

Wild Words



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President's Report

Mike Kasko

We have had a great summer so far in Lake Wildwood.

The 4th of July Beach party was a huge success again this year. Many thanks to Elaine Evans, Ruth Morgan, Doug Park and Jarrod Gipson of the recreation committee for their work in making this event our best ever. I also would like to thank Jeff Sams and Roger for their help with the night time entertainment. Roger and his team at Boatworks also helped to ensure the patrol boat was in top running condition for the event. His donation of an extra pontoon boat to support the activities also made things go off smoothly.

The Road contractors came by and did another great job on Greentree Parkway. We planned to get Greentree done up to Lake Wildwood Baptist Church but fell just a little short. We will finish Greentree next summer. I would like to thank all of our residents who stepped up to the plate to call in potholes to the front office so our contractor could get them repaired. I believe over 30 were repaired, but we are not finished. The road repairs are on a quarterly schedule and each time we will repair as many potholes as our quarterly budget will allow. If you see a pothole, call it in to the office and it will be put on the list and will be repaired as soon as we can get to it.

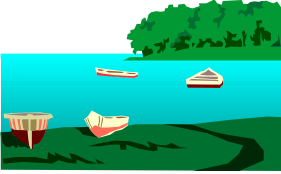
SCHOOL IS IN SESSION (Starting August 9th) The kids are back at the curb waiting for their busses. PLEASE be careful when driving in the morning and after school lets out. Slow down and watch for the busses and the children. Their safety is in our hands. Parents, PLEASE talk to your children about safety while waiting for the bus. Going back to school and spending time with their friends is distracting and they need to be reminded to be careful and mindful of traffic on the streets.

LWW ACCEPTING BIDS Lake Wildwood is now accepting bids on a plumbing contract to separate the Clubhouse water supply from the Pool water supply. Licensed and fully insured plumbers can contact the Lake Wildwood Property Manager, Cindy McMichael at the Lake Wildwood office adjacent the front gate Monday thru Friday during normal business hours. Insurance, licensing, tax and certification information will be required upon submission of contract Bid.

Disclaimer: Submission of a bid does not constitute an offer of a contract. All Lake Wildwood contracts are bid internally and outside the community in an effort to ensure that Lake Wildwood resident contractors have full visibility and opportunity to bid all contracts. Contracts are awarded based on qualifications of the contractors and price of the contract. Lake Wildwood is an equal opportunity employer and all internal and outside contractors have the same opportunity to win a contract. Lake Wildwood does not discriminate based on age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or creed, sex or gender, gender identity and gender expression, sexual orientation, veteran status, community residence status, or any other basis in law. This policy implements state and federal laws; inquiries about it should be directed to the Property Manager.

Join us for the next open board meeting, August 18th at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.

Michael Kasko
President
Lake Wildwood HOA
Board of Directors



Lake Committee Report

By Mike Kasko

The Lake is full, the air is HOT, and so is the water. Jeff Sams and I spent a weekend working on the Buoys. It was hot outside so I was looking forward to jumping into the water. Imagine my disappointment when the water at the surface was hotter than the air. A quick dive below the thermocline helped that. We continued to work to get the 2 swim area buoys and speed zone buoys installed. One of the buoys had a cut in the bottom which had to be repaired before returning it to the lake. Please be careful around these buoys, a prop strike will do a lot of damage to a buoy and they are expensive to replace.

Fishing Report



The Shad are running and provide a great food source for our bass. As demonstrated by Nancy Sams, shad make great bait also. She pulled in a 10 pound bass to put herself on the top of the angler bragging ladder. Nancy caught this monster on a Texas rigged shad. That's right, a slip sinker above a circle hook. Congratulations Nancy for the Lake Wildwood biggest documented bass of the year.

Please remember that fishing in Lake Wildwood is limited to the use of fishing poles and cast nets not to exceed 6 Ft diameter. (Cast nets for bait only) Also, catching and holding bait fish is limited to the bait you plan to use for the current day's fishing only. Catching and selling shad is prohibited. These shad are a big part of the food supply for the fish in our lake. The use of Floats, Jugs, Trot Lines, Limb Lines, Etc. is prohibited. Lake Wildwood is a recreational fishing lake and we plan to ensure it remains this way for a long time to come.

Summer Report

After spending this time in the heat, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone about the nature of summer weather.

Two of the biggest weather hazards that affect the United States typically occur during the summer months: Lightning and Excessive Heat. Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area of a thunderstorm; that's about the distance that you are able to hear the thunder from the storm. Make sure you follow the instructions of Lifeguards at the pool when Lightning is present and get off the lake as soon as you see lightning or hear thunder. Move to a solid shelter and wait for the storm to pass before venturing out again.

Many people do not realize how deadly a heat wave can be. A heat wave is a period of excessive heat lasting two days or more that leads to illnesses and other stresses on people with prolonged exposure to these conditions. High humidity, which often accompanies heat in, can make the effects of heat even more harmful. While heat related illness and death can occur due to exposure to intense heat in just one afternoon, heat stress on the body has a cumulative effect. Consequently, persistence of a heat wave increases the threat to public health.

Please look in on your elderly neighbors and relatives regularly during these hot summer months. Make sure they have what they need like a working air conditioner, fans, and supplies. During this type of weather it may be too much for them to get out and do some shopping, so offer to help if they need it. Our neighborhood is all about helping each other and, as proven time after time in Lake Wildwood, we are a community in every sense of the word.



**Management Report
Lighthouse Property Management
By Cindy McMichael**

I hope everyone has had a great summer and has been able to stay cool. This has really been a hot one! I hope as member of the community, you have been able to take advantage of some of the amenities we have. The 4th of July festivities were a huge success. We had a great turn out on the beach with hundreds of hotdogs and hamburgers sold by Elaine Evans and Ms. Ruth. Thanks to Kevin Marrs , owner of Lighthouse Property Management for providing the food and then grilling in such hot weather. Thanks to Mike Kasko and his help for a terrific show of fireworks. It was an awesome night filled with music and good times.

We have made a lot of progress the past couple months. We have paved 1.1 miles of road on Greentree Parkway. We started where we left off last year at Monterey Court and went just a little past Greentree Park. To make Lake Wildwood Drive look more appealing, there is a new fence at the intersection of Lake Wildwood Drive and Greentree Parkway. Just to mention a few things.

Remember that school will be starting August 9th. Please be sure to watch out for children in the morning while they are waiting for the bus and the afternoon when they are dropped off and making their way home. Slow down!

Don't forget about the open board meeting on August 18th. Come be a part of YOUR community.

Cindy S. McMichael
Lighthouse Property Management of Georgia

RECREATION NEWS

Elaine Evans and Mike Kasko, Board Advisors

The Lake Wildwood Home Owners Association hosted the Macon Tracks Running Club 4th Annual Make It By Midnight Marathon and Half Marathon in Lake Wildwood on July 16th. The goal of the race is finish at midnight without going over. The participants of the race must estimate the time it will take to complete the race and start accordingly. For example, a 4 hour marathoner would start at 8 PM while a 5 hour marathoner would start at 7PM.



The race course was a 6.55 mile course that ran through the streets of LWW. The clubhouse served as both the main aid stations and the start/finish of each loop. To keep the runners pumped the DJ from Beat House Productions provided great music and a live slide show of the runners as they started, looped, or finished the race.

The neighbors on the race course were invited to participate in the neighbor spirit competition where the runners would vote for the house they thought had the most spirit. The winner of the spirit contest earned a \$50 American Express gift card. The winner was Paul and Teresa Maisonneuve at 1489 Royalwyn! Several others had multiple votes including 1547 Royalwyn and 902 King Arthur.

The residents of the LWW community greatly supported the efforts of the runners. The runners forged through the heat, hills, humidity, and the dark as the race progressed. They neighbors showed their support by cheering and turning on porch lights so the runners didn't run on pitch black streets.

The event ended as the last runner crossed the finish line sometime after 12:30AM. Although the runners were tired and exhausted they had nothing but great things to say about the event, the LWW course and the great LWW neighbors. Thanks so much to all of our LWW residents who helped make the 4th Annual Make It By Midnight a great success!!!

Deborah Botkin and Andrew Strickland
MIBM Race Directors

The **photography contest pictures** are on display at the LWW library. Please stop by and vote on your favorite pictures. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the September 15th open board meeting. Thanks to everyone who entered the photo contest. Call Elaine at 718-3500 for more information.



STAY AND PLAY IN LWW LABOR DAY

Take the day off from work and join us at the pool, September 5th for Karaoke on the lower deck pavilion. The recreation committee will grill cheeseburgers and hotdogs on the pool patio upper deck. Drinks and chips will also be available.
Time: 11:30AM until 3:30 PM

BINGO CANCELED

We regret to report that Bingo is canceled. Ann Black spearheaded this event for six months with very little participation from our residents. So she has decided to give it up for now, but she wanted me to extend her thanks to the residents that did support this fun activity. We sincerely thank Ann Black and Mattie Larson for their efforts to support a recreational program.



Environmental Control/Beautification Report

Doug Dunmire, Chairman
Elaine Evans, Board Advisor

CC&R Highlight

4. General Prohibitions

B. Signs. No signs or advertisements larger in size than 18" x 24" shall be displayed or placed on any lot or structure in the Development without the prior written approval of the Environmental Control Committee.

Additionally, when posting advertisements or other signs follow these two guidelines:

1. DO NOT tape, staple or **otherwise attach** an advertisement directly to a LWW street sign.
 - 1.1 Use a stake or wire frame to post adds.
 - 1.2 Add/signs posted to LWW street signs will be respectfully removed.
2. Out of courtesy, remove ALL signs after the event.

The intent of the above rules is not meant to discourage advertisements. Please feel welcome to advertise your yard sales and other events. *The intent is* to keep our official LWW signs looking professional and free of clutter, discoloration and damage.



Handicap Parking Spaces. We're pleased to announce that we have four new handicap parking spaces in LWW. One of the spaces is located at the front office. Three of the new spaces are located at the clubhouse making it a total of seven handicap parking spaces at the clubhouse area. Six are in front of the clubhouse and one is located at the lower parking lot pool entrance.

New Decorative Fence. LWW Drive and Greentree Pkwy has a fresh new look. Kudo's to our maintenance guys,

Wayne and Terry, for installing the much needed fence and removing the old worn out shrubs. Beautification assisted with putting a fresh coat of sealant and stain to help preserve the fence. The committee also has plans to make a rock garden with some low profile plants sometime in the near future.



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Sarah Anne Ulmer

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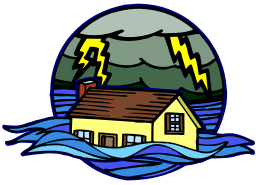
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Emergency Management Committee Report



Over the last few months we've seen an unprecedented number of disasters in, and around Macon-Bibb County, some of them striking pretty close to home. As much as we'd like to think of Lake Wildwood as a 'safe haven' from the tragedies that befall everyone else, we are NOT immune. We've had number of fires, power outages, lightning strikes, flooding, trees down, and blocked roads ourselves. And recently, a lightning strike, (and resulting fire), took out 20 apartments less than a mile from here, leaving a number of residents without homes.

Truth be told, we're probably never going to be totally prepared for a disaster. The best we can hope for is to have a viable emergency response plan in place for ourselves, individually, and our community, collectively; a plan that can help us be better prepared for unforeseen circumstances. And, while we can't foresee everything that can happen, through training, education, and preparation, we CAN minimize the effects of these occurrences on our lives.

The overall majority of people reading this are going to be content to let someone ELSE take care of what goes into drafting and executing an emergency response plan... which you hope will protect you and your family. Some of you will attend the Emergency Management, Security and Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings, and will become familiar with what you need to know and do, to be better prepared; (for people like you, we are eternally thankful).

However a large number of you won't even do that; and when something happens, and there aren't enough trained personnel to respond to your individual situation, with a good deal of righteous indignation, you'll cite "how much you pay in taxes and dues," and threaten to mount a campaign to depose all those you believe should have done more to help you. But, being apathetic (and perpetually "angry)," is the American way, so you're in good company if your preference is to complain; not act. If you're in that category, stop reading here, because there isn't much anyone can do for you. The best we can hope for is that you don't hurt those trying to assist you.

As most of you know, last summer 12 brave souls from this community took 3 weekends out of their lives to learn how to respond to an emergency, (big or small). And recently two more residents availed themselves of this training, (*Community Emergency Response Team*). But a team of 14 responders is not enough. At any given time at least half of these folks are not going to be available, which leaves us with a team of 7 to respond to an emergency. This is a normal attrition rate; I also see this with the agency I volunteer for, Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency.

However, there is something that YOU can do to help us, and other first responders, to assist you in the event of an emergency; even if you can't attend meetings, or participate in the free training and other services that are offered. When you call for help, we need to be able to FIND you.

Recently, a number of us Board members were making the rounds of the approximately 27 miles of roads in LWW, to assess which were in greatest need for repair. In doing this we discovered that a large number of residents don't even have street numbers on their homes, or mailboxes. Aside from the difficulty this poses for mail delivery, consider what happens when you call for help for a fire, or police or medical emergency, and they can't find you. While they will get to you eventually, imagine how are going to feel if it's too late, and the fault was your failure to invest \$2.00 in a set of reflective numbers.

So get some **numbers** on those mailboxes today... ones that can be easily read from a distance.

WES PATTON
Board Advisor



"You don't have a better idea about life & how to live it than what God has clearly instructed in His Word." I never forgot that. I was a young budding theologian sitting at the feet of a battle scared, front line warrior of Christ our King. The thought hit me right between the eyes. "How many of my ideas about life & how to live it were contrary to God's clear instructions?" I wondered. Well, I have discovered since then that my Father is forever correcting my "fuzzy logic" when it comes to His plan vs my plan for life & living.

Nowhere does that seem to be more true than in my role as a Father to seven of the most interesting children that I've ever had the privilege of knowing. "There is a way that seems right to a man but the end thereof is the path to destruction". King Solomon said that & he was a fairly astute man in the area of wisdom. So many of us have drunk deeply from the well of this world's wisdom ~ especially in the area of our Parenting. The result is a generation of Church kids who are, according to Ken Hamm, "Already Gone". Over 80% of our children who grow up in church leave it all together by the end of their first year out of high school. I strongly recommend Ken's new book entitled "Already Gone". The most shocking fact that his painstaking research discovered is that we're losing our children by late elementary school age.

The biggest factor in this current church exodus trend is that our children are keenly aware that God's Word has little to no bearing both in the actual life of the church and the life of their family at home. Children are hypocrisy detectors & their alarms are going off all over the place. Church & Faith are just something adults DO but it is not something REAL that has real world consequences at church, at home or at work.

We hope to break that trend here at Lake Wildwood Baptist Church. We do that by training parents to BE authentic followers of Christ in every area of their life – especially at home. We teach that it is not enough to bring your family to God's house without taking God back to your house. We train Fathers how to lead their families at home in regular worship. We actually believe that the answer to the current trend is at least 6,000 years old and it's name is Dad. We're making some adjustments in our services to provide an entry point to families with young children who are in no way ready to sit through church. We're doing that FOR LWW. Come & See for yourself...



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