

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

December 2021

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

From our house to your house Ken and I would love to wish everyone a HAPPY HEALTHY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR.

What a busy year this has been with several homes being built: and new residents moving in as well as the loss of a couple residents early this year.

We have all made wonderful memories this year in our community; 1st Annual Car Show, Game night, and who can forget the potluck the Benson's hosted with live entertainment from Tophouse!

A big thank you goes out to Jerry Carty with all your years on the POA Board as well as Chairman for the AECC. Your efforts on behalf of our community are greatly appreciated!

Misty Fell is also, retiring from the POA Board thank you for all your hard work this year.

Last but not least, Joe & Becky Krupski, Thank you, for all your hard work in the community.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help in the community. We have several positions open Activity Chairperson, Welcoming Chairperson and committee. Please feel free to contact me if you're interested in helping.

Stay safe & warm wishes this winter.

Carole, Ken
Our kids

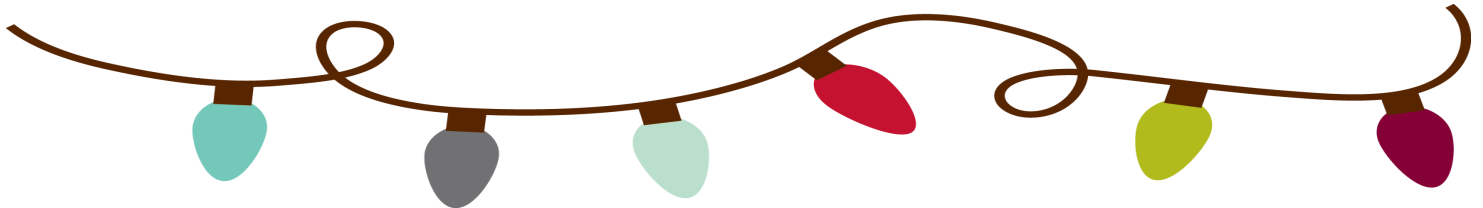
Layla, Sammy, Bella, Faith and Bobcat

Carole San Pietro
Cumberland Lakes
P.O.A. President



FIREWISE:

Here we are in the season for Burn Permits. By applying for a permit, you can verify conditions are ideal for burning. You can apply online at BurnSafeTN.org or call 877-350-2876 or 931-788-5538 or 931-484-4548. First time applicants will establish an account with address and phone. According to the National Weather Service and the U.S. Drought Monitor weather conditions are forecasted as "Normal", meaning an average amount of rain is expected in order to eliminate any risk for drought conditions. We should be aware of periods with low rain, warm temperatures and high winds which contribute to drought conditions. Now that leaves are falling, we should remember to try and keep leaves as far away from your home as possible.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Recently the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation revised their website for Sex Offender Registry. After investigation, I found one Offender was listed immediately outside of our community on South Cumberland Lakes Drive. He was listed as a "Sexual" offender. Two more offenders were listed, one on Clarkrange Hwy close to Jim Garrett Rd. being listed as "Violent Against Children" and another just south of his location also listed as "Sexual" offender. Residents are requested to be aware and take appropriate precautions to protect their children. Further information can be found at sor.tbi.tn.gov/home.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS – WELCOMING:

Vacant

BEAUTIFICATION:

In September and early October, the signage project on Jim Garrett Rd was completed and the slope leveled out and grass seed spread.

Some mums were potted to add color to the small planter on Cumberland Lakes Drive as you enter the community.

Thanks to D and Larry Joerger for their donation of an extremely large Hosta that was divided and planted at the planter at the entrance off of 62.

In addition to flower bulbs planted at the planter. Hopefully there will be colorful showing of flowers in the Spring!

If anyone has a desire to join the beautification committee... you will be welcomed with open arms please contact Carole at carolesturm63@gmail.com.

PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

Happy Fall almost Winter! This time of the year has us busy with leaves, leaves, and wait for it.....more leaves. So, you may ask (or not) "What do I do with all those leaves?" Well, I like to give them to my neighbors when they're not looking. Seriously, lets address this large task that takes up several of our day's activities.

The first thing **NOT** to do is blow or rake them into the water. But "that's easiest" you may respond. Although lots of leaves fall naturally on their own into the water we should **NOT** add to this amount. What happens when too many leaves enter the water is the excessive addition of phosphorus and nitrogen levels which in turn depletes the oxygen in the water, resulting in the possible death to aquatic animals like our fish. Again, we always must think of the delicate balance of nature. Adding leaves to the water will also cause a buildup and eventually decrease the depth of our lakes which could only be remedied by the **very** costly drain, dredge and restocking of fish in the lake. Too many leaves change the lake bottom and the areas that fish like to spawn. Would you lay your baby in decaying leaves or a clean crib? So what do you do with all those leaves? 1) Mulch them up where they lay. Up to 5 inches of leaves can be finely mulched and will add nutrients back into your lawn. 2) Gather them up onto a pile away from the water. If you can gather them with your lawn mower then they are mulched a bit already. A 4-foot-high pile will degrade down to 1 foot in 6-12 months. Even faster if you turn the pile and add water occasionally. The rich black soil that it produces over time can be used back into your gardens. 3) Burn them. I left this till last. Although burning is kind of fast, you still need to obtain a permit to burn, and you shouldn't burn on windy days. It produces lots of harmful smoke which contain toxic and irritating particles and gases. Floating embers may ignite nearby woods causing a forest fire and destroying many homes. YIKES! 4) Gather them up, bag them, and take them to the dump. (Really, who has time for that!)

Let's talk fishing! My favorite subject. So, you've been out fishing, and you've found it to be tough and slow going. Well, you are right! Let me see if I can help you. Fish are a cold-blooded vertebrate. This means their surrounding environment largely regulates their body temperature and activity level. Fish are smart and will conserve energy by limiting movement. This will also limit the distance they will move to obtain a meal. On a cold day would you walk to the end of your driveway for a pizza or only to your front door (if delivery was a thing)? Sloooooow down your bait presentation. Fish don't want to expel more energy than they must to get food. Fish on a sunny day later in the afternoon when shallower waters will warm a bit and hit the areas warmed by the sun first (West and North). Fish in coves out of the wind. Fish like the ability of shallow warmer water to get food next to deeper water to retreat into. You might try a larger bait. Do you want a small piece of pizza or a large piece? Again, they think energy spent to what is gained. Structure relationship to fish location. Objects sticking out of the water will absorb warmth through sunlight and that means the base of that object, in the water, will be warmer. A stump or a rock may hold a fish tight to its base in the water. You may think that only 1 to 3 degrees is not a big deal, but it could mean the difference of catching a fish or not.

Wildlife spotting!! We have seen Canadian geese on Cumberland Lake over the past few days. Please, do **NOT** feed them. Doing so will encourage them to stay and disrupt their natural migration cycle. Although sometimes a nuisance, they are protected and can NOT be harmed in any way. Be careful when driving because deer are moving more due to the rutting and hunting season. Enjoy the nature our beautiful community holds and do your best to accommodate them into our lives.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

From late fall to early spring, dead leaves litter the landscape. As fall rolls around and property owners tidy up for the winter, dealing with leaves/debris can be a problem. They also can be a significant issue for those that are clearing lots of brush and debris. If not handled properly, fall cleanups and lot clearings can pose a hazard to the ecosystem of our lakes and streams.

What is not supposed to happen is for the raked/cleared leaves/debris to end up in the lake or be burnt on the shoreline creating an acidic residue that will be washed into the lake. The leaves/debris rot creates rotted deposits on the lake bottom, including coves. Over time, this creates unwanted fill in the lake. In addition, some of the leaves stay in suspension and travel to the dam getting stuck in the trash rack which could cause dam structural issues. Leaves, grass clippings, and tree trimmings that are swept or blown into the streets and gutters also cause storm water pollution. These wastes clog catch basins, causing flooding of roads and streets. Leaves and grass clippings that are washed into the river start to decompose and absorb dissolved oxygen from water. If oxygen levels in the water become too low, aquatic animals die.

Lakefront property owners and those with streams passing through their land need to be aware of dumping leaves in the lake/streams is not only a nuisance to others, but it can also cause problems for the fish population and pose other problems, as well. If you have an approved AECC request for brush clearing of your lot and you use a contractor to clear the lot you as the property owner are responsible to ensure the brush, leaves, and loose tree branches are disposed of properly and not deposited into the lakes or any of our streams. The CLPOA do not permit raking or depositing anything in the lake, including leaves/debris. Dumping into lakes and streams can also be a violation of Tennessee state laws involving illegal dumping or littering. Some methods for getting rid of leaves, branches, grass and yard clippings include:

Use a mulching mower to reduce grass clippings.

Compost plant clippings, leaves, grass clippings and other plant material or bag them to the dump

Have a contractor remove the lot clearing debris and/or lawn leaves to a proper disposal facility.

Let nature take its course and leave the leaves to naturally decompose.

If you do burn please remember that burn permits are required from October 15 to May 15 in Tennessee.

Go to <https://agriculture.tn.gov/OnlineBurnPermitPublic/> for a burn permit and more information.

Additional Association regulations are on our website, www.cumberlandlakes.net. Don't forget to use your Cumberland Lakes Community website for all AECC forms and information. You can email your AECC requests and AECC questions to aecc@cumberlandlakes.net or you can direct mail them to:

Cumberland Lakes Property Owners Association
ATTN: AECC
1901 Cumberland Lakes Drive
Monterey, TN 38574



On a personal as well as professional note, I will be standing down from the AECC Chairperson position as well as from the CLPOA Board of Directors after 6 years in both positions. Mr. Jeff "Ozzie" Osgood will be taking over the position of AECC Chairperson in January 2022. Ozzie comes from a strong construction background, and I believe will do a wonderful job of running the AECC for the community. I greatly appreciate the opportunity I had to serve the Cumberland Lakes' community and feel we have made significant progress in renovating and streamlining the AECC approval processes as well as modernizing many of the documents associated with the AECC and the POA Board. I am also very appreciative to Cumberland Lakes POA Board of Directors for their support of the AECC and to all of the AECC members for their hard work, attention to detail, and dedication to their community in this very important voluntary position. Finally, thank you to all of the community members and property owners for all your support

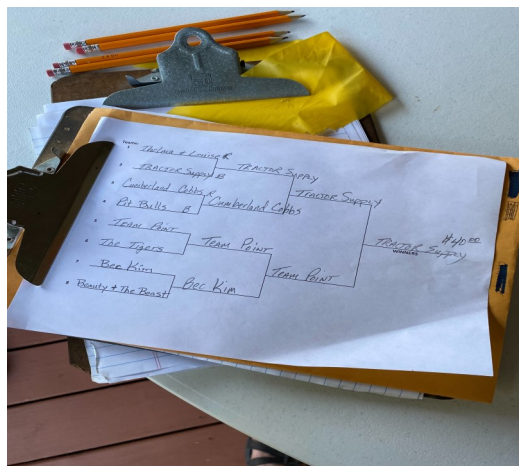
ACTIVITIES:



A big thank you to Becky Krupski for volunteering her time and contributing to the success of Cumberland Lakes Community activities since 2017. It's been fun working beside her for the past 4 years. She and Joe will be missed around the community.



September 6, 2021 – Labor Day Potluck and Cornhole Tournament. 60+ attendees provided potluck items to share. Set up ½ capacity inside seating. Neighbors cheered on the 8 teams who competed in the Cornhole tournament.



DIY Wreath Making – Held on 11/14 wit Beth Carlson – Fun had by all and some beautiful wreaths were made!



Christmas Party and Gift exchange

December 11, 2021–3:00pm. \$3/per person entry fee. Turkey and Ham will be provided. An email Evite will be sent out in the coming days. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a potluck appetizer, side dish or dessert. Optional Oh What Fun Gift exchange to follow dinner. Anyone who wants to join in the gift exchange fun will just bring a wrapped gift.

Cookie Exchange

When: December 18th 2-021

Time: 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Where: Cumberland Lakes Community Center
1901 Cumberland Land Drive

Bring: 3 dozen cookies with the cookie recipe, a tray or container to put cookies in.

Optional: Bring a hors d'oeuvre. Coffee will be served

Host By: Julie Check, Beth Carlson, Carole San Pietro

RSVP: Please email mail me if you're planning to participate in the cookie exchange at Carolesturm63@gmail.com by December 15th

See you there
Carole San Pietro



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES:

Jasper was displayed in Monterey for scarepole fall event.



Critter facts:

Wild Turkey

- 1) Turkeys are more than just big chickens—more than 45 million years of evolution separates the two species.
- 2) The wild turkey was hunted nearly to extinction by the early 1900s, when the population reached a low of around 30,000 birds. But restoration programs across North America have brought the numbers up to seven million today.
- 3) There are six subspecies of wild turkey, all native to North America. The pilgrims hunted and ate the eastern wild turkey, *M. gallopavo silvestris*, which today has a range that covers the eastern half of the United States and extends into Canada. These birds, sometimes called the forest turkey, are the most numerous of all the turkey subspecies, numbering more than five million.
- 4) The Aztecs domesticated another subspecies, *M. gallopavo gallopavo*, the south Mexican wild turkey, and the Spanish brought those turkeys to Europe. The pilgrims then brought several of these domestic turkeys back to North America.
- 5) Male turkeys are called “gobblers,” after the “gobble” call they make to announce themselves to females (which are called “hens”) and compete with other males. Other turkey sounds include “purrs,” “yelps” and “kee-kees.”
- 6) An adult gobbler weighs 16 to 22 pounds on average, has a beard of modified feathers on his breast that reaches seven inches or more long, and has sharp spurs on his legs for fighting. A hen is smaller, weighing around 8 to 12 pounds, and has no beard or spurs. Both genders have a snood (a dangly appendage on the face), wattle (the red dangly bit under the chin) and only a few feathers on the head.
- 7) Studies have shown that snood length is associated with male turkey health. In addition, a 1997 study in the *Journal of Avian Biology* found that female turkeys prefer males with long snoods and that snood length can also be used to predict the winner of a competition between two males. (*Size does matter J*)
- 8) A turkey’s gender can be determined from its droppings—males produce spiral-shaped poop and females’ poop is shaped like the letter J.
- 9) Turkeys can run at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour and fly as fast as 55 miles per hour.
- 10) A group of related male turkeys will band together to court females, though only one member of the group gets to mate.
- 11) When a hen is ready to make little turkeys, she’ll lay about 10 to 12 eggs, one egg per day, over a period of about two weeks. The eggs will incubate for about 28 days before hatching.
- 12) Baby turkeys, called poults, eat berries, seeds and insects, while adults have a more varied diet that can include acorns and even small reptiles.
- 13) There is one other species of turkey, the ocellated turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*), which can be found on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.
- 14) Benjamin Franklin never proposed the turkey as a symbol for America, but he did once praise it as being “a much more respectable bird” than the bald eagle.

Ref: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/14-fun-facts-about-turkeys-665520/>



Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Little Drummer Boy
- Little St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland



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Chicken Scratch NY

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

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.

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