

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

March 2021

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

Carole San Pietro

Hello Cumberland Lakes residents,

I would like to introduce myself to you; my name is Carole San Pietro. I retired from Cook County in Illinois after 31 years of service managing the sheriff's office buildings, and moved to this beautiful community. In June of 2019 I married my soulmate Kenneth San Pietro. We have 3 wonderful fur babies and a cat who thinks he's a dog.

I look forward to working with all the Board members as well as with the Committees. Thank you to all the past Board members for doing an outstanding job of keeping the community beautiful. Your hard work has paid off and I have big shoes to fill! An enormous thank you to Kevin Brady, Louie Check and Mark McDonald for volunteering to replace and design new signs for our community. They bring a warmth of "I'm home". Derek Savino, I appreciate all of your help and I'll still be calling on you from time to time. John and Deborah Ziminski, a very special thanks to you both for volunteering to host our Potlucks over the years. I will truly miss both of you hosting them. Judi Connors, a big thank you for continuing to be the editor of the Hook, Line & Sinker. Without all of you our community would not be what it is today! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

With spring around the corner please be very careful cleaning the fall leaves and sticks from around your property; my friends the snakes will be awakening soon! Also please be careful if you're burning the debris on your property and make sure you have your burn permit.

I look forward to this new adventure!



PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT

Michael Perkowski

Ron Seiss (Advisor)

I would like to start by first and foremost thanking profusely the years of service that Ron Seiss, Jim Lanigan, and Richard Dunn have given to the committee of Lakes and Parks. Through them we can enjoy the waters and forestry in our community. Although stepping aside they are not disappearing and gratefully to me, are able to advise me in my new role.

I would also like to thank the board members of the CLPOA who have allowed me to take on the new responsibility of the Lakes and Parks Management.

As our community grows and we continue to develop more of the forestry, it becomes increasingly important to be aware that we share this land with nature. Most, if not all of us, have taken up residency here because of the lake and forestry around it. It is our responsibility to “nurture our nature” so that it is here for a long time to enjoy.

Springtime is here!! This means the awakening of everything. Spring is the time most animals become more active, search for food, and reproduce. This is the time of the year you will see or smell the presence of skunks. We do have coyotes that also roam the forestry and can become more aggressive during this time. For those of us with cats or dogs that we either take outside on a leash (community requirement unless fenced in on your own property) or allowed out in your own contained yard, we need to be aware of forestry animals that may be in the vicinity. Be aware that feeding your animals outside at the immediate time of feeding is fine but you should not leave food outside as it may attract unwanted forest animals. Our resident Canada geese can be a nuisance at times, but it is illegal to harm them, their eggs, and nests. Remember, your land was their land long before you came here to live.

A new start to a fishing season is upon us. Although fishing waters are basically open year-round in TN it is necessary to obtain a new fishing license if you plan on fishing. You do need to have a fishing license to fish any of the waters in Cumberland Lakes community. You can obtain a license online at www.gooutdoorstennessee.com , the free mobile app TWRAOnTheGo , Walmart, or our local TWRA office at 464 Industrial Blvd. Crossville, TN 38555 Phone: 931-484-9571. Please follow the local catch and release fishing guidelines posted at Cumberland Lakes community center and at Lazy Lake Park. Gas powered motors are NOT allowed on any of our community waters. If a gas motor is attached to the back of a watercraft it is to be raised up and a large plastic bag placed over the lower unit to ensure no gas or oil leaks into the water. A state license is required by the state for motorized watercraft (gas, electric, and sail). For complete boating regulation laws please go to www.tnwildlife.org . All paddle, pedal, and electric motors ARE allowed on our community waters. We ask that a sticker be obtained and placed on each watercraft intended to be on the water. For more information, please see the “Policies and Procedures” section on the community website: cumberlandlakes.net Although I am not a park ranger, aquatic biologist, zoologist, ornithologist, or herpetologist, I do care about all of the finned, furry, feathered, slimy, and scaled creatures that share our community. Please feel free to call me if you have questions regarding our lakes and wildlife.

Michael Perkowski 224-308-2061



FIREWISE

Tom Torbleau

In 2018 the Southern Foresters Association performed a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment of our community. We earned a rating of 192 Extreme Risk due to our surrounding environment consisting of dense forest and distance from local fire protection. This is the reasoning for issuing us a Grant to purchase the DR Brush Mower. The purpose of this Brush Mower is to thin the low lying brush away from our homes. Firewise has defined two “Defensible” areas around our homes. The first is the 0 to 5-foot area which should consist of gravel or stone and widely spaced plants. The next defined “Defensible” space is from 5 foot to 30 foot away from the home. In this area trees should be removed such that the spacing is no closer than 10 feet between trees, and limbs should be removed to a height of 10 feet from ground. Also, much of the low growing vegetation i.e. small saplings, vines and fallen branches should be removed either by hand or the assistance of the brush mower and volunteers from our community. Doing this will greatly improve our Risk Rating and the chances of our homes surviving a fire. We should not put a great amount of comfort in local fire and forestry due to severe budgetary cutbacks within the last four years.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tom Torbleau



If you are a patroller for Neighborhood Watch, I am sure that some of you have encountered some problems with the magnetic signs adhering to your vehicle. With the advent of new manufacturing technology we are encountering another problem. Auto manufacturers are now switching away from the long standing carbon steel in manufacturing car doors and are using more composite metals to reduce weight in vehicles. Some have even changed to carbon fiber, aluminum, and some forms of plastic. To overcome this change we have found an alternative to the magnetic signs. Many of you have seen colleges using small window flags to promote their teams. Well, we have also found a supplier of window flags that has helped us design a flag for use on our Neighborhood Watch vehicles. They are a bit more expensive, but maybe more convenient. A limited amount is now available for those patrollers that feel this would help them with their patrols. The magnetic signs will still be available to those who do not feel the need to change. Feel free to contact me if you wish to change or need replacement signs.



As has been said by many a folk, 2020 was a difficult year. Even as difficult as it was it did not deter growth within Cumberland Lakes as we added a new home with four more in process of construction. 2021 is starting off on the same trail with one new home in process since the beginning of the year and another almost ready to submit for building approval, plus we have a number of planning inquiries. Home projects are starting to build steam as well. In spite of the arctic cold that has hit much of the country, we are moving forward here in the "Lakes". This edition of the AECC News highlights some of the changes we have incorporated into the AECC Requirements and Restrictions last year starting with changes to the security lighting section.

SECURITY LIGHTING:

Due to the rural nature of our community, certain restrictions are required. These measures will preserve our night sky for everyone's enjoyment and will prevent potentially offensive lighting.

The Association allows the use of external security lighting. It is required that you mount the lighting in a manner that is not offensive to your neighbors. Placement for the security lighting is on the home, garage, other outbuilding or a pole. A pole is a device that is a vertical, usually cylindrical shaped, free-standing, self-supporting unit that may have a suitable portion buried in the ground.

Dusk to dawn or 24 hour security lights are not permitted. Security lights can be motion activated allowing for adequate security. No more than two porch lights can remain on during a 24 hour period and they must be at or below 75 watts incandescent /13 watts LED. Flood lights are considered security lights. Low wattage decorative lights can remain on 24 hours as well. If you are having a yard event at your home, security lights can remain on for duration of your event. Security lights that exist before the date of this document and have specific approval from the AECC and or the CLPOA BOD, may continue to be used dusk to dawn. However, we would ask those residents to comply with the restrictions.

Lighting installed by VEC:

- There shall not be any lighting fixtures attached to the pole(s) that are in the easements.
- Power to the pole must be underground. (At owner's expense)
- The wattage for the light cannot exceed 150 watts incandescent or 28 watts LED (This will provide security but not excessive brightness to disturb neighbors; also it allows a choice of types of light bulbs and brightness). If necessary, the AECC can require the use of a directionally shielded light to prevent brightness to the property owners' neighbors. The AECC handles all complains or disputes related to exterior lighting. The following requirements are necessary when installing lighting on a pole by homeowner or by a contractor.
- Utility poles in the easements cannot contain security lights.
- Light height must be 14 feet to 22 feet above ground.
- When a Security light is to be installed, it is REQUIRED that the power lines be placed underground. (At home/property owner's expense).
- The light is limited to 150 watts incandescent or 28 watts LED
- Trees or other foliage cannot be used to mount lights either ON/IN the trees or other foliage in of itself

- All expenses incurred in the installation of a security light (power lines, fixture, pole, etc.) are the responsibility of the home/property owner.

The AECC makes the determination about complaints related to the light brightness. Upheld complaints require that lights be shielded (for directionality) or removed at the home/property owner's expense. All lighting maintenance is at the home/property owner's expense.

These new guidelines 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 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

ACTIVITIES

Becky Krupski and Wendy Perkowski

Due to COVID19 there have been no activities in the community this winter and none are planned at this time.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS - WELCOMING

Becky Krupski

No new families have been welcomed in the last few months.

BEAUTIFICATION

Channon Recchia

As we have still been quite wintery up until this week, Channon has no report at this time. She will no doubt be quite busy by the time the next newsletter arrives!



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

From Connie McDonald – resident

“Shirley’s Garden”



The memorial stone that lies in the Community Center flower gardens was dedicated to Shirley Seiss with a ceremony held on May 25, 2015. The celebration was in honor of Shirley’s commitment and love for taking care of the flower gardens and landscaping for years that surround the Community Center today. Shirley was passionate about planning the garden layouts with flowers and plants for the enjoyment of colorful blooms during the seasons of spring, summer and fall. Ron, her loving husband, said Shirley would tell him “I am going to the Community Center to weed and will be back in an hour.” Needless to say, Shirley would be there for hours, doing what she loved most, gardening! Those are the words from Ron and their daughter, Cynthia.

The memorial rock was designed by Judy Babb and purchased by the POA. Among others who helped establish the garden were Betsy Hess and Vickie Negron. A call to Betsy Hess, former resident and Beautification Chairperson, uncovered more stories of Shirley’s devotion to the Cumberland Lakes Community Center garden. Betsy described Shirley as a gardener who persevered, even after the garden was set. She was always weeding and readjusting plant placement. Betsy fondly spoke of Shirley as very organized and an avid reader. She “became one of my very best friends”, said Betsy. According to Betsy, Shirley’s mantra was, “If you don’t like where a plant is, just dig it up and put it somewhere else.” Ron told me, “There are Shirley flowers everywhere around here!” There are several current residents who can attest to that.



Checking in with Karen Dunn, former Beautification Chairperson – to keep Shirley’s Garden constantly growing and fresh, our community needs to keep the garden as a priority project. Channon Recchia, our current Beautification Chairperson summed it up well, there are “colors I haven’t seen anywhere else. It really is a beautiful gift that she left us to enjoy!”

FROM THE EDITOR

Judi Connors

As one of the recipients of Shirley’s flowers, I wish to thank Connie McDonald for the original idea and then the time and research put into the above article. Now our newer residents will know the story behind the Center gardens and the beautiful lady who created them.

Please notify the bookkeeper when you change your address, and if you sell your property please send a copy of the warranty deed so the new owner can be added to the system and your name removed.