

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

September 2022

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

Well, we made it to September! Soon we will be fighting to stay ahead of leaves falling like snow in the north. I hope we can start enjoying cooler days so I can catch up on my "honey do" list.

As I type this, the third mow out of the five mows for the common areas has just been finished. The second mow of the three roadway mows is underway and working around wet easements to get it done.

Hey, did you know that hippos have long ears like rabbits?? What a crazy accusation that is entirely false. They actually have small ears compared to their size but have excellent hearing. I bet you will be envisioning hippos with rabbit like ears for a while (you're welcome). The reason I made up this crazy lie is to show you the power of a false statement. Not only does it stick in your mind, but it makes you doubt what you think you know. In the last 9 months of service on Cumberland Lakes POA I have heard some doozies. I would hope that if you heard something that you were not sure to be true, that you would reach out to a board member or members for fact checking. Nothing beats getting your information straight from the horse's mouth. I am again providing my cell phone number 224-308-2061 and email at mjperkowski@yahoo.com for any questions you may have.

The Labor Day Bash is just around the corner on September 5th at 2pm. I hope to see you there for fun, food, and friendship.

Game Night on the third Wednesdays of the month at 6pm.

Dust off your chili recipe for the October 29th Chili Cookoff and challenge Kim Osgood for the belt and trophy.

In the next few months, please be on the lookout in your mailbox for voting on the 2023 Cumberland Lakes POA Board. By mailbox, I mean the good old USPS hand delivered letter! This will be a time sensitive ballot that will need to be mailed back. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Michael Perkowski
Cumberland Lakes
P.O.A. President



FIREWISE:

The U.S. Drought Monitor is a weekly national report generated with the input from several agencies. These reporting agencies are the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Department of Agriculture (Forestry Div.). Many factors are used in determining the conditions. The Palmer Drought Severity Index, The Standard Precipitation Index, the Keech-Byram Drought Index for fire, satellite-based assessments of vegetation health, and various indicators of soil moisture.

There are five ratings for drought.

- ◆ D0 Abnormally Dry meaning short term dryness.
- ◆ D1 Moderate Drought which means water level in streams is low with possible water shortages. Some water use restricted and use of fires restricted.
- ◆ D2 Severe Drought which means severe water shortage and use of fires banned.
- ◆ D3 Extreme Drought which means extreme shortage of water and volatile conditions exist.
- ◆ D4 Exceptional Drought means emergency conditions exist with critical supplies of water and fire volatility exist.

In the recent months we, on the Plateau, have been very fortunate to not have been affected by the recent drought conditions. Our limited periodic spells of showers have saved us from any drought restrictions. West Tennessee has not been so lucky with conditions deteriorating from Moderate to Severe Drought in the counties west of Nashville.



PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

The Lakes are clear and at full pool as we've had more than our fair share of rain. Fishing is fine and many are enjoying kayaking, canoeing or an evening boat ride just observing the wonders and wildlife in our beautiful and serene paradise here on the Upper Cumberland Plateau.

Along with the beautiful colors of Fall a danger does exist. Copperheads do live in our area. As they are venomous pit vipers, be alert and take extra care gardening and cleaning up your yards. The subspecies of Copperheads found in the Lakes is the northern copperhead. They prefer areas near streams, creeks, or other bodies of water but also prefer lots of overgrowth from shrubs, vines, and other plants, as these areas offer plenty of hiding places.

They are good at camouflage, so it's not always easy to see them. Their brown, patterned bodies blend in well with dead leaves and other forest debris found in their natural habitats.



In late August or early September, baby copperheads are born. They are 8 to 10 inches long and are born with both fangs and venom and have a unique yellow tail tip which fades with age.

Just remember while enjoying our natural setting to be alert, be careful and remember that In Tennessee, it is prohibited to kill snakes. They play a vital role in the ecosystem by controlling rodent populations and being a food source for other animals.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:



Beginning May 3rd, 2023, every person traveling by air will need a Real ID compliant Driver's License or ID. Real ID's cost the same as a standard driver's license but have the benefit of access to domestic air travel, admission to federal buildings, or to obtain an increased level of security to protect your identity.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

The AECC is responsible for reviewing home plans and ensuring that deed restrictions are followed. We presently have 8 new homes under construction in the community. Several residents are completing small projects such as sea walls and carports.

My goal as your AECC chairman is to help you move quickly through the process after a completed application is submitted.

I'm available for any concerns. You may call, email or text me at your convenience.

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BEAUTIFICATION: No submission

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES:

To continue security for the Cumberland Lakes Property Owners' Association members' common property, we will, once again, change the combination on the gate locks. The change will occur on September 30th, 2022, 1PM. The new combination will be sent via e-mail to all property owners in good standing prior to that date.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. The maintenance and security of our lakes, parks and community center is one of the main purposes of your POA. Changing the combination is a large part of our security plan.

Most Sincerely,



COMMUNITY RELATIONS – WELCOMING:

Last month the community center was reserved by the Mainor family for a reunion. This is the second year for this event.

If any owner would like to reserve the community center, please contact me for further information at 931-349-7116.



I plan to schedule the next meeting in November to answer questions about the community and area, issue boat decals and community center key cards and have the use of the Firewise equipment available explained.

An initial letter will be sent to any new property owner when I receive their mailing information prior to the next scheduled meeting.

All who are interested or have questions are encouraged to attend. Please let me know if you are aware if anyone who is interested in attending and may have been missed.

Karen Dunn
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Volunteering, it does a body good!

The Convoy of Hope came strolling into Crossville Fairgrounds on 8/27!

Cumberland Lakes was represented! There were good souls volunteering from more than 25 community churches. Some of the wonderful services provided were Veteran's services, Kid's shoes, haircuts, groceries, employment counseling, health screenings and more!

What a wonderful feeling to know that just maybe you've made a difference in the life of someone less fortunate!

Hoping The Convoy comes to town next year and we have even more CL residents participate!



ACTIVITIES:

What's happening?

- ⇒ Sept 5 Labor Day Bash and Corn Hole Tournament
- ⇒ Oct 29 Chili Cookoff
- ⇒ Dec 10 CL Christmas Party

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

Memorial Day BBQ had 70 attendees, had a great time socializing and meeting many new neighbors and chatting up neighbors not seen in a while!



4th of July event had 40 attendees and second chance raffle was a big hit. Good food, conversation, and lots of laughs. Much fun was had by all.



The 2nd Annual CL Car Show: The music was great, the weather spectacular, the cars just beautiful even a popcorn machine and a really cute popcorn girl! Can't wait till next year.... Plan on coming or know you'll be missing a great time!





NOSH NOOK:

BLT Dip

2 cups sour cream

2 cups mayonnaise

2 pounds sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled

6 plum tomatoes, chopped

3 green onions, chopped

Additional crumbled cooked bacon and chopped green onions, optional

Assorted crackers or chips

In a large bowl, combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, bacon, tomatoes and onions. Refrigerate until serving. Garnish with bacon and onions if desired. Serve with crackers or chips.



CRITTER CORNER:

The Barred Owl



While the Barred Owl is the most common owl in TN, it is the only owl in Tennessee with dark eyes. The Barred Owl can hybridize with the endangered Northern Spotted Owl in the western United States. Recently the more aggressive Barred Owl has expanded westward into the range of the Northern Spotted Owl, further threatening that species.

The oldest known Barred Owl in the wild was 18 years 3 months old.

Best places to see in Tennessee: Owls are never easy to see, but Barred Owls are easier than most because they can be active during the day. They can be found in appropriate woodland habitat statewide, and the Warner Parks and Radnor Lake State Park provides excellent opportunities for seeing Barred Owls in Middle Tennessee.

Barred Owls are highly vocal, and their hooting call is often phrased as The song is usually characterized as 8 or 9 clear hoots then “Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all?” They are more active during the day than other Tennessee owls and will even call occasionally in the daytime.

Barred Owls are widespread in the eastern half of the United States and across central Canada to northern California. Like the Great Horned Owl, Barred Owls are sometimes referred to as “hoot owls”.

Description: This stocky, round-headed, medium-sized gray-brown owl has no ear tufts and dark eyes. The underparts are whitish with dark streaks, and the bill is dull yellow. The sexes are alike in plumage, but the female is larger, even though the male has the lower-pitched voice.

Length: 17.5” height
Wingspan: 40”
Weight: 1.3 lbs.

Habitat: Forested areas especially large blocks of bottomland forest and wooded swamps, but also in mature upland forest. Also, occurs in suburban neighborhoods where tracts of forest remain.

Diet: Small mammals, rabbits, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and invertebrates.

Nesting and reproduction: Barred Owls nest later than Great Horned Owls. Peak egg laying is in early March.

Clutch Size: 2 to 3 eggs, occasionally 1 to 5.

Incubation: The female does most of the 28 to 33 days of incubation.

Fledging: Both adults feed the young. They leave the nest at 4 to 5 weeks old but do not fly well until about 6 weeks. They remain with the parents for up to 3 more months.

Nest: Barred Owls prefer to nest in cavities in deciduous trees but occasionally will use open nests made by hawks, crows, or squirrels. They will also use nest boxes where cavities are limited. Nest heights range from 20 to 50 feet above the ground.

Status in Tennessee: Barred Owls are fairly common residents in Middle and West Tennessee, and less common in East Tennessee. Their population is stable or increasing, but local declines have occurred in regions where large tracts of forest have been converted to pine plantations, or bottomland forest converted to agricultural production.

Ref: <https://www.tn.gov/twra/wildlife/birds/barred-owl.html>

IT'S PUZZLING:

Labor Day

word search

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and diagonal.

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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.