

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter

June 2023

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

Hello Cumberland Lakes Neighbors,

Summer has officially begun! Outside activities are ramping up, from picnics and hiking to fairs and kayaking. Great time to be outside and soak up some sun!

Thank you to the group of neighbors that volunteered their time, muscle, and backs to do the Spring cleanup around the Community Center grounds. As the Beautification Committee Chairperson, Channon is always looking for helpers to maintain the plant beds and other areas that make our community inviting. Light weeding and watering are always needed and appreciated. If you would like to volunteer like Channon, please contact her at chanrecc@hotmail.com. With the arrival of Summer, we will undoubtedly encounter some strong storms. Investment in a weather radio will give you alerts ahead of time. We experienced heavy straight-line winds already in April that left large, uprooted trees on our roads, damaged homes, and destroyed a shed. I am grateful that no community members were hurt. I am very proud of the neighbors that pulled together to not only clear our roadways but to assist others in cleanup. Coming together in a time of need really makes me proud to call this place home. The mowing season is upon us! We have already had the first of three mows that cover 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 two of the five mows that cover the commonly used community areas and our entrances. I really appreciate all of you that have taken the 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 excited to announce the launch of our updated website. The look is so modern, clean, easy to navigate, and phone viewing friendly. It still has all the original info from the old site presented in a new look. Kudos to Jim Biron our Webmaster for swinging at this and hitting it out of the park. If you haven't done so already, please check it out. Of course, if you're reading this you already see how amazing it is. If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events. Check out the calendar of events on our website. Have a safe and enjoyable Summer.



Michael Perkowski, Cumberland Lakes POA President

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL: Spring building (good) and unauthorized gunfire (bad)

As we transitioned from spring to summer one cannot help but recognize the building surge in our community. For those who are building, congratulations and welcome to our community. Also, thank you for your timely and complete building requests. The AECC would also like to thank all those who contributed to the massive clean-up after the huge Spring storm.

We do have an issue in our community that affects us all, unauthorized gunfire. One of the more appealing aspects of Cumberland Lakes is the serenity and quiet that our community affords. It has been reported on numerous occasions that one or two individuals are firing weapons within the community. As we all know, this is prohibited by our governing documents, which we all agreed to when we moved into this community. So, if you are engaged in unauthorized firearms discharge, consider this: You are violating the rights of your neighbors to an environment free of excessive noise. As a deed restricted community, we all agreed to abide by these rules, so please respect your commitment and your fellow neighbors.

Richard Dunn



FIREWISE:

Burn Permits for commercial burning, such as burn piles resulting from property clearing, are required all year long and can be obtained by calling 877-350-2876. Obtaining a Burn Permit does come with a responsibility to burn carefully. This means burn piles need a significant fire break area, there cannot be excessive wind conditions, no Drought Rating for the area, and constant monitoring of the fire during the burn. If not possible to constant monitor the fire till burn out, then one must put out the fire and restart when able to monitor the fire till done. Special care should be taken to protect surrounding forests and structures. Obtaining a Burn Permit does NOT absolve a person from legal liability as determined by Forestry personnel and or Law enforcement.



PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

At the time of this writing (5/20/2023), the lakes are at full pool and fishing has remained productive. As I am a fly fisherman, I've had good success with wet and dry flies (underwater and topwater) for Bluegill and wet flies for Bass. I've been out many days and have caught both on the same fly pattern with a variety of colors. I most often fish from inflatable personal watercraft (looks like small pontoon, 9' long), with swim fins on my feet for quiet, yet slow propulsion. I prefer this kind of setup as I never have to set my flyrod down to row or adjust a motor.

We've seen 3 different families of geese with goslings; one family of 3, one of 6 and one of 7. They are fun to watch mature and follow mom and dad around the lakes. On our bird feeders, we've had the enjoyment of a wide variety of birds, coming to feast on black oil sunflower seeds. They include Eastern kingbird, blue jay, white breasted nuthatch, Eastern phoebe, dark eyed junco, red breasted grosbeak, red winged black bird, robin, Eastern blue bird, ruby throated hummingbird, red-headed woodpecker, downy woodpecker, red bellied woodpecker, cardinals, tufted titmouse, mourning dove, Eastern towhee, brown headed cowbird, chipping sparrow, house finch, purple finch, gold finch, Indigo Bunting and chickadee. Around the lake we have also seen a king fisher. I also saw someone pull up to the dam, to release an adult Mallard duck into the lake. Probably a domesticated duck as it cannot fly. Not sure what TN wildlife regs say about this, and not knowing the health/condition of this bird and whether it can survive our winters, this is probably not a practice we want to encourage. Lastly, please remember our bass are catch and release only. Hope you continue to enjoy our beautiful community with its many features!

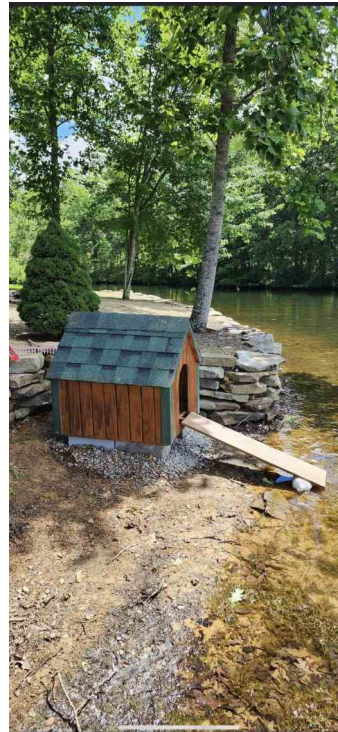
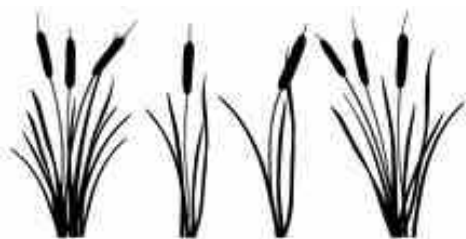
Parks/Lakes Chairman,
Wayne Benson

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES:

SPECIAL UPDATE:

Well, as if you needed another reason to want to live in Cumberland Lakes, you've got it... One common thread that runs through all of us is that WE LOVE ANIMALS! The Mallard duck referenced in Wayne's update above is one "lucky duck" (groan, groan).

On 6/19 residents Mike and Lauren Greber got "Phillip McQuackenstein" (aka Daffy) his very own home and entry ramp. Well, as if that wasn't enough, just 5 days later, they brought home a companion named Gracie. There will be no little McQuackensteins floating about but Gracie and Phillip look forward to many happy days of cannoodling. Well done Mike and Lauren, well done!



SLOW DOWN DEAR, DEER!

These sweet little Bambi's were frolicking on Cumberland Lakes Drive the other day. Mom was looking on from the wood-line. She may have been stricken with fear as I approached but unlike a human mom, she couldn't scream for her babies to get out of the road... These babies are all over this time of year. So, SLOW DOWN and be very, very cautious especially at dawn and dusk. You would feel just awful if you hit one of them or their mom.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

Beginning in June and running into fall, VEC will be spraying herbicide the “right of ways” of certain roads in our community. The purpose of this program is to help clear the “right of ways” of certain species of plants and trees that, if left over time, will impede access to the VEC power lines. The herbicide used is a standard “over the counter” type that is safe for the community and environment.

The affected roads in our community are:

Cumberland Lakes Drive, Divide Trail, Cross Drive, Rhonda Road, Mart Street, Sycamore Bend, Laurel Loop, North Lake Trail, Mountain Ash Drive, and Lake Shore Drive.

Residents who have any questions or concerns should call Brad Rhea @ 931-248-1884. Info obtained from The Tennessee Magazine dated June 2023 tnmagazine.org.

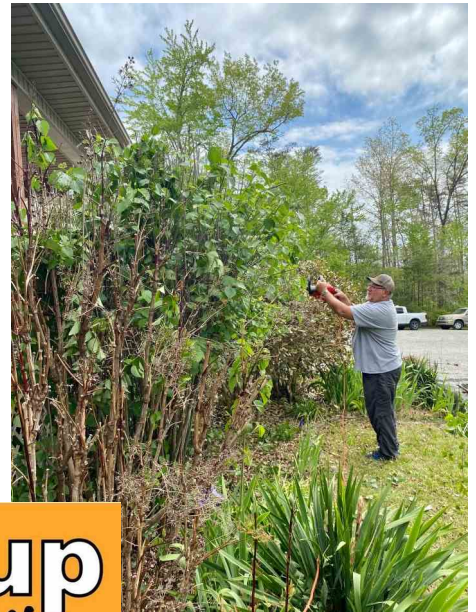
Several months ago, in early April, our community experienced a very violent thunderstorm. Along with this storm, it was reported that certain areas of our community experienced a phenomenon known as “straight line winds”. This is where winds from a severe thunderstorm gather in a small area and concentrate the winds in a downward motion with speeds of up to 100 mph. In our case it was estimated that the winds were approximately 80 mph and concentrated in the area of Laurel Loop and Sycamore Bend. Smaller outbursts, of the same strength, were created randomly throughout our community. Several structures and vehicles were damaged, but the bulk of the damage was limited to trees. It was estimated that around 75 trees were blown down on property and roads also taking down power lines and broadband service. Estimates are about \$1000 per tree for contract removal. Thanks to many of our residents the majority of damage has been cleared up. These valuable residents supplied the manpower and equipment necessary to help mitigate the situation. If we did not have this help our budget would have been irreparably damaged for years to come. We should be thankful that we all live in a community that cares for our neighbor's welfare.

ACTIVITIES:

April Potluck: These sisters, Karen & Sheri, born in Ohio, hosted a fantastic potluck! What fun we had sharing a meal consisting of so much great food representing so many different States! States which were represented include New York, California, Ohio, Montana, Michigan, Illinois, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Virginia. Even had Moon Pies from Tennessee as trivia prizes!



Beautification Day, May 6th: We had great weather for beautification cleanup day. What a super turnout of neighbors ready to volunteer! Nothing better than working up a sweat and sitting down to some sandwiches. Hats off to Channon for putting it all together!



Memorial Day Cookout: We remember those who sacrificed so we can live in freedom. It was fun seeing so many attend our Community Memorial Day Cookout and great to be able to catch up. We have the best cooks and bakers around. The food was SO delicious. Hats off the Louie and Michael for grilling the burgers and hotdogs.



3rd Annual CL Car Show, 6/17: It was simply amazing! The weather, attendance, generosity of all, the band, the grillers, the valets, the servers and even the popcorn cutie!

How can we possibly top \$520.50 raised to buy supplies for The Cumberland County Animal Shelter??? I guess we'll have to find out Next Year!

Jim and I have never been prouder to be residents of Cumberland Lakes as we were to host our new friends (including the Crossville Cruisers Car Club) from outside our little community. These visitors were astonished not just at the beauty of our community but also at the amenities of our Community Center. They commented on the food made by our resident chefs and their hospitality; they were simply awed and said they can't wait to be invited back.

The stats:

70+ people attended.

23 show cars & motorcycles/trikes (6 of which were resident owned).

2 gift cards raffled – 1 \$50 Crawdaddys, 1 \$25 Los Agaves

1 amazing hand carved Humvee raffled (generously donated by Mark McDonald)

1 Diecast Jags Performance Tractor Trailer

10 Car show motif Tee shirts

25 goody bags – CL car show koozies, CL car show refrigerator magnets, hats, etc.

Please visit (<https://cumberlandlakes.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-Car-Show-Compressed.pdf> for more car pics).





IT'S PUZZLING:

Patriotic Trivia Quiz ([Answers after Critter Corner](#))

1. Apart from Thomas Jefferson, who was the only other signer of the Declaration of Independence to later become President of the United States?
2. Which three U.S. presidents have all died on the 4th of July?
3. In which year did Congress first declare July 4th to be an unpaid federal holiday?
4. And in which year did it become a paid federal holiday?
5. Who played the role of Captain Steven Hiller in the 1996 movie, Independence Day?
6. Which signer of the Declaration of Independence became the first United States Ambassador to France?
7. Which bird did Benjamin Franklin propose should be the national bird?
8. Who played the role of Ron Kovic in the 1989 movie Born on the Fourth of July?
9. What do the 13 stripes on the flag of the United States represent?
10. Which statesman is remembered for his large, stylish signature on the Declaration of Independence?

EXTRA CREDIT

11. What were the Dunlap Broadside?

FUR BABIES OF CL SPOTLIGHT:

Hello everyone, my name is Cooper, I am 16 plus years young. I am a full time CL POA resident since 2014 with my family. I worked until 2022 as a support dog for Michele and Derek who both suffered from separation anxiety issues and my job was to go everywhere with them and I do mean everywhere. Now they are learning how to go out on their own without me to watch over them. Since my retirement, I now enjoy laying around my beautiful home, taking naps, binge watching shows on the TV, gourmet dining at home, taking some more naps and spending quality time with my family which also includes fur-sisters Portia and Lil1.



CRITTER CORNER: Voles vs. Moles –

Originally, I thought it was a sports thing...but its not. Moles and Voles are very different critters, but both can cause havoc in your yard!

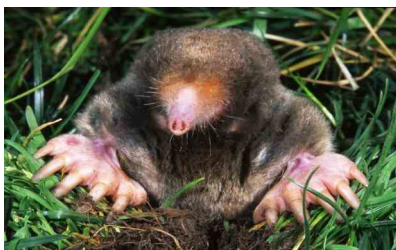
Voles are herbivores that chew through your garden eating roots creating maze-like runways, mostly across the surface of your lawn, killing your plants, while Moles tunnel disturbing your lawn and landscaping and create volcano-like mounds.

Voles also eat the bark off your trees while Moles munch on bugs and insects. Moles are carnivores, they like to snack on worms and beetles as they tunnel through your yard.

An easy way to remember the difference between Voles and Moles is in the first letter of their names. Voles are vegetarians and Moles are meat-eaters.

Voles are mouse-like, while Moles have pointed snouts and large hands. Voles have a mousy look, with small, beady eyes and tiny ears.

Typically, Voles are smaller than Moles. Voles usually grow to about 4 to 6 inches, though Moles aren't much larger, ranging from 4 to 8 inches long. Moles have an elongated nose and are well known for their large, claw-like hands that they use for digging. Also, you can't see the Mole's eyes or ears. Voles also have a longer, thinner tail than Moles. Voles are rodents unlike Moles (which are insectivores), so it's no wonder that they look like mice, but they are bigger and stockier. Based on the pictures I vote for Voles!



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VOLE

IT'S PUZZLING QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. John Adams.
1. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams (both in 1826, on the 50th anniversary), and James Monroe (1831).
3. 1870.
4. 1938.
5. Will Smith.
6. Benjamin Franklin.
7. The turkey.
8. Tom Cruise.
9. The thirteen colonies who signed the Declaration of Independence.
10. John Hancock.

EXTRA CREDIT

11. The first printed copies of the Declaration of Independence.

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.