

LAKE LORMAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Board Members

The 2011 Board of Directors and Officers for Lake Lorman are:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Committee Chaired</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
President	Asper Antoon		(601) 856-5754
Vice President	Larry Foote	Lake and Dam	(601) 856-8235
Secretary	Bill Cox	Clubhouse and Social	(601) 965-1996
Treasurer	Lucky Chaplain		(601) 810-1067
Director	Judy Lyons	Communications and Covenants	(601) 918-0797
Director	Michael Olivier	Roads	(601) 898-0569
	Don Seagrove	Water and Sewer	(601) 856-8583

Lake Lorman Board Meeting

Meet the Board:



Front Row: Bill Cox, Asper Antoon, Judy Lyons; Back Row: Lucky Chaplain, Larry Foote, Michael Olivier

At the annual meeting in December four new board members were elected for 2011. Asper Antoon is the sole returning board member following the resignation of Kevin Long after the Lake Lorman Lot Owner's Association Annual Meeting and Board election. Asper was chosen president by his fellow board members. He has lived at Lake Lorman since 1980. He is retired from BellSouth and CenturyTel. Asper commented that if residents have a problem pertaining to the lake, they can call him at 856-5754.

Bill Cox, an attorney, has owned property at Lake Lorman for 23 or 24 years. He will be the board's secretary, a position he held in 2008-2009. Bill believes the board members are trustees whose obligation is to conduct the business of the lot owners in an open and transparent manner. He wants to ensure that the covenants are enforced fairly and consistently to protect property values. Bill's number is 965-1996.

Larry Foote, vice-president, has also been on the board in the past, when he served three years. A Lake Lorman resident since 1977, Larry is partially retired, although he is still active in mortgage lending. He will be heading up the lakes and dams committee for the board. You can reach Larry at 856-8235.

Judy Lyons is a newcomer to the board. Originally from New Hampshire, Dr. Lyons is a clinical psychologist who is the administrator of the Trauma Recovery Program and the Psychology Department at the VA Medical Center. She is also an associate professor at UMC. She has owned property at Lake Lorman since 2003 and is currently building a house here which she says is nearly complete. Judy loves the sense of community at Lake Lorman where people are involved with their neighbors in a way you don't find in many places. Judy is heading the communications and covenants committees. You can call Judy at 918-0797.

Mike Olivier is originally from France. Mike and his wife Rosemarie have lived at the lake since 1996. Mike is a retired plant manager from Clever Brooks in Greenville. He says he ran for the board because "Everybody should make a contribution and it was time for me to make a contribution." He is heading the roads committee. Another newcomer to the board, Mike says he has started to get quotes for road repairs but no work will be started until March when the danger of freezing weather is past. Mike's number is 898-0569.

The newest board member, who was chosen by the board to fill the vacancy created by Kevin Long's resignation, is George "Lucky" Chaplain. Bill Cox pointed out that when someone leaves the board for whatever reason, the board has the right to select a replacement. The board unanimously agreed to appoint Lucky at the January meeting. Larry Foote also noted that in addition to being the highest vote getter in the annual election who did not win a seat, Lucky is well qualified to serve on the board. He moved here from Magnolia six months ago when he retired from Weyerhaeuser. Lucky served on the Pike County Economic Development Board of Trustees for ten years and the Magnolia City Council for eight years. He stated, "As a new resident to Lake Lorman, it's incumbent for people to serve the community and I hope I can contribute to the community to make this a wonderful place to live." Lucky's number is 810-1067.

Lake Lorman Fire District Merger?

When the Lake Lorman Utility Board was originally chartered, it included water, sewer, and fire services. But the fire coverage never got off the ground and the Lake Lorman Utility Board has been trying to get our community included in the Southwest Madison County Fire district, according to Don Seagrove, president of the utility board.

Fire coverage is currently provided to the Lake Lorman community by the Southwest Fire Department, although we are not legal members of the district. Protection is also provided by the City of Madison Fire Department. Both the Southwest Fire District Board and the Madison County Board of Supervisors have to approve our inclusion into the Southwest Fire District. Don said our utility board has been trying to get approval from the Southwest Board since 2008, when Lake Lorman Utility Board members met with 3rd district Supervisor D. I. Smith, the Madison County Fire Coordinator Mac Pigg, and the chief of the Southwest Fire Department. Don noted that our attorney has drawn up the necessary paperwork for the merger.

Both Don and Supervisor Smith agreed the delay in our inclusion has been getting the Southwest Fire District board to give its approval because that board is inactive. Smith said he has tried to recruit people to serve on the board but they have to live within the boundaries of the district. The supervisor pointed out there would actually be no change in our protection if and when we are included in the Southwest district. "The exact same people would be doing the exact same thing tonight." He did say that our taxes would go up very slightly, only a few dollars, to pay for the coverage. He praised our utility board for building the elevated water tower because it provides good water pressure for the firefighters. "It's crucial to fire protection in the area." He also said that the new water

hauling tanker at the Southwest Fire Department provides additional water hauling capability which also helps lower our fire risk.

In June 2010 Jim Martin, the attorney for the utility board, sent a memorandum to Mac Pigg informing him that the Lake Lorman Utility Board had unanimously approved the merger of the board's fire protection responsibilities with the Southwest Madison County Fire District. When the district is expanded to include Lake Lorman and certain other conditions are met, the Lake Lorman Utility Board has \$69,500 in reserve to transfer to the Southwest Fire Department. The money would be used for the acquisition and construction of a new fire station closer to Lake Lorman, which Don said would lower insurance premiums. Don said if we drop from a class 10 (our current rating) to a class 9, homeowners insurance would drop approximately 22-24%, depending on the type of coverage the homeowner has. Smith said a potential site at Lake Cavalier Road and Society Ridge has been appraised. In addition to moving the fire department building, erecting the high rise tower and new pump also puts us in a position to obtain lower insurance premiums, Don noted. He expressed frustration that Mac Pigg has not responded to our attorney's June letter.

Supervisor Smith said that one of the challenges for all subdivisions in the district is to recruit volunteers to serve as firemen. "People must be willing to serve or the system doesn't work." Don commented that he had discussed this 15 or 20 years ago with David Richardson, who was 3rd district supervisor at the time, but the few men at home during the day were older. Demographics have changed, but he doesn't think it's necessary to try to recruit volunteers until Lake Lorman is accepted into the fire district.

Don said, "We plan to push for this coverage and consult with those entities that can assist us in this matter. This has gone on too long to secure adequate fire coverage and premium reductions." He promised to keep residents updated on the matter. If you ever need assistance, please feel free to call your Utility Board members.

Sprucing Up:

Yard of the Month

Shirley Grace reports that the beautification committee is looking for people to adopt-a-gate. It does not involve planting anything because the committee does not want to get involved in watering flowers and other plants, but it is looking for volunteers to help keep the gate areas spruced up. Please call Shirley at 856-4483 if you can help out or have suggestions. The Fishing Club has all the Christmas trees it needs for placing structures in the lake so residents are asked to please not drop off any trees at the clubhouse.



Gene and Dot Delancy – 186 Lorman Lane

Shirley notes that the lake has resumed selecting a Yard of the Month. Recent winners include Dock and Kelsey Daniel at 124 Lorman Lane in December, Gene and Dot Delancy at 186 Lorman Lane in January and Bud and Mary Prestel at 3792 Coker Road in February. Shirley said residents might want to keep their yards in order because you never know when a committee member is walking or driving by your house. The harsh winter weather has kept people indoors, but as the weather gets a bit milder, it's time for everyone to spruce up our yards and neighborhood.

Notes From the Dirt Dauber

I must admit I am a note maker – my father makes notes – my grandmother made notes and her father, my great grandfather kept a daily note book in his pocket with entries every day – On May 11, 1898 one entry states “Planted corn in bottom, corn and cane on hill” and as a footnote... “Betty gave birth to baby girl 10 lbs this eve” (my grandmother). I’m convinced my note making is genetic – anyway here goes:

NOTE 1. Time to turn over any beds. I plan to put tulip bulbs in. My tulip bulbs have been in the refrigerator since just before Thanksgiving and now until February they should go in the ground with a little bone meal or slow release fertilizer in each hole.

NOTE 2. February is the month to trim crepe myrtles if one is so inclined. I always cut 3 to 6 inches above the cut from last year and cut out all dead and crossover branches. Cutting back is not necessary if the space allow the myrtle to become a tree as it would like to do; but pruning, shaping and fertilizing mine close to the house in February seems to produce more flowers in the June thru September period when crepe myrtles typically bloom.

NOTE 3. Hopefully all the leaves have finally fallen, blown in from neighbor’s yards or otherwise banked up and collected in bushes/flower beds – you name it. If they haven’t been collected and composted or disposed of – February/March is a good time to do this yard keeping chore to allow any bulbs/dormant plants (hostas, ferns, daffodils, etc.) to take advantage of the warm sun rays and begin to emerge for spring. Cleaning them off after their pointer tops emerge can result in breaking off “hidden” sprouts and delay if not alter the growth and blooms. A little fertilizer sprinkled around them can’t hurt.

NOTE 4. Lightly trim hydrangeas (only if necessary for shaping). Hydrangeas bloom off the old woody canes and to cut off all old wood may not allow new flower heads to form. Sprinkle some slow release fertilizer and mulch

NOTE 5. Fertilize lightly and mulch the azaleas with acid based fertilizer. Composted leaves make excellent mulch. Do not prune until just after they have bloomed. Most azaleas usually set buds August-September for spring blooming so lightly fertilize again in fall.

NOTE 6. Delay urge to fertilize grass until April – May especially if using a fertilize with “weed control” – use according to directions or less – this is one case where a little is good but more is too much – most grasses don’t need fertilizer every year.

These are dirt dauber’s notes to self – you can take them or leave them, but I will follow them... if I can just remember where I put the notes when I look for them. Good digging from the Dirt Dauber

Ways to Lighten and Brighten Your Home

Beth G. Dean, ASID <http://www.bethdeanstudio.com>

During these dark dreary days of winter, the walls seem to close in. Here are two ideas to help you freshen up your rooms to make them lighter and brighter.

The first option is to paint the walls, which is something you can do yourself in most cases. Small swatches of paint can be deceiving so it is wise to paint a large enough sample to determine what color is right for you. Nowadays, the paint stores sell small sample containers of paint for this very purpose. Look for colors that are light and clear, not muddy. It is amazing what a fresh coat of paint does for the room and for your spirits.

Secondly, check out your lighting. Many fluorescent bulbs make your skin look sickly and can give a greenish cast to your entire room. Whether fluorescent or incandescent, try to get the same “color” bulbs in all your fixtures. This will give a uniform lighting throughout and make the rooms more comfortable. Also, consider trying out bulbs labeled 5000 Kelvin. These are brighter and more like natural daylight, giving you a cleaner light source that doesn’t distort the colors in your interiors.

A Few of My Favorite Things:

We are asking people their favorite thing about living at Lake Lorman. You can send in something you enjoy about living here or you can wait for a random call.

- Merle Ivey loves the beautiful views across the lake, especially when the water is smooth.
- Jimmie King said there's so much and it's all good. He feels blessed to live here.
- Joann Cote's favorite thing is the good neighbors. The people are so kind and helpful that it gives her a real sense of community.
- Linda McGraw says she most appreciates the quietness of Lake Lorman.

Notice This:

Critter Control

Scott Wells will begin "critter control" on the lake in February. If you have critters (muskrats, nutria, beaver, etc.) doing damage around your seawall or see them on the dams please contact Scott (601-826-7263) to report problems.

Curbside Recycling Resumed January 12

Recyclables will be picked up each **WEDNESDAY** and should be placed by the road prior to 7:00 a.m. for the new contractor Waste Management to pickup. Materials collected include: **aluminum, steel and tin cans, newsprint, magazines, office paper, plastic bottles and containers, and flattened cardboard boxes. No Glass.**

If you did not leave your old recycling bin out on January 12 or have never had one and wish to participate please call 1-800-284-2451 and give them your name, address (Lake Lorman and street address) and any other information that may be required. County officials will continue to provide our curbside recycling only if we use the service.

Thank You and Kudos:

- A special thank you to Betty Marsh for putting signs out at the gates announcing the Board Meeting. Attendance at these meetings is encouraged by our new Board so that all activities are "transparent" (to use the new catch phrase). Official approved Board Minutes are posted on the Lake Lorman website (<http://www.lakelormanms.com>). If you are unable to attend please avail yourself of this website to keep abreast of activities.
- Thank you for taking on the newsletter... I don't know who delivered the copies, but I laughed so hard when I saw where they had put mine! Lumber company kept running over my mailbox... I finally gave up when the



Side View

last box survived less than 24 hours before being flattened. I propped it back up just so there would at least be a street number. Here's what it looked like when I drove up and saw the newsletter propped against the flag.

- Judy Lyons



Front View

- Thank you Chris Veal and Sherry Azordegan Veal for your festive display of 25,000 lights during the holidays. Everyone enjoyed the music and light display. Thank you for your entertaining and fun gift to Lake Lorman!
- Drs. Bill and Karen Hulett went on an eight day medical mission to El Salvador in November. This is the sixth years that the Hulett's have participated in the mission, which is sponsored by Helping Hands Medical Mission based in Dallas. Bill is an anesthesiologist and Karen practices family medicine.
- Scott and Karla Andress have purchased Bob and Beth McDonald's house on Westline Drive for use as a weekend home. They have two children.
- Congratulations to Sarah Lea McGuire on her recent marriage to Dale Anglin.
- Thanks to Bill DeVeer for the pictures in the newsletter this month. In addition to the yards of the month, Bill has taken a great picture of the 2011 board.

Directory Update

At the request of some of the lot owners in attendance, the board agreed to put out an updated community directory. Citing privacy concerns, Asper Antoon said that participation in the new directory must be voluntary. If you would like to be included in the community directory and receive a copy of it, please submit the name of the lot owner or resident, the names of other adults in the house who want to be included, address, telephone number, email, and lot number or whatever of that information you want included in the directory. Bill Cox wrote, "...should you wish to give all, some or none (of the information), the Board will honor that request. If you do not want to participate, the Board is happy to allow that, but the roster is something to let us keep up with our neighbors". Judy Lyons wrote, "We'll make a concerted effort to keep your information within the community and encourage lot owners to do likewise". Information that you want included can be mailed to P.O. Box 1501, Madison, MS 39130. Email responses can be sent to lakelorman@aol.com Information can also be delivered to the board at its February 21 meeting or given to a board member. Please indicate if you would like to receive the newsletter by email. Email versions do not cost the lake association any money to print and mail out, they will include pictures, and they will be received sooner.

Height Covenant Questioned

Van and Nancy Jones ran into a roadblock at the January board meeting when they submitted plans for a French revival house to replace the weekend home they have had for ten years. The plans call for a 38 foot roof at its highest point, but our covenants restrict the maximum height to 30 feet. The plans were not approved because as several board members noted board does not have the authority to approve plans that are in violation of the covenants.

Jones and his architect pointed out that many homes are now built with ten foot ceilings making a thirty foot roof restriction unrealistic for a two story home. He also said there are already homes in the neighborhood over thirty feet high.

There was widespread agreement the height restriction needs to be modernized. Larry Foote suggested Jones could get the covenant changed by filing an amendment with the signature of 51% of the lot owners at the chancery clerk's office. Judy Lyons proposed updating the height restriction to bring it in line with current architectural standards and helping the Joneses, but the board did not vote on the proposal and did not take any official action regarding it. Asper Antoon volunteered to help Judy investigate issues involved in updating the covenant, such as maximum height allowance and blocking neighbors' views. Several people in the audience offered to help the Joneses collect signatures. Sue Watts asked that it be noted the signature drive is not a contentious issue.

In a subsequent interview, Mr. Jones said he doesn't know whether he is going to try to change the covenant. If his architect can come up with a suitable one story home, he won't go collect the signatures, although he thinks the covenant needs to be updated regardless of what happens to his house, he said.

Classifieds:

Bill Crockett has a 14 foot Duracraft aluminum boat for sale. High sides, 4 seats. \$250.00. 313 Lakeshore Drive (Gate 7). **601-856-6696**.

Larry Simmons is selling his house at 407 Lakeshore Drive. Contact Larry at **769-226-1507**.

Larry and Cathy are selling a lot on the little lake. You can reach them at **601-856-1605**.



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"Five Girls Garden" - As featured in Mississippi Magazine – Lake Lorman homegrown and organic hot garlic dill pickles. We had a great growing season this summer and I have pickles by the cases. \$10.00/quart jar or 10% off for a case of 12. Contact **Allie Elkin**. Lake Lorman Gate 7, 103 Lakeview Court **601-212-5658**.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- Board Meeting: Monday, February 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Twin Lakes Baptist Church Welcomes You!

Service Times: Sunday - 10:30 am and 6:30 pm; Wednesday - 6:30 pm

Ministry opportunities:

- Pastoral Ministries – contact Hugh Smith, 601-259-4567
- Youth Ministries - contact Greg Biggs, 601-407-4177
- Adult Ministries - contact Cindy Holt, 601-937-6701
- Women's Ministries - contact Janette King, 601-856-6990
- Men's Ministries - contact Jimmy King, 601-856-6990
- Music Ministries - contact Cliff Fortenberry, 601-856-2305

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Contact **Kelley Dickinson** (601-856-7371 dkkmc@aol.com) or **Bill Jones** (601-856-4529 wmkj@bellsouth.net) with information for the next Lake Lorman Community News and suggestions for stories of interest to your neighbors.