

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

June 2022

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

Hello Again Cumberland Lakes Neighbors,

Wow! Summer is upon us! It obviously can't wait until June 21st. Pollen is in full force, and everything is blooming. It seems just like yesterday that we were wishing for warmer weather.

Thank you to the group of neighbors that volunteered and came out to do a Spring cleanup of the Community Center grounds. It looks great! Channon organized everyone well. As the Beautification Committee Chairperson, Channon is always looking for helpers to maintain the plant beds and other areas that make our community inviting. Weeding and watering is always needed. If you would like to volunteer like Channon, please contact her at chanrecc@hotmail.com or call 931-839-8722. More hands make lighter work!

Spectrum internet is currently running cable in our neighborhood for future internet services. This is very exciting news! I unfortunately don't have information on a hard date of when it will be available directly to us in our homes. What I do know is that all of us need to go to Spectrum.com (or call 855-243-8892) and fill out the information to order internet. When you do this, it will search for service by zip code/address. It will tell you that it is not currently available in this zip code/address but will add you to a list for available future service. The more people that request service equates to the need for service and the likelihood of getting internet sooner.

Mowing season is here and we are starting the first of three mows covering all our community roads. At some point in the season, the grass inevitably will look a bit long, but rest assured that it will be mowed two more times before the end of the growing season. We have already accomplished one of five mows covering the commonly used community areas. I really appreciate all of you that have taken your time to pick up trash on our neighborhood roadways to keep our community clean. Removing sticks and limbs throughout the season also helps with the mowing process.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you at one of our community center events. Memorial Day (May 30th) at 3pm, Second Annual Car Show (June 18th) at 1 pm, or maybe Fourth of July at 3pm. All held at our Community Center. Fun and food go good together.

I hope you have a great summer. You can reach out to me at any time via my cell phone at 224-308-2061 or email mjperkowski@yahoo.com if you have any concerns or just want to say "hi".

Michael Perkowski
Cumberland Lakes
POA President



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Effective 1 Jan. 2022 Animal Control in Cumberland County was transferred to the Sheriff's Dept. A budget has been approved for training officers to properly address any calls related to animals in distress. Moving Animal Control to the sheriff's dept. finally gives the sheriff's dept. the power to investigate issues of animal cruelty, animal abuse, along with livestock cruelty and abuse. Residents of the county are urged to call (931) 484-6176 to report strays or animal abuse.



FIREWISE:

A little-known fact is that there are TWO fire seasons.

The first is the Spring season from Feb 15 through May 15. This is the time when the forests “green up” when all trees and vegetation turn green due to their generation of sap which in most cases is flammable. Also, the air temperature begins to warm, and the summer winds begin to blow. Warm dry air, along with these summer winds, creates ideal conditions for fires. **This is the reason Burn Permits are required.**

The second fire season is from Oct. 15 through Dec.15 where the tree’s leaves turn brown and fall to the forest floor where the vegetation has also turned brown and dry. Generally, the weather turns cooler and moister which mitigates conditions for fire. The only exception to this could be warm dry winds entering from the south creating extreme dry conditions which add to a high risk of fire.

Recently, I attended a program called TN Smart Yards. This was presented as a program for homeowners to improve their property with minimal investment and maximum return in the form of benefits to the environment. Several residents attending mentioned the Firewise program which does use certain plants and trees that are beneficial to the community by mitigating fire risk with native plants. For more information on the Firewise aspect of landscaping the U.S. Department of Agriculture along with the State Forestry Service has worked with the University of Tennessee Extension Service to develop a guide for homeowners to select plants and trees to help landscape their property to help mitigate fires and yet enhance the curb appeal of their property. For more information go to extension.tennessee.edu/publications/documents/SP685.PDF.

Information about the TN Smart Yard can be found at tnyards.utk.edu.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

Spring has arrived and summer is just around the corner. This is the best time to get those outdoor projects taken care of. Please email your requests to 1955ozzie@gmail.com.

Please check out our website at, www.cumberlandlakes.net for AECC forms and information. AECC has been busy with requests that have been submitted and approved.

- 1 concrete walkway/pad addition
- request tree removal
- shed install
- 4 homes breaking ground - 2 have started building.

On a quick note.....

Please be aware that all the properties are private property and need to be considerate as such.

Thank you and enjoy your summer.

Ozzie

PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

TWRA advises that since all our lakes are under 50 acres, crappie will destroy the balance. State limit on crappie is 30. If you catch a black crappie, please don't release it back into the lakes.



Armadillos - Didn't even know Tennessee had these. Wrong! One was spotted on a wildlife camera within Cumberland Lakes. These animals can carry leprosy. Do not handle them. If you must touch one, always wear gloves and wash your hands. There is a risk of disease. (see Critter Corner below for more info.)

Canada geese. Fun to watch despite being a little messy, provide a true back to nature moment as they take off honking through the sun lit mist rising off the lake at early dawn. Just remember, they are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which does not allow them to be hurt or killed.

Snakes - Yep. We got 'em and they're out! Fortunately, only two are poisonous. Copperheads and Timber Rattlers.

Tennessee Wildlife and Resources Agency (TWRA) is a good source for information. Snakes | State of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (tn.gov)



COPPERHEAD



TIMBER RATTLER

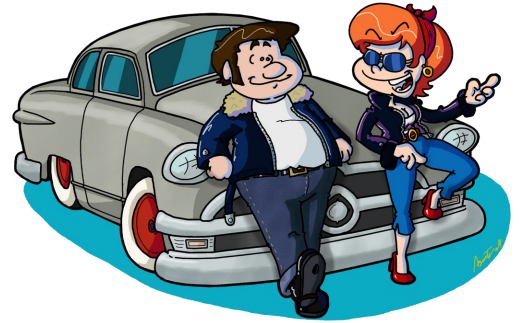


ACTIVITIES:

WHAT'S HAPPENING????

- ◆ June 18 2nd Annual Car Show
- ◆ July 4 4th of July Picnic
- ◆ Sept 5 Labor Day Bash

GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNIN'...and head on over to the Cumberland Lakes Community Center, JUNE 18th, 1:00-4:00 – Burgers, Dogs and Salads, Refreshments, Live Entertainment, Trophies, Goody Bags, Raffle – (Proceeds to go to Cumberland County Animal Shelter.) Bring a desert, salad or side. Or just bring yourself and a camp chair. Whether it's a Viper or a Vespa, if it's got wheels and you want to bring it, bring it! Evite to follow.



Let's not forget 3rd Wednesday of each month is Game Night 6pm-8pm!



Getting Crafty...

Crafting on Sunday afternoons in April & May found us working with terra cotta pots.

We turned terra cotta planters into the adorable bunnies in April and decoupage with napkins in May.



Ping Pong Game Night

Cumberland Lakes was recently donated a Ping Pong table. During April's game night many neighbors had a great time hanging out and playing ping pong.

(The table is stored in the closet and may be used by neighbors at the community center. We just ask that it be returned to the closet following each use.)



The April potluck was Groovy Baby!

40 neighbors had a very Groovy and Totally Awesome time. It was fun seeing everyone dressed in their 70's & 80's outfits. Good food, good music and lotsa laughs!



COMMUNITY RELATIONS – WELCOMING:

Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 11th at 10 am.

These are scheduled approximately every two months or as needed.

The purpose is to meet our new neighbors, introduce them to the amenities and activities that are available to all residents. We also have information about the surrounding area and can hopefully answer any questions.

I email new residents as I receive the information, but if I inadvertently missed you, please know that you are always welcome and can contact me to be included in the next meeting.

We look forward to meeting each of you and for you to meet other neighbors.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Cleanup Day was April 23rd, LOOK at the fruits of your labor under Michael's opening note!

NEW FEATURE

The Nosh Nook

Residents, send me a recipe that you would like to share with our community.

Our first recipe is from Karen Dunn and sounds easy and delish!

Easy Tea Biscuits

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 12 minutes

Servings: 9

Ingredients

2 C. Bisquick

1/2 C. Clear carbonated drink (sprite, carbonated water, etc.)

1/2 C. Sour cream

1/4 C. Butter melted

- Preheat oven to 450 degrees
- In medium bowl, stir first three ingredients just to combine
- Sprinkle countertop with flour or Bisquick. Add dough and knead a few times. Using your hands pat the dough out to about 1/2" thick
- Pour the melted butter into an 8x8 pan or baking dish
- Cut biscuits with a biscuit cutter or lid of a mason jar then place in the pan with the butter
- Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. **Enjoy.**



Critter Corner

There are about 20 different species of armadillos, all of which are found in the Americas. Only one species, the Nine-banded Armadillo, has ventured north of the South American tropics, making it the only species of armadillo in Tennessee. Armadillos are considered an invasive species not only to the state of Tennessee but North America. See below for more info on estimated range of the Nine-banded Armadillo in the United States.

Scientific name: Dasypus novemcinctus
Class: Mammalia
Length: 28 – 33 inches (adult including tail)
Weight: 6 – 14 pounds
Lifespan: 5 – 25 years



Armadillos are solitary animals that don't enjoy interaction with anyone or anything, when they take a mate to procreate is about the only time they will.

When it comes to the Nine-banded Armadillo, there's not much interest or funding available for studying the animals from a scientific perspective.

Armadillos in Tennessee are elusive and primarily nocturnal, making them hard to find unless it's a dead one on the side of the road. There is at least one at the Nashville Zoo however, if you wish to see one up close.

The Nine-banded Armadillo is a highly adaptive mammal. They generally prefer living in a variety of forests but also live in grasslands, sand dunes, tropical rainforests, prairies, and scrublands.

Armadillos are foragers and feed on a variety of insects and invertebrates such as ants and larvae but will also eat small reptiles and amphibians. In the winter when food is scarce, they may also eat plants and fruits.

They were first introduced to Texas above the Rio Grande in 1849, New Mexico in 1905, and then Florida in 1924. Ever since they have been reproducing and their populations have grown and slowly expanding north. Within their quickly growing range in the U.S., these animals can adapt and survive in many different types of climates and habitats. They have even been spotted as far north as Chicago, Illinois which is known for extremely cold winters.

The Armadillos overall population seems to be increasing and expanding. With the expansion and spreading from west to east..

Armadillos are known for carrying leprosy, though not all do. While the chances of actually contracting leprosy from an armadillo are slim to none, it is possible. According to CDC stats only about 150 to 250 people in the U.S. and 250,000 people around the world become infected with the disease each year.

Most of these cases are immigrants from third world or developing countries where leprosy is more common, it's very rare in the United States.

The only species of armadillo that can roll itself into a complete ball is the three-banded armadillo. It does so for self-defense to protect itself from predators. The Nine-banded Armadillo that is found in Tennessee, like other species of armadillos, does have a hard and leathery shell that protects it.

The Nine-banded Armadillo's primary method of self-defense is to burrow into the ground and use its shell to protect its softer under-parts.

Armadillos are not dangerous animals. They do have sharp claws used for digging and if handled may cause damage when they are scared. Of course, there is also the very slight risk of contracting leprosy. For the most part though armadillos just want to be left alone and will always run away if they encounter a human.

Contrary to rumors you may have heard armadillos are not bullet-proof. Shooting an armadillo will likely kill it or at least injure it.



Flower Power



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| ASTER | HONEYSUCKLE | ORCHID |
| CROCUS | LAVENDER | PANSY |
| DAFFODIL | LILAC | SUNFLOWER |
| DAISY | LILY | TULIP |
| GERANIUM | MARIGOLD | VIOLET |

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.