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Lakeview

Janet Quillman, LTIA President

It's official, the LTIA is back in session! After many, many months we had our first official get-together in June. It was great getting a chance to catch up with old friends and meeting some of our new lake residents. We enjoyed cocktails and had a quick meeting to bring everyone up to date on LTIA business. It was decided to move forward with our regular scheduled dinner meetings beginning in September. I'm sure that more than a few people are asking what about July and August...with so much going on in the summer we take a meeting break during this time. Our regular schedule is between September and June on the second Sunday of the month. We are working on the menu and will post in the September newsletter and also on the bulletin board at the lake entrance.

What will be happening this summer you ask? For starters, the boat parade on July 4th. All lake residents are welcome to participate. No need to register early; just decorate your boat and check in at the boat ramp at 2:30. We will have judges posted around the lake and boat flags will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Check out the photo gallery on the [Lake Tish website](#) to see pictures of past parades.

We also have the most anticipated event of the year scheduled for Saturday, August 28th—the Lake Tishomingo Boat Poker Run! Our dock hosts for this year's event will be Matt Holloran, Lauren & Ken Droege, Rhonda & Don Kidwell, Angie & Craig Jung and Dawn & Steve Matzger. Just ask anyone, this is a can't miss event...the most fun you can have for a minimum \$10 donation. We pay out for highest and lowest hand so even if your hand looks like a loser, you could be a winner!

We would like to thank our membership and lake community for continued support through this last "especially difficult" year. There are so many new residents not everyone may know that the clubhouse and pavilion are managed and maintained by the LTIA (Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association) through

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Calendar			
July 4	Sunday	2:30 pm	LTIA Boat Parade
July 13	Tuesday	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.
Aug. 10	Tuesday	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.
Aug. 28	Saturday	3:00 pm	LTIA Boat Poker
Sept. 8	Sunday	5:30 pm	LTIA Dinner

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membership dues, rentals and fund-raisers. Our rentals and fund-raisers have the biggest impact when it comes to considering what can be done. We are not funded by or through the property owners' annual assessments. Minor maintenance, improvements and **cleaning** are taken care of by volunteers, and major projects are contracted. Our next big project will begin late this summer and will include new siding, fascia and doors on the clubhouse. This could not happen without your participation.

We are so looking forward to getting back to our regular schedule, which means getting back to a little more normal; we hope you will join us for dinner in September. In the meantime, have a wonderful time with carefree boating on the healing waters of Tishomingo.



LTPOA News

Steve Blaha, LTPOA President

President's Report to the Annual Meeting June 19, 2021

Thanks to all who took time out of this Father's Day weekend to attend the annual meeting. There are two board members up for re-election, Ken Stojeba and Doug Leeker, and Craig Jung is seeking election to fill Mike Steeno's position.

Speaking of Mr. Mike Steeno, I would like to thank Mike for serving on the LTPOA board for two terms and also for the countless hours he spent in direct conversation with Bianca, our Lake's attorney. Mike has brought the board great insight from the legal side, as well as his insight while serving on other organizations boards. Thanks, Mike! We might not see you on the second Tuesday of every month, but just be warned, we know where you live.

Thanks to all of the residents and lot owners of this fine community for sharing a common goal of making Lake Tishomingo a better place to live and have fun. In order to do that more fully, we need to respect the Bylaws, Owner Restrictions, Building Regulations, Fishing & Water Rules, ATV rules, Security Sticker Rules, and Security Gate Rules.

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Allow 7-10 days lead time

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Non-LTIA members, each listing	\$5.00

Display Advertising Rates

Business Card	\$10 per issue	\$60 per year
¼ page	\$15 per issue	\$90 per year
½ page	\$25 per issue	\$150 per year
Full page	\$50 per issue	\$300 per year

Classified Ads

~ For Sale. 2008 New Holland L175 Diesel Skid Steer. 1100 hours 1/2-ton bucket and forks. Great condition. \$19,500.00. Call Doug, 314-265-7827.

~ For Sale. 2005 22' Sundancer DLX Pontoon with 25 HP 2005 Yamaha 4-stroke engine. Pontoon is next to the dock at C22. \$6,000 OBO. Please contact Heather @ 314-807-8993

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Next Newsletter Deadline is August 20, 2021.

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Aaron Staten, president and owner of A & S Protection, is providing security for Lake Tishomingo again this summer. Aaron and his staff are here to help us observe these rules and regulations more fully. Please be respectful of these officers; they are just trying to keep Lake Tishomingo a safe and pleasant community. It seems to be that the most commonly broken rules are the Water Rules. No wake for all boats from 7 pm until 10 am, and please, pontooners, no wake at all times. Please make sure your lot number and red Tishomingo sticker are on your boats, as well as your trailers, ATV's, golf carts, kayaks, paddle boards.

Remember from 10 am to 7 pm, slower traffic should stay closest to shore (paddle boats, paddle boards, pontoons, canoes, row boats); this keeps the ski and tube lanes open for faster traffic.

There have been four new blue buoys installed 100 feet from shore. Please keep your skiers and tubers at least 100 ft from shore. This means that your boat may need to be further than 100 ft from shore.

I predict a record crowd of boats gathering at dusk on July 4th to stake their claim on point M-12. The Ewen and Jung families will entertain us with a spectacular fireworks display. Let's do our part by making sure that our running lights work for a safe return to our homes.

We will begin identifying the weak spots in our seven miles of road next week, to ensure that we stay ahead of any major repairs. We still have some roads that have not yet been chipped and sealed. We will be doing chip and seal in September as the budget allows.

The lake lowering started October 1, 2020, and we took it to eight feet below normal pool. There were many lot owners who took advantage of the low water condition for dock installs and repair as well as seawalls and patios.

With the low water everyone was able to see our silt problem. It is not going away; in fact, it is growing. This will be our next large-scale project. We have contracted with Aquatic Control to map the approximately 13-15 acres of silt. Aquatic Control will use sonar as well as a probe to give us a grid map of how much silt needs to be removed. This map will give us a tool that we can use to get bids for the silt removal.

The spraying of the water willow seems to have been effective. We will keep a watchful eye on it and take action as necessary in the future.

It has been my pleasure to serve with these six people who make up the LTPOA Board: Shelby Reneski, Jon Riche, Doug Leeker, Ken Stojeba, Mike Steeno, and Mark Stubits. During our involvement we have worked together to resolve issues and make the necessary decisions for the betterment of our community. I know those decisions may not always be popular, but they have been made with the Lake's best interest in mind. These talented, selfless, community-minded VOLUNTEERS deserve a round of applause.



Lake Tishomingo Volunteers June 2021

Carey, Kim	~election commissioner
Carey, Steve	~election commissioner
Faulkerson, Justin	~stickers and gate cards
Fechter, John	~board member, sewer district
Hacker, Ron	~vehicle and boat sticker database
Hirsch, Janet	~communications
Hirsch, Rich	~gate and video equipment
Holland, Clarue	~heads the dam committee ~conducts the biological water quality testing ~maintains the Emergency Action Plan
Hovis, Fran	~former treasurer for many years for the sewer board ~former treasurer of the Lakeside Gardeners ~participation and leadership in numerous other community activities including the remodeling and reroofing of the sales office, remodeling the guard shack, rebuilding the bus shelter, building the new gazebo lakeside
Jaeger, Joan	~treasurer, sewer district
Johnston, John	~maintenance, LTIA
Johnston, Julie	~board member and treasurer, LTIA
Kohnen, Carol	~editor, <i>Tishomingo News</i> ~secretary, sewer board
Leeker, Doug	~board member and buildings, LTPOA
McKinnon, Dale	~former, sticker and gate cards
McKinnon, Robin	~former, sticker and gate cards
Meyer, Marilyn	~board member and president, sewer district
Miller, Cheryl	~board member, sewer district
Quigley, Bob	~board member and vice-president, sewer district
Quillman, Janet	~board member and president, LTIA
Quillman, Rick	~chef, LTIA
Reneski, Shelby	~board member, LTIA ~board member and treasurer, LTPOA
Riche, Jon	~board member and secretary, LTPOA
Rockwell, Rena	~coordinator, Lakeside Gardeners ~foe of invasive honeysuckle
Schaab, Denny	~board member, sewer district
Steen, Mike	~retiring board member and vice-president, LTPOA
Stojeba, Ken	~board member and maintenance, LTPOA
Stubits, Mark	~board member and security, LTPOA ~recycling aluminum cans, Tishomingo Anglers



Lakeside Gardeners

Rena Rockwell

Now is the time that we enjoy all of the work that we have completed. As we enter our community, the view is easy on the eyes with trimmed bushes, beautiful roses and zinnias and surrounding garden beds where flowers are blooming and weeding is complete.

Lakeside Gardening is a satisfying process. Working alone or in teams, we are rewarded socially, physically and aesthetically. New flowers are blooming each day and their aromas are filling the air. This awakens our senses and rewards us for the work we have accomplished this spring. We are pleased to see how it contributes to our environment over all.

We know from the people we met at our Spring Fling and by walking and driving in our neighborhood that many of us enjoy gardening. We would like you to celebrate your garden by sharing your pictures with us. Please take some pictures of your garden or favorite plants so we can share them in our future newsletters. In addition, we would like to start recognizing the best gardens in our neighborhood. Please send us your top three choices of best garden in Lake Tishomingo. The top choice will get a sign in their yard to recognize the result of this vote later in the summer and will be shared in our newsletters in the future. Please vote by July 15th. Send images and your top garden votes to rockwell@rocketmail.com.



I love Foxglove, but it is a plant I have not had any success with in my garden. So this picture is from the Botanical Garden from May of this year. If anyone is successful at growing Foxglove in our neighborhood, I would love to hear from you. Rena

Photo by Rena Rockwell



LTPOA Meeting Minutes

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

LTPOA Minutes April 13, 2021

Board members present: Mark Stubits, Jon Riche, Ken Stojeba, Mike Steeno, Doug Leeker.

There were 9 residents in attendance.

Vice President Mike Steeno called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

President's Report

Mike opened the meeting stating that he was filling in for Steve, who could not attend.

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Treasurer's Report

Jon read the financial report prepared by Shelby for April 2021. March had a cash inflow total of \$5.41 which was from interest.

The cash outflow for March totaled \$2,525.57 which included: Colburn Consulting for 6 months of site hosting (\$59.70), Wegmann, Eden for legal work (\$168), Ameren (\$130.85), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$20.38), Happy Grass for 50 hours of salt spreading and plowing, fuel, 2 hours for plow truck cleaning, and 7 hours to remove barrier poles (\$2,076.65).

The checking account balance was \$211,374.90 as of 03/31/2021. Interest accrued in the Major Projects Fund account in the amount of \$13.93 resulting in a balance of \$164,062.93 as of 03/31/2021. Jon made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

Jon asked to give Shelby approval to pay April bills totaling \$738.47 which included: Mickey K's portable toilet rental for 6 months (\$540), Charter (\$69.99), Phone.com (\$20.38), and Ameren (\$108.10). Mark made a motion to approve the bills and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

Building

Doug reported on an application from Dan Young, I29-31, to replace numerous landscape walls and sidewalks. Jon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Doug reported on an application from Craig and Angie Jung, K56-58, to replace a culvert, install gravel driveway and replace 2 existing sheds. Jon made a motion to approved the project contingent on the paving the first 20' of driveway and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Doug reported on another application for Chris Richars, D17-19, to install a boat lift. Jon made a motion to approve the lift and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

Doug reported on a final application from Dave Ross, K21-23, to install a boat lift. Mark made a motion to approve the lift and it was seconded by Ken. MOTION PASSED.

Justin Faulkerson, G47-51 submitted final plans during the meeting for his attached (by breezeway) garage. The garage includes a bathroom and will be tied into the existing sewer system with the main home. Mark made a motion to approve the submitted plans contingent upon Jefferson County approval and it was seconded by Jon. MOTION PASSED.

Security

Mark reported a handgun was found near the inlet creek. The police were called and recovered the firearm. Their research indicated that it was not stolen.

Gate

Rich reported on the gate. Bryan Stephens had the most code use, Ken Marschuetz had the 2nd highest. No residents exceeded an average over 2 times per day.

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Rich also noted that the lake reached full pool on April 12th.

Maintenance

There was a discussion about fixing the latch on the maintenance yard gate. Also, Mark stated he is working to get the cans hauled off.

Finance

Mike discussed the new Assessment Enforcement Schedule which was drafted. The schedule is as follows:

July 1 - Assessment notices are SENT

August 1 - Assessments are DUE

September 1 - Assessments are LATE, reminder email will be sent to all property owners.

September 15 - Reminder email will be sent again.

October 1 - Letter from attorney stating that a lien will be filed if payment is not received within 30 days.

November 1 - Letter from attorney stating a lien was filed and the LTPOA will file suit if payment is not received within 60 days.

January 1 - File suit (180 days after notices go out).

Jon made a motion to adopt this assessment enforcement schedule and adhere to it on a yearly basis and it was seconded by Mark. MOTION PASSED.

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Old Business

Aquatic Control has been notified that lake is at full pool and they will be getting us scheduled for the silt mapping.

Jon discussed some new signage for the boat launch area to include the water rules and a no wake sign to use next time the lake is lowered. Jon obtained a preliminary bid for the signs, poles, caps and back panels of \$1,200. Jon asked for approval to make the purchase and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED.

Jon made a motion to have Mark cut off the poles and replace the rope behind the clubhouse at a rate of \$50 per hour and it was seconded by Doug. MOTION PASSED with Mark abstaining.

New Business

Dale McKinnon resigned his volunteer position registering boats and issuing gate cards. Justin Faulkerson volunteered to take over the position.

Adjourn

Mark made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jon. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



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LTPOA Meeting Minutes

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

LTPOA Minutes May 11, 2021

Editor's note: Due to the unexpected absence of board secretary Jon Riche, board member Ken Stojeba recorded the minutes of the May meeting.]

1. Pledge of allegiance

2. Reading of previous meeting minutes was unanimously dispensed

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) Cash inflow of \$8803.83, outflow \$738.
- b) \$219,440.09 in checking acct, \$164,062.24 in major projects fund
- c) Listing of bills to pay was presented totaling \$2199.10
- d) Treasurer's report was unanimously agreed upon
- e) Treasurer reported 14 owners were in arrears on paying assessments totaling \$6375.52. Collections will be handed over to our lawyer.

4. Building

- a) No new building applications submitted
- b) Turnaround area will be spruced up later this summer
- c) Garden club will clean up this area in the meantime

5. Gate

No significant abuse of codes reported

6. Dam

Groundhog is back! Rich Hirsch volunteered to fill hole and watch for its return

7. Maintenance

Nothing to report

8. LTIA

- a) Boat poker will be Aug 28th
- b) Boat parade on July 4th, but no ice cream social
- c) Fireworks will be on July 4th

9. Website

Deadline for newsletter June 20th

10. Old Business

Nothing offered

11. New Business

A motion was put forward to increase the horsepower limit to 60hp. Three residents in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and 1 woman who did not identify herself, were opposed to the increase. There was a general discussion on the matter, but overall feeling was the higher limit would enable the newer fiberglass 16' boats to come on plane more easily, thus minimizing wakes. The board then unanimously voted to raise the limit to 60 horsepower.

Adjourn

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.



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June 19, 2021 Election Results

Craig Jung	1041 votes
Ken Stojeba	1012
Doug Leeker	998

46 households voted.

LTPOA Financial Reports

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

May 2021

Cash Inflow for April

Interest	\$ 5.39
2020/2021 assessments	8,748.44
Gate cards	50.00

Total Cash Inflow **\$8,803.83**

Cash Outflow for April

Ameren	108.10
Charter	69.99
Phone.com	20.55
Mickey K's—6 months of portable toilet rental	540.00

Total Cash Outflow **\$738.64**

Checking Account Balance for April **219,440.09**

Major Projects Fund 3/31/2021 **164,062.24**
Interest 13.48

Major Projects Fund 4/30/2021 **\$164,075.72**

June 2021

Cash Inflow for May

Interest	5.61
2019/2020 assessments	100.00
2020/2021 assessments	3,819.72
Gate cards	155.00

Total Cash Inflow **\$4,080.33**

Cash Outflow for May

Ameren	105.02
Charter	69.99
Phone.com	20.55
Happy Grass—mowing common ground and gate to 4-way, twice	400.00
Jon Riche—items for setting entrance post and painting of stop bar	365.35
Steve Blaha—stamps for newsletter	285.00
A Printing—printing of newsletter	325.05
Roto-Rooter—cleaning of culvert	555.00
Ken Stojeba—snow plow light	73.14

Total Cash Outflow **\$2,199.10**

Checking Account Balance for May **221,321.32**

Major Projects Fund 4/30/2021 **164,075.72**
Interest 13.94

Major Projects Fund 5/31/2021 **\$164,089.66**

LTIA Membership - 2021

Yes, here is my membership to LTIA. This will help to support the Lake Tishomingo Improvement Association projects and maintain the Community House.

Membership includes free classified ads in the Tishomingo News, attendance at LTIA dinners and children's holiday parties.

Please enclose your check for \$40 payable to "LTIA" and send to:

LTIA Treasurer
5698 Lake Tishomingo Rd
Hillsboro MO 63050

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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AT THE BOAT RAMP

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3:00 PM

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Birdsongs

No one knows if birds really sing for joy, but we do know they have other good reasons for singing. Bird song is a form of advertisement; it can send two messages to other birds of the same species. One message is a form of courtship. The singing male tells females he is available. The other message warns competing males to stay out of his nesting territory. Male birds fly about and sing from different perches in their territory to announce their boundaries. This keeps the area from being invaded by competitors and protects the food for their families.



Red-eyed Vireo

Missouri Department of Conservation

Singing peaks during spring when birds pair off and claim territories. There is great variety among bird songs, from the red-winged blackbird's trill to the robin's melodious warbling. Even the noisy hammering of a woodpecker functions like a song. A common forest bird, the red-eyed vireo, may be the champion songster. A dedicated bird-watcher (who apparently had time on his hands) observed a red-eyed vireo singing 22,297 songs within a day.

So, beyond its beauty, bird song is serious business. Without song, most of our common birds could not reproduce.

Birds Got Talent

You've likely heard a bird or two singing this spring. But do you know how our avian friends flex their vocal talents?

- The songbird syrinx, or the bird voice box, makes vocal gymnastics possible. The Northern Cardinal is able to sweep through more notes than are on a piano keyboard in just a tenth of a second!



Male Northern Red Cardinal
photo in public domain

- Because each branch of the songbird syrinx is individually controlled, the cardinal can start its sweeping notes with one side of the syrinx and seamlessly switch to the other side without stopping for a breath, making them the envy of human vocalists everywhere.

- In songbirds, each side of the syrinx is independently controlled, allowing birds to produce two unrelated pitches at once. Some birds even have the ability to sing rising and falling notes simultaneously!

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- While some birds hatch knowing the songs they will sing as adults, most have to learn how to communicate effectively. Songbirds begin learning their songs while still in the nest, when nestlings listen to the adults singing around them. Following fledging, young birds attempt to replicate these songs, practicing until they match it.

For more about birds, check out [The Cornell Lab's Bird Academy](#). Or play the [Bird Song Hero Challenge!](#)

This column was modified from "Nature's Soundtrack: Birdsongs" by Peg Craft, which was first published on May 23, 2021, on the Missouri Department of Conservation Discover Nature Notes blog, and it appears here courtesy of the Missouri Department of Conservation.



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The “Sales Office”

Carol Kohnen

When my husband and I first started visiting Lake Tishomingo, we wondered about the “cute little house” near the entrance to the subdivision. We discovered that this is commonly known as “the sales office,” which is what it was back in the middle of the last century. Today, it functions primarily as the headquarters of PWSO#13. Occasionally, other Tishomingo organizations use it for small group meetings.



The Lakeside Gardeners maintain the lovely flower gardens here. The orange flowers in front are butterfly weed. Along the side are a red double rose, Rudbeckia “Indian Summer” black-eyed Susan, and Stella d’Oro daylilies.



WordNerd

Going fishing this summer? Here are some words of wisdom to ponder between bites.

“Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.” ~George Carlin

“If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there’d be a shortage of fishing poles.” ~Doug Larson

And a new word for you: *procrastifishing*: the art of going fishing when you should be doing something else.



Hot rental car market = scams

June 15, 2021

by Emily Wu

Attorney, Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC



The weather is getting warmer, and you might be itching to travel again. The mountains, the beach, and the trails are calling you — and everyone else. At least that’s what it feels like when you start looking into renting a car. With rental car availability at an all-time low, prices are sky high. So, if you suddenly find an available car at a cheap price, you might be dealing with scammers looking to cash in on the rental car shortage. Scammers are posing as rental car companies, setting up their own websites, and advertising fake customer service phone numbers, all to convince travelers they’re legit. Then, they’re asking people to pre-pay for the rental — with a gift card or prepaid debit card. To avoid rental car scammers driving off with your money:

- **Research the rental car company** by searching for the name of the company and words like “scam,” “complaint,” or “review” to check if other people have had a bad experience.
- **Verify deals with the company directly.** If you need customer support, look for contact info on the company’s official website. Don’t use a search engine result. Scammers can pay to place sponsored ads in search results, so they show up at the top or in the sponsored ad section.
- **Pay with a credit card if possible,** and never pay with a gift card or prepaid debit card. You can dispute credit card charges, but gift cards and prepaid debit cards can disappear like cash. Once you give the number and PIN to a scammer, the money is gone.

Before you rush to book that miraculously available rental car, take a beat and read up about [things you should consider when renting a car](#). If you spot a rental car scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).



As was explained in the last issue of this newsletter, Water Resources Management (WRM), our sewer system operator, is doing routine maintenance on our STEP tanks this spring and early summer. The inspections have identified problems with some of the tanks.

The PWSD#13 Board of Directors has created a flyer with reminders and tips on how to care for your sewer system. This flyer was distributed at the LTPOA Annual Meeting on June 19, and is reprinted here for your reference.

Attention Homeowners

Sewer System Information

PWSD13@charter.net • www.laketishomingo.com/pwsd13

Daytime - 8am - 4pm Monday thru Friday, call WRM	636-257-3976
Emergency calls - Evenings, weekends, holidays	888-970-1382
Billing Questions	636-285-1778

Our sewer system requires special care

- Never flush wipes, tampons, hair, or condoms. “Flushable wipes” will damage your system!
- Never put grease or oil down the drain.
- Never use your garbage disposal to dispose of fatty food waste.
- Never turn off your system by the breaker in your house.
- Never cover the lids of your tank in a way that causes difficult access.
- Never drive over the lids of your tank or risers.
- Never dig in your yard without calling to have utility lines marked. Please only call one time. PWSD#13 pays for every call. Call 1-800-DIG-RITE (1-800-344-7483) or <https://mo1call.com>
- If your alarm goes off during heavy rains, limit water use and press the lighted button to silence the alarm. If the alarm light does not turn off within six hours after the rain stops, call WRM 636-257-3976.

PWSD#13 operators perform routine maintenance on the residential connections to our sewer system. STEP tanks are inspected and if removal of accumulated sludge is needed PWSD #13 will pump the STEP tank and pre-existing tank, if it is inline. By ordinance, if another pump out is needed within a 5-year period, the property owner shall pay PWSD #13 the entire cost of the pump out.

Lake Tishomingo Boat Poker Run

Saturday, August 28th

3pm Check In at the Community House

Docks Open 3:30 to 7pm

\$10 per hand



Cash Prize for Highest and Lowest Hands