



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

December 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE P.O.A. PRESIDENT:

Hello Cumberland Lakes Neighbors!

I would like to start by wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

This year we have seen explosive growth in Cumberland Lakes with several new homes being built, lots being cleaned up, and the installation of culverts to start driveways. We welcome all the new people entering Cumberland Lakes and look forward to meeting you in the future.

We also mourn the loss of several neighbors this past year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families.

Lots of great memories with our monthly community potluck attendances ever growing. Fun times at monthly game nights. Several fun and challenging arts and crafts with beautiful pieces produced. The 2nd Annual Car Show with an addition of a band this year by Dawn and Jim.

A big THANK YOU to Connie Rainey as she retires after several years from her position as secretary to the board. Thank you also to Louie Check, Wayne Benson, and Steve Rainey for your volunteer service on the board for 2022.

Starting in 2023 we welcome 3 new board members, Reggie Almond, Linette Almond, and Kent Stewart along with returning members Jim Lanigan, Connie McDonald, Karen Dunn, and myself. Looking forward to working with all of you in the new year to serve our community.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on the many committees that keep our community running strong. We have openings for every level of time and commitment. Please reach out to me and we can find the right fit for you.



I am honored to have served you on the board as president this past year. It has been interesting, eye opening, and a great learning experience. I appreciate your support.

I end this last letter of the year as I have ended every letter. I am available for any questions, comments, and concerns you may have either by phone (224-308-2061) or my email at mjperkowsky@yahoo.com.

Michael Perkowski
Cumberland Lakes
P.O.A. President



A Big Thank You Judy Babb for your time and efforts!!!

Earlier this year Judy Babb our webmaster decided to retire and bring Jim Biron up to speed to replace her. A big thank you to Judy for pioneering the effort as webmaster of the Cumberland Lakes web site for the past 18 years. All of her efforts are greatly appreciated. Judy will continue to work with Dawn to publish the Hook Line and Sinker.



FIREWISE:

Well, we dodged another bullet with extremely dry conditions. Thanks to the diligence of our residents, we managed to avoid any forest fires. As part of our Firewise agreement, our community has to undergo a Risk Assessment every three years to verify the progress of our community's efforts towards wild-fire mitigation. On 16 Nov. Michael Durfee, Wildland Fire and Mitigation Specialist, conducted his inspection along with Michael Perkowski, President of P.O.A. and Thomas Torbleau Firewise Community Chairman. Mr. Durfee seemed fairly pleased with our community's progress and had minimal recommendations. A report was issued which showed that our community has improved by one factor from Extreme Risk to Moderate Risk. Our improved rating should help us with future plans to aid in our efforts to decrease our fire risk through several Hazard Mitigation programs.



PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

Tucked away in our little bit of paradise, residents and guests alike have enjoyed good fishing, boating, and sailing on our pristine waters this year.

Amidst a thousand-acre forest surrounding our four lakes, the serene lifestyle here in the Lakes away from the hustle and bustle of city life provides for a stress-free unpolluted environment. Instead of sirens and smoke, residents can hike or bike and listen to the sounds and sights of wildlife and experience the wonders of nature.

Despite no major problems this past year, increased building activity demands that extra care be taken to prevent siltation reaching our streams and lakes. This responsibility falls directly on the shoulders of all lot owners to ensure nothing pollutes the waters and upsets the ecological balance.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

As the economy strengthens, we have seen a rise in new home construction. Along with new construction, we are seeing more property owners taking advantage of their properties by visiting the community and looking to camp on their property. The process of camping is bringing along some challenges. According to documentation, there are minimal restrictions related to camping; but, there exists one that has to do with COMMUNICATION. Posting your property Private or No Trespassing does not tell anyone who owns the property, and we will err on the side of caution. Prospective campers need to contact the head of AECC with the following information BLOCK NUMBER AND LOT NUMBER along with CONTACT INFORMATION. At ALL times Firewise regulations need to be observed since forest conditions in our community are somewhat volatile and campfires, at times, may not be allowed. By supplying necessary information, difficult situations can be avoided which may interrupt your pleasant experience.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

The AECC Committee approved the following requests from Cumberland Lakes Residents:

- ◆ Eight lot clearings.
- ◆ Seven new homes,
- ◆ Five extensions were granted for homes that are running behind schedule.
- ◆ Three storage sheds.
- ◆ Three sea walls.
- ◆ Three boat docks.
- ◆ Two fences.
- ◆ Two carports.
- ◆ One detached garage.
- ◆ One new roof.
- ◆ Concrete slabs and a walkway.
- ◆ Three complaints for dogs running through the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS – WELCOMING:

Another year end is almost here, and we have met and welcomed many new neighbors. We have been scheduling these meetings every other month but due to busy schedules, not living in home yet and various other challenges new residents are experiencing we have decided to send a welcome letter initially and asking our new neighbor to contact us when it's convenient for them to meet and get information. In the meantime, I am happy to give any information needed before scheduled meetings. During these meetings boat decals and key cards to community center are issued and informs on the community and surrounding area are provided.



Wishing everyone a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

Karen Dunn
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Community Center Rental:

The community center is available for property owners private use if it is not reserved by a committee.

The center has a full kitchen, tables and chairs and hopefully in the near future Spectrum internet.

We have had property owners reserve the center for football game celebrations, birthdays, wedding receptions and family reunions. It is available for a small rental fee and refundable deposit.

To reserve the center, please email me lazylakelivin@gmail.com and I will make arrangements for you.

Hoping everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Critter Corner:

The Bobcat, is a stealthy hunter aided by keen eyesight, hearing, and a well-developed sense of smell, is the most common and widely distributed wildcat in North America. It can be found all across Tennessee.

Description: A large mammal with long legs, stubby tail, broad face, short snout, and prominent pointed ears that sometimes have tufts. The short fur is tawny-colored with black spots and streaks.

Facial fur has black lines and a ruff of fur extending from the ears down to the lower jaw. The backs of the ears are solid black with a central white spot. Underparts are white with black spots. Upper legs and tail have black barring; the tail tip is black. They have sharply curved claws that can be retracted.

Length: 22.5 - 50.0 inches

Tail: 3.8 - 7.9 inches

Ears: 2.5 - 2.8 inches

Weight: 10.0 - 40.0 pounds

Bobcats are often confused with [cougars](#), although [cougars](#) are many times larger, longer, and have a very long tail.

Habitat:

Bobcats are found in a variety of habitats, but they prefer heavily forested areas with thick underbrush. They also occur in timbered swamps; farmland; scrubland; and rocky terrain such as glades, bluffs, and rocky outcrops. Maternity dens are made of dry leaves and moss and usually located under a fallen tree, in a hollow log, or in a rock shelter.

Diet: The majority is small mammals, including rabbits, mice, rats, squirrels, and shrews. They will also occasionally eat deer, turkey, snakes, domestic cats, and grass.

Breeding information: Mating season begins in December and may continue into summer, but usually peaks in March. A litter of 1-5 (usually 2-3) kittens are born after a 50-70 day gestation period. Kittens are born with sharp claws and spotted fur.

They can play outside the den after their eyes open at 9-11 days old. Weaning occurs at 2 months old, but the kittens will stay with the mother until at least the fall.



ACTIVITIES:

Labor Day

The rain put a damper on the Labor Day Cornhole tournament, but it didn't stop our community from getting together to share food, stories and smiles! Captured some special moments from a young chef preparing his cheese tray to very happy ladies showing off their prizes. Mini hamburgers (cookies) and smore's brownies, it's what's for dinner at our party!



Chili Cookoff

Check out the results of the 2022 CL Chili Cookoff. 8 chili entries, delicious cornbread, salad and amazing desserts including an indoor S'mores Station. Michael Perkowski won the crown back from Kim Osgood. Honorable mention to Nate Carlson and Vicki Breneman for getting 2nd and 3rd place.



October Potluck:

October potluck was a kickoff to FALL! Tricia and Beth found out who the early risers are in the community by hosting a breakfast potluck. What a fun morning with so much great food including delicious scones, amazing casseroles, and wild boar sausage, biscuits and gravy. The adorable scarecrows made at the event were displayed at the community entrances.



November Potluck:

November potluck was held on National Play Monopoly Day. In an effort to bring some fun to the event the Greber's had a Monopoly trivia game and pulled out all the stops with all kinds of creative décor including Cumberland Lakes property cards and a Jail photo booth.



Crafter's Corner:

Star Makers:

What a afternoon we had with Kim Osgood leading the Vintage Star Craft. 13 ladies joined in the fun trying their hand at this craft. The results are amazing!



Wreath Makers:

Beth Carlson helped to get Cumberland Lakes in the holiday spirit by leading a fresh wreath making event. Look at these beautiful wreaths made using an assortment of berries, pinecones and other embellishments.



Christmas Party/Pot Luck:

Christmas Party 2022 went down in history! 43 neighbors gathered to celebrate with lots of food and fun! We sang the 12 Days of Christmas, Poinsettias and handmade Snow Globe Centerpieces were raffled off and a gift exchange that ended with everyone still being Neighbors! Thank you to our donors and cooks for the Ham & Turkeys! Everyone attending brought a variety of delicious appetizers, sides and desserts! A huge THANK YOU to activities committee and neighbors who helped decorate (and clean up) our community center to look like something beautiful from the hallmark channel!

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!



SPECIAL NOTE:

Anyone interested in hosting a monthly potluck, craft or other activity in 2023 please reach out to a member of the Activities Committee, Wendy Perkowski, Julie Check, Beth Carlson or Tricia Clark and we can discuss your idea and we can work with you to get it scheduled.

Nosh Nook:

Broccoli Cheddar Corn Muffins

Ingredients

- 2 cup steamed baby broccoli florets cooled [or roughly chopped]
- 1 8.5 oz corn muffin mix i.e. Martha White
- 3 green onions finely chopped
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 4 tablespoon butter melted and cooled
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ cup buttermilk or whole milk
- 2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese



Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Spray a 12 cup muffin tin with cooking spray and set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together all of the ingredients, reserving the cheese, until thoroughly moistened.

Mix-in the cheese last to prevent clumping.

Divide the mixture between the muffin cups. using a 4 oz ice cream scoop.

Bake for 25-30 minutes, until golden and a toothpick inserted into the center comes back clean.

Serve hot slathered with butter.



Note from the Editor: If you take unique pics, wildlife pics, extraordinary lake shots or others that you would like to see in next quarter's Hook, Line & Sinker Newsletter, please send them to me (dawn.dayton@gmail.com) with a tagline and I will be glad to add them to the next edition.

It's Puzzling:

**Christmas
WORD SEARCH**

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