



Lake Waukomis NEWS

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What's Up? DECEMBER

Dec 6, 1 - 5 pm, Holiday Bazaar & Homes Tour, sponsored by the Women's Club

Dec 6, 5 - 7 pm, Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides, sponsored by the Men's Club

Dec 7, 12 noon, Retirees' Meeting

Dec 7, 7 pm, Men's Club Meeting

Dec 8, 7 pm, Association Meeting

Dec 9, 7 pm, City Council Meeting

Dec 12, 11 am - 1 pm, Women's Club Holiday Luncheon

Dec 12, NEWS Submissions Due

Dec 13, Dusk, Holiday Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Women's Club.

Dec 14, Noon, Mayor's Christmas Tree gifts due in at City Office

Dec 15, 9 am, Filing opens for Mayor and Aldermen positions

Dec 31, Midnight, Filing deadline for HOA Board of Directors

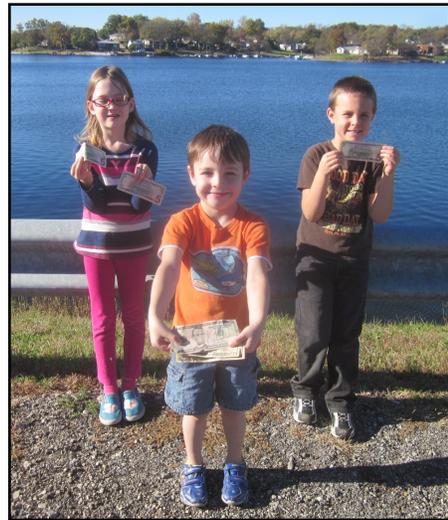
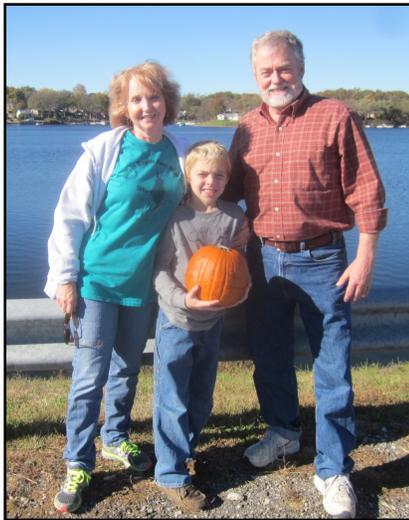


SNEAK PEEK JAN / FEB

Jan 8, Nominations for Lake Waukomis Hall of Fame due

Jan 19, 5 pm, Filing closes for Mayor and Aldermen positions

Feb 12, 7:30 pm, HOA Annual Meeting



Clockwise from top left: 11-yr-old Aiden Cummings, with grandparents Ed & Jane Cummings, posed with his pumpkin at the Pumpkin Roll; Ryland Brown (center) took 1st place in the Children's Pumpkin Roll, with Evelyn Johns coming in 2nd, followed closely by TJ Flack in 3rd place; 1-yr-old Delaney was an adorable lamb at the Children's Halloween Trunk or Treat at South Park (grandparents are Chris & Melanie Wright); Robert & Kathy Kersey provided a seascape stop for Trunk or Treater's; Margo Cross showed her love for the KC Royals World Series Champions. Banner photo: Another benefit of trees - they're beautiful in the Fall (see Sandi Garrison's article on page 8).

OFFICIALS

Association Directors

Executive Board

- Peggy Coriell, President, (741-8278)
- Jim Hopper, Exec. Vice-President (741-2467)
- Terry Hoog, Vice-President/Sgt. At Arms, (741-0035)
- Laura Church, Secretary/Treasurer (587-9281)
- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (587-2139) & Herb Steffens (741-4191)
- Community Building - Terry Hoog (741-0035)
- Conservation - Ed Landis (741-0600)
- Deed of Restrictions/By-laws - Laura Church (587-9281)
- Dock Placement - Les Petersen (913-626-8573) & Beth Hill (522-0503)
- Ecology/Environmental Efforts - Sandi Garrison (746-4592)
- 4th of July - TBD
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (587-2139)
- Parkways/Unplatted Property - Bill Ruckman (726-3299) & Carl Croan (582-9341)
- Silt Mgmt/Stormwater Control - Jim Hopper (741-2467)
- Trailer Park - Dale Crouch (587-7540)
- Water Quality/Zebra Mussels - Cindy Law (868-2912)
- Admin. Coordinator, Donna Rhodus (741-2079)

City Board of Aldermen

- John Douglas, Mayor (741-2670)
- Steve Sanders, Municipal Judge
- Donnie Hachman, Chief of Police/Public Safety Director
- Donna Rhodus, Court Clerk (741-2079)
- Jen Woods, City Clerk (741-2079)
- Dennis Todd, Ward I - Maintenance (587-1923)
- Bill Hogewood, Ward I - Public Safety (304-886-6101)
- Kevin Roepe, Ward II - President/Treasurer (863-7301)
- Sandy Massock, Ward II - Parks/Dam (326-7342)

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- http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/350710843486?ap=1

The President's Corner

By Peggy Coriell, Association President

December is the month that marks the end of another year. For your HOA, it is a time to see who will serve another term on the board and who will be leaving. There will be at least 2 vacancies as persons decide to move on. This means we want and need other residents to step up and put their name on the ballot.

Serving on the HOA board is a great experience. One learns things they never knew about their community and what it takes to maintain our lake lifestyle. It also gives residents an opportunity to be creative and think of new ways to do things.

There are 14 board members who direct and are responsible for a certain program area. Their terms are for 2 years which means there are 7 positions to fill each year. The program areas include:

- Zebra Mussel/Water Quality
- Community Appearance
- Community Building
- Conservation
- Deed of Restrictions/By-Laws
- Dock Placement
- Ecology/Environmental Efforts
- Fourth of July
- Newspaper
- Parkways and Unplatted Property
- Silt Management
- Stormwater Control
- Trailer Park

I encourage you to consider being a part of the HOA board. You will be providing a great service to your community. The deadline for getting your name on the ballot is December 31st - contact Administrative Coordinator Donna Rhodus if you are interested. If you have any questions about any of the areas of interest, please give me a call at 741-8278.

CITY AND ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

City Office Hours (City Clerk - Jen Woods)

Monday - 7 am to 12 noon

Tuesday - 8 am to 12 noon

Wednesday - 7 am to 12 noon

Thursday - 8 am to 12 noon

Association Office Hours

(Admin. Coordinator - Donna Rhodus)

Tuesday - 4 pm to 7 pm

Friday - 9 am to 12 noon

EDITOR'S NOTE: Articles submitted by residents & published in the Lake Waukomis News are not necessarily the views & opinions of the Lake Waukomis Association.

Mayor's Message

by Mayor John Douglas

November was officially designated as "Volunteer Appreciation Month" at Lake Waukomis with the Mayoral proclamation I signed last month. The annual volunteer appreciation dinner hosted by the Home Owner's Association on November 15 for community volunteers was a great way to kick off the Holiday season. Volunteerism is truly the foundation of our community and way of life at the lake. It is defined as "the practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community". In his book, Standing for Something, Gordon Hinckley wrote, "The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired than you. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served." I am convinced that not only does volunteering assist others, but it also benefits the volunteering individual on a personal level. Based on the many smiling faces I saw at the volunteer appreciation dinner, our volunteers are truly a happy group of people who enjoy being able to contribute to the betterment of our community. We can accomplish even more if we expand the number of people willing to volunteer their time to help make this a better place to live. If you are interested in volunteerism, I would urge you not to wait until you are asked..... volunteer to help with one of the many activities or service organizations on the lake. It can be very rewarding.

The next Holiday event will be the **Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 29**. Please plan on attending and enjoying the activities. A choir comprised of lake children will sing Christmas carols, refreshments will be provided, and Santa has promised to pay us a visit. There will be a rehearsal of the children's choir at 5:00 p.m. before the reception begins at 6:00 p.m. Once again our community will be adopting two needy families for Christmas. Paper tree ornaments containing Christmas wish lists from those families will be available at the reception and lighting ceremony. If you are unable to attend but want to help these two families who might otherwise not have a very Merry Christmas, please stop by the city office and choose which gift/s to purchase from their Christmas lists. *Gifts should be wrapped or in gift sacks and tagged with the paper ornament when they are returned to the community building no later than noon on Monday, December 14*. In the spirit of Christmas giving, your generosity will be greatly appreciated by the parents and children who will receive your gifts.

A special thanks is offered to Men's Club members Dale Crouch, Bill Massock, Bill Ruckman, Gary Fiddler, Doug Christensen, and John Greenlee. These gentlemen gave up a beautiful Saturday morning in order to install Christmas lights on the flag poles on the dam and the railings at the community building parking lot. Everyone on the lake will be able to enjoy the lights the entire Christmas season as a result of their efforts.

NOTICE to ALL RESIDENTS: If you are interested in running for city office, filing dates are fast approaching. The next general Municipal election day is not until April 5, 2016. However, anyone interested in running for city office must file between 9:00 a.m. December 15, 2015 and 5:00 p.m. January 19, 2016. One alderman from Ward I (North Shore) will be elected; one alderman from Ward II (South Shore), and the Mayor's position will all be on the ballot. All elections will be for two year terms. Filing must be completed with our city clerk, Jen Woods, in the city office. If you are considering running for office and wish to observe a City Council meeting, the next meeting will be December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS: In 2009, the HOA established a Lake Waukomis Hall of Fame. The objective is "To honor in perpetuity those citizens of Lake Waukomis who have made exceptional contributions to our community." A selection committee was established to develop procedures for nominating and screening Hall of Fame candidates. This honor is separate from the annual "Citizen of the Year Award", which honors a person for their service within the past year. The Hall of Fame selections are based on persons who have made long term positive impacts on our community. Forms for nominating candidates are available in the city office. They need to be completed and turned in to me or Jen Woods, city clerk, no later than January 8. If someone is selected to enter the Hall this year, they will be inducted at the annual HOA meeting on February 12. If you are interested in knowing who is in the Hall of Fame to date, there is a plaque on the wall in the Council chamber room. Please take time to give this serious thought, as it is the highest honor we have established to recognize persons for their community service at Lake Waukomis.

Marcia and I want to wish everyone on the lake a happy and safe Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing folks enjoy the winter season and many activities associated with the Holidays. A special welcome is offered to several new residents who will be spending their first Christmas on the lake. See you around the lake.

*New Lake Waukomis
City Clerk Jen Woods*



Police Report - October 2015

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| Car Stops | 24 | Calls for Service | 8 |
| Traffic Warnings | 11 | Reports | |
| Tickets | 11 | Check the Welfare | 1 |
| Licensing | 2 | Traffic Accident | 1 |
| Parking | 1 | Parking Issues | 3 |
| Insurance | 2 | Medicals | 1 |
| Stop Sign | 1 | Disturbance | 1 |
| Speed | 5 | Larceny | 1 |
| | | Assisting Other Agencies | 6 |
| | | Other Agencies Assisting Us | 4 |
| | | Residence Checks | 497 |



Cop's Corner

by Chief of Police Donnie Hachman

Office: Call 816-741-2071

Dispatcher (non-emergency): Call 816-858-3521

Emergency: Call 911

Email – lakewaukomispd@kc.rr.com

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

PDA's, iPads, iPods, cell phones, laptop computers, GPS systems, satellite radios and other small electronic devices are a car burglar's dream. Small and easy to conceal, these are the types of items most often stolen from a car. Sitting in plain sight, they attract a thief's attention. Know when and where you intend to do your holiday gift shopping, and don't leave personal valuables in your car. They will tempt a car burglar. Instead, plan ahead and leave them at home. If you absolutely must leave any valuables in your car while holiday shopping, stash them out of sight. Place them in the trunk, stow them under a seat or cover them with a blanket. Always lock your car & close the windows. When possible, shop during daylight hours and park in a well-lit, highly trafficked area of the mall parking lot. If possible, shop with at least one other adult.

Don't holiday shop while distracted

Just like you shouldn't drive while distracted, you shouldn't do your holiday gift shopping when you are distracted. Leave yourself plenty of time to shop for the holidays, and you can minimize distractions. Holiday shoppers make perfect targets for car burglars and other thieves. Whether they're distracted by children, in a hurry to get home or carrying packages to the car while chatting on a cell phone or digging for keys, these shoppers are typically unaware of their surroundings and potentially unsafe situations. It's always a good idea to find a good babysitter to watch your children while you shop for holiday gifts, and go on a day when you won't have to rush.

Parking in Lake Waukomis

Lake Waukomis is hilly, curvy, and has narrow roads; so when one of our residents has a large gathering requiring more parking spaces than they can provide on their property, their guests must park on the street. The police department request that should you be planning such an event to please contact the police department beforehand so that together we can make a plan to accommodate your guests' parking needs. A little pre-planning may prevent your event from getting interrupted by police.

Recycling

Did you know that less than 2% of all used cell phones in the US are recycled? The Lake Waukomis Police Department wants to help put all of those throw-away and tossed-aside phones to better use by joining the **Cells 4** organization cause. At **Cells 4 Cells**, their mission is to raise money for families battling cancer by collecting unused cell phones and recycling them into donations for the benefit of cancer patients across the nation. By making a simple donation of your old cell phones, chargers, PDAs, or other mobile equipment (even if they're 10 years old), you'll be saving lives TODAY. You can either give your used equipment donation to a Lake Waukomis Police Officer or drop it off at City Hall in the drop-off box located in the foyer and marked with the **Cells 4 Cells** poster.

RESIDENCE CHECK / RESIDENCE WATCH

To order one of these, you can call 741-2071 or go to our City's website, www.lakewaukomis.org, and select the Residence Check Form tab.

Please remember to report any suspicious persons or activity to the police department by calling 911 or the non-emergency police number at 816-858-3521.

Easy-Peasy! Do all your Christmas shopping at the Women's Club HOLIDAY BAZAAR on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1-5 pm at the Community Bldg.

5 FABULOUS HOMES ON THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR - See Flyer Insert in This Edition of the NEWS for Details

Want Ads/For Sale/Services

Services rendered: Briar Clippery Dog Grooming - 305 N. Shore Drive. Small and medium dogs. Lake Waukomis resident. Also, need thick used bath towels - will pay up to \$2 per towel. 587-7393.

Services rendered: Let an animal lover make your time away from home worry free! Pet and house sitting is my specialty. I have references from your neighbors right here on the lake. Suzanne Carpenter 913-515-1196.

Services rendered: Lawn mowing and all other odd jobs. Services done for a good price by a responsible adult. Pls call Tim Morris at 816-286-9605 or 816-225-1369.

Services rendered: For mole elimination services and more, please contact Vernon (Lee) Sohm at Green Grass Lawn Care & Mole Control. Work 816-587-5415. Cell 816-806-1212.

Services rendered: Goeden's Dock Service. New Dock Construction / Dock Repair / Removal. Pipe Supplier / Encapsulated Flotation Supplier. Steve Goeden 816-308-1789. Work Guaranteed.

For sale: Two handsome matching bar chairs, custom made, leather seats that swivel, NEVER USED. \$150 each. Call Patti Clark 816-741-4008.

Services rendered: Want to protect your boat or other recreational items? Have them shrink-wrapped! Lake resident 816-398-8187. www.KCshrinkwrap.com.

Retirees' Club News

by Steve Burger, President

Forty-two retirees enjoyed a Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey and gravy prepared by Patti Cark. Laura Murphy, pastor of Gashland United Methodist Church, spoke on the topic "An Attitude of Gratitude." She shared that entitlement thinking is opposite of gratitude, and nothing is good enough. Three E's of gratitude are:

1. Empathy: live in other's shoes and walk the journey with them. Relate to the situation, if not the person. Get rid of "I told you so" and "if you had listened to me."
2. Example: what can you do for someone else; doesn't have to be grand or huge.
3. Experience: give your grandkids an experience; give funds or other support to fund "growth" experiences (like a mission trip). It's okay to hurt and be sad. Seek gratitude from each other, and your grandchildren need to see your attitude of gratitude.

Monday, December 7, will be our Christmas dinner starting at noon, with Sandy Massock preparing ham. Members will bring all the trimmings. Christmas Sing-A-Long is the program led by Ida Clayton and her elves. All retirees are welcome. Election of officers will be on the schedule.

Now it's time to laugh with Ida Clayton:

- ☺ A woman was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy: "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied: "No ma'am, they're dead."
- ☺ There are three stages in the life of most males: he believes in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus.
- ☺ One year, rather than send gifts for Christmas, my friend decided to enclose checks in her greeting cards. Inside each card she wrote "Buy your own presents" and then sent them off. A few months later she discovered the checks she'd "mailed" under a pile of books.
- ☺ What your Christmas tree says about you: White Lights - You ask house guests to remove their shoes. Multicolored lights - You're an extrovert. Blinking lights - You have attention deficit disorder. Homemade Ornaments - You have lots of children. Strung Popcorn - You have too much time on your hands. Yellow star on top - You're traditional. Cutoff top - You didn't measure the tree. Vague evergreen smell - You bought a healthy tree. Strong evergreen smell - You sprayed your tree with Pine-Sol. Just plain smelly - There's a dead bird in your tree.
- ☺ Once again we come to the holiday season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.
- ☺ Reminder: "desserts" spelled backwards is "stressed."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS anyway!!

Back in Time at Lake Waukomis

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Waukomis Historian

Thirty-seven years ago the Corp of Engineers required us to modify our dam and spillway. In order to obtain funds by bond financing, the Lake Waukomis Association deeded the dam and spillway to the City of Lake Waukomis. At that time, a siphon pipe was installed in the dam, which was the first time we had a way of lowering the Lake. (The dam and spillway is currently inspected by the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources every other year. On the year the State does not inspect, the City hires a private engineer to conduct the inspection.)



Retirees enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixin's at their annual Thanksgiving meeting.

Platte AARP Chapter 1390

The Platte AARP Chapter 1390 meeting is held at 12:00 noon every second Tuesday of every month in the Stratford Room at Wexford Place, 6500 N. Cosby Ave., Kansas City, MO, 64151. Persons age 50 and over are welcome. We have hot lunches, entertainment, and door prizes. We focus on keeping Social Security, Medicare and Health Care safe, secure, and strong, preserving our life answers. Call early for reservations at 816-455-0135 or 816-808-0991. See you soon!

Men's Club

by Dale Crouch, President

If you missed the Pumpkin Roll, you missed a LOT of fun. There were close to a hundred folks at the Dam to roll pumpkins and just watch the fun. Pumpkins were rolled by young and old. What a GREAT TIME, and the weather was perfect! Thanks to the Men's Club members for working and producing this event.

By the time this edition of the NEWS is published, we will have completed the celebration for our Veterans here at Lake Waukomis. It is a privilege for us in the Men's Club to honor our Veterans on November 11, with a Flag Raising and Breakfast in their honor.

The Men's club is sponsoring Aerial Photos of Lake Waukomis of 2015, signed by Dale Lightfoot. There are three different views and two sizes. We had them on display at the Hot Dam Party for viewing and taking orders. We will be turning in the order sheet this month for those that have already signed up. **They would make great Christmas presents!** If you want to order one of these photos for yourself or as a gift, please contact **Jeff Jans** (snajffej@aol.com or 914-447-2745).

The Men's Club put up the Christmas lights on the Dam on November 14th. Thank you to those who helped complete this task. The Men's Club members will also be working on the Horse-drawn Sleigh Ride over the Dam to take place on December 6th following the Women's Club Bazaar and Homes Tour. Watch for our signs at the entryways for more detailed information on the events.

We in the Men's Club wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!



Top photos, L-R: Bill Ruckman instructed Pumpkin Roll participants on the rules of the roll; Gary Fiddler and John Greenlee helped put up the holiday lights on the dam. Above photo: VFW Deputy Director Rick Butler addressed the veterans and families attending the Veteran's Day breakfast on November 11th. Below photo: Veterans gathered for a group photo. Front row, L-R: Ed Weiser (Navy, Vietnam), Bill Massock (Air Force, Vietnam), Dave Ruse (Navy, Vietnam), Frank Royer (Army, WWII - POW), Jim DeArmond (Army/Navy, Vietnam), Bill Clayton (Army, Korean Era), Gary Gere (National Guard, Vietnam Era), Bob Hammond (Navy), Jim Lawler (Navy). Back row, L-R: Steve Bitner (Navy), Jim Terrell (Army, Vietnam), Doug Christensen (Army, Vietnam Era), Bobby Oates (Colonel, Air Force, currently serving), Bill Hogewood (Marine Corps, Vietnam), John Greenlee (Navy, Vietnam), Art Kellogg (Navy, Vietnam), Stan Widau (Air Force, Vietnam), Larry Marsh (Marines, Okinawa), Pete Edlund (Army, Vietnam), Rick Butler (Navy, Kosovo), Dale Crouch (Army, Vietnam). VETERANS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.



Women's Club

by Robin Banes, President

One of the things I love about this group of ladies is how conscientious and generous they are. With the Royals going to the World Series (and ultimately winning it!!!!), Trunk or Treat had to be changed in scope and time span, but these ladies pulled it off without a hitch! I don't have an exact count as to the number of children we served, but estimates were between 100 to 120 adorable Ninjas and Goblins, Superheroes and Elsa's. Thank you, everyone, for being so supportive and adaptive.

November 1st started our collection for the second annual Project Warmth coat and blanket drive. On Saturday, November 7th, Teddi Wolff, Sarah Shinogle, and I loaded up our cars and brought our donations to Zona Rosa. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Later that week, Jansen Fredal helped us put the "Happy" back in the holidays. A large group of our membership enjoyed tips and tricks to help us de-stress and enjoy this special time of year with our friends and families. Jansen shared her enthusiasm for cooking in a wonderful, humorous, and engaging fashion. She provided great cooking recipes, tips, and tricks to help us prepare for the busy holiday season. The recipes were easily prepared ahead of time and frozen,; all attendees received a packet of recipes that included a shopping list and calendar! Jansen taught us that even some of the littlest changes can make such a big difference if we plan a little bit ahead! With so many of us bearing this special "burden" of making or breaking this time of year, it was so nice to get together and help each other make the holidays even better.

And on Sunday, November 8th, a large group of us and our significant others were able to honor our lake Veterans as we enjoyed a full meal and USO show aboard the Kansas Belle Dinner Train. This was a wonderful afternoon spent reminiscing about and respecting the service of so many of our servicemen and women. Rane Cross (pictured at right) even dressed up for the occasion.



Be sure to check out the Holiday Bazaar and Homes Tour at the Community Building on Sunday, December 6th. The Bazaar is always an excellent source for those unique gifts that you can't get anywhere else, and the Homes Tour inspires you to Holiday Decorating Greatness.

Our next social get together will be the Holiday Luncheon at the VIP Special Event Space in Parkville on Saturday, December 12th. These luncheons are always special and memorable – I always look forward to them, and this year is guaranteed not to disappoint. The Luncheon is catered by the French Bee Bakery and starts at 11:00. All Women's Club members and guests are invited to attend – the cost is \$22.00 per person, check payable to LWWC and given to Theresa Edwards or Mickie Schroeder. RSVP's are required.

So much fun to be had in the upcoming weeks! Want to join us but don't know where to start? We have an excellent group of ambassadors – ladies who welcome you and show you the ropes. Call Micki Schroeder at 816-651-5900 and she'll get you settled in nicely. See you soon!

KANSAS BELLE DINNER TRAIN EXCURSION

by Teddi Wolff

On Sunday, November 8th, 46 Women's Club members and guests enjoyed a 3½ hour train ride, 3-course meal, and USO entertainment show aboard the Maple Creek Dining Car, one of 4 re-habbed train cars in the Kansas Belle fleet. The train left the station in Baldwin City, KS at approximately 1:30 pm and shortly after departure, participants were served their choice of a Caesar or Greek salad, followed by a delicious main course of Char-grilled Steak Medallions, Grilled Tilapia, Basque Chicken or Penne Pasta, accompanied by various sides (the peas with baby pearl onions even had hard-to-please Ida Clayton rhapsodizing). Dessert was a to-die-for chocolate bundt cake topped with whipped cream. After the meal, the group was treated to a performance of WWII- era songs and patter by a theater group from Lawrence, KS. The camaraderie of the afternoon more than made up for the not-so-exciting scenery along the way (lots of brush, 2 crows and 1 deer).



WWII veteran Lee Williams with Erin, one of the USO show entertainers.

L-R: Stasha and Kathy, from the Kansas City Star, with Women's Club members Sarah Shinogle and Robin Banes, at the Project Warmth Coat & Blanket drop site at Zona Rosa.



In Memory



ROBERT H. "BOB" HOFFMEYER

Robert H. "Bob" Hoffmeyer, 89, of Lake Waukomis, MO, passed away October 27, 2015. A memorial visitation was held from 2:00 - 3:30 pm Sunday, November 1st at Terrace Park Cemetery Lakeside Chapel (169 Hwy & Shoal Creek Parkway). Memorial contributions are suggested to the Paralyzed Veterans of America or Continua Hospice. Bob was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was an architectural draftsman in the early years for the state of Missouri in Jefferson City, and later with Southwestern Bell. Bob was devoted to his family, and loved living on the lake and all things about golf. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Gladys Hoffmeyer, brother, Oscar Hoffmeyer, Jr., sister, Rosemary Brubaker, and son-in-law, Bill Kirk. Survivors include his daughters, Dara (Larry) Russell, Tana (Eric) Cloepfil, Jody Kirk, sister, Carolyn Jean Bunch, 5 grandchildren and spouses, and 6 great grandchildren. Bob will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. He is now enjoying golf with Bonnie in heaven.

Adapted from the obituary published in the Kansas City Star on Oct. 29, 2015

10 BENEFITS OF TREES

by Sandi Garrison, Ecology and Environmental Efforts Chair



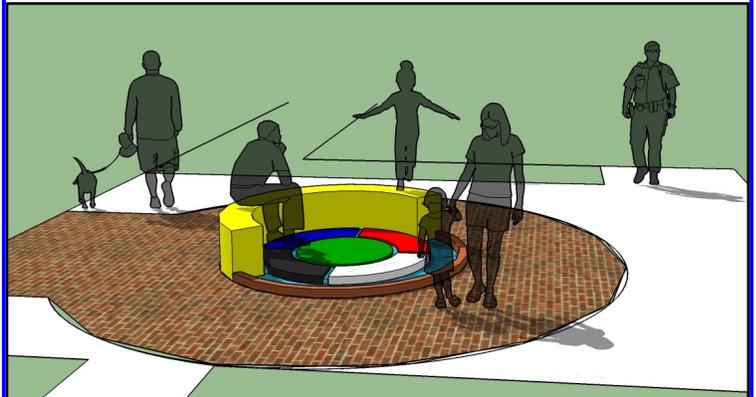
Before you start thinking it is time to cut down that tree that is a seasonal nightmare to maintain, consider these 10 reasons to have trees around you and your home. Trees also increase the value of your real estate.

1. Cooler Air Temperatures – 5-20 degrees difference - moderates the climate
2. Social/Physiological- aesthetics, brain waves are calmed, to view them is relaxing, great to gather under or to have picnics
3. Air Quality – takes out carbon and pollutants
4. Water Quality
5. Greenhouse gas reduction – trees basically cycle carbon from their life to death. Through growth they remove carbon
6. UV radiation reduction - absorbs 95%
7. Wildlife
8. Noise reduction - most is done at the soil capacity
9. Products- timber, food, fiber, ethanol
10. Oxygen Production

COMMUNITY BUILDING COURTYARD FOUNTAIN

by Janus Hinson

The Association has approved the removal of the present fountain in the Community Building courtyard to be replaced with a newly designed one in memory of my husband, former Lake Waukomis Mayor Charlie Hinson, who passed away in June 2014 after a brief illness. Many of you have already generously contributed to the Charlie Hinson Memorial Fund. I thank you for that. If you didn't have an opportunity to do so, you can send your contributions to the Charlie Hinson Memorial Fund to Bank of Weston, PO Box 8, Weston, Missouri, 64098. This fund will be used to cover the cost of the new fountain, as well as contributions from other sources in our community. Many of you purchased Commemorative Bricks for the courtyard. We are sorry for the delay, but once the new fountain is completed, those bricks will be added to the Commemorative Bricks already in the courtyard. It is our hope to have the completion of the fountain by early spring of 2016.



I appreciate everyone's support in this project and hope it will beautify the courtyard and be a wonderful symbol for Charlie and how much he loved our community and all of the people in it. Pictured is the possible concept for Charlie's Memorial. I wanted to consider his Cherokee heritage of which he was so proud. Because he loved the lake so much, I know that it would make him very pleased to know that his memorial would beautify and benefit Lake Waukomis. This rendering is a fountain that will replace the present fountain. The colors are significant as the 7 Sacred Directions of the Cherokees. North is blue, South is white, East is red, West is black, Up Above is yellow, Here We Are Right Now is Green (this color will be the center point of the fountain), Down Below is brown. I am hoping to have a waterfall coming from under the yellow bench. Thank you to Shawn Massock, Landscape Architect, for researching and creating the plan. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me: Janus Hinson – 816-582-7490.

Highlights of Association Meeting

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors
November 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – In memory of Bob Hoffmeyer.

ROLL CALL: Directors Present: Peggy Coriell, Terry Hoog, Laura Church, Sandi Garrison, Carl Croan, Les Petersen, Dale Crouch, Bill Ruckman, Ed Landis, Cindy Law, Beth Hill, Jim Hopper, Teddi Wolff, Herb Steffens, Donna Rhodus, Adm. Coordinator.

Minutes Ms. Wolff moved to approve the minutes as printed. Mr. Ruckman seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report The current financial reports were reviewed. Ms. Church moved to approve the bills for payment as presented. Mr. Croan seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adm. Coordinator Ms. Rhodus reported the unpaid 2015 Assessments were forwarded to Jim Ensz, the Association's attorney, for collection. An account of the unpaid judgement due the Association from property owner in the 1000 block was also forwarded to Mr. Ensz.

A flyer will be in the next edition of the NEWS calling for candidates to file for the Board of Directors. The filing deadline is December 31st.

Guests President Coriell welcomed the following guests: Mayor Douglas, Janus Hinson and Bill Massock. Ms. Hinson addressed the Board regarding a proposed fountain for the building's courtyard in memory of Mayor Charlie Hinson. A plan was submitted for the Board's review. (Copy on file.) Discussion followed regarding the symbolism of the fountain, the funding, etc. After discussion, Mr. Ruckman moved to approve the proposed fountain, Mr. Hoog seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Volunteer Dinner Ms. Wolff reminded the Directors of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held at the Community Building on November 15th at 2:00 PM. She is planning for seventy five volunteers at the cost of \$8.00 per person. Mr. Hoog will set up the screen to watch the Chief's game. Ms. Hill and Ms. Law will help decorate. Mr. Hoog said he will check with Patty Flavin regarding the clean-up after the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Coriell asked for committee reports. All written reports are on file and available upon request.

Community Building Mr. Hoog reported the refrigerator, which was previously approved, was purchased and will be delivered this week. Mr. Hoog recommended the carpeting be replaced in the office and meeting room. He compared prices from four companies and recommended the carpeting be purchased from Flooring Direct of KC, a company owned by a Lake resident, for a cost of \$5672.57. The current carpeting has been in place for approximately 23 years and he said the funds are available in the capital improvement fund. After discussion, Mr. Hoog moved to approve the carpeting, Ms. Law seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Landis reported that a bulletin board was donated for the building. The board is 60" x 36" with a glass front that can be locked. He recommended it be placed on the front of the building to be used for public announcements from the City and Association. After discussion, Mr. Ruckman moved to approve the bulletin board to be used only by the City and Association. Mr. Crouch seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Conservation Mr. Landis reported that trout was delivered for a total cost of \$3500.00 of donated money. The walleye will be delivered this month.

Deed of Restrictions Ms. Church submitted a written report.

Signs for the Building Mr. Landis reported that he has a quote for signs for the building to identify the address and different areas of the building. The proposed signs will be six inches high, black with reflective white letters for a cost of \$100.00. After discussion, the Board agreed to install the signs.

Dock Placement Ms. Hill & Mr. Petersen submitted a written report. Discussion was held regarding a dock located in the area of the Stormwater Grant project in the 900 block. The dock is in the area of where stormwater will drain into the Lake. Concern was expressed that the volume of water from the drain could potentially damage the dock's floatation. The dock's owner does not want to re-locate the dock. The Board agreed the dock's owner should submit written documentation that he understands the dock could potentially receive damage if the dock stays in the current space.

Ecology/Environmental Efforts Ms. Garrison is planning a Healthy Home and Energy Saving workshop for our community. She will place the information on Face Book, the Community Website and in the NEWS.

4th of July President Coriell said the 4th of July Committee will meet soon to discuss the funds from the 2015 event. Discussion followed.

Liaison City: Mayor Douglas reported on the following: Jen Woods was hired for the position of City Clerk and began working last week. He said the Hall of Fame Committee will meet soon and all nominations are due in January. Christmas decorations for the building will be put up on November 19th and the Men's Club will place new lights on the dam November 14th. The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be November 29th at 6:00 PM. LWMC: Mr. Crouch reported the annual Veteran's Day breakfast is November 11th. The annual sleigh ride is December 6th. LWWC: Ms. Wolff said the Women's Club sponsored the Kansas Belle Train tour and USO show on November 8th and it was very nice. They are currently planning the annual bazaar and Christmas homes' tour.

Newspaper The deadline for the next edition of the NEWS is November 14th.

Parkway Mr. Croan and Mr. Ruckman submitted a written report. Mr. Ruckman said they are working on a list of trees that need pruning. A resident requested permission to plant trees on the Parkway in the 100 block in the area adjacent to the Park Hill School. They requested a written plan.

Mr. Ruckman asked for the Board's support in revoking a dock placement permit for a property owner who refuses to remove overgrowth on the Parkway. Discussion followed and the Board agreed Mr. Ensz should be contacted before the property owner is told to remove the dock from the Lake.

Silt/Stormwater Control Mr. Hopper submitted a written report. He said a summary of the expenses will be submitted to Platte County on Friday, to obtain reimbursement for the Stormwater Grant Project. He said he and Mr. Landis will meet with a representative of The Peterson Company regarding silt removal from the silt basins in the 600 and 100 blocks. Stan Anderson has submitted a bid to clean the basins in the amount of \$4700.00. Discussion was held regarding the widening of 72nd Street by Kansas City. Mr. Landis said he was told that should begin in the spring of 2016. Widening Green Hills is on hold until maybe 2020.

Trailer Park Mr. Couch said statements for the rental spaces will be mailed in December, due in January and if not paid by February the rental spaces will be cancelled.

Water Quality/Zebra Mussel Prevention Ms. Law submitted a written report. She said the City of Kansas City had a sewer leak that affected our Lake. After the leak was discovered, Kansas City tested the Lake water and the water quality is fine now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Goals & Goals that cannot be met President Coriell asked the Directors to email this information when it is available.

Farmer's Garden Agreements Mr. Ruckman said no changes are planned to the current agreements. After discussion, Mr. Ruckman moved to approve the garden area below the dam for 2016. Mr. Croan seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

4th of July Funds Ms. Wolff asked about available funds from the 2015 event; discussion followed. Pres. Coriell said she will have more information after the committee meets.

LED Lights Mr. Landis said the building's lights should be converted to LED in the future. After discussion, he said he will submit a cost estimate.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.



BOATERS
To make an access
appointment for the Spillway,
please call:

Larry Marsh – 746-4573
Dale Crouch – 587-7540
Bill Massock – 536-2754
Stan Widau – 507-3638
Gary Fiddler – 741-5063

Your City Government at Work

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS
Board of Aldermen
November 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri was called to order by Mayor John Douglas at 7:06 PM, on November 11, 2015 at the Community Building. Alderwoman Massock, Aldermen Roepe and Hoge-wood were present as the roll was taken by Jen Woods, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In memory of Bob Hoffmeyer and with concern for Wayne Lorfing.

Guests Mayor Douglas welcomed the following guests Bill Massock, Peggy Coriell, Chief Hachman, Herb Steffens, Les Petersen, Ed Landis and Donna Rhodus.

Consent Agenda The following topics were on the consent agenda to be acted upon with one motion: Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 Accounts Payable
 Letters to Residents RE: Water Line Freeze

Alderman Roepe moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, Alderwoman Massock seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reports The following written reports were submitted and are on file at the City Office: Financial/Collector, Water Department, Building Inspector, Police Department and Municipal Court.

Water Department: The State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources determined our drinking water to be satisfactory in October 2015.

Parks/Dam: Alderwoman Massock reported that the bleachers at Farley, MO are no longer available. The backstop that was available will be cost prohibitive to move. She plans to meet with representatives from HOA, Women's Club, Men's Club, Green Team and Retirees to discuss the park's potential needs and improvements for a possible Platte County Grant. The dam and spillway will be inspected November 20, 2015 by a private engineer.

Maintenance: Mr. Landis stated bids were received for snow removal and mowing. Copies were submitted to the Aldermen for review. He stated that preventative maintenance needs to be completed in the 900 Block and that cameras need to be used in three locations. The funds are in the budget.

Department of Public Safety: Chief Hachman submitted a written report. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new police car, including the funding. Alderman Hoge-wood moved to approve the new police car with funds from the Equipment Reserve, Community Events, and additional accounts totaling \$32,500. The motion did not receive a second.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status on FEMA Application Mayor Douglas reported that the remaining two pages of the application requires bank signatures and that will be completed this week. We will then wait for acceptance.

Water Billing Software Alderman Roepe stated that after researching the three software companies, Jayhawk appears to be the most detailed. More discovery will take place and will be discussed further at budget meeting.

Policy RE: Liability Insurance for Bouncy's ponies, etc., at the Park Alderwoman Massock will contact the attorney to obtain language to add to the park permit application.

Proposed Ordinance No. 486 RE: Stormwater Drainage Alderman Roepe sponsored the second reading of Bill No. 486 and read same by title. Bill No. 486 being "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 217.110 "DRAINAGE OF RAINWATER AND SURFACE WATER" AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE A NEW SECTION 217.110 ENTITLED "DRAINAGE OF RAINWATER AND SURFACE WATER." Copies of Bill No. 486 were available for public review. Discussion followed and Mr. Steffens expressed his objections to the ordinance. Bill No. 486 was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon, Mayor Douglas declared Bill No. 486 a new ordinance and duly adopted as Ordinance No. 486. Ordinance No. 486 was signed by Mayor Douglas and attested to by the City Clerk. Ordinance No. 486 is on file and available for public review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Meeting The Board agreed to meet November 23, 2015 to develop a budget for 2016. If Alderman Todd is not available on that day, they will meet November 24, 2015. This is an open meeting.

Proposed Ordinance No. 487 RE: Election Ordinance Alderman Roepe sponsored Bill No. 487 and read same by title. Bill No. 487 being "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS, MISSOURI, TO HOLD A GENERAL ELECTION TO ELECT OFFICIALS FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: ALDERMAN - WARD I, ALDERMAN - WARD II AND MAYOR FOR TWO-YEAR TERM". Copies of Bill No. 487 were available for public review. Bill No. 487 was approved by unanimous vote.

Thereupon, Mayor Douglas declared Bill No. 487 a new ordinance and duly adopted as Ordinance No. 487. Ordinance No. 487 was signed by Mayor Douglas and attested to by the City Clerk. Ordinance No. 487 is on file and available for public review.

Santa Candy Mayor Douglas reminded everyone that we will sack candy for Santa to deliver after the December 9th meeting.

Volunteer Dinner Mayor Douglas stated that the HOA Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on November 15, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Mayor Douglas stated that they will be mounting and decorating the Christmas tree on November 19th. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held November 29, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

WE GOT DIRT

by Jim Hopper, HOA Stormwater/Silt Committee Chair

When you think of our roads, you normally don't think of shoulders and ditches. However, without adequate drainage, water gets under the road and deteriorates the roadbed which in turn destroys the road. Now to the dirt; you may have noticed the sizable amount of dirt being placed in the meadow beside the Four Season entrance. With the resourcefulness of our maintenance department, we were able to acquire dirt from a Church construction site in Platte Woods at no cost, and will repurpose the dirt around our roads. Because of the sheer volume of dirt, it was spread out instead of just piled up in order to make the storage site less obtrusive. Reality is, it isn't just dirt, as it contains a large amount of Platte County clay making it the perfect material to shore up the shoulders and ditches around our roadway. Our first task will be to complete the shoulder work along Chatham Avenue. Remaining material will be used around the road where the shoulder doesn't protect the road edge or where the ditch is not adequate to control storm water. Lake Waukomis maintenance department will be doing all the work and will continue until all the material is gone. Best part is that with free dirt and our maintenance department doing the work, our community is getting a huge benefit at a bargain price.

DON'T GIVE UP ON CATFISH YET!

by Kenneth L. Kieser



Waukomis has always been a great catfishing lake. Late fall into winter can offer some great fishing opportunities. Winter is coming and big cats are gorging on shad and any other critters they find appealing. Lakes are fields of water with who knows what under the surface. This is why anglers who set in the same spot all night may never get a bite while successful fishermen constantly go running and gunning.

Bigger fish are in a fall seasonal pattern following shad. Catfish and other species follow baitfish, looking for easy meals. The flats become excellent ambush points. I learned these tips from top catfishing pro, Jeff Williams, founder of Team Catfish. Williams discovered if catfish are using flats in one section of a lake, chances are catfish will be feeding on other flats. The trick is to find the kind of structure they prefer. "Catfish feel more comfortable in shallow water with plenty of wind blowing," Williams said. "The waves may push in a lot more food. Current, too, will generally hold the fish in shallow water." Active fish react quickly to appealing bait, generally nasty smelling varieties. The trick is to find feeders through their sense of smell. "We shot gun rods in several directions at once," Williams says. "That throws out a lot of scent. We pick up active fish in that area and then move on. I use this same technique in winter for blue catfish on the river or bigger lakes too. This only fails when there is a shad kill falling to the bottom. Then big blues and channel catfish have more than enough to eat."

Lake fishermen without a boat may use this technique. Move from spot to spot until active fish are found. The bank angler should use three rods and cast parallel with the shore reserving one rod for casting to deeper water. Bank anglers should count while their baits are dropping. This will indicate if the bait is dropping in the same depths where you had a bite. Catfish feed by both scent and smell. This is why Williams reels in his bait slowly to allow the scent to trail out. Then he casts back to the same spot. Catfish will often follow scent trails. Casting back in the same area is an important tip. Otherwise a cat following the first scent trail will miss your bait.

Note: Kenneth L. Kieser will be at the Waukomis Holiday Bazaar signing his four books on December 6, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00.



CONSERVATION

by Ed Landis, Conservation Committee Chair

Trout season is underway as of October 30, 2015. Limits are two trout per person per day. Thank you for your trout fund donations. It's your donations and the volunteers who take the time to collect them that make this happen. On October 29, with the \$3,500 collected, 745 trout were delivered to the lake (see photos below).

- All dogs and cats are required to have a license and it must be on the animal. This helps if your pet is lost or injured.
- All boats entering the waters of Lake Waukomis need to be inspected. Paddleboats, canoes, anything that floats. Boats are required to have lot and block numbers and the Lake Waukomis Zebra Mussel sticker on them. This is one way to know the watercraft belongs here. You will see this being more enforced this year to protect our lake.
- Please do not allow your guests to bring a minnow bucket, life jacket, water toys, etc. that have been in any other waters than the waters of Lake Waukomis. Buy these items and allow your guests to use them, or ask them to buy their own and leave them with you for their use when they visit you.
- Limits are set to help maintain our fish population. Please respect them.
 - ✓ Trout- 2 per person per day till April 1st, thereafter 4 daily
 - ✓ Bass- 6 daily, 12 in possession. You may keep fish over 15 inches in length.
 - ✓ Channel Catfish-10 daily, 20 in possession, not less than 14 inches in length.
 - ✓ Walleye- 4 daily, 8 in possession. MUST be over 15 inches in length.
 - ✓ Crappies- 15 daily, 30 in possession.
 - ✓ Bluegill- no limit, keep fish over 6 inches in length.

Support the Missouri Department of Conservation. Buy a fishing license!



Neighborhood News

NEW RESIDENT GET-TOGETHER

by Teddi Wolff

The sixth in a series of New Resident Get-togethers was held on Sunday, October 25th, at the Mickie Schroeder / Jeff Jans residence. Approximately 20 newcomers to our lake community were present (see photo at right), along with their lake ambassadors (residents tasked with helping new residents learn the ropes). Also present were a number of community dignitaries and civic group leaders, including Mayor John Douglas, HOA President Peggy Coriell, and the presidents of the Men's and Women's Clubs, Dale Crouch and Robin Banes. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and beverages, then learned some facts about our community and shared their backgrounds with the group. Welcome, newcomers, and thank you to Mickie and Jeff for coordinating this event and opening up their home.



WE'RE THINKING ABOUT YOU, SUSIE!

There's nothing like a flock of pink flamingos on your front lawn to raise your spirits! Friends of lake resident Susie Deere convened recently at her house while she was away to place a bunch of pink flamingos. Each flamingo had several notes strung around its neck with words of encouragement from her friends for Susie, who is currently fighting serious health issues.



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON by Teddi Wolff

Approximately 45 lake residents attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 15, at the Community Building. The annual event was sponsored by the Homeowner's Association in cooperation with the City. Following remarks by Mayor John Douglas and HOA President Peggy Coriell that reiterated the importance of volunteerism to our community, attendees enjoyed a delicious catered fried chicken lunch with green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and for dessert, cherry cheesecake. Before and during lunch, photos taken this past year by Teddi flashed on the big screen, showing many examples of the volunteerism exhibited by our lake residents. After everyone was finished eating, all were invited to stay and watch the Chiefs vs. Broncos game on the big screen (WE WON!). Thank you to all the volunteers who contribute their time and energy to help make Lake Waukomis such a great place in which to live!



Kathy Kuhlmann (left) and Julie Williams, with Abby and Halle, took advantage of a warm November day to take a stroll around the lake.