

Summer overflowed with rain, renovations, repairs and fun

By Tom Johnson, Board President

Our last newsletter reported that although we had received some desperately needed rain, we were still 14" below our high water mark. I don't have to tell you that since then we have had a couple of good tests of our overflow pipe given the record setting rain we experienced in August in addition to a little help from Hurricane Gustav.

For the first time in a couple of years, the Jackson metropolitan area is actually above the average rainfall for this time of the year. It was a long time coming, but it sure is great to see the lake full again.

The clubhouse was completed in June and has been well used ever since. We've had more bookings this year than ever before. Many thanks to Gloria Lay and her committee for giving us something we can all be proud of. If you need a large space with a full kitchen and great outside sitting and viewing areas, this is the place. Still only \$75, it's a deal that can't be beat. Call Gloria at 601.259.0050 to schedule your event.

As reported last time, we

desperately needed a new flagpole in front of the clubhouse. Thanks to more than \$800 in contributions from many of our neighbors, we now have a beautiful flagpole which flies our Stars and Stripes proudly.

We had a big crowd for our annual July 4th celebration. Twelve suitably decorated boats sailed by the reviewing stand for all to see. Awards were given to the top four entries, which were difficult to select given the heavy competition. Thanks again to Gloria and others for making this an event worthy of the occasion.

We are planning to do some more road repair/overlay before the year is out. Our budget only allows us to do this in phases each year. About half of Lorman Lane has been completed thanks to the Utility District, which overlaid the portion they used from their entry point on Lorman Lane to the new water tower. We will complete the rest of Lorman Lane this year.

We have had a couple problems with the use of the

lake this summer, but generally speaking, everyone seems to be using the big lake in a very responsible manner. Boaters are more aware and respectful of the fishermen, and vice versa.

Finally, we are looking for a few good men or women. **We will vote for new board members in December**, and it is vitally important that we have good, caring neighbors representing us in the future. I urge you to consider running for the board. There will be three spaces that need to be filled. You can let any board member know of your interest.

Although the kids are back in school, it will remain hot for a few more weeks, and lake activity will continue to be high. Keep safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Fall Art, Yard & Bake Sale

Details on page 6!



REMINDERS!

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Board meetings are now held every other month on the 3rd Monday at 7.

Remaining Meetings for 2008 will be:
September 15
November 17
December 8 (annual meeting)

NEW EMAIL?

If you have a new or revised email address, please send it to bmcDonald@esfweb.com so that you can receive the newsletter and lake updates electronically.

INSIDE

- The Garden Shed 2
- Cavalier Shrub 3
- News about your neighbors 4



The Dumpster is Back!

We have located a large dumpster next to the clubhouse for the next month or so. Please discard your unwanted trash in the dumpster, but please **DO NOT** throw away any flammable liquids to include batteries. Used motor oil can be dropped off at Wal-Mart. Advance Auto Parts will also accept used oil as well as lead-acid batteries. Please call Larry Foote at 601.957.3608 if the dumpster is overflowing.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Margie Abel	601.503.6087
Bill Cox	601.965.1996
Larry Foote	601.856.8235
John Grace	601.856.4483
Tom Johnson	601.954.2164
Gloria Lay	601.259.0050

OFFICERS

President	Tom Johnson
Vice President	Larry Foote
Treasurer	Margie Abel
Secretary	Bill Cox



Azalea George Tabor

The Garden Shed:

*Tips, Tricks and Ideas from
The Anonymous Yardman*

Shady Opportunities

Almost all Lake Lorman lots have some degree of shade. Our trees are beautiful assets and they are one of the features that make Lorman so desirable. Living with the trees does make for special landscaping decisions for there just doesn't seem to be as great a choice of shade plants as there are sun loving plants at the nurseries. Landscaping in the shade does offer special challenges. Additionally, the lack of ground cover and rain run-off over many years has eroded the top soil and exposed bare hard clay on many of our lots. There are many easy-to-grow maintenance-free plants that can ultimately transform bare shady areas into photo opportunities. Many shade loving plants can also be used to control erosion problems.

Core Landscaping

The majority of the trees at Lake Lorman are deciduous oak and pine, providing considerable shade for most of the year. The best landscaping solution is to select plants that are tried and proven for our area. I have said previously that the best way to select plants is to look in other people's yards and see what is doing well and then use the same plants in a similar environment. The Mississippi Extension Service offers a wealth of landscaping information, including lists of recommended plants for all conditions and environments. Although there are many plants that I have never tried, I will comment specifically about those plants that I have found to perform best here in Madison County.

For core landscape shrubs, it's hard to beat the ordinary azalea. Azaleas are a great choice for shade and comparatively inexpensive. They do not like either dense shade or full sun and they do well under the Lorman tree

canopy. There are many azaleas to choose from with varying sizes and colors. Azaleas grow reasonably fast, and the best deals are the early spring sales in gallon size. For best effect, plant lots of the same color together, add a few native dogwood trees and be prepared to accept your neighbors' compliments.

Hydrangeas also do well under trees. The native oak leaf hydrangea does best with more shade than the commercial hydrangea varieties and can be planted in deep shade. In the spring cut off about 6 or 8 inches of a hydrangea stem



with new green shoots and just stick it in the ground where you want a new plant. Yes, it's that easy! Other good shrub choices include variegated aucuba, sweet shrub, buckeye, beautyberry, and fatsia.

Ferns and hostas are standards for shade planting. An old fashioned favorite fern is one called Southern Shield. It is readily available, easily grown, and is beautiful as a specimen plant or as mass plantings in shady spaces. Holly fern is also a good shade fern. There are a number of hostas (plantain lily) available locally that will tolerate our hot climate. For this area, the MS Research and Extension Center recommends

(continued on page 3)

The Garden Shed: (continued from page 2)

varieties named Cathedral Windows, Frances Williams, Elegans, Quacamole, Patriot, stained Glass, and Fried Bananas. a relatively new variety called Cathedral Windows.

Shady Groundcovers

Groundcovers can play a significant role here at lake Lorman. They can grow where grass will not and they can also control the erosion problem most Lake Lorman lots have. St. Augustine is the most shade tolerant grass but there are some lots that are so shady that St. Augustine will not establish itself. When planted as sod, it will look good for a few months then gradually thin out and ultimately disappear. An alternate groundcover is the answer.



Monkey grass (liriope) has to be the toughest ground cover there is. It's useful in almost any lighting condition except deep shade and it'll grow directly on top of hard clay and will stop erosion. There are two kinds of monkey grass. Liriope muscari is a clumping form that does not spread whereas Liriope spicata spreads with underground shoots and is very aggressive. Muscari blooms purple and spicata blooms white. The spicata will literally take over a flower bed but can be used as a border where its spreading habit is not a nuisance, such as a border around woody shrubs. It loves to put out its aggressive shoots under the mulch and can spread up to 2 feet in a season. Either liriope will work for erosion control but the spreading type works best for me with my sloping lot.



Other recommended groundcovers include periwinkle, ivy, mondo grass, and ajuga. In addition to fern and hosta, mentioned above, cast iron plant, confederate jasmine, and Asian jasmine are excellent groundcovers and will grow well in deep shade.

How Much Wood Could a Woodchuck Chuck?

One of our neighbors who lives off of Coker Road has reported the strange case of a vanishing seawall. It seems that a large area behind the seawall (15' long and 2' wide) had caved in. A couple of days later another area about 4' by 3' behind the seawall opened up and the grass had dropped in a hole full of water.

A friend was called in to evaluate the situation. The verdict? A muskrat, otter or nutria is the suspected culprit. We know that beavers have dammed up the area below our dam to the west. We're including this in the newsletter in the event that you too are experiencing some similar problems. There are methods that can be used to deter this activity, so if you too are noticing this type of activity, please contact Bill Cox at billandkatch@comcast.net or 601.540.2670.

Cavalier Shrub Delights Passers-by

Travelers on Cavalier Road never have to wonder what season it is - a sculptured shrub complete with wardrobe and white lights at #546 reminds us of what we may wish to celebrate at the moment. Currently, the pyracantha shrub portrays Uncle Sam, reminding us of our privilege to vote in November. The shrub has been growing for about 10 years. When it grew large, owner Buddy Mangum decided to dress it one Easter.



The dragon-shaped shrub becomes a bunny at Easter, a reindeer pulling a sleigh at Christmas, a witch at Halloween, a Minute Man on July 4th, a chef in the summer, a quarterback in the fall and a turkey at Thanksgiving. It has also been decked out for Mardi Gras and Valentine's.

Buddy decorates it just to give others pleasure. He creates the outfits himself, braving the stickers and using dozens of safety pins to attach the clothing.

News about your neighbors & bargains

- **Kelley and Dan Dickinson** are happy to announce the birth of two grandchildren recently in Virginia. Daniel was born to son Kieran and his wife Courtney. Daughter Megan Lutz and her husband Brian are the parents of Cassandra Rachel.
- **Twin Lakes Baptist Adult Ministry Outings:** September 25, leave church at 10:30, lunch at Nick's on Lakeland Drive and tour of Eudora Welty Home in Belhaven, Cost \$4 plus lunch. Also, Nashville Opryland Hotel Christmas Bus Trip, December 2-5, Tuesday - Friday. Includes: 3 nights Opryland Hotel, Breakfast, Tickets to Rockettes Christmas Show, Grand Ole Opry Louise Mandrell Christmas Show, Hall of Trees, and Christmas Treasures. For information call Cindy Holt, 601.937.6701 or church office 601.856.2305.
- Julie Cramner has a **pedal boat** for sale. \$150 OBO. Call Julie at 601.898.2736.
- Monica and Chris Cole have the following **items for sale:**
 - ⇒ aluminum, 4-panel dog kennel measuring 12' X 12' X 6', like new condition - \$150;
 - ⇒ Bowflex XTL Homegym - includes 300 lbs. of resistance, leg extension/curl attachment, lateral pull-down attachment, excellent condition - \$400;
 - ⇒ 2003 Honda 350 Rancher 4X4 ATV (hunter green color), motor and body in excellent condition. Includes ramp, Max 4D rain cover, and youth helmet - \$2,500.



Their home phone number is 601.853.1584.



We would like to be able to publish more news and tidbits relating to what's going on in our community. Send any information relating to: births, graduations, awards, big fish caught, new business, fabulous recipe, got something for sale, new neighbors, unusual wildlife, etc. to bmcdonald@esfweb.com

These feeders on Margie Abel's deck are popular with hummingbirds. She reports that she has been using nearly 10 pounds of sugar a week on the nectar and that the birds are getting ready to move south.

Yesterday at Lake Lorman - a blast from the past!

The following articles were extracted from Lake Lorman newsletters of the past:

December 1987 – If you are not attending our Bingo games, you are missing some mighty fine fellowship with your friends on the lake. We had a short crowd this last time, but now that vacations are over, we are back in the “grind” again. We had a good time, the only problem being that the “prizes” were not as good as usual. This, of course, will change with larger attendance.

May 1988 – “This ain't no fish story – I mean it's true!” (author unknown) I've been fishing this lake for the last 11 years and I've caught quite a few bream, but Betty Nelson put it all away for me when she showed me her newly mounted prize possession, a beautiful bream which weighed in the neighborhood of a pound and a half. Sure made me envious! I know that this isn't a record catch, but is sure is the biggest one I've ever seen. Oh, how sweet it must be!

July 1988 – New Arrival at the Lake! Woody and Cindy Holt announce the arrival of their newest son, Brady McLean Holt, who was born on April 27, 1988, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Momma and Daddy are doing fine. As you know, we need more fishermen on this lake, and every little bit helps. Editor's note: Brady is considerably bigger now.



Cindy Holt

ERA Real Estate Professionals
601-937-6701 – Cell
601-956-2222 – Office
cindyholt2002@yahoo.com



*If you know anyone who is interested
in buying or selling a home, please call me.*

718 Country Place Drive Country Place Subdivision, Pearl

4 BR / 2.5 BA plus bonus room, sunroom,
and formal living and dining rooms. Fireplace in
master suite. Huge kitchen; updated colors,
appliances and lighting. Fenced backyard and
three decks. Approx. 2800 sq. ft.
\$269,900



203 Bellewether Pass Dinsmor Subdivision, Ridgeland

5 BR / 4 ½ BA, formal living and
dining rooms, family room with built-ins
and gas log fireplace. Totally remodeled kitchen
with Viking and SubZero.
Approx. 3838 sq. ft.
\$399,900

112 Lakeview Court, Lake Lorman

3BR / 3BA waterfront home on big lake;
updated with wood floors and solid surface
countertops; formal dining room; two fireplaces;
huge wrap-around back porch;
large tree shaded lot; covered boatslip and pier.
Approx. 2210 sq. ft. 175-acre lake.
\$349,000



429 Bogey Cove Raintree Subdivision, S Jackson

3BR / 2BA open split plan
with two dining areas;
completely remodeled with
fresh paint, new carpet
and ceramic floors;
wet bar and fireplace in
family room. **\$124,900**



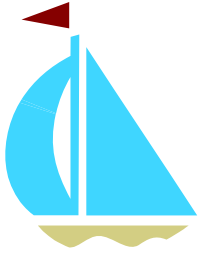
Lot 252, Northshore Drive, Lake Lorman

Wooded lot in private lake community of Lake
Lorman. Two lakes available for swimming, fishing,
and skiing. Approx. lot size is 86' x 155'.
\$21,500

Lot 24 Deerhaven, Madison

Five-acre waterfront lot; one of the last left!
Must build 2500 sq. ft.
\$235,000

LAKE LORMAN CORPORATION
P. O. BOX 1501
MADISON, MS 39130



**THE LATEST NEWS
FROM LAKE LORMAN**

Fall Art, Yard & Bake Sale set for November 1

The Lake Lorman Community will be hosting an Art, Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 1 at the Clubhouse.

We need your donations for this to be a success. All proceeds from the sale will go toward purchasing additional items for the clubhouse. So start cleaning out your garages and store rooms. We need furniture, clean clothes on hangers, household items, etc. Please donate only items worthy of being sold. Please bring your treasures to the clubhouse on Saturday, October 25, or Sunday the 26th in the afternoon.

We will also be renting out spaces (\$20) for our local artists and craftsmen to showcase their talents. We are really excited that several have already committed!

Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it, so this is a great time to start buying gifts for your loved ones.

We also need volunteers - if you can give any of your time, please call Gloria Lay at 601.259.0050, Margie Abel at 601.605.1772 or Monica Cole at 601.853.1584.

