

Hook, Line & Sinker



Cumberland Lakes Newsletter, Monterey, TN

Winter 2025 Edition

FROM THE DESK OF THE POA PRESIDENT

Well, we made it to December! Fighting to stay ahead of leaves falling like snow in the north. Enjoying cooler days so I can catch up on my “honey do” list. This is a reminder to cover your outside faucets as a “just in case measure”.

As you are doing your winter prep cleanup, please remember that if you are going to burn, permits are required from Oct. 15th to May 15th by going online at <https://www.tn.gov/tnwildlandfire/prevention/safe-debris-burning.html>. Please be smart in your burning, never leave it unattended, have a water source nearby, and extinguish it completely when done. Remember, we have backpack blowers, chainsaws, a small chipper, brush hog, and leaf burning canisters for property owner’s usage for a nominal usage fee. Contact Louie Check for availability at 909-838-1543.

As I typed this, the last mow out of the five mows for the common areas was finished

Our community Christmas party will be approaching quickly. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 13th at 5pm. This marks our last party thrown by our Activities Committee for the year. I would love to see you there.

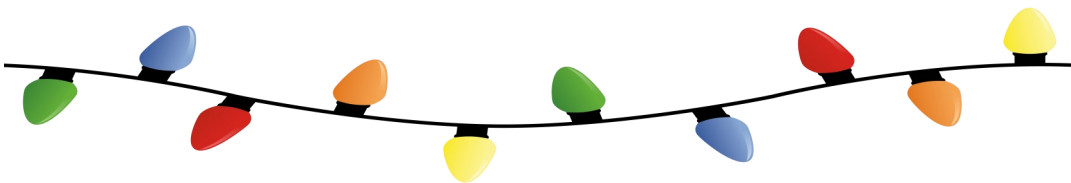
Michael Perkowski
Cumberland Lakes
POA President 2025



FIREWISE:

To further elaborate on my trip to the Mayland Fire Department on July 31, I toured their facility and entered into some discussions with Chief Kerley. We saw the two new pieces of firefighting equipment consisting of a new 2,000-gallon water pumping truck and a new Brush Fire Mitigation Vehicle. The addition of this equipment shows clear support of the county fire prevention program by Cumberland County. On the horizon, the county has also appropriated funds for the purchase of several more pieces of equipment. Several improvements have also been made to the substation to add to their readiness.

There was another conversation with Chief Kerley and Mayor Foster about the lack of volunteer personnel. Chief Kerley stated that there are very few young people today that see a value to sign up for a volunteer service that does not offer any pay in today's economy. It was stressed that the county needs to generate funding for paid positions to increase the department's ability to fight fires. Support has been offered by Forestry in the form of training and Wildfire Suppression Kits which include tools. To date there are only two full-time positions in the Mayland Department but more staff is needed to staff the Mayland substation. A recent agreement has been reached with Putnam County to utilize the new facility and its personnel on Hwy 62 near the Forestry substation.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

After much political wrangling, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department has been able to increase the base line pay for its officers. For years the county has been losing its officers to the city of Crossville. Now the county has finally been able to increase its staff and even create a position for Animal Control where the officer has formal training in the apprehension of reported strays and confiscation of animals subjected to abuse. The officer also has a specialized vehicle dedicated for their use. Unfortunately, this has created a backlog of animals being processed at the shelter facility. This new problem is actively being addressed by the county.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL:

Your AECC Committee has had a very busy past 6 months.

There are currently 18 building projects going on in our community; 3 of which are working under time extensions which mean they have been under construction for over a year. At least 5 of those are spec homes and the rest are for lot owners. There have also been many work requests ranging from brush/dead tree clearing to out buildings, fences and other projects. As the AECC committee, with the oversight of the Board has many several needed updates/improvements to our rules/regs, I highly recommend that lot owners and prospective builders make themselves familiar with the newest rules/regulations that apply to our community. If you have questions regarding an upcoming project, you can use the website's "contact us" feature, that gets directed to the AECC committee.

Wayne Benson, AECC Chairman, Cumberland Lakes



PARK/LAKES MANAGEMENT & IMPROVEMENT:

Our biggest assets, besides our wonderful residents, is our two beautiful lakes, natural park areas, and the roads that connect it all. In this issue I would like to give you information you may not know (or care about).

If you like to run, walk, or bike to stay fit we have roughly 15.09 miles of roads that cover our community. This is 79,683.4 feet of tar and chipped rock. Here is a breakdown of each road for your fitness needs.

2.94 miles (15,523.2 feet) = Cumberland Lakes Drive

3,716 feet = Lake Shore Drive

685 feet = Lazy Place

4,493 feet = Mountain Ash Drive

265 feet = Ash Place

434 feet = Williams Place

5,250 feet = North Laurel Loop

409 feet = Fern Place

419 feet = Birch Place

4,665 feet = North Lake Trail

453 feet = Emerald Place

3,259 feet = Austin Drive

410 feet = Willow Place

1,153 feet = Parkview Place

3,683 feet = Laurel Loop

2,300 feet = Sycamore Bend

1.09 miles (5,755.2 feet) = Anne Road

340 feet = Anne Place

650 feet = Brooks Place

905 feet = Crystal Point

1,169 feet = CC Road

3,861 feet = Rhonda Road

406 feet = End Place

982 feet = Rhonda Place

1,135 feet = Mart Street

1,964 feet = Cross Drive

3,758 feet = Indian Trail

1,550 feet = Pond Road

2,583 feet = Halfway Road

1,069 feet = Thistle Road

939 feet = Chestnut Lane

403 feet = Ruth Place

5,097 feet = Divide Trail



If you are looking to get your steps, then 1 step = 2.5 feet! 5,280 feet is one mile!

Maybe you like to swim, row, drift, daydream, or fish. Then we have the water for you! Here is some information on the water that surrounds our community.

Cumberland Lake is “manmade” by damming in 1990, has approximately 2.69 miles of shoreline and is our biggest lake covering 41.2 acres. The deepest area would be at the dam at 30 feet. On average the lake is about 23 feet deep. Cumberland Lake is fed by Hurricane Creek (Rockslide Park water running under Cumberland Lakes Drive), Bartlett Creek (running under Indian Trail between Anne Road and Sycamore Bend), and multiple runoffs but excess overflow exits and continues only as Hurricane Creek.

Cumberland Lake has two side ponds that overflow into Cumberland Lake. Both ponds are only fed by runoffs.

One pond is on Sycamore Bend off Laurel Loop, has just .29 of a mile of shoreline, and covers 2.45 acres. The other is on Cumberland Lakes Drive between Austin Drive and North Lake Trail. This one has .26 of a mile of shoreline and covers 1.32 acres.



Lazy Lake was also “manmade” by damming in 1990. It has approximately 1.86 miles of shoreline covering 15.5 acres. The deepest area would be at the dam at 30 feet. On average the lake is about 20 feet deep. Lazy Lake is fed by Piney Creek (running under Lake Shore Drive off North Laurel Loop), multiple runoffs, and is also spring fed. Excess overflow exits and continues as Piney Creek but ends into Hurricane Creek several miles away from the Cumberland Lake Community.

In the event of a fire, the fire department could use one of our four “dry hydrants” that pull water from our each of the four water sources. If fishing is what you like to do, then we have you covered. We have boat launches at the Cumberland Lakes Community Center for Cumberland Lake and at Lazy Lake Park for Lazy Lake.

We restrict fossil fuel (think gas) motors from our lakes to keep them clean and limit noise. Paddle power and electric motors are allowed. All vessels must have a Cumberland Lake sticker. All electric powered vessels must follow TWRA rules and regulations. You need a fishing license if you are over 13 years old.

We stock our lakes with largemouth bass, channel catfish, sterile grass carp (to control vegetation), and brim (sunfish, red ear, long ear, and bluegill). We limit the stocking to control the size and population of fish. Fishing with the intention of keeping to eat is allowed but please follow the limit and sizes that are posted at Lazy Lake Park and Cumberland Lake Community Center boat launch areas.

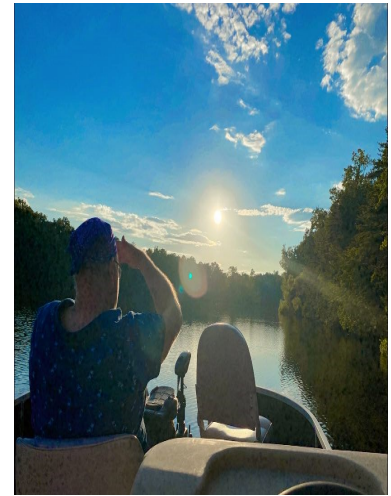


ACTIVITIES:

July 4: Hearts and bellies were full at our 4th of July Spud-tacular celebration! It was a joy to celebrate with such a fun and kindhearted group of neighbors.



Labor Day: What fun we had at the Cheeseburger in Paradise Labor Day party! What a fantastic turnout—burgers and boat rides were the best way to celebrate our piece of paradise.



Chili Cookoff: Congratulations to CL 2025 Chili King — Mike Greber! Big thank you to everyone who entered. We loved tasting each chili and appreciate the time and effort that went into every pot.



Halloween: What a spook-tacular Halloween party hosted by Frankenstein & his bride! It was a monster of a good time! The décor was to die for and the party was truly un-boo-lievable!



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES:

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Please consider donating to help cats & dogs and support the local animal shelter this holiday season.

Donations Wish List

- Dog Leashes and Collars (all sizes)
- Wet or Dry Dog Food
- Wet Cat Food
- Blankets for Cats or Dogs
- Dawn dish soap
- Bleach
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper towels
- Monetary Donations



Drop-Off Option - Porch Drop Off Until Dec. 13 Julie Check - 214 Laurel Loop. Please place items in the black/yellow bin.

Dec 13 Community Center - 5pm

**For those who have lived in the community for 3 years or more, you may remember that Jim and I raised money for the shelter at the Annual Cumberland Lakes Car Shows.*

Thanks to Julie Check for carrying on the tradition. Jim is smiling down!

The Furbabies of Cumberland Lakes –



Chris and Wayne Benson and their kids Baxter and Peaches



Hi, I'm Chris, let me introduce you to our 2 little fur babies. First there is Baxter. We adopted him from a shelter in Georgia 3 years ago. He is about 6 years old and is a chiweenie (chihuahua wiener dog cross). He is very handsome, athletic, alert and active. He likes to know everything that is going on in the 'hood. He has a strong hunting instinct and is always looking for varmints. When we go for walks, he is sniffing and tracking critters with his nose to the ground. If he gets out, he will take off like a rocket, looking for squirrels. When he sleeps, he wraps himself into a tight ball in his blanket like a mummy!

The newest addition to our family is the fabulous Miss Peaches. We have only had her for one week. We lost our precious little Ziggy at the beginning of October and got the opportunity to add Peaches to our family when she was being given away. She is quite the princess! She loves to cuddle and sit on your lap. She is a true Southern lady. She is calm, sweet and loving. We are looking forward to getting to know her personality more as time goes by.



Nosh Nook:

Colorful Corn Salad (contributed by Connie McDonald)

20 minutes

Serves 6

Ingredients:

4 large ears of corn, husks and silks removed, or 4 cups frozen corn kernels
¼ cup EVOO
1 TSP red wine vinegar
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
1 small red onion, quartered and sliced
1 cup thinly slice cucumber
½ cup thinly slices radishes
¼ cup chopped fresh basil
2 TSP each fresh mint and dill
1 ripe avocado, diced
Salt and freshly ground pepper
½ cup crumbled Feta



1. Pre heat grill or grill pan to medium-high. Place corn on grill grates, turning frequently until charred in spots, about 5 minutes. Remove cooled corn kernels from ears. (If using frozen corn, char kernels in a dry, hot skillet first).
2. In large salad bowl, whisk together olive oil and vinegar. Add corn, cherry tomatoes, red onion, cucumber, radishes, basil, mint, dill, feta and avocado. Toss well and season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. To make ahead, combine all ingredients except avocado and refrigerate up to 1 day. Add avocado and toss just before serving. Refrigerate any leftovers.

Critter Corner: The hammer-headed, fruit bat, big-lipped bat (*Hypsignathus monstrosus*) Found in Central and West Africa.



It's enough to drive you batty!!!

Across the state of Tennessee, the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency reports that there are 15 different types of bats. Of those, TWRA says 13 can be found in East Tennessee, including the two types that are endangered.

The bats listed in East Tennessee:

- Little Brown Bat
- Gray Bat (endangered)
- Northern Long-eared Bat
- Indiana Bat (endangered)
- Eastern Small Footed Bat
- Silver Haired Bat
- Tri-colored Bat
- Big Brown Bat
- Eastern Red Bat
- Seminole Bat
- Hoary Bat
- Evening Bat and
- Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat

Of those bats listed, the Gray Bat and the Indiana Bat are considered endangered.

Two of the types of bats listed above stand out for their unique features.

Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat

Ears: Has extremely large, thin ears that resemble a rabbit's.

Distinguishing features: Also has two large, glandular lumps on its nose and long toe hairs.

Behavior: Its ears can fold and unfold in a distinctive way when it is disturbed.



Brazilian/Mexican Free-tailed Bat



- **Ears:** Has broad ears, but the most unusual feature is its tail.
- **Distinguishing features:** A naked tail that extends about half of its length beyond the back edge of the tail membrane.
- **Habitat:** Found in only one location in Tennessee (Montgomery County), so it is rarely seen there.

Bat Facts

- They are the only flying mammals.
- Some bats hibernate, some migrate and some do both.
- Bats, like humans are mammals, having hair and giving birth to living young and feeding them on milk from mammary glands.
- Generally, Newborns are hairless, but have all their milk teeth.
- Mothers usually are able to locate their own young among the thousands of other babies in a cave.
- More than 900 species of bats occur worldwide; they are most abundant in the tropics. Bats are second only to rodents in numbers of species, and compromise almost 25% of all species of mammals.
- Forty-four species of bats are native to the United States, and 19 of these species occur in the eastern United States.
- Worldwide, bats vary in size from only slightly more than 2 grams (about the weight of a dime) to about 1,500 grams (more than 3 pounds).
- The large “flying foxes” of Africa, Asia, and Australia, and many Pacific Islands have a wingspan of up to 2 meters (6 feet).
- The largest bat in the eastern United States, Wagner’s mastiff bat, which occurs in southern Florida, has a wingspan of 20 inches.
- White Nose Syndrome and habitat loss are the two greatest threats to bats. WNS is highly contagious and will wipe out entire colonies once in a cave.

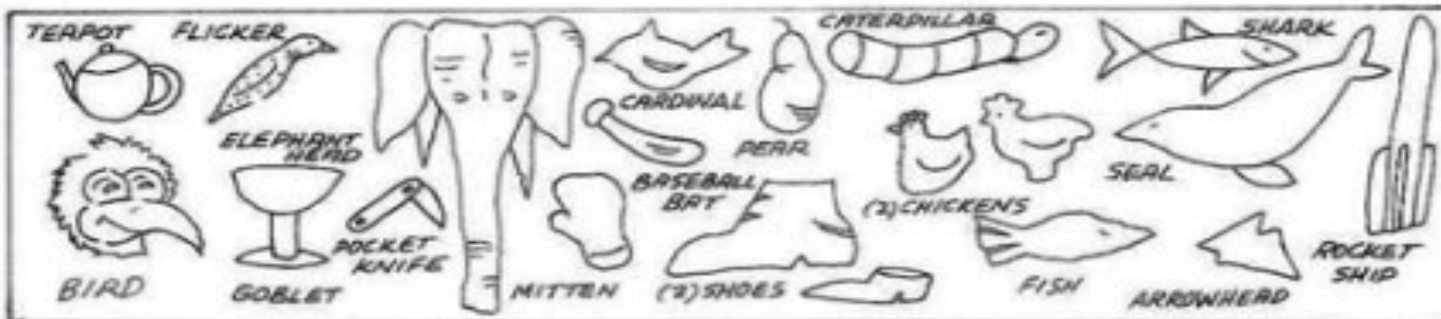
For some **really** cool information read about Tennessee Bat Working Group @ [https://
www.tnbwg.org/home](https://www.tnbwg.org/home)

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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It's Puzzling:

Hidden pictures puzzle.



WINTER

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