

# Wild Words



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## President's Report

Mike Kasko

Welcome, all Lake Wildwood residents, to a new year. Our Homeowners Association Board looks forward to another enjoyable year representing you and your families in what will hopefully be a great year in 2011.

The Christmas on the Lake Committee has done it again. Thanks to Elaine Evans, and all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year another resounding success. A huge Thank You goes to all of our "On the Water" residents and the volunteers who helped them to provide a wonderful light show. Please see their report for all the details and Thank You's.

This year your entire Board of Directors, in conjunction with the finance committee and all association committees, spent countless hours working out a balanced budget. We are working hard to ensure every dollar of your annual dues is spent wisely and that you receive the most "bang for the buck" available. As noted in last month's report, we had some difficulties in 2010 with infrastructure repairs. This year the budget is conservative enough to accommodate these issues without needing to tap into our reserves.

That being said, we are making some changes this year to enhance some areas of our community. First on the list is additional road work. We plan to continue the Greentree Parkway repaving project to resurface from where we left off near Lake Wildwood Drive as far as our budget will allow us to go. We also have bids and are planning to renovate more of the clubhouse this year. The Beautification Committee also has plans to upgrade the entrances to our community. All of these and more are in the 5 year plan. We look forward to many new and exciting improvements over the coming years.

I want to wish everyone a happy new year and invite you to our open board meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7PM at the clubhouse. Also some reminders, We will not be lowering the lake for maintenance this year, it was done for the last 2 years and now will be lowered every other year on the even numbered years, we will be collecting Christmas trees at the spillway again for fish habitat, and we have our election and annual meeting coming up in March, Please join in with these events.

Next open board meeting will be January 20th at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse

Best regards to each of you.

Sincerely,

Michael Kasko  
President  
Lake Wildwood Board of Directors

Happy New Year

## ***WES' REALITY CORNER***

### ***Reassessing "What's Important"***

**For your consideration:** When the current Board was seated last April, our mandate was to do whatever was necessary to enforce the CC&Rs, (especially in terms of unsightly property), and to stay the course in improving the infrastructure of Lake Wildwood. It was deemed that only these actions could help us hold ground on declining property values, (which all of us knew were destined to get lower as the economy continued its downward spiral).

**Reality # 1.** This is precisely what this Board, in tandem with Management, has done. Another large segment of the roads were resurfaced or repaired, culverts, pool filters/pumps and lake valves repaired, and recently, work was completed on painting the inside of the clubhouse. Additionally, fines for violations of the CC&Rs, and rules of the road, over recent months, have exceeded \$25K.

- However, in doing this, this Board has made its share of enemies. I have yet to meet a person who actually "enjoys" getting a citation for a violation, with a fine attached, deserving or not... (self included). However, hopefully most realize that we're doing what you asked of us.

- At least one resident has questioned the Board's decision to proceed with the resurfacing of the roads in the midst of dwindling resources, and a very large portion of those cited for violations have appealed their fines; seriously overtaxing, (no pun intended) the Fines and Appeals Committee's ability to keep up. Some (fines) have been thrown out; while others upheld, and the Board has been extremely pleased with the degree of professionalism and Impartiality shown by this committee.

- But, the bottom line is that your voices have been heard, and your mandate kept.

**Reality # 2.** Every year the cost of doing business increases. This is a given, which only the less informed would attempt to dispute. As each Board struggles with formulating a budget, they have two choices;

- Option 1. Ignore this reality, and leave the dues as they are, (sticking a future Board with the unpleasant task of increasing the dues to meet the financial realities of that time). This option tends to get Board members re-elected... as it does state and local politicians

- Option # 2. Make small, incremental, increases each year, (as opposed to a large one later). Though not a popular choice, this option keeps LWW on a more solid financial footing. However it is NOT without risks for those voting for such a measure.

- It's a courageous Board, (in my opinion), that places the welfare of the community above their own. I believe that's the kind of Board we have now; one not afraid to make the tough judgment calls, and to take responsibility for those decisions.

**Reality # 3.** This past year new priorities were set, (and acted upon), as each Board member had to reevaluate what was important. One of the things each obviously thought was important was to be civil to one another, (despite whatever disagreements we may have); hence Board meetings have been totally devoid of drama this year. Instead, this energy has been channeled into more important things, such as community planning, and the hosting of events that net a high return in attendance. While I'm sure each Board member still has his/her 'pet rocks,' I believe we are united in our goal to make Lake Wildwood a better place for everyone who lives here. And that's what's important.

My opinion only -- Wes Patton



## Management Report Lighthouse Property Management

Happy New Year to everyone! 2010 seemed to pass by in a flash. As we enter 2011, we should all remember to focus on family and the many blessings each and every one of us has. Team LPM looks forward to the challenges of 2011, and will do our best to keep your community and budget in mind.

As we realize times are tough for all, your community still depends on the timeliness of the Annual Assessments, so please do your part for the Community.

Our focus in the upcoming future is to carry Lake Wildwood forward in several aesthetic areas (some of which are currently underway), while completing our Team's handling of the daily functions. As you look in various areas such as the front office, changes will be apparent in some of our staffing and tasking. We have, over the past year, built processes for the insurmountable tasks that are routine in running your community. Our onsite presence will be dramatically increased as well, and actually already has as of January 1.

It has been a privilege to work for Lake Wildwood thus far, and with your Board's input and democracy in many decisions along the way, we intend to yet further bring Lake Wildwood back to the standard it was meant to be. Please bear with us as we continue our work in progress.....FOR YOU.

Sincerely  
Team LPM

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### *Election Committee Report*

The LWW Annual Association Meeting is fast approaching and the Election Committee has been working with the Board of Directors, LWW Front Office Staff, and Lighthouse Property Management to ensure a smooth election process for 2011. For 2011, three Board seats are up for election. Each seat holds a three-year term. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for Board of Director, please visit the LWW Front Office to pick-up a candidate application or go to the LWW website to download a candidate application. All completed applications with a 100 word bio must be returned to the Front Office no later than February 21<sup>st</sup> by 5 PM. The Election Committee will certify that each candidate is a member in good standing. The Bios will be sent out as part of the Associations' official ballot to members. Please remember, the Election Committee is not responsible for mailing out ballots. The Committee's role is to count casted ballots to certify that a Quorum has been established and to certify the Board of Director election.



#### **Election Timeline**

- January 2011 ----- Board of Directors Election Announcement  
*Via—Wild Words, Marque, Channel 99, and LWW website*
- February 21, 2011 ----- Deadline to submit Application with Bio for Board of Director
- February 22, 2011 ----- Candidate Qualification Certification
- February 22—March 24---- Candidates campaign for election
- March 5, 2011 ----- Meet the Candidate Forum; Location Clubhouse (Time TBD)
- March 24, 2011 ----- All Ballots are due by 5:00 PM

If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Mike Kasko. The next Election Committee meeting will be, Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM.



## Environmental Control/Beautification Report

Doug Dunmire, Chairman  
Elaine Evans, Board Advisor

*"Working Together, Making a Difference"*



*Ms. Virginia Adams*

*Congratulations*  
*to*  
*Ms. Virginia Adams*  
*of*  
*1517 Greentree Parkway*  
*November 2010*  
*Yard of the Month*

### CC&R Highlight

**2.D Exterior Construction Materials.** The finished exterior of every building constructed or placed on any numbered lot in the Development shall be of material other than tar paper, rollbrick siding or other similar material, and shall be subject to the approval of the Environmental Control Committee. *The foregoing shall not prevent the use of brick and aluminum, subject to the approval of the Environmental Control Committee.*

Congratulations to the Beautification Committee's pick for December's yard of month, Jillian Wilson of 936 Santa Fe Trail.

The Beautification Committee will resume their monthly meetings starting February 1st at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

### Christmas on the Lake Review

The wind and the cold cancelled the third night of Christmas on the Lake, but the last Sunday night saw a phenomenal turnout. Even with all our boats running, the lines were spilling out to the road and beyond.

Thanks to all the volunteers who's hard work, year after year, make this charity event possible. This year, Christmas on the Lake generated donations for the Ronald McDonald House of Macon GA. In addition, approximately 230 cans were donated to Macon Outreach at Mulberry and a box full of toys donated to Kids's Yule Love. Also a big thanks to our boat captains, Will Stringer, Mike Kasko, Joe Rollis, Melvin Carr, Gerry Martin, Jeff Sams, George Muchin, Kevin Muchin, Shane Morgan and Eddie Peacock. Also thanks to our concession stand workers, Ruth Morgan, Linda Muchin, Debbie Morgan and Kristi Uhles. Our dock masters and traffic/parking detail were Doug Dunmire, Doug Park, Ashley Morgan, Chuck, Tyler Morgan, Brittney Rollis, Mark, Jackiann Rollis, Norman Brown and Carol Uhles. Thanks to Cara Barnes, our peanut girl, and her husband Rick Barnes for boiling and selling the peanuts. Also, thanks to Tom Reilly, candy cane guy, who handed out approximately 650 candy canes to our guests from his dock. Thanks to all of the LWW residents who decorated your homes for the 2010 Christmas Season. Without our LWW residents who decorate year after year and the many volunteers and sponsors, we would not be able to put on the this charitable event. I thank you with all my heart for your efforts and contributions toward this family oriented event in which we can bring happy Christmas cheer and help others.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Evans, Chairman, Christmas on the Lake

## Best Decorated Homes on and off the Lake for Christmas 2010



### Voted Best On the Lake

- #1 Kevin Muchin**  
at 888 South Plantation
- #2 Sharon Jones**  
at 260 Greentree Parkway
- #3 Randy Oliver**  
at 369 Edge Water Drive

### Honorable Mention

- Debbie and Shane Morgan at 907 S Confederate Dr
  - Jeff and Nancy Sams at 1199 Will Scarlet Way
  - Chris and Kristi Uhles at 837 Will Scarlet Way
  - Gerry Martin at 761 Will Scarlet Way
  - Ray and Cindy Coker at 1230 King Arthur Drive
- (Note: Ray and Cindy Coker won honorable mention for both on and off the lake)

### Voted Best Off the Lake

- #1 Christopher Round**  
at 600 Friar Tuck
- #2 Kevin Rowley**  
at 774 Little John Court
- #3 Jim and Evelyn Scheiman**  
at 1363 Saddle Horn Drive

### Honorable Mention

- Martin Kanode at 907 Santa Fe Trail
- Dolly Bradford at 1487 Saddle Horn Drive
- Glen and Phyllis Heald at 1091 Wahuhiyi Trail
- Nick Zahad at 1178 Greentree Parkway
- Ray and Cindy Coker at 1230 King Arthur Drive



Thanks to all of the LWW residents who decorated your homes for the 2010 Christmas Season. We were honored to have Chase Ambrose and the Ghost Busters from the Fox 24 News judge the homes. They mentioned that it was very difficult task as numerous homes were decorated with dazzling lights and sound displays.



The Christmas on Lake barge, I like to call the "Christmas Ghost Barge", which was anchored down in the middle of the lake and decorated by Joe Rollis and Melvin Carr, also received honorable mention by the Ghost Busters. It drifted occasionally and did so on the day we had high winds, but was recovered.

WOW.....Will Scarlet Way racked up on Honorable Mentions this year! Way to go Will Scarlet Way! I'm thinking that maybe we should have a contest of residential sections in LWW. What do you think?





## News from the Pew

Pastor Paul J. Dziadul, Sr. [www.CWWMacon.com](http://www.CWWMacon.com)

2011- I'm never going to get used to writing that! Do you realize that we've officially made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? A lot is changing around us. Technology is moving at the speed of light it seems. Do you get a little overwhelmed sometimes just trying to keep up? I know I do. Here's some comfort from God's Word which, by the way, NEVER CHANGES.

King David said in Psalm 119:89, "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven."

N – *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* Acts 4:12

E – *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.* Psalms 100:4

W – *Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.* Mark 13:35-37

Y – *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.* Psalms 23:4

E – *Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.* Psalms 127:1

A – *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.* Matthew 7:7-8

R – *Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;* Ecclesiastes 12:1

May God bless you & yours this year as you order your lives around the unchanging truth of God's amazing Word.

Happy 2011 Lake Wildwood!


# JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Committee Meetings and Open Board Meetings will be at the Clubhouse unless otherwise						1 Happy New Year
2	3 Zumba Class 6:00-7:00 PM	4 Zumba Class 11:00 AM	5	6	7	8
9	10 Wild Walkers 6:00 PM Zumba Class 6:00-7:00 PM	11 Zumba Class 11:00 AM	12 Lake Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	13 Bingo Clubhouse Library 10:00 AM Contact Ms. Ann at 474-6391	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day Zumba Class 6:00 PM Neighborhood Watch 7:00 PM	18 Zumba Class 11:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Open Board Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22
23	24 Wild Walkers 6:00 PM Zumba Class 6:00-7:00 PM	25 Zumba Class 11:00 AM	26	27 Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM Recreation Meeting 7:30	28	29
30	31 Zumba Class 6:00-7:00 PM Emergency Mgt 7:00 PM	1 <b>February</b> Zumba Class 11:00 AM Beautification Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5

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 the month of  
 December 2010.  
 Sincere thanks, Elaine Evans

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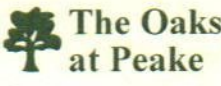
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