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What's Up?

MARCH

Mar 7, 12 noon, Retirees' Meeting

Mar 7, 7 pm, Men's Club Meeting

Mar 8, 7 pm, Association Board Meeting

Mar 9, 7 pm, City Council Meeting

Mar 12, NEWS Submissions Due

Mar 14, 7 pm, Women's Club Meeting

Mar 20, 1 pm, Green Team Planning Meeting

Mar 26, 1 pm, Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Mar 28, 7 pm, LWWC Board Meeting

Mar 31 - Dock and Watercraft Fees Due



SNEAK PEEK APRIL

Apr 4, 12 noon, Retirees' Meeting

Apr 4, 7 pm, Men's Club Meeting

Apr 5, 6 am - 7 pm, Election for Lake Waukomis Mayor and Aldermen positions

Apr 11, 7 pm, Women's Club Meeting

Apr 12, 7 pm, Association Board Meeting

Apr 13, 7 pm, City Council Meeting

Apr 15, Women's Club Fundraiser

Apr 16, NEWS Submissions Due

Apr 25, 7 pm, LWWC Board Meeting

Apr 30, 10 am - 2 pm, Pill Drop-off in City Hall Parking Lot

Apr 30, 10 am - 2 pm, Electronics Drop-off in Spillway



Clockwise from top left: Tara Musterman enjoyed the swings at South Park with 2-yr-old Hudson and 5-yr-old Avery; Terry Morton took his son Zac's dog, Scotch, for a walk; Frank Royer's granddaughters and grandson accepted the 2015 Citizen of the Year award, presented by Association Director Cindy Law, on behalf of their grandfather; the Brambles took advantage of the unseasonably warm January day to take son Colin for a stroll around the lake. Banner photo: Will and Marti Bowen attended the HOA's Annual Meeting on February 12th and lucky Marti won the drawing for the Bonefish Grill gift card!

OFFICIALS

The President's Corner

By Peggy Coriell, Association President

On February, 12, 2016 the HOA held its annual meeting. At that time, I announced that I would be stepping down as president. I held that office for six years. I learned a lot about issues confronting the board. As I said in the meeting, I enjoyed those six years very much. The good times certainly outweighed the more stressful times. The new President will be Jim Hopper, who has lived on the lake for many years and has served the community well. Most recently, he has successfully completed several significant stormwater projects.

The persons who will be serving another two year term include Ed Landis, Bill Ruckman, Dale Crouch, and Teddi Wolff. New to the Board are Kenneth Kieser and Frank Ellis. Going off the Board are Herb Steffens, Beth Hill and Carl Croan. Herb chaired the Dock Committee for many years and last year co-chaired the Community Appearance Committee with Teddi Wolff. Beth Hill served as co-chair of the Dock Committee for four years. Carl Croan was co-chair of the Parkways Committee for three years. We thank these three people for their service and commitment to the Lake.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by Greg Sager, Public Works Director for Platte County. He showed pictures of our roads and told us what we needed to do to protect them from stormwater. Although the roads belong to the City, stormwater control is the responsibility of the HOA. The HOA and City work together and ask that residents do their share in properly diverting stormwater by keeping road ditches clear.

We honored Frank Royer posthumously as the 2016 Citizen of the Year. He was always ready to volunteer and at last fall's clean-up, he was working at the dam unloading trucks. He regularly attended HOA and City Council meetings. He was interested in what was going on and he always had a smile on his face.

The Hall of Fame inductee this year was Charlie Hinson. He loved the lake and was very vocal in expressing his love. He served on the HOA Board before becoming Mayor. He also chaired the 4th of July, being Mayor and acting as Santa Claus. (maybe not so much on some of those very cold Christmas mornings).

Thank you, residents, for all the things you do and the support you gave me. I thank the Directors who all did a great job. And I appreciate so much the working relationship I had with the Mayor and City Council. We are all in this together and it was great.

Association Directors

Executive Board

- Jim Hopper, President, (741-2467)
- Dale Crouch, Exec. Vice-President (587-7540)
- Terry Hoog, Vice-President/Sgt. At Arms, (741-0035)
- Laura Church, Secretary/Treasurer (587-9281)

- Community Appearance - Teddi Wolff (587-2139)
- Community Building - Terry Hoog (741-0035)
- Conservation - Ed Landis (741-0600) & Kenny Kieser (913-424-8128)
- Deed of Restrictions/By-laws - Laura Church (587-9281)
- Dock Placement - Les Petersen (913-626-8573)
- Ecology/Environmental Efforts - Sandi Garrison (746-4592)
- 4th of July - TBD
- Newsletter - Teddi Wolff (587-2139)
- Parkways/Unplatted Property - Bill Ruckman (726-3299)
- Silt Mgmt/Stormwater Control - Frank Ellis (741-3697)
- 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)
- Jennifer Croan, Assistant City Clerk (741-2079)
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- Sandy Massock, Ward II - Parks/Dam (326-7342)

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

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CITY AND ASSOCIATION OFFICE HOURS

- City Office Hours (City Clerk - Jen Woods)**
- Monday - 9 am to 12 noon
- Tuesday - 9 am to 12 noon
- Wednesday - 9 am to 12 noon
- Thursday - 9 am to 12 noon

- Association Office Hours**
- (Admin. Coordinator - Donna Rhodus)**
- Tuesday - 4 pm to 7 pm
- Friday - 9 am to 12 noon

Mayor's Message

by Mayor John Douglas

It is always fun to see so many familiar faces at the annual HOA meeting. Marcia and I were visiting warmer climates for two weeks in January, and February inevitably brings weather patterns not always conducive to getting outdoors and visiting with neighbors. The annual meeting provided a brief respite from winter doldrums, as well as a chance to chat with old friends. It provides a time to catch up with fellow residents, as well as receive an overview of how our assessment money was spent by the HOA Board during the past year. A substantial number of new home owners moved to the lake during the past year, but not very many were in attendance at the annual meeting. I would encourage everyone to circle your calendars now for the second Friday in February 2017, or more likely, put it on your I-Phone calendar and plan to attend the annual meeting next year.

As chairman of the selection committee, it was my pleasure to announce at the meeting that **Charlie Hinson** is the 2016 inductee into the Lake Waukomis Hall of Fame. Considering the positive impact and contributions Charlie made in our community, it is hard to believe he lived here only eleven years prior to his death in June 2014. Men's club president, HOA Board member, Fourth of July coordinator, and Mayor for five years were just a few of his activities. Charlie enjoyed life here at the lake and truly loved being Mayor. Since Janus Hinson was out-of-town and therefore not available to accept the award on Charlie's behalf, we decided to delay the induction ceremony until she and some of Charlie's other family members could be here. Plans are underway to construct a fountain in front of the community building to honor Charlie's memory. When the fountain is completed later this year, a dedication ceremony will be combined with a formal induction into the lake Hall of Fame. If you have not yet contributed to the memorial fund for the fountain and wish to do so, please contact Janus Hinson janushippo@aol.com or call her at 816-582-7890.

Every municipality is required by federal and state laws to have a certified water quality officer. We are fortunate to have Stan Anderson working in that position. Issues with unsafe drinking water in Flint, Michigan have been in the national news, as well as problems in Louisiana and as close as Kearney, MO. Stan is highly qualified and very conscientious about taking samples and filing required reports with the MO Department of Natural Resources. Safe drinking water is something we take for granted as residents when we turn on a faucet, but as city officials, we realize it is an important and serious matter that must be monitored on a regular basis. Stan and Ed Landis do a great job carrying out this responsibility.

We have many volunteers in our community. However, in recent years we have experienced difficulty finding residents interested in running for elected office, whether it be the city council, Mayor, or the HOA Board of Directors. Right now the city is divided into Ward I (North Shore) and Ward II (South Shore). By state law, we must have a minimum of four alderpersons. In addition, we are required to have an election even if all candidates are running unopposed. These requirements for wards and elections can only be changed if approved by the community in a ballot election. If you have any thoughts on this subject you would like to share, please let me know at jjdouglas@kc.rr.com. In the meantime, join me in counting down the days until spring.

See you around the lake.

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS
CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016,
TO ELECT

MAYOR - 2 YEAR TERM

ALDERMAN, WARD I - North Shore - 2 YEAR TERM

ALDERMAN, WARD II - South Shore - 2 YEAR TERM

POLLS OPEN 6 AM TO 7 PM

Police Report - January 2016

Car Stops	7	Calls for Service	20
Traffic Warnings	4	Reports	
Tickets	6	Animal Call	3
Licensing	1	Check the Welfare	1
Defective Equipment	1	Information	1
Insurance	2	Disturbance	2
Possession of MJ	1	Fire / CO	1
Possession of Paraphernalia	1	Intrusion Alarm	1
		Larceny	1
		Medicals	2
		Motorist Assist	1
		Open Door / Window	2
		Parking Issues	2
		Possession of MJ	1
		Possess. of Paraphernalia	1
		Stolen Auto	1
		LW Assisting Other Agencies	2
		Other Agencies Assisting LW	1
		Residence Checks	566



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

Spring time is around the corner and everybody is making up their DIY projects list. Consider adding some of these.

Deadbolts should be the primary lock on your exterior doors. The throw bolt (the part that enters the door frame) should extend deep into the frame. Prevent the door from splintering should someone try to kick it in by wrapping it with a metal lock re-enforcer. Check your window locks as well, making sure they work properly. Older windows can become misaligned, which keeps locks from setting properly.

To prevent burglars from “casing the joint,” cover glass so they can’t “window shop.” Use curtains, shades or blinds, or apply a translucent film to the glass that obscures vision but still lets in light. Plastic film like this is available in several patterns from the window covering department of home centers as well as at full-service hardware stores and window covering retailers.

It takes an experienced burglar an average of just 60 seconds to break into a home, and 22 percent of the time, they enter through the back / side door. You did the right thing with securing your doors and windows with locks, but there is a chance you're forgetting something; sliding glass doors, which are commonly used as back doors, are surprisingly easy to break into when the proper security measures aren't taken. One of the most effective ways to secure your sliding door is also the cheapest. Simply cut a wooden dowel or broom handle and insert it into the track of your door. Even if a burglar manages to pick your lock, the dowel will keep the door from opening. The dowel should be long enough to fit snugly in the track and thick enough to be sturdy, but not so thick that it won't slide easily into the track.

Replacing light fixtures with ones that have a built-in motion detector is an easy way to make your garage and house more secure. Burglars will be reluctant to jimmy open a door or window when they're working under a bright light. Or you can add a stand-alone motion detector that connects to your existing lights. If you live in a cold climate, don't use compact fluorescent bulbs in the light fixture. They take too long to warm up enough to emit light in winter, giving thieves extra time. For areas where you don't have an electrical service, there are several self-contained solar motion detector light kits available which can be mounted almost anywhere. Tip: I have seen the solar motion lights used to light up dock areas which adds a measure of safety and security for your property, family and your guests.

There are several DIY home security systems which can easily be installed in 2 hours or less by homeowners. These systems can be customized to fit your needs and can be monitored via cellular service for a low cost monthly fee.

Start burglar-proofing your home when you're planting. Trees make great shade, but can also lead burglars to upper stories where you are more apt to leave windows open or unlocked. Plant trees far enough away from the house so that they don't provide easy access to the upstairs. Think at the ground level, too. A tangle of shrubs near a door can create lurking places for thieves. Keep shrubs trimmed short, or plant perennials there instead.

RESIDENCE CHECK

A complete check of the exterior of the residence including physically checking of all windows and doors. Pick up papers and packages.

RESIDENCE WATCH

A visual check only. No physical checking unless something suspicious is observed or reported.

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 dept by calling 911 or the non-emergency police number at 816-858-3521.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the ladies who graciously provided the luncheon for Frank's remembrance and also everyone for their cards and condolences.

*Sincerely,
Bernadette Royer*

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

Services rendered: In need of foundation repair (settlement, waterproofing, or wall movement)? How about plumbing or remodeling? We do it all. Call Curtis Bramble - lake resident - at 816-918-6963 or email at curt4533@gmail.com.

For sale: 17 ft. aluminum Grumman canoe, \$400. Call Dale Deere at 816-506-0253.

Retirees' Club News

by Steve Burger, President

Rita Pearce from Northland Assistance Center spoke at our February meeting, with twenty-five retirees in attendance. She told the history of the Center which was founded by North Kansas City Churches in 1980 to provide emergency assistance to families living in Clay and Platte counties. Services include medical emergency assistance, utility, rent, and pharmacy aid, as well as a food pantry for the homeless. The Center provides emergency medical assistance for dental emergencies, diabetic supplies, durable medical equipment, prescription, and vision care.

Our March meeting on March 7 will feature fun through games led by Jennifer Croan and Janus Hinson. The meeting starts with potluck at noon. All retired residents are invited.

Now, Ida Clayton will bring some early spring warmth.

Are you prepared for the annoying political calls which will be coming our way? Here are some suggestions you might enjoy:

- 1) If the caller starts out with "How are you today?" you can reply: "I'm so glad you asked because no one seems to care these days, and I have all these problems and what's worse, my dog just died...."
- 2) After the caller identifies himself, ask him to spell both his first and last names. Then ask which political party he's calling for and where it's located.
- 3) Simply keep quiet and listen to the whole pitch, with only an occasional "uh-huh.": When you are asked who you will support, ask him to marry you.
- 4) If the pitch should persist, just as he begins to speak, scream "Oh, my God!" at the top of your voice and hang up.

Now, don't you feel better????

What have you done lately to improve your vocabulary? It's a good idea, and very helpful, to use the correct word to convey your meaning.....As an example:

A young girl walked up to the information desk in the hospital and said, "I'd like to see un upturn." "Don't you mean an intern?", asked the nurse. The girl continued: "Yes, I guess I do. I want a contamination." "Don't you mean an examination?", asked the nurse again. "Yeah, I suppose. I want to go to the fraternity ward." "You mean the maternity ward, my dear," said the nurse. The girl lost her temper and shouted, "Upturn, Intern, contamination, examination, fraternity, maternity---what the heck's the difference! All I know is I haven't demonstrated for two months and I think I'm stagnant!"

And I leave you with this: Generally speaking you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.....

Back in Time at Lake Waukomis

by Donna Rhodus, Lake Waukomis Historian

September 1, 1948 – A meeting of a representative group lot owners of Lake Waukomis was held at the Fairfax Airport (I think that is the Municipal Airport / Wheeler Airport now). They reported on the progress with the completion of the dam and starting the sewer and water system.

November 22, 1948 – The Lot Owners Association met at Drexel Hall to approve By-laws and Articles of Agreement.

November 29, 1948 – The First Annual Meeting was held at the Pickwick Hotel. The following committees were approved: 1. To regulate the use of water. 2. To approve building plans and permits. They also voted to assess each lot owner the sum of \$2.00 to cover the expenses of the Association.

Many of the following meetings were held at the Pickwick Hotel in downtown Kansas City. The records do not tell us how many attended the meetings.

The 68th Annual Meeting was held at the Community Building on February 12th, 2016, with 50 in attendance.

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

What a change in the weather!! All of the ice is off the lake and I have seen some fishermen out trying for some early spring trout. I'm starting to get excited about some early fishing myself!

The Men's Club was pleased to present our 2015 Man of the Year Award to Frank Ellis (pictured at right, with Bill Ruckman) at the Association's Annual Meeting on February 12th. Frank has been instrumental in coordinating the Hot Dam Party for the last few years, as well as volunteering on our Men's Club activities and being our grillmaster on our Boat Wash & Service days. I might add that Frank is also a very good brewmaster!! Frank, we appreciate all the time and effort that you have so graciously given to our Men's Club and to the Lake Waukomis community. WELL DONE!



The Men's Club will be working on the crappie bed project the rest of the month and preparing to have the beds in the Lake by end of March.



Sophie's Run @ Lake Waukomis has a New Look!

by Theresa Edwards

This year's Sophie's Run is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2016.

Please visit the website at www.runsophies5k@gmail.com. We have links for registration and volunteering so if you wish to participate, please do so through the website this year! You do need to scroll down and hit submit / sign-up at the bottom of the volunteer page after you have made your choice. Don't hesitate to call Theresa Edwards at [816-419-8836](tel:816-419-8836) or reach us via e-mail at runsophie5k@gmail.com. We have wonderful sponsorship opportunities this year — coupons on the chip bibs for participants, text messaging timing results with your businesses name as the sponsoring entity, a give-a-way with your logo on a specialty item and logos on the t-shirts, with mention / banners on race day. Call me if you wish to look into sponsorship opportunities!

We have assisted 30 students in the Park Hill School District by providing personal communication devices. Our program allows us to cut the red tape of insurance & other necessary programs by putting personal devices in the hands of the students within 2-3 months time (oftentimes much quicker than that!) We also have a team of IT support in the Park Hill School District that trains the parents on the use of the device, ensuring that communication is seamless between home, school and in the community.

There is nothing better than seeing the excitement of the students access their voice on their communication device! The devices have proven better focus in the classroom, less behavioral issues and gains in education as a whole. You help make this happen, Lake Waukomis! Thank you for your ongoing support!

Women's Club

by Robin Banes, President

February is always sketchy when it comes to weather – many years we've had to cancel meetings because the weather just did NOT cooperate. This year, however, it wasn't the weather, but illness, that sidelined our meeting scheduled for February 8th. We are currently working with the Boardwalk Branch of the Mid Continent Public Library to see about rescheduling our presentation of Ancestry.com and other personal history search sites that are offered free to library patrons.

We **will** be meeting March 8th at the Community Building for our monthly membership meeting. We are looking into Brain Games and other ways to keep our minds sharp and fight off some of the debilitating diseases that can rob us of our precious memories and thought processing capabilities. Stay tuned!

I cannot express how much I adore this witty and smart group of ladies, and I would love for you to come to one of our meetings and meet them in person. If you are new to the group, please email us at lwwomensclub@gmail.com and we will set you up with one of our wonderful ambassadors, who will welcome you and show you the ropes.

See you soon!



Women's Club board members look on as VP Theresa Edwards shows a web-link concerning an upcoming membership meeting.



Above: Women's Club members Barb Marsh, Teddi Wolff, Jennifer Croan, Sandy Massock, Karen Hay, Frankie Fiddler, and Chris Godfrey provided desserts and helped serve the guests at Frank Royer's celebration of life at the Parkville VFW on January 30th.



At left: Sandy Massock with the special cake commemorating Frank Royer's military service.

In Memory



WILBUR "BILL" KIMBLE

A great loss to the Kimble and Rhoden families occurred with the passing of Wilbur "Bill" Lee Kimble, 94. He passed away peacefully Friday, February 5, 2016, surrounded by his daughter and grandchildren as he was comforted in a familiar place, looking out over the calm waters of Lake Waukomis where he and family had resided for many years. Never one to meet a stranger and loved to engage in conversation, he remained, as always, sharp as a tack and would enrapture you in conversation right up to the end. Always a great friend, father and grandfather, he will be dearly missed. Born near Adrian, Mo. on March 8, 1921, and raised in Kansas City, Mo., he was the son of Charles and Elva Mae Kimble and the younger of two boys. His brother is Dewey M. "Don" Kimble. Bill graduated in 1938 from East Kansas City High School in Kansas City. He served his country in [World War II](#) aboard the USS Colorado as a Seaman First Class. He married the love of his life, Roberta Lee Kimble, in 1951. They had one daughter, Connie Joan Kimble, and resided in Lake Waukomis and Platte Woods, Mo., for most of their life. Bill was always a servant of others as he participated for many years in local civic organizations Shriners and Kiwanis Club. He was also a member of Parkhill Presbyterian Church for many years. Bill and Roberta enjoyed many years of travel; whether it was flying to many worldly destinations or traveling North America by Recreational Vehicle, they never ran out of adventures or zest for living and Bill never ran out of friends or stories. Upon their retirement, Bill and Roberta finally realized their life-long dream of moving to Florida full time. His passing leaves a tremendous void in those he leaves behind. Bill's family is joyful in knowing that his amazing spirit will move on to grace those that will be so lucky to know a wonderful man. He is preceded in death by his wife, Roberta "Bert" Lee Kimble. He leaves behind his loving family - daughter, Connie Kimble Rhoden of Lake Waukomis, grandson, Kurt S. Rhoden (Dawn) of Platte City, Mo., and two great grandchildren, Paige E. Rhoden and Cole S. Rhoden, two granddaughters, Kara N. Rhoden Thompson (Jason) of Twin Lakes, Colo., and Lyndse E. Bortnick of Prairie Village, Kan., and nephew, Don L. Kimble (Gina) of Seattle, Wash. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Terrace Park Funeral Home, 801 NW 108th St. (169 Hwy. and Shoal Creek) Kansas City. Private family service was held Thursday, Feb. 11, at Terrace Park Lakeside Chapel, with burial in Terrace Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions are encouraged to the Kiwanis Club. Online condolences may be shared at TerracePark-Funeral.com.

Adapted from the obituary published in the Kansas City Star from Feb. 7 to Feb. 9, 2016



CONSERVATION

by Ed Landis, Conservation Committee Chair

- 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.



Above: Association Directors Sandi Garrison and Beth Hill coordinated the Valentine Day-themed refreshments for the Annual Meeting. At right: Association President Peggy Coriell, who is leaving the Board, accepted a plaque of appreciation from Director Terry Hoog for her many years of service. Thank you, Peggy!

LAKE ACCESS VIA THE SPILLWAY

by Larry Marsh

As most of you know, we have an inspection program for all boats, trailers and marine equipment that enter our lake. This is very important in order to try to keep our lake free of the plague of zebra mussels. And everyone needs to help. Be reminded that you should not bring ANYTHING from other lakes into ours, from the biggest boat to the smallest bait bucket - even fishing rods. These mussels start out microscopic in size so we have to be careful. If we get an infestation, there is simply NO remedy and it can severely damage our lake (and our property values). And be reminded, it takes only ONE lapse to cause such an infestation.

Boating season seems to have arrived early this year so we have to be aware. We are lucky enough to have several residents who have volunteered to conduct necessary inspections of boats and trailers. I'm sure they will do their best to work with you on getting your equipment in and out; but please remember, **THESE GENTLEMEN ARE UNPAID VOLUNTEERS AND HAVE SCHEDULES OF THEIR OWN!** It is not realistic to show up down at the dam without advance notice and hope that someone will be available to meet you. It's best to check with me or one of the others listed in the paper to see if someone can be available when you want to move equipment through the spillway.

Most of the local boat dealers are aware of our efforts and understand the need to cooperate; but please remind them if you are working with one for purchase or repair of equipment.



The inspection policy was set up by your Association Board several years ago. And so far, it looks like we've been successful while other area lakes have suffered from mussel infestation. So please do your part and cooperate.

CATCH AND RELEASE ON WAUKOMIS

by Kenneth L. Kieser



Fishing and hunting are valuable Conservation tools. Size or creel limits are set to protect a fishery. Catch and release is a valuable part of fishery management.

Waukomis has a healthy bass fishery. This is partly because many of you wisely catch and release bigger bass, even though it is legal to keep bass over 15 inches. So why is releasing big bass a wise conservation move? Because eliminating bigger predators will ruin a fishery.

Many years ago someone netted the bass from a pond I loved to fish. Soon the bluegill and crappie started stunting. An ecosystem that had produced quality panfish now had stunted fish. Here is why: a female bluegill can spawn three times, releasing 2,300 to 81,100 eggs per spawn, while a large female crappie may produce well over 100,000 eggs. Not all of these eggs will hatch, but most will, providing predators like large bass, walleye, or catfish plenty of fry to eat.

Big bass and walleye devouring fry give surviving panfish less need to fight for precious food. Lack of nutrition means thin, smaller crappie and bluegill. Less panfish mean bigger fish. There is more to panfish growth than this, but hopefully you can see the reasoning for releasing predators like big bass.

Do You Enjoy Catching Big Bass? Bass grow six to eight inches with a desirable diet. So imagine how long it took that five pound bass to grow? We have good forage in Waukomis and there is no reason why some eight or nine pounders could eventually be caught here and likely already are. By the way, most bass over two pounds are females, future breeding stock.

Children Catching Big Bass: Children may not understand why you released their big bass. First take a picture of the children with their trophy, then explain why you plan to release the fish. The picture will last much longer than a dead fish.

Bass Release Tips: Never play a bass to exhaustion. Land and release as soon as possible. Avoid sticking your fingers in their gills; this is the kiss of death for most fish. Avoid throwing bass back into the lake, but ease them gently in. Don't rip hooks out, but try to dislodge them as carefully as possible.

Finally, large bass are really not good to eat. However, crappie and bluegill fillets are excellent table fare, so it's a good trade-off. Take a picture of your big bass and let it live to thrill another Waukomis angler.



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**

Highlights of Association Meetings

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
February 12, 2016

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Lake Waukomis Association was called to order by President Peggy Coriell at the Lake Waukomis Community Building on February 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM. Fifty residents and guests signed the register. (Register on file.)

After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Coriell welcomed the guests and recognized Mayor Douglas and Judge Sanders.

Roll Call The following Directors were in attendance, Peggy Coriell, Beth Hill, Bill Ruckman, Herb Steffens, Teddi Wolff, Ed Landis, Laura Church, Les Petersen, Cindy Law, Terry Hoog and Sandy Garrison.

Guest Speaker President Coriell welcomed our guest speaker, Mr. Greg Sager, Platte County Public Works Director. Mr. Sager gave a slide presentation regarding a recent inspection and evaluation of our roadway. The slides showed problem areas that need to be addressed on the roadway and in the drainage ditches. He said our road bed is sound but there are areas of surface fatigue cracking and some areas need to be cut and patched. He gave recommendations and the cost estimate to bring our roads up to standard.

Mr. Wes Minder, an engineer with the City of Kansas City who works with Mr. Sager on roadway projects in the city limits of Kansas City, was in attendance and he spoke of the proposed improvements to the roads adjacent to our city limits. A period of questions and answers followed.

Intermission At 8:15 President Coriell called for a brief intermission. She invited those in attendance to enjoy the refreshments. The meeting was re-convened at 8:25.

Remembrance President Coriell spoke of the residents who passed away this past year and asked that they be remembered.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting – 2015 The minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting were available to those in attendance. Judge Sanders moved to approve the minutes as printed, Theresa Edwards seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Laura Church gave the treasurer's report, outlining the revenue and expenses for 2015 and reviewing the budget for 2016. (Copy on file.) Ms. Church expressed her appreciation for the work Mr. Hopper did to obtain Platte County Stormwater Grants, which had a very positive affect on our cash flow.

Citizen of the Year Cindy Law came forward to present the Citizen of the Year award for 2015. The recipient is chosen by representatives of the Lake Waukomis Association Board, City Board of Aldermen, Lake Waukomis Women's Club, Lake Waukomis Men's Club, Retirees and Green Team. Ms. Law spoke of the importance of volunteers at Lake Waukomis and said there were several very worthy residents nominated. She listed the following nominees and outlined their contributions to our community: Dan Jacobs, Ed Weiser, Jim & Theresa Edwards, Sandy Massock, Jeff Jans & Mickie Schroeder, Frankie Fiddler, Steve Burger, Peggy Coriell and Bill Ruckman.

She then said the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award is presented posthumously to Frank Royer. Ms. Law spoke of Frank's life, and many years of volunteering at Lake Waukomis as well as the VA Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, etc. She said he was an example to us all and it is important to honor his memory. The award was presented to Frank's two granddaughters and grandson.

Comments from Mayor Douglas With regard to Mr. Sager's presentation, Mayor Douglas spoke of the efforts by the City to address the maintenance of our roadway. He said the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance requiring residents to maintain the ditches in front of their property. He said Mr. Landis obtained free dirt to use to shore up the edges of the roadway. The dirt is currently stored at Dry Creek Park.

Mayor Douglas said Mr. Sager assisted the City with an application to FEMA to obtain federal funding for culvert replacement. The City tentatively plans to ask the residents to approve a bond issue in 2017 to use for the City's aging infrastructure. He said we are currently getting funds from the Platte County sales tax for roads and bridges.

Lake Waukomis Hall of Fame President Coriell invited Mayor Douglas, to present the

2016 Hall of Fame award. Charlie Hinson was chosen to receive the 2016 Hall of Fame award posthumously. Mayor Douglas spoke of the service by Mayor Hinson to our community. The award will be presented to Janus Hinson in the spring at the dedication of the Charlie Hinson Memorial Fountain ceremony.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The committee reports were presented by Teddi Wolff on a Power Point presentation. (Copy on file and available for public review.) The objective of each committee was presented before each report. Photos of the 2015 projects were presented with the report. Photos also included activities of the Lake Waukomis Women's Club, Lake Waukomis Men's Club, the Green Team and the Retirees.

Lake Waukomis Men's Club Man of the Year Bill Ruckman came forward to present the 2015 Man of the Year award to Frank Ellis. Mr. Ruckman spoke of the great contribution Mr. Ellis has made to the LWMC and to our community.

Oath of Office The oath of office was administered by President Coriell to the following newly elected Directors: Ed Landis, Herb Steffens, Teddi Wolff and Bill Ruckman. Mr. Crouch and Mr. Kieser were not in attendance and they will take the oath at the LWA meeting on February 17, 2016. President Coriell thanked Beth Hill, who co-chaired the Dock Committee, and Carl Croan, who co-chaired the Parkway Committee for their service. Ms. Hill and Mr. Croan will be leaving the Board this year. In addition, President Coriell said the number of Directors will be reduced from fourteen to twelve beginning in 2016.

President Coriell thanked Teddi Wolff for the Power Point presentation. She thanked Ms. Hill and Ms. Garrison for providing the refreshments. And she thanked the residents for attending.

Door Prizes President Coriell asked the residents and guests to check the bottom of their chairs for a small label. Those with a label were given a door prize of their choice. Marti Bowen's number was drawn for the gift card to Bonefish Restaurant.

Thank you President Coriell On behalf of the Board, Mr. Hoog thanked President Coriell for her years of service on the Board and for serving six years as President. She was given a plaque of appreciation.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Donna Rhodus, Adm. Coordinator

LAKE WAUKOMIS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors
February 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – With concern for Mayor Douglas and with thanks for Teddi Wolff's recovery from surgery.

ROLL CALL: Directors Present: Laura Church, Dale Crouch, Sandi Garrison, Ed Landis, Jim Hopper, Ken Kieser, Cindy Law, Bill Ruckman, Les Petersen, Teddi Wolff, Herb Steffens, Donna Rhodus, Adm. Coor.

Directors Absent: Terry Hoog (excused)

Guests President Coriell welcomed the following guest: Larry Marsh and Frank Ellis

Oath of Office Mr. Hopper administered the oath of office to Dale Crouch and Ken Kieser.

Election of Officers Mr. Ruckman, co-chairperson of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following nominations for the Executive Board: President – Jim Hopper, Executive Vice President – Dale Crouch, Vice President & Sgt. at Arms – Terry Hoog, Secretary/ Treasurer – Laura Church. Mr. Ruckman moved to approve the nominations as presented, Mr. Landis seconded. President Coriell asked for nominations from the floor, there being none, the motion carried by unanimous vote. All members of the Executive Board are authorized to sign checks, two signatures are required on all transactions. The gavel was passed to Mr. Hopper.

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Minutes Ms. Garrison moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Mr. Crouch seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation Mr. Steffens said that due to the number of years he has served, and due to his health, he would resign from the Board. Frank Ellis expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors. After discussion, Mr. Ruckman moved to approve Mr. Ellis as a Director for a two year term, Mr. Landis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The oath of office was administered by President Hopper.

Parkway Request Mr. Marsh plans to replace his existing retaining wall from a railroad tie wall to a stone wall. However, the existing wall is on the parkway. Mr. Ruckman presented the specifications and location of the wall. Discussion followed regarding the need for an agreement concerning future repairs on the parkway that could involve his retaining wall.

After discussion, Mr. Ruckman moved to approve the plans for the retaining wall at 363 North Shore Drive, that an agreement be executed and recorded with the Platte County Recorder of Deeds, that a check in the amount of \$24.00 payable to the Platte County Recorder of Deeds be submitted to the Lake Waukomis Association to be filed with the executed agreement. Mr. Landis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Marsh said he will provide the check and sign the agreement February 18, 2016. The Board agreed that he may have his contractor proceed with the project.

Committee Assignments President Hopper distributed committee objectives and a sign-up sheet to each Director. He asked the Directors to prioritize three committees they would be willing to chair. The worksheets were submitted and President Hopper said the Executive Board will review the worksheets at the next meeting.

By-Laws Amendment In January the Board agreed to amend the By-Laws to reduce the number of Directors from fourteen to twelve. A vote of the full Board is required to amend the By-Laws. Mr. Ruckman moved to amend the By-Laws and for the Directors not in attendance, those votes may be submitted by email. Mr. Landis seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Thank You to Ms. Coriell and Mr. Steffens Mr. Hopper expressed his appreciation to Past President Coriell and Mr. Steffens for their many years of service on the Board.

Adjournment Ms. Church moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Crouch seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The Directors were invited to remain after the meeting for cake and beverages in honor of Ms. Coriell and Mr. Steffens.

Donna Rhodus, Adm.Coordinator

CITY OF LAKE WAUKOMIS ***DRAFT*******
Board of Aldermen
February 10, 2016

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 7:01 PM, on February 10, 2016 at the Community Building. Alderman Hogewood, Todd and Roepe were present as the roll was taken by Jen Woods, City Clerk. Alderwoman Massock was in travel status.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In memory of former residents Betty Kimble, Dick Ryan, Bill Kimble (father of resident Connie Rhoden) and Bill Krone and current resident Herman (Squegee) Brauer who have recently passed away.

Guests Mayor Douglas welcomed the following guests: Chief Hachman, Ed Landis, Will Bowen, Les Petersen, Steve Sanders, Debora Hankinson and Jennifer Croan.

Consent Agenda The following topics were on the consent agenda to be acted upon with one motion: Minutes of the Previous Meeting; Accounts Payable. Alderman Todd moved to approve the consent agenda, Alderman Roepe 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.

Financial/Collector: Written Reports were submitted.

Water Department: The State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources determined our drinking water to be satisfactory January 19, 2016. Ed Landis discussed the process of collecting water samples and that the results are on file at City Hall.

Parks/Dam: Steve Sanders reported that the dam was inspected and that the report is on file at City Hall. He commended Ed Landis for his work on the dam.

Mayor John Douglas stated the County Outreach Park Grant proposal had been submitted.

Maintenance: Ed Landis has been working to complete the department inventory and stated that the depreciation of the equipment has not taken place since the equipment was purchased. He is working with the insurance company and Charlie Mixon for a resolution on this. Dennis Todd voiced concerns about a potential deadline in reporting this information to the State of Missouri. Ed stated he will have this completed this week.

Building Inspector: A written report was not submitted because no permits were issued in the month of January.

Municipal Court: Presentation from Steve Sanders regarding the ramifications of Senate Bill 5 on our court.

Department of Public Safety: Chief Hachman brought in an example of a "Stop Work Order" that we could potentially use for construction projects that don't have a permit on file with the City. April 30th 2016 The Police Department and the DEA will have a National Pill Drop Off Day in the City Hall parking lot. It will be a drive-thru style drop off from 10am to 2 pm. On the same day and time, there will be an area setup in the Spillway for residents to drop off old electronics (TV's, computers etc.) that are no longer being used. The Men's Club has volunteered to help with both of these events. Discussion regarding the increase in crime and the need to look at future budgets to help increase the coverage for the Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FEMA Update

Mayor John Douglas stated that the estimates for the culverts have been submitted to FEMA. FEMA has requested more information in order to move this project over to SEMA since it is now considered an improvement project.

Codification of Ordinances

The code books have not been updated since 2013. In order to bring them up-to-date, we will need to add 41 Ordinances. The cost to do this would be \$3,837. Discussion was held regarding this and the council agreed to table this until we are half way through the fiscal year. We will revisit at the July meeting.

Planned Actions to Increase Revenue – Alderman Roepe has been working on a cost analysis of the revenue from the water and sewer and will meet with Alderman Todd before the next council meeting so they can create a plan of action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report Election Filings – Mayor John Douglas reported that Bill Hogewood is running for Alderman Ward I, Debora Hankinson is running for Alderwoman Ward II and he, John Douglas, will run for Mayor.

Fireworks Payment – Discussion held regarding the fireworks payment. Alderman Todd moved to approve the fireworks payment contingent upon the receipt of HOA funds in the amount of \$6,700.00 and funds are to be paid out of budget line item 57090-Contingency, Alderman Roepe seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Excavation Roadway Right of Way Permits and Fees –

Ed Landis held discussion regarding the need for an ordinance so we can maintain control of who is making holes in our roadways and ensuring that they are repaired correctly. Mayor Douglas will ask the City Attorney to write an ordinance that speaks to this issue.

Adjournment - Alderman Roepe moved to adjourn the regular meeting to a closed session, Alderman Hogewood seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Neighborhood News

THE HAYS CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA

(photo submitted by Karen Hay)

Lake residents Tom and Karen Hay recently enjoyed a cruise on the NCL Jade, visiting Cozumel, Belize and Roatan Honduras!



MY SOUTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE

by Janus Hinson

My South American Cruise was incredible. We left from Buenos Aires, Argentina after a night of tango lessons, Argentine beef dinner and lots of tango music and dancing. We followed the eastern coast of South America down to Cape Horn and went through the Beagle Channel. At one point we were in Ushuaia which they call 'fin del mundo' {the end of the world}. At that point we were only 600 miles from Antarctica. We completed our trip in Santiago, Chile on the west coast of South America. I walked among the penguins, saw beautiful glaciers in the many fjords we navigated through. There were also many waterfalls and several volcanoes, one of which actually erupted only a year ago. It was a journey of a lifetime and I have many pictures and stories I'd love to share if anyone is interested.



Here I am in Port Stanley, Falkland Island, at the Penguin Rookery. As you can tell from my jazzy orange outfit, it was very cold and windy. This is their summer, but it sure didn't feel like it. I was traveling with my college roommate Sue and her husband Pat. They were celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary and I was their maid of honor in their wedding (photo submitted by Janus Hinson).



Pete and Chris Godfrey, with singer Amy Grant, who recently performed with the Kansas City Symphony in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center. Grant is beloved for her No.1 hits such as "Baby, Baby," "Every Heartbeat," "That's What Love is For," "I Will Remember You," "El Shaddai" and others. Grant has sold more than 30 million albums and has won 6 Grammy Awards (photo submitted by Chris Godfrey).

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT by Rebecca Hart

The annual Lake Waukomis Women's Club Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday, March 26th from 1:00-2:00pm at South Park. Come on out for a hoppin' good time! Children of all ages may attend and there will be separate egg hunt areas for each age division. There will be a special appearance from the Easter Bunny and fun games and crafts afterward! Please join us for this fun lake tradition! In the event of inclement weather, we will move the festivities to the Community Building. Questions or interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca Hart at rlcq44@gmail.com or (314) 971-2667.

FREE FOOD!



Harvester's and Gloria Dei Church are working together to provide a home each month for 15,000 lbs of produce. **The 1st distribution is Sat., Feb. 28, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

The free produce will be available in the Chinn School Parking Lot for residents to pick up. All you need to do is sign a sheet with your name and how many families and family members will be benefitting from the produce. Watch the Lake Waukomis NEWS for future distribution dates/times.

**QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DALE LIGHTFOOT
816-225-1046**