



LAKE WEATHERFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

February, 2019



A NOTE FROM OUR LWCA PRESIDENT. RALPH HOLLEY

There have been many discussions lately regarding what your \$25 dues gets you from your Lake Association. Here's just a few of the many things you receive.

- ♦ The fellowship and friendships of people around the lake.
- ♦ Communication regarding events and community projects sponsored by the Lake Association in the form of newsletter, website or emails.
- ♦ Participation in Lake Association sponsored events that are limited to members.
- ♦ Involvement in community projects such as the Center of Hope canned food drive, Christmas Parade, community clean up day, and the Angel Tree project.
- ♦ The privilege to vote in our Lake Association elections.
- ♦ The support of the Lake Angels if you have a death or illness in your immediate family.
- ♦ You get a "lake family" that you might not know if you didn't join.
- ♦ Legal representation if we need it as in past years with lot license issues.
- ♦ Support of your Officers and Directors when needed to interact with City officials regarding issues affecting lake residents.
- ♦ The LWCA strives to increase positive public awareness of our lake community with City officials and with the larger community.

There are many of us that regard our membership and friendships as a benefit to living here. There are many members who give so much more to the LWCA than their \$25 by hosting parties, helping with community projects and supporting our lake families and each other in time of need. We hope you will take these things into consideration when making a decision to join LWCA. You can't put a price on the benefits and support we receive from each other. This Association allows us to do many things to enhance our quality of life on Lake Weatherford.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LWCA ANNUAL
SAINT PATRICKS' DAY PARTY!!!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR GAMES, VISITING, AND CONTESTS
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH AT 6P.M.



WEAR YOUR GREEN DECORATED HATS FOR HAT CONTEST!
NEW ON AGENDA IS THE GREEN ST. PATTY'S T-SHIRT CONTEST!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE.

HOSTED BY JUDY AND LARRY HICKLEN*
1829 EAST LAKE DRIVE
MORE INFO, CALL 817-238-3370.
ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.
*Not a LWCA sponsored Party.

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THE TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGIN



It was announced at the last Board meeting that the Association is going to try a more paperless approach. In order to save money on printing and postage we are going to start distributing our newsletter by email. This issue all license holders are receiving the newsletter by mail and email. In the future all newsletters will be distributed by email except for those who requested mailed copies. This savings in printing and postage will enable us to provide more services to our members and to our community. Thank you for your support as we make this transition. For questions or help, please contact our data manager, John Bates @ 817-929-8379 or tellit2jb@gmail.com.

INTRODUCING AIRTABLE

LWCA is in the process of converting its database to Airtable, an online cloud-based database, as a repository for member contact information. Better records and centralized access will translate into more efficient use of the dues we all pay. Through the year we will shift primary method of contact from mail to electronic means (e.g. email, phone, text). We realize some do not use email or personal computers and we will do our best to ensure you are not left behind.

It will be the responsibility of members to keep their contact information up-to-date. **If your information changes during the year, it is up to you to notify us** using one of the following methods:

1. Visit the LWCA Website and click on "LWCA Member Information" link. You will be directed to an online form. Fill it out and click "submit".
2. Contact the Data Manager at tellit2jb@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 817-929-8379.
3. Contact your director or any officer using the phone number listed on the front page of this newsletter.
4. Mail the changes to: LWCA, P.O. BOX 2454, Weatherford, TX 76086.

Members will receive an email with instructions on how to access the online LWCA Directory. **This will be available to members only.**

JOHN BATES, DATA MANAGER

keep in touch!

KEEP INFORMED AND STAY IN TOUCH

LOL = LADIES OF LAKE WEATHERFORD
PLEASE FIND US ON FACEBOOK & SEND A REQUEST TO JOIN US OR
VISIT OUR LWCA FACEBOOK PAGE @ LAKE WEATHERFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OR
VISIT OUR WEB PAGE AT WWW.LW-CA.COM



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST



The East side was the overall winner of this holiday season's light contest carefully calculated (or so they say) based on number of yards lit up as a percentage of total yards. Individual winners were awarded to **Jim and Pat Martin, 1843 E Lake for first place** and **Bill and Danielle Ford, 720 W Lake for second place**. Participation was great from both sides so thanks to everyone who lit up the lake for the holidays. The sailing club did a fabulous job of sailing along on the night of judging to add a festive touch. A particularly big thank you to Jerry Webster for braving the elements to take the judges out on a very cold evening.

MEET MELINDA SMESNY



Melinda is serving as our 1st Vice President. She is enthusiastic and excited to be volunteering her efforts on behalf of our organization. "I'm working with an awesome group of people. They see and have great new ideas for our lake and I'm honored to be involved."

Mel was born and raised in Lubbock and attended college at West Texas State in Canyon, Texas. Her early professional life was in the financial world, eventually working up to branch manager at First Savings and Loan. Life found her in College Station working for Texas A&M, then Dallas working for EDS legal department.

Steve and Mel have been married for 32 years. They traveled around the area while Steve worked for Zachery Construction. He is now employed at Honeywell. They have a daughter Tara McCormick who is an ag teacher at Weatherford High School and a son Kyle who works for DPR Construction. Mel and Steve moved to the area eight years ago to be closer to her parents. Her brother Kenny and his wife Denise lived here at the lake so they naturally looked here first and fell in love with the location and the lake in particular.

Melinda is quick to sing the praises of our community. "I have never heard of a neighborhood that offers clubs and services as we do. If you are bored then it's only by choice because there is so much to get involved in." She sees more community service outreach for the City of Weatherford as a goal for the future. "Many new ideas are being discussed and I'm excited for what the future holds", she said.

Melinda can be reached at msmesny@yahoo.com or 1(830)200-6989.

Kathy Lee

DANNY JOE LEE



Danny lost his battle with Alzheimer's on January 7th. He was a founding member of LWCA and served as both president and vice president. Danny and LWCA go back together to the beginning. He was very involved with the City, especially in the early days of fee negotiations and other issues. He also served on the committee formed to fight the Mirant Power Plant, traveling to Austin to lobby the issue for LWCA residents. The Lee home started out as a vacant lot in 1964 and the original cabin was built on weekends by Danny and his dad. After three remodels/additions, Danny and Kathy moved to the lake full time in 1991. This community was his passion. He was very proud of the Association and how it had grown and improved and contributed to the larger community over the years. One of the last things he did before his illness confined him to home was working with Jerry Webster, Penn Jones and other members at the vegetable garden for the Center of Hope. He was so proud of their efforts!

DANNY LEE MEMORIAL FUND

Your Board has voted to create a DANNY LEE MEMORIAL FUND. A memorial donation will be made to the fund from the LWCA in lieu of flowers when one of our members passes away. Donations will also be accepted from individuals. We are beginning this fund with donations from the Webster and Penn families so it is off to a great start. There will be a committee established to determine how these funds will be used each year. The intention is to start a scholarship fund or something else to support or bring awareness to our lake community. This motion was voted and approved by all! More information will be available as details are worked out.



Those we love can never be more than a thought away

For as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay.



Flags A'Flying



This year our Directors, Officers, Flag Committee Members, and friends will place American Flags only twice around the lake street side - first for Memorial Day (May 27) and then for Veterans Day (November 11th). All flags should be in place street side by May 20th in order to honor our Veterans for Memorial Day on May 27th. The period of honoring will last until June 1st, at which time flags need to be gathered and stored until November 2nd. If you have distressed flags that need to be properly disposed of, please take them to the Hales prior to June 14th. The flags will be properly retired in a ceremony on Flag Day, June 14th. Thanks to everyone at the lake in helping us honor our Veterans by displaying our American Flags.

*Von

LADIES - MEET US FOR LUNCH!

All LWCA ladies, friends and family are invited to our monthly lunches. We meet at 11:30 on the *third Wednesday* of the month.

Contact Teri if you would like to be added to the reminder email list.

March 20, - Boo Rays

April 17, - Fire Oak Grill

May 15, - Olive Garden

June 19, - El Fenix

July 17, - R & K / Santa Fe

August 21, - Drake's Yoke

Teri likes to give these places a little warning that we are coming so **PLEASE** text, call or email Teri Stewart a few days prior if you plan to attend. Also - A drawing will be held at the end of each luncheon for a door prize of a free entrée for your next visit to that restaurant.

Be sure and read the email or check with Teri because occasionally the location changes from what is published. She can be reached at 817-707-0779 or terijstewart1955@gmail.com

CALLING ALL READERS



LWCA has a book club. We invite any member who enjoys eating, conversation, and hopefully a good book discussion to join us. Everyone does not read every book every time and that's OK. We try to hit all genres and tastes eventually. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 1:30. Our current meeting location is Boo Rays but we change that up from time to time so it's a good idea to get your name on the email list for updates. There are people on the list who cannot or do not wish to come but just like to know what we are reading and that's ok too. We have fun and read some really good books so come join us. Our next meeting is February 27th. We will be discussing THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Call or text Kathy at 817-304-0928 or email at gypeclees@yahoo.com.

Kathy Lee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

Saint Patricks Day Party - March 16th
6:00 P M Judy & Larry Hicklen's*

Community Cleanup - March 30th
Lake Weatherford Marina - 9:30 AM

Bring trash bags
Chuck & Tammy Dolbee's 6:00 PM
Bring drinks, chairs & food to share

APRIL

LWCA Board Meeting - April 13th
10:00 A M Jerry & Nickii Webster's

MAY

Spring Fling - May 4th
John & Von Hale*

JUNE

Hawaiian Party - Date tba
Jerry & Nickii Webster*

AUGUST

LWCA Board Meeting - tba

OCTOBER

LWCA Board Meeting—tba

LWCA Annual Membership Picnic - Date tba
Bluebird Park

Halloween Party - Oct 31st
Jerry & Nickii Webster*

NOVEMBER

Memorial Day Flags
Flags Placed by November 1st

Thanksgiving Celebration
Bill & Yvanna Frantz
November 16th—4:00 PM

DECEMBER

Christmas Party - tba

***Indicates NOT sponsored by LWCA**

July, August & September are months in which there are no activities planned as of yet. If you would like to host an activity please call the Activity Director Von Hale 817-371-8676

Suggestions for activities: Porch Sittin', Sock Hop, Garden Party, Game Night, 4th of July Watch or numerous other themes. *Von

Congrats to Kathe Reis - The newest Appointee to the Parks & Recreation Board!!!!



Lake Weatherford Sailing Club

As we look astern at 2018, we see images of Northwestern horizons, the Seattle skyline, boat deals made, elbow grease expended, maiden voyages, cool drinks, and sails in the sunset. We experienced the joy of big boat sailing in the San Juan Islands and the satisfaction of learning how to handle our own vessels in these more familiar waters. In December, we enjoyed a beautiful full moon on the first evening of Winter as we decked, not our halls, but our hulls with lighting for our first LWSC Christmas Extravaganza. Many looked on as we caroled our way around the lake wishing all shore dwellers happy holiday greetings.

We see fun times ahead for a new member, as Bill and Danielle Ford paid-forward their Sunfish to Terri Stoker. The Fords purchased a Catalina 22 in 2018 but are moving all-ahead-full with a Pearson 26, named "See Level". This beauty is currently on Lake Lewisville, but they hope to make Lake Weatherford her new home soon. That puts "La Luna Llena" up for sale, so we're hoping some able sailor will step up and join our ranks. These keel boats enable year-round sailing as often demonstrated by Joel and Lisa Aldridge aboard "Koininia". Joel braved challenging conditions last month in 25-knot winds and managed to return safely to shore with not much more than a couple of bruises and a rapid heartbeat! "Aquaholic" is in dry dock undergoing a hull paint job, and the Chamberlain's Hobie Getaway awaits the warm Spring breezes.



I'd like to thank LWCA for inviting us to put recurring articles in the newsletter in spite of the fact we are not an LWCA-sanctioned activity. It could help to grow our little sailing club as we invite any and all comers to join us, even if it's just for an occasional ride-along. Sailing really is a lot of fun!

We wish smooth sailing and beautiful sunsets for you all in 2019!

JB 817-929-8379 tellit2jb@gmail.com



RUMORS, FAKE NEWS . . . and SOME FACTS

OK, the skinny little building going up at 1417 S. Main IS NOT an IN AND OUT BURGER. That rumor is fake news. It is actually a **Smoothie King**. In and Out Burger is not coming to Weatherford. Sorry guys. However, **Kentucky Fried Chicken** is coming to Weatherford, right there on chicken row by Aldi. We are also getting a **Panera Bread** on Adams where the old Sears store was and, last but not least, 509 N Main will be the location of the new **Beefmasters Steak House**.

For our shoppers, we have the same bad news for Sam's Club and Costco – not coming to Weatherford at this time. All rumor and fake news. However, there is a glimmer of hope for Costco. According to Blake Rexroat Director of Communications and Marketing with the City of Weatherford, Costco has approached them but determined it is not the right time. They like to build around another large shopping center that has plenty of space close by and no such center exists here at this time. The building going up in front of Home Depot is a Pet Store. **Bath and Body** is going in at the old Rue 21 location on Adams.

Last but not least, for you parents, grandparents or just the kids at heart, the construction behind Home Depot is a **Grand Adventure** indoor-outdoor park with go-karts, arcades and supposedly one of the biggest miniature golf courses in the area.

FACT: HEB is planned for a MAY 10TH OPENING!

This information pilfered from a face book live session with Blake Rexroat with the City of Weatherford.

Kathy Lee

MARY MADEWELL

Our dear friend and neighbor, Mary Madewell, passed away on November 22, 2018. Mary was originally from London, England and spent 42 years as a registered nurse.

Mary served as a Director for group 7 from 2011 to 2016. She could often be seen walking her dog on the beach or taking pictures of our beautiful sunsets. In Mary's words, living on the lake was "brilliant".



THE WORD OF THE DAY IS *SLOW DOWN!*



Kevin Delcarson has been working diligently with the City to get some traffic control and safety measures implemented around the lake. Here are some changes that are being considered by the City thanks to his efforts.

- ◆ Add permanent flashing radar speed limit signs at 4 locations. The signs are requested to display both individual variable speed of the vehicle and the posted speed limit for the area and cover both directions of traffic. Signs are solar powered.
- ◆ Add 6 new speed limit signs, two on West Lake and 4 on East Lake, to be positioned along straightaways where the most speeding occurs.
- ◆ Add signage on both directions of the West Lake-Marina View intersection, such as “Dangerous Intersection” with a suggested speed limit.
- ◆ Add “Deer Crossing” signs at areas of the lake where deer commonly cross or congregate.

Thanks to Kevin for working so hard on this and keeping us informed and updated.

JUST A NOTE: THE SPEED LIMIT AROUND THE LAKE IS 30 MPH.



NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN TOPPERS ARE COMING

The City of Weatherford has started a “sign topper” program to help distinguish neighborhoods, subdivisions and special districts, in an effort to demonstrate neighborhood unity and identify their boundaries. These toppers will be on existing street signs. All toppers will have the City’s logo with the community name below. Ours will say “Lake Community”. Toppers will be installed along the perimeter boundary and/or main entrances to the area.

Keep a lookout as you come around the lake for the new sign toppers.

WHAT’S WITH THE WATER SMELLS BAD, TASTES WORSE



The City is aware certainly that there is an issue with the drinking water quality lately. They continue to reiterate that the water is safe to drink and meets all safety standards while acknowledging it is not aesthetically pleasing at times.

BLAME IT ON THE GEOSMIN!

Geosmin is an organic compound released by algae in the lake. It has that earthy musty odor and taste. My research tells me it is the same phenomena that can cause that earthy smell when it rains after a long dry spell. According to city officials it is most prevalent in late summer, usually for a couple of weeks and in the winter for a couple of months. Current treatment facilities cannot sufficiently remove this geosmin. There is help on the way. In the next couple of months there should be modest improvement after the existing media in the filters is removed and replaced with a newer and more effective product. This is a lower cost intermediate step to put in place while completing design for the larger project already approved which will add another layer of filtration.

The takeaway from all of this is this: The City knows of the problem. They are not ignoring the citizens’ complaints. Steps are being taken to remedy the situation.

Kathy Lee



2018 ANGEL TREE

Pam Skripsky chaired the Angel Tree for us in 2018 and has agreed to chair this event on 2019 as well.

A NOTE FROM PAM: I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in the Angel Tree project at the marina this year. All the wishes were fulfilled because of you and your generosity. You helped make a child’s Christmas a happy one. Thanks to you again and thanks to the marina for hosting our angel tree.

GIFT CARD WINNER

Bobbie Speegle is the recipient of the \$50. Boo Ray's gift card. All members who paid their dues by December 15th were included in the drawing. Boo-Ray's in Hudson Oaks donated the gift card. Please thank them for their donation when you visit. Congratulations to Bobbie! More importantly, a big thank you to everyone who has paid their 2019 dues. It's never too late.

**LAKE ANGELS**

*If you or a neighbor or friend around the lake have had a loss, been sick or hospitalized, please call **Patti Erwin** at 817-688-6613 or email at golfbaby@att.net. We depend on our members to make us aware of folks, members or not, who could use a little "angel" attention. PLEASE CALL US.*



If you would like to join the Lake Angels, Call Patti.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The LWCA places 3rd in this year's downtown Weatherford parade. Patti volunteered Larry and Tammi White to chair this event again in 2019. Thank you to Larry & Tammi and everyone who participated. (This is an excellent Community participation event.)

HALLOWEEN SNAPS**And it was a Merry Christmas!**

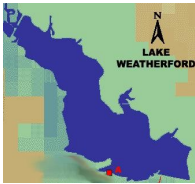
NOT A MEMBER OF LWCA?

Not a member and wondering why you got this newsletter? It's because we really want you as a member. We are sending it to you because we hope you will consider joining us to help promote our community, meet some new neighbors and have some fun. Maybe you would just like to know what is going on or maybe you want to immerse yourself in non-stop activities. We party, we pick up trash, we decorate floats, we party, we play bunco, we sail, we party, we read - you get the picture.

Remember, this is the only newsletter you will get unless you send your membership form in with your dues of \$25.

JOIN TODAY!

Enclosed please find membership form.



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