixing paddle from loaf pan and return the dough to the pan to finish the baking cycle.

A great vegetable dish at November's LTIA dinner was made by Charlene Sansone. Add some cooked chicken or turkey to make a complete meal!

Charlene Sansone's Vegetable Stuffing Bake

1 medium onion, chopped
 1 T vegetable oil
 2 cans cream of mushroom soup
 1 c process cheese sauce
 1 16-oz pkg frozen cauliflower, thawed
 1 16-oz pkg frozen corn, thawed
 1 16-oz pkg frozen broccoli, thawed
 1 16-oz pkg frozen brussels sprouts, thawed
 1 6-oz pkg cornbread stuffing mix

In a large skillet saute onion in oil until tender. Stir in soup and cheese sauce until blended. Heat thoroughly.

In a large bowl combine vegetables and 1 cup stuffing mix. Add soup mixture and mix well.

Transfer the mixture to two greased shallow 2-qt baking dishes. Sprinkle with remaining stuffing mix.

Bake uncovered at 350 deg for 30-35 minutes or until vegetable are tender and edges are bubbly.

Another great vegetable dish enjoyed at November's meeting was made by Liz Higgins.

Liz Higgins' Carrot Casserole

4 c sliced carrots (1 bag) or 3 cans
 3 T butter
 1/2 t salt
 1/2 t pepper
 1 c Pepperidge Farm herb seasoned stuffing mix or seasoned bread crumbs
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 can cream of celery soup, undiluted
 1/2 c cheddar cheese, grated

Cook carrots until soft, but not mushy. There is no need to precook carrots if using canned carrots. Saute onions in butter.

Stir in soup, salt and pepper, cheese, and carrots. Pour into greased casserole.

Mix stuffing with 1/3 cup melted butter. Sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake at 350 deg for 20 - 25 minutes.

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Placing first at this year's chili cookoff held at December's LTIA meeting was Kathy's chili. As anyone at the meeting can tell you it faced some tough competition (there were nine entries). This is a meat lover's chili.

Kathy Hopfer's Chili

- 4 lb ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 5 cans Brooks mild chili beans
- 2 cans Brooks just-for-chili tomatoes
- 4 pkg Chili Man dry chili mix

Brown the ground beef and drain to remove the fat. Saute the onions. Combine beef, onions, and rest of ingredients. Bring to a boil then simmer 2-1/2 hours. If necessary adjust consistency by adding water.



December 25, 2002

The Secret of Inner Peace

I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me and we all could use more calm in our lives, especially at this time of year. By following the simple advice I heard on a Dr. Phil show, I have finally found inner peace. Dr. Phil proclaimed, "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started."

I looked around my house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished. So, before leaving the house this morning, I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Pinot Grigio, a bottle of Bailey's, a bottle of Amaretto, a package of Oreos, the remainder of both Prozac and Valium prescriptions, the rest of the cheesecake, some saltines and a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel!



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LTPOA REPORT

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It's a New Year

Dear Fellow Neighbors:
Winter is here. Let us hope that we can get by with volunteers on snow removal.

We have one (1) truck that we are spending \$3,500 on to get it in working condition.

We have overdue assessments that we are trying to collect. Most people have been great in paying their assessments.

Our debt will soon be under \$300,000 -- by summer. We have seven (7) miles of roads and 200 acres of lake in a 240-home community to maintain. We are just getting by. Let us all work together and we will have one of the best lake communities anywhere.

Thank you to everyone who helped make 2004 a good year for this community. Best wishes to you and your families for a very blessed Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Hope to see you at the Community House for the New Year's Eve party on December 31.

-- Ron Sansone
President

LTPOA Meeting Minutes November 9, 2004

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the following board members present:

Linda Fulford, Pat Harting, Matt Holloran, Ray Lauer and Ron Sansone. 27 lot owners were present.

The minutes of the September meeting had been posted on the website, inserted in the newsletter and passed out at the meeting. President Sansone asked for a motion to accept the minutes, motion made by Matt Holloran, seconded by Ray Lauer, motion passed unanimously.

Presidents Report

Ron stated that the school bus shelter had been moved further back from the road. The shelter would be decorated and a walkway would be installed for access.

Treasurers Report

Linda Fulford reported on the income statement for the past month.

Linda reiterated that assessments not paid on time incur late fees, interest, lien fees as well as court and legal fees. This is very costly for both the lake and the homeowner. Anyone wishing to make payment arrangements, please contact Linda at 274-1985. The following checks were approved unanimously for payment:

Matt Holloran \$2,000
Legal Fees \$2,200 – assessments recovery

Will Electronics \$466.73 – gate repair
Ray Lauer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Matt Holloran. Motion passed.

Security Director

Ray Lauer read his report (see page 13).

Please fill in the registration form printed in the last newsletter. This information is needed to update the records. **As of December 31st**, all cards issued to people who no longer live at the lake, or have lost or misused their cards, will be removed from the system. It is therefore very important for all lake residents to complete the form and return it to Ray. Ron thanked Ray and Roger for their work on the gate.

Building Director

Becky Harper was not present. This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

Maintenance Director

Matt reported that the snow equipment is almost completely repaired. A broken brake line was repaired on one of the trucks and the salt spreader has also been repaired. Approximately \$200 has been spent on maintenance. However, Matt reported that we still do not have an operator for the snow removal equipment. If volunteers are not forthcoming a decision will have to be made regarding

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Committees

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Volunteer Corps	Lou Harting	(636) 285-1971	loupat4@earthlink.net
Website/Newsltr	Janet Hirsch	(636) 285-0813	jhirsch@catenary.com

Calendar

Jan 5	6 pm	Finance Committee
Jan 5	7 pm	LTPOA Board Pre-meeting
Jan 11	7 pm	LTPOA Board Meeting
Jan 15	9 am	Volunteer Corps
TBA		Sewer Committee
Feb 2	7 pm	LTPOA Board Pre-meeting
Feb 8	7 pm	LTPOA Board Meeting
Feb 19	9 am	Volunteer Corps
TBA		Finance Committee
TBA		Sewer Committee

Volunteer Corps

The Volunteer Corps meets at 9 am the third Saturday of the month at the Community House.

Lou Harting is the coordinator for the Volunteer Corps. Let him know what tasks need to be addressed and when you can help out. Call Lou at 285-1971 or Bev Jost at 274-0453.

In a Nutshell . . .

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how much we will pay for outside help. The guard has said he could help and a resident's son who lives nearby has offered to help. Mr. Donaway said he leaves for work at 4 a.m. and he would be willing to help. Henry Brym volunteered to help maintain the equipment and Matt thanked him for this. Matt said that he was waiting to purchase salt until snow is imminent. Currently there is enough salt for one or two ice storms. Matt thanked not only the volunteers but also all residents for burning their leaves.

Finance Committee

Janet Hirsch reported that they had not had a meeting in the last month, but they were available to help the board as and when necessary. Ron thanked them and went on to say that thanks to Linda the assessment payments were now manageable. He said that we should keep after the people who had not paid because it becomes a hassle and is very expensive when handed over to the attorneys, even though it was inevitable that some would have to be.

President Sansone then reported that he had been investigating using another attorney on a trial basis. He did not propose removing the cases that were currently with Attorney Tesreau. However, he said it was possible to file liens on delinquent property owners ourselves. This was a fairly complex procedure, especially in the follow up and someone had to be in court when the case came to trial or the case was lost.

President Sansone then brought up the progress of the Sewer Committee. He said that the first step was to say that we wanted a sewer district and the county would then produce the figures on the costs involved. We are working on this with our Commissioner and will produce the letter to him saying that we are interested. The next date for the Sewer Committee will be printed in the upcoming newsletter.

Website

Janet Hirsch reported that the web site is now two years old and she thanked all those who had been involved. She reported that the newsletter had been mailed on October 23rd and the deadline for the next newsletter is December 19th.

Highlights

Collection of Christmas Trees

Tishomingo Anglers Association will collect discarded Christmas trees in the SE corner of the community house parking lot. The trees will be used to create fish cover in the lake. Place your discarded Christmas trees there December 26 through January 2. We will probably sink them January 2 if conditions allow. If there are more trees after January 2, they will also be used for fish cover in the future.

Sewage Complaint Form

To file a complaint about a suspect septic system use the Jefferson County Sewage Complaint Form. Download the form:

www.laketishomingo.com

Homeowners Info

Jefferson County Sewage Complaint Form

And be sure to read the septic system articles posted at the Homeowners Info page

Old Business

Matt Holloran introduced Mr. William Donaway who had attended the pre-board meeting on November 3rd. Mr. Donaway had a situation which he wanted to inform the lake about. He is building a new house on lots D58-62. He wanted to inform the lake that he and his wife were not the tyrants reported in previous minutes. As far as he was aware, he had conformed to all the requirements of the Jefferson county building department and had brought all the relevant paperwork for the board's inspection. He stated that although he was a builder and a contractor he was not building a spec house. He was building a house for his family to live in. He said that he had not been contacted by the building director as stated. The only people he had spoken to were Matt Holloran and Linda Fulford. He said that he had no problem from the board at the pre-board meeting but his problem lay with the building director who apparently had not been able to produce a list of questionable items. He said that he had contacted his contractor with regards to the problem of mud on the road and the homeowners across the road had also been in contact with contractor and the issue had been resolved. Mr. Donaway said that he realized that mud on the road had been very bad when construction commenced but they had tried to resolve that issue. Mr. Donaway then said that he got the impression that certain members of the board were not acting as board members but rather as "this is my friend" etc. He said that this was not what he expected and he was not aware of the extent of the building director's building experience. He said that Chris Townsend had suggested that the board hire an attorney to stop construction and that the building director had gone, unbeknownst to the board, to the Jefferson County building department to get the a stop work order on his property. Mr. Donaway concluded by saying that he felt that the younger members of the community would not be dictated to like this. He appreciated the fact that we listened to him and he hoped that the problem could be resolved but he had heard that many people had had a problem with the building director.

Following Mr. Donaway's statement, a comment from the floor suggested that the board had a problem with the building director. In response, President Sansone said that the bylaws did not state that the building director had to be a member of the board and at this time, he would like to recommend entertaining a motion to suspend the building director at this time and look into appointing another party. He said that Becky Harper had missed numerous board meeting and pre-board meetings and had caused much embarrassment at the meetings she had attended by her decisions, which had not been shared with the board members at large. On a question from the floor, President Sansone said that she was not being removed from the Board, just from the building director position. A discussion then followed on the issue of getting people to volunteer for the board and their qualifications for the various positions. President Sansone then asked for a motion that she be totally suspended from the building department, motion made by Matt Holloran seconded by Ray Lauer, motion passed unanimously. Following this, Bev Jost was appointed as the new building director. She will be assisted in this position by Ken Marschuetz and a committee of volunteers. Matt Holloran said that this new group would have to be diligent in informing the board on their activities, e.g. who they called and when they returned the phone calls, so that the building permits

could be voted upon in a timely manner. It was suggested that a form be developed for people to fill in and send to the board before the pre-board meeting for any type of building permit.

New Business

President Sansone suggested that we hold a dinner auction. He said that items such as a weekend in the Ozarks or a champagne ride around the lake etc. are donated and these are sold at auction. All monies raised would go to help pay off the loan. Because of the amount of time needed to organize this it would very likely be in March/April. Stan Schweiss said that he would provide a roast pig for the dinner. Numerous ideas were suggested. The LTIA would need to be contacted to ensure no conflicts. This will be put in the newsletter for suggestions.

Ray Lauer wanted to remind everyone to return the update sheets for cars and boats as soon as possible. This form was printed in the last newsletter.

Jerry Uhlenbrock reported on various items around the lake that needed consideration. President Sansone said that letters needed to be sent to the lot owners in question and we would then subsequently speak to them. Jerry said that there were at least three homes where the lakefront erosion was very bad and it was encroaching on their septic fields. He also said that two of the three were getting ready to sell their property. He said that when the property is sold it should be stipulated that the erosion should be replaced by the new owners. He also said that there were three homes where trees had fallen into the lake and the homeowners should be required to remove them. He said that the lake was not responsible for maintenance of the lots. A derelict pontoon boat would be picked up within the week. He produced

an item for insertion in the newsletter entitled "My first septic tank" advising homeowners on the care of the tank. Jerry also had a form from Jefferson County for residents to fill out if they notice any bad septic systems, They will come out and check them out. This form is also available on their website.

Jerry said that he received a report of a very large amount of E. coli upstream. This was eventually traced to a property on Hillsboro/House Springs Road. The pipe goes directly into the creek that feeds the lake. The property owner will be notified by the Jefferson County department. Only two coves now show any amounts of E. coli. Jerry had dated pictures for board review so that these could be monitored. Jefferson County will be monitoring the lake for us free of charge for at least another year. Discussion then followed on the trees in the lake. The fishermen said that trees were put in for fish protection. However, it was generally Christmas trees that were sunk. Jerry was talking about trees that had fallen into the lake due to erosion and these could not be left there, as they were an obstruction for the boaters. Matt or Ron would call those lot owners in violation. The question of how many unsightly tires you could have on a dock was also brought up.

There being no further business, Ray Lauer made a motion, seconded by Matt Holloran to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Harting
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REVENUE	
General Revenue	
Regular ('04) Assessment Revenue	0.00
Special Assessment Revenue	0.00
Total General Revenue	0.00
Other Revenue	
Gate Passes Revenue	45.00
Gate Damages Revenue	0.00
Trailer Rental Revenue	80.00
Penalty & Legal Fee Revenue	60.00
Interest Revenue	43.03
Donation Revenue	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	25.00
Total Other Revenue	253.03
TOTAL REVENUE	253.03
EXPENSE	
Payroll Expenses	
Wages & Salaries	800.00
Social Security Tax Expense	49.60
Medicare Tax Expense	11.60
SUTA Expense	187.20
SIT Compensation Deduction	-1.00
Total Payroll Expense (Security)	861.20
Maintenance Expenses	
Grass Cutting Services	0.00
Snow Removal	0.00
Gasoline Expense	0.00
Total Operating Expense	0.00
General & Administrative Expenses	
Accounting & Legal	0.00
Insurance	2,029.75
Interest Expense on Bank Loan	1,554.72
Bank Misc Charges	6.50
Bank Reconciliation Adjustment	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00
Postage expense	0.00
Printing Expense	-21.00
Telephone	40.44
Utilities	69.15
Total General & Admin. Expenses	3,679.56
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,726.96
NET INCOME	-4473.93
END OF MONTH STATUS	
Checking account balance	\$107,300
Money Market account balance	\$1,015
Loan balance	\$317,136
Outstanding Assessments	\$18,425



Holiday Party Eating Tips

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Christmas spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. Like fine single-malt scotch, it's rare. In fact, it's even rarer than single-malt scotch. You can't find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Christmas party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple. Pumpkin. Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or, if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Reread tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

Remember this motto to live by:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, martini in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

Happy Holidays!



Security Report

On October 23, Roger had occasion to visit the front gate area to do some adjustments with the video camera and he noted on the monitor that a pickup truck had stopped at the gate, which was in the down position, and the driver attempted to call a home owner. The video showed that he apparently received no response and at that time a passenger left the truck, and was observed forcing the gate open. After the truck passed through the man forced the gate back in the down position. Roger noted this had occurred only several minutes before he looked at the tape. He was able to observe the license number on the truck.

Wayne, our guard, was here at the time and was patrolling the roads. When Roger told him of what was on the tape, Wayne recalled seeing that truck on the south side of the lake. Within minutes, the truck returned to the gate and the driver was stopped. He said he had firewood to deliver to a homeowner, and when the proprietor did not respond to his call, he decided to raise the gate to give him access to the lake.

Roger notified me, and he also called the Sheriff's office. By the time I arrived at the gate, a deputy was pulling up also. He was informed of what was on the videotape, and he asked what we wanted to do. Roger had already told the violator the cost of repairing the gate would amount to \$250.00. The deputy gave the man an option to either pay the lake's cost, or charges would be filed with the prosecutor. The deputy took information for an offense report, and told the man he would allow five days before filing a report and seeking charges.

On October 25, the man contacted Roger and presented a check in the amount of \$250.00, advising he did not want to appear in court.

Again, we owe Roger our gratitude for his astuteness and for the manner in which he is handling gate operations.

Also, you will recall that in last month's report we told about a driver who broke our gate on the first night that it was operational after being broken all summer. Roger followed up on this matter, and was able to identify the responsible party. That person has paid us \$100.00 for the damages caused to the gate.

Tonight I turned over to Linda checks and currency totaling \$390.00, representing money paid for gate passes and for the above two instances of damage.

On October 28, a passenger in a vehicle who used a baseball bat or some similar heavy object damaged eight mailboxes along North Lakeshore Drive, apparently. The damages ranged from one box being severely damaged, belonging to Marilyn Meyer, to most receiving dents. These were random acts, and even Ron Sansone was a victim. I

received two calls from victims, and they were advised to contact the sheriff's office if they desired to file a report.

One resident informed me he and his wife have resided at the lake for 25 years and this is the first occasion they can recall of anyone having mailboxes damaged in this manner.

On November 1, several inches of rain fell on the lake and somewhere in the late afternoon, the water level suddenly rose about 12 inches. We had guests at our home and one observed a pontoon boat from the north side quickly floating towards the dam. It had been parked on a lift. I telephoned Matt Holloran for help and he quickly came to our house on his boat, got me and we proceeded toward the dam and were able to "capture" the fleeing boat when it was about 200 feet from the spillway. Fortunately, the keys were in the boat and we were able to deliver it back to the owner.

This is a reminder that even though boats are on a lift, it is wise to also tether the boat to some weighted object along the seawall or elsewhere on your property.

Several years ago Ed Melchior manufactured wooden signs to warn drivers about the hazardous curves on our entrance road. This past week he noticed the signs, one with the wording "Dangerous Curve" and the other with an arrow, had been torn from their posts, and when he investigated further he observed the signs in the weeds alongside the road. He took them in for repairs and then reinstalled both signs yesterday. Thanks, Ed.

Finally, Roger asked me to mention the following issues relative to our security gate.

He has added an additional security camera which allows for a clear view of the surrounding area of the entrance, provides a clear view of the license plates on vehicles entering the gate and is motion sensed to conserve tape space and hard drive space. The gates have been re-wired and now the entrance and exit gates work together when they are scheduled to be up.

By December 31, the gate system will be updated and all cards issued to people who no longer live at the lake, or have been lost or misused, will be removed from the access system. Therefore, it is important that everyone complete the form, which was made available in the most recent newsletter, and send it or give it to me so we can make our records current. A sign will be posted at the gate to remind residents of this issue. I need those forms by December 18 to allow us sufficient time to update our records by the end of the year. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation in this effort.

We are truly interested in making the lake area as safe as possible for all the property owners.

-- Ray Lauer



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