

Board Actions this Year

by Kelley Dickinson

The 2025 Lake Lorman Corporation board has had an active year and we've all seen some improvements around the lake. I recently spoke with Kathy Warren and Bob Mills about some of these.

Most notable has been the work done around the clubhouse and boat ramp. After an inspection revealed rotting wood at the pier, extensive work was done in the area. The big pine tree near the clubhouse door was removed, the seawall and the pier at the boat ramp were redone. Handicap access was built to the lower deck at the clubhouse and the exterior bathroom was upgraded. The clubhouse was also painted inside and outside. Kathy and Bob also expect work on the parking lot will be completed this year, depending on Adcamp's schedule. The lot will be extended and lines painted to mark parking spaces.

Gate 1 was repaved. Road signs were replaced throughout the community. And filling in potholes should be done soon.

Southeastern Pond Management is our lake consultant and several steps were taken based on its recommendation. Some fish were removed from the big lake. Fertilizer and grass carp were added to the little lake to reduce grass and algae.

Over 50 geese were removed from the lakes by USDA personnel and with permission of the board. Excess bamboo was removed from the boat access to the little lake.

We filed our first annual report with the Secretary of State's office as a result of new state legislation requiring filing by nonprofit corporations.

Kathy, on behalf of the board, brought back the spring-cleaning day this year. She arranged for a dumpster to be placed near the clubhouse for a day so lot owners could dispose of yard debris and unsightly or unwanted items and not wait for the county to pick them up.

Annual Meeting of the Lake Lorman Corporation

A few reminders:

- The annual meeting of the members shall be held at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the second Monday of December of each year at a place designated in a written notice (normally the Clubhouse), for the purpose of conducting elections and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
- Each lot owner shall be entitled to cast one vote per lot in person. Owners of half lots will be entitled to a half vote. No member in default in payment of dues shall vote on any matter submitted to the membership for a vote.
- The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be six (6). Each Director shall be a member of the Corporation in good standing. All Directors are elected for a term of two (2) years. No Director shall serve more than two (2) consecutive two year terms. Terms are staggered so that the terms of three Directors will expire and be filled each year. Newly elected Directors assume office immediately upon election.
- The Lake Lorman Board of Directors shall submit to the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, recommendations for appointment as Commissioners of the Lake Lorman Utility District whenever vacancies occur on said Board of Commissioners.

Candidates for the Lake Lorman Board of Directors



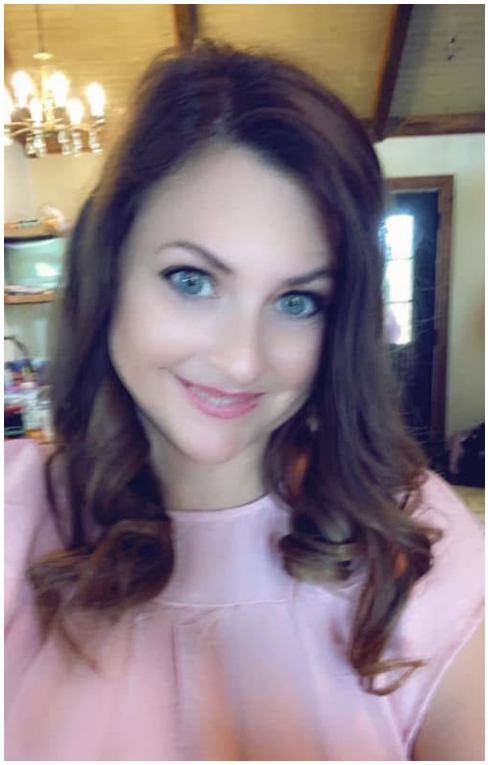
My name is **Ric Schweitzer**. My wife Teresa and I live in gate one on Coker Road in Teresa's childhood home. Teresa's parents began construction on our house approximately 60 years ago and we have been fortunate to keep the home in the family.
Lake Lorman has been a very special place to me for over 25 years. One of the main reasons that I would like to be a Lake Lorman Board member is to help preserve the hard work that has already been done by those before us, making this a wonderful community.
I believe that I would be a great asset to this community, bringing over 44 years of leadership experience working with small to large numbers of individuals from all walks of life. My main experience is in manufacturing facilities and working with corporations such as Waste Management, Ampad, Globe Weis, Mitchel Metal and Attala Steel. I have managed from 230 to over 600 teammates with companies operating with over a million-dollar budget. Managing a budget of that amount came with challenges of finding ways to reduce the amount spent as well as ways to increase the budget. I would like to help do the same with our community's budget.
I would like to see improvements in our community as well as fun events that bring us all together to appreciate what our hard-earned money and time have allowed us to enjoy.
I have since retired from my 9-5 job and have established my own business as a handyman. I believe that as a board member, I can devote my time and experience to continue to KEEP LAKE LORMAN A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

George Thrash



George and his wife, Penny, built their home in the Lake Lorman neighborhood (Gate 1) five years ago. They've fallen in love with life here - from paddle boarding and fishing on the lake to gatherings with friends and community celebrations during the holidays at the clubhouse.
George would be honored to serve the Lake Lorman community over the next two years, focusing on the well-being of the lake, the good of the neighborhood, and maintaining care and respect for everyone's property value.
His background includes 31 years as Manager in the Physical Plant Department at Hinds Community College, 42 years as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Raymond, and he now serves Central Mississippi as the owner and operator of Thrash Locksmith. He and Penny are members of
Twin Lakes Baptist Church.
George believes that covenant rules and bylaws protect and strengthen the health of the community, and he is committed to ensuring they are upheld so that all residents can continue to enjoy this beautiful neighborhood.

My name is **Faron Sherman**, and I am honored to submit my name for consideration as a member of the 2025 Lake Lorman Board. My family and I moved to Lake Lorman in 2023 and reside in Gate 7. We have quickly grown to love and appreciate the strong sense of community that defines this special place.



I have been married to my husband, Will Sherman, for 23 years, and together we are proud parents of three children. We are active members of Twin Lakes Baptist Church and are deeply committed to serving our neighbors and contributing positively to the Lake Lorman community.

Professionally, I hold a business degree from Mississippi State University and work full-time while balancing family and community responsibilities. I believe my background in business, combined with my passion for service and strong organizational skills, would be an asset to the board as it continues to guide and support our neighborhood.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to help preserve the beauty, safety, and spirit of Lake Lorman, and I would be proud to serve alongside others who share a commitment to our community's well-being.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Faron Sherman

Candidate for Lake Lorman Utility District Board of Commissioners



Luke Andries is running to go back on the Utility Board. Luke was born on May 3rd, 1977. I have been a Territory Manager and Product Specialist for Schulte Industries for the past nine years. I cover Southeast US. MS, AL, GA and FL. I am married to Lindsay Andries, and we have two beautiful, big hearted and smart little girls twelve and seven years old. I have lived out at the lake since 2002. We really enjoy our community and lake very much. We have taught around twelve kids how to water ski on this lake. It really is a special place to raise a family in today's world.

Proposed Covenant Changes and Additions

There will be four proposals for amending the Lake Lorman covenants at our annual meeting on December 8. Two concern fencing and one relates to covenant violations. "The fourth is solely to clean up surplus language about lake rights. Reference once was made to certain grandfathered renters having lake rights. Those individual renters no longer live at Lake Lorman, so the grandfather language now is surplusage and needs to be removed. Rentals are now prohibited," explained Mike Pumphrey, the board's secretary.

Bob Mills, the board's vice-president, explained the impetus for the fence covenants lies in a lawsuit between two Lake Lorman neighbors regarding a dispute about the construction of a fence. The community got dragged into the lawsuit, and the cost to the lake in legal fees was about $50,000. This was incurred despite the court's not finding any wrong on the part of the Lake Lorman community or the board.

Bob explained that the board has developed two simple, straightforward covenants “to protect everybody at the lake.” The first provides that no solid fences can be built on the lakeside that would block neighbors’ lake views. The second proposed amendment stipulates that fencing height and materials for new and replacement fences need to be approved by the board. Bob said, “These are as simple as can be and no one should have a problem with them.”

The third proposed covenant puts in place an enforcement mechanism for covenant violations. Mike Pumphrey said most problems can be resolved with a knock on a door and a polite discussion. If there is no agreement, written notice of the alleged violation is sent, and the lot owner has the chance to cure the violation or convince the board of directors that no covenant violation has occurred.

Under the proposed covenant, Mike wrote, ”After proper opportunity has been given for the lot owner to object to a finding of the board that one or more violations are occurring, if the board does not agree with the [lot owners’] objections, it has the authority to assess a $100 charge monthly to the lot owner and to file notice of the assessment in the land records of the Madison County Chancery Clerk. The charge will continue to increase $100 each month until each covenant violation has been satisfactorily addressed in the board’s discretion.”

Proposed 2026 Budget

In addition to the new board members and proposed covenant changes and additions, we will also be voting on the 2026 budget. The upcoming budget calls for spending $136,000. This is a 7% increase over the current budget which is $127,029. However, no increase in annual dues is necessary.

I spoke with our treasurer Kathy Warren about the budget. She pointed out there is a shift, however, in where the funds will be allocated as some projects were completed in 2025 and new expenditures anticipated in in 2026.

Kathy mentioned money will be needed next year for improvements to the clubhouse, including new flooring and counter tops. She said that outsiders continue to use the big lake so the board wants to install a security system and WiFi.

Bob Mills expanded on this by noting that several groups of people have been fishing in our lakes. Last time the sheriff was called but the men had left before the sheriff arrived. Some outside boaters have also been able to access the boat ramp when the power is off or the key code has been shared with non-Lake Lorman people. The security system will require a WiFi. connection which the board is also installing next year. Bob pointed out this will enhance the desirability of the clubhouse for rental and other purposes because of the entertainment possibilities.

According to the proposal, our five biggest expenses that will have money allocated are legal fees ($15,000), clubhouse updates ($13,000), grounds maintenance ($13,000), dam repairs ($12,000), and salaries ($12,000).

Around the Lake

New Neighbors:

Natalie and Jed Smythe

What brought you to Lake Lorman?

We moved to Lake Lorman in February of this year after almost one year of marriage excited for more space and home that we could start our family in. Shortly after we found out we were expecting our first baby girl who is due this December!



What are your favorite activities, both in the neighborhood and around town?

We love going on walks with our dog Gus, which some of you have probably met by now. He is the big English creme retriever who loves to say hello to everyone. We also love having friends and family over to cook and hang out on the back porch. We are big foodies, so we also love going out to eat and trying new restaurants. Some of our favorites are Pulito Osteria, Sacred Ground, and Ticos.



Tell us a little about yourself.....job, church, pets, family, hobbies, passions.

Jed works for Stryker as a medical sales representative. Natalie works at UMMC as an occupational therapist in adult acute care.
We both graduated in 2018 from Mississippi State University.
We are members at First Presbyterian church of Jackson and were also married there in March of 2024. Both of our parents live in Madison and are excited to be grandparents soon!

Jed enjoys outdoor hobbies such as hunting and fishing. Natalie loves to cook and would love to grow her gardening skills. The past two years she has grown lots of peppers and made hot sauce to use at home and give to friends and family. We both also enjoy reading.

Since you have moved to Lake Lorman, what is your favorite thing about living here?

We love how beautiful the neighborhood is and that we have a view of the lake on our walks and while sitting on our back porch. We also love that the neighborhood feels more remote, but it is still close and accessible to central Madison, Ridgeland, and Jackson. We also love how family friendly it feels.



The Bird's Eye View

by

Dale & Sarah Lea Anglin

"Turkey Talk"

Let's talk turkey…Wild Turkey that is! No, not bourbon, and not Butterball, but actual "I may take a walk in your yard" wild turkey. We sometimes see wild turkeys on our property, or on Coker Road, and it is a delight every time they grace us with their presence. It turns out that here are five recognized subspecies of wild turkey in North America: Eastern, Osceola (or Florida), Rio Grande, Merriam's, and Gould's. They can be distinguished by their geographic locations and minor differences in coloration, such as the tips of their tail feathers and wing bars. All belong to the same species, *Meleagris gallopavo*, and can thus interbreed. Eastern Wild Turkeys, with their chestnut-brown tips on the tail feathers and the longest male beard, are the most abundant of the five subspecies, as well as the most widely distributed. They're mostly found east of the Mississippi River, but they are in a total of 38 states and several Canadian provinces—and what we find in our back yards. Adult males can weigh up to 30 lbs, and females up to 12! This is the turkey that Benjamin Franklin wanted to be the official bird of the USA (clearly, he was outvoted for another species!).





The Osceola Wild Turkey is the other one found east of the Mississippi…these are only found in Florida and have dark brown tips on their tail feathers. Males are smaller than the Easterns, at 20 lbs, but females can be up to 12 lb in size. These two subspecies overlap in north Florida, so this is the second most likely species you will see if you venture to the Gulf Coast for a little vacation. Frankly…they look incredibly similar to us, but we're told they are, in fact, subspecies.

In the western US, the Rio Grande Wild Turkey can be found (I'll leave it to you to guess where that is!), with its tan-tipped tail feathers, and Merriam's Wild Turkey, with lighter tips on tail feathers and the rump. Merriam's is the most abundant species in the mountainous regions of the west. Finally, the newly introduced Gould's subspecies

can be found only in Arizona, New Mexico, and the Sierra Madres of Mexico. Examine the tail feathers and rumps in the photos and you'll notice that this subspecies is different from the other four. The three photos below show Rio Grande, Merriam's, and Gould's turkeys, from left to right.





Are these the same turkeys you may find on your dinner table? Only if you have been hunting or have been gifted one from a hunter! If you get your turkey from the grocery store, you're most likely getting a commercial strain called the Broad-breasted white turkey, which is a hybrid, bred for (wait for it…) the size of its turkey breast. Given the size of the turkey legs at the State Fair, we decided, with no other evidence to support this claim, that the Broad-breasted white turkey must have large legs to support its ample bosom. Whether that's the case or not, if you enjoy a turkey dinner during the holidays, you'll know a little more about the actual turkeys that live wild in the good old USA and can regale your family members with your newfound information as they nod to sleep following the meal! Happy Holidays!

Photos and information from https://www.mossyoak.com/our-obsession/blogs/turkey/subspecies-of-wild-turkey

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting**: Monday, November 17 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, December 8 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Annual Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting**: Monday, December 8 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, January 12 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting**: Monday, January 19 – 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the **Calendar** on the Lake Lorman website for scheduled activities, meetings and events.

Twin Lakes Baptist Church

You Are Invited to Join Us ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Weekly services:

- **Sunday**- Life Groups 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday –** Community Men's Bible Study 6:15 am in church fellowship hall
- **Wednesday**, Supper 5:30 pm and Bible Study 6:30 pm. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost $6.00.