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## LTPOA News

**Steve Blaha, LTPOA President**

Welcome to the windy month of March. So long as the winds are from the south, let them blow. I hope everyone made it safely through the two major snow storms in February. Thankfully, our snow plow and salt spreader were recently serviced and ready for the task.

We are still trying to eradicate our beaver that has been living near the south side feeder creek. Please report any sightings.

Once April gets here and the water temperature climbs above 60 degrees, the southern naiad and pond weed treatments will begin. Aquatic Solutions Co. will be applying the solution. We will have a lot of information as the time draws near, including the exact dates, and what should and should not be done with the lake water during the treatment period.

Now for the important item! We all should have received a packet about renewing the Lake Tishomingo Restrictions. If you have not, please contact Jon Riche. Jon (with some help from Craig Jung) has done a fantastic job breaking the process down in a simple-to-understand document. *[editor's note: see page 6]*

It is so simple that Linda and I have already taken care of it. We took our packet to the Wegman Law Firm in Hillsboro. We told the receptionist we wanted to have the Lake Tishomingo Restrictions document signed in front of a notary. She watched us sign the document, did her stamp. She kept the document, we thanked her and we were out the door in less than 10 minutes.



*Steve and Linda's signatures being notarized on the Restrictions document.*  
photo by Steve Blaha

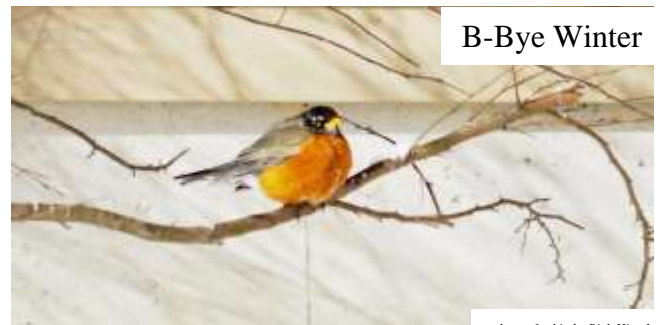
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Calendar			
March 8	Tues.	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.
March 19	Sat.	10:00 am	Restrictions Signing Event
April 12	Tues.	7:00 pm	LTPOA Board Mtg.
April 30	Sat.	9:00 am	Gardeners' Spring Fling

*LTPOA News continues from previous column*

PLEASE take care of this important item sooner rather than later. We will be planning some dates to have a notary on site here at the lake. The first date is March 19. *See page 5 for more details about this event.*

Hope to see you on the lake real soon!



**B-Bye Winter**

photo of robin by Rich Hirsch

*I know it's a different bird, but you get the idea!*

**Hello, Spring!**



photo of bluebird by DeAnn Sharpless

## Lakeside Gardeners

**Rena Rockwell**

On April 30, the Lakeside Gardeners are once again sponsoring the Spring Fling. Don't miss this chance to get out safely and socialize with your neighbors!

See the flyer on page 3 for more information.



## LAKE TISHOMINGO PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

# LTPOA

President	Steve Blaha	314-808-4757	rsblaha@yahoo.com
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Boat Patrol	Steve Blaha	314-808-4757	rsblaha@yahoo.com
Dam	Clarue Holland	314-623-5869	Clarue-Martin@att.net
Stickers & Gate Cards	Justin Faulkerson	314-371-7320	jfaulkerson80@yahoo.com
Water Quality Test	Clarue Holland	314-623-5869	Clarue-Martin@att.net
Website	Janet Hirsch		thisweekatlaketish@gmail.com
Newsletter	Carol Kohnen	314-365-1991	tishnewsletter@gmail.com
Gate Directory/Entry Codes	laketishomingo.com		gate.ltpoa@gmail.com

Allow 7-10 days lead time

## LAKE TISHOMINGO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

# LTIA

*Note: Positions on the new LTIA Board have not yet been determined.*

*For information about LTIA, contact:*

or	Gail Lents	636-274-4245	glents@charter.net
	Kim Carey	314-616-6946	kimcarey7@gmail.com

*For Community House rental, contact:*

or	Rosie Ferrell	636-274-3455	
	Gail Lippitt	636-274-5034	

## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY #13 (Sewer District)

# PWSD#13

President	Marilyn Meyer	636-274-1812	marilynmeyer@charter.net
Billing Questions	Voice mail	636-285-1778	pwd13@charter.net
Sewer Emergency	Operator Office	636-257-3976	<a href="mailto:support@waterrm.com">support@waterrm.com</a>
After-hours Sewer Emergency	District Liaison	888-970-1382	

### Classified Advertising Rates

LTIA members, non-commercial listing	no charge
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

### Website

[www.laketishomingo.com](http://www.laketishomingo.com)

View this and past newsletters since 2003 at the website.

### Email

Receive "This Week at Lake Tish" announcements and the electronic version of this newsletter by email. Send your email address to [thisweekatlaketish@gmail.com](mailto:thisweekatlaketish@gmail.com).

### Contributions to Newsletter

Submit news items, photos, recipes, articles and ads to [tishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tishnewsletter@gmail.com). Next Newsletter Deadline is May 20.

### Classified Ads

Coming up for sale: buildable, 5 level lots, 2nd tier on South Lakeshore. Lots 66-70 Block A. \$47,500. If interested, call 636-226-5688.

For sale: pontoon boat... needs lots of love... 636-274-7019.

For sale: 16' Lowe Line aluminum canoe \$300; includes paddles, seat backs and wheeled transport dolly. Contact John at 314-737-8958 or 636-274-1486.

Looking to buy: a used electric pontoon boat lift...call me if you have one to sell. Maggie text or call: 314/609-5152

### Notice

Please contact Rebecca Dean if you would like to be on a committee to organize a community garage sale, would participate by having a garage sale at your residence, or can help in organizing and coordinating, etc. Rebecca Dean 314/566-6678.



## Lake Tishomingo Spring Fling



## Join us at Spring Fling 2022

### When

Saturday, April 30th 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Where

Community house pavilion, beach area and parking lot. This event will be held outside and at a social distance so we can maintain health guidelines.

### What

To sell or buy plants (annuals and perennials), baked goods, and/or miscellaneous goods (Lake Tishomingo merchandise, books, tools, artwork, and hand-made craft items).

### Why

Money raised will go to the Lakeside Gardeners for future plantings. This is a chance to get out safely and socialize with your neighbors.

### Donations

The Gardeners would appreciate donations of plants and/or baked goods.

Please consider splitting perennial plants from your yard. Label with the plant name. We will price the plants for the sale.

We encourage all of our bakers to contribute to the sale. Please label your bakery items with item name, ingredients, and price.

### Other Sales

If you want to sell your own merchandise in a designated area, a \$10 donation to the Lakeside Gardeners would be appreciated. Please [fill out this form](https://forms.gle/ixv8U7jZJCWJ8jii8) (https://forms.gle/ixv8U7jZJCWJ8jii8) if you are interested in selling items so we can coordinate the event space.



## Red-Tailed Hawk

Have you ever wondered why you see so many hawks near the highways? They're perched on fence posts, telephone poles and billboards, or circling overhead. Sometimes you can spot them courting, tumbling in pairs in the sky.

Hawks use open roadside to scan the surrounding fields for mice and other prey.

Many people say that if you see a hawk in our area and you guess that it is a red-tail, you will be right nine times out of ten!

Here are some interesting facts about red-tailed hawks.

- The red-tailed hawk plays a vital role in controlling animal populations. They'll occasionally prey upon small birds, but they mostly like to prey on rodents and other small mammals.
- The red-tailed hawk does most of its hunting by watching from a high perch, then swooping down to capture prey in its talons. It also hunts by flying over fields, watching for prey below.
- Small prey are carried to the perch, while large prey are often partly eaten on the ground.
- Many Native American tribes consider red-tailed hawks and their feathers sacred.
- In courting, males may fly high and then dive repeatedly in spectacular maneuvers; they may catch prey and pass it to the female in flight.
- Pairs may stay together for years on the same territory. Nesting is in mid-March, the earliest nesting time of all Missouri hawks. They may build a new nest of sticks and bark or renovate the same nest used the year before. Nests that have been used for years may be three or more feet high. The birds usually bring fresh greenery to the nest, sprigs of leaves or pine needles, until the young birds, usually two, leave the nest. The fresh greens repel parasites and help hide the nestlings.
- The female hawk remains with the young most of the time during their first few weeks. The male brings most food and the female tears it into small pieces to feed to the young. After the nestlings are 4- to 5-weeks old, the food is dropped into the nest and the young feed on it themselves.



Photo by Missouri Conservation Commission

*This column is based on "Hollywood's Voice of Choice" and "I Spy a Hawk" by Peg Craft, which were first published on February 7, 2022, and November 15, 2020, respectively, on the Missouri Department of Conservation Discover Nature Notes blog, and it appears here courtesy of the Missouri Department of Conservation.*



## Remembering Ken Jost

Janet and Rich Hirsch



photo by Janet Hirsch

It is with great sadness that we report the January 28 death of long-time lake resident Ken Jost. We enjoyed many happy times with Ken and his wife Bev. We shared activities, from the monthly LTIA dinner meetings, to working together on various projects, and frequent pontoon boat rides around the lake—in all kinds of weather.

Ken and Bev were active participants in lake organizations until they sold their house and moved away in August 2021.

Ken was an enthusiastic sportsman, engaging in hunting, fishing, and boating. His knowledge of wildlife and the natural world was encyclopedic. Before his retirement, he was an expert in commercial flooring, working many years as installer and project manager.

We remember Ken as always ready to help with any lake project.

- When beavers built a dam that blocked the primary tube of the southside bridge, Ken contacted the MDC, arranged to borrow traps and bait, and organized the capture and "relocation" of the beavers.
- He donated his wildlife camera for use on the back of the dam to detect and monitor groundhog activity.
- He helped with the installation of the siphon for lowering the lake.
- He and Bev always helped with the newsletter and assessment letter assemblies.
- Ken helped with the remodeling of the Community House—when we remodeled the bathrooms, painted the walls, and installed wainscoting in the main room.
- Ken served on the sewer board and obtained replacements for damaged equipment.
- He served on the gate committee, giving out gate cards and car and boat stickers for many years. He really enjoyed the interaction with lake property owners.



Ken and Rich and the beavers  
Photo by Janet Hirsch

Bev served on the LTPOA and LTIA boards and was a member of the Lakeside Gardeners. Ken and Bev were enthusiastic lake residents and good friends. We miss them both.



Photo by Janet Hirsch

View Ken's obituary:

<https://www.baue.com/obit/kenneth-v-jost/>





## Sewer District News

Are you curious about how our sewer system works? Would you like to assist the board of directors as they work with residents who have problems or concerns? Are you available during the day during the work week? The sewer board is considering creating a new volunteer position that may be perfect for you! Contact Marilyn Meyer, President of the Board of Directors, for more information.

### Reminders

To report sewer problems during evenings, weekends, and holidays, call the PWSD#13 emergency line: 888-970-1382.

For sewer problems during normal working hours, call the sewer operator, Water Resources Management: 636-257-3976.

For other queries, leave a message on the voicemail line: 636-285-1778.

### PWSD#13 Board of Directors

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## Cooking Corner

Carol Kohnen

### Rice-Orzo Pilaf

6 servings

2 2/3 cup chicken broth  
1/3 cup butter  
1 tsp kosher salt  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/4 tsp ground black pepper  
1/8 tsp paprika  
pinch onion powder  
2 tbsp olive oil  
1/3 cup orzo  
1 cup long grain white rice  
1 tsp fresh parsley chopped or 1 tsp dried parsley

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, add the chicken broth, butter, salt, garlic powder, pepper, paprika, and onion powder. Once the mixture starts to simmer, reduce to low heat.

In a large skillet over medium-low heat, add the olive oil. When the oil is hot, add the orzo and cook until brown, about 4-6 minutes. Add the rice and cook until it turns bright white, about 5-7 minutes.

Pour the warm broth mixture into the skillet, stir to combine. Once the mixture simmers, cover and cook for 15 minutes. Remove the cover, add the parsley, cover and continue simmering for 5 minutes or until all of the broth is absorbed. Serve immediately.

**Nutrition** Serving: 6g | Calories: 293cal | Carbohydrates: 32g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 16g | Saturated Fat: 7g | Cholesterol: 27mg | Sodium: 423mg | Potassium: 144mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 1g | Vitamin A: 392IU | Vitamin C: 1mg | Calcium: 18mg | Iron: 1mg

This recipe lightly adapted from "Perfect Rice Pilaf" at <https://lifemadesimplebakes.com/perfect-rice-pilaf/>.



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## UPCOMING SIGNATURE EVENT ON 03/19 - Restriction Renewal Reminder

The restriction renewal documents have been mailed to all residents. The signatures pages must be signed by each owner listed on the DEED for that property. If you have not received your documents or the information appears incorrect, please contact an LTPOA board member.

Option 1 - Bring your document to our Law Firm. The Wegmann Law Firm is located at 455 Maple St, Hillsboro, MO 63050. There will always be a notary available, Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm and they will notarize your documents at NO CHARGE to you or the LTPOA. You may leave your signed documents with the law firm.

Option 2 - Attend the ANNUAL MEETING or another signing event at the clubhouse. In addition to the annual meeting on June 18, 2022, the LTPOA is planning some events on select days where a notary will be present. Fees will be covered by the LTPOA and we will take your completed documents. There will be a notary available at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 10am-2pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Option 3 - Have your documents notarized at your own bank or by a notary of your choice. (The notary cannot be a lake property owner.) Notary fees are typically only a few dollars per signature and are usually waived by a bank where you have an account. If you have your documents notarized on your own, please deliver them to us by mail at 5699 Lake Tishomingo Rd, Hillsboro, MO 63050.

Sincerely, The LTPOA



### *Forced Branches: Forsythia and Ozark Witch Hazel*



*forced branches and photo by Rich Hirsch*

Bring some spring into your home early! See “Forcing Branches” on page 13.



# HAPPY GRASS LAWN & IRRIGATION

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**Mark Stubits**  
**314-479-7101**

## LTIA Membership – 2022

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 and attendance at LTIA dinners.

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

LTIA Treasurer  
5698 Lake Tishomingo Rd  
Hillsboro MO 63050

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS/LOT \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_



# LTPOA Financial Reports

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

## January 2022

### Cash Inflow for December

Interest	\$ 8.14
Gate cards and pontoon rental	237.14
2021/2022 assessments	2,970.00

**Total Cash Inflow** **\$3,215.28**

### Cash Outflow for December

Ameren	111.21
Charter	79.99
Phone.com	20.98
Janet Hirsch—microphone and cable for camera	108.95
Shelby Reneski—stamps	23.20
Ken Stojeba—SnoPro and Ellis Battery	214.54
Recorder of Deeds—filing of liens	564.65
Signature Streetscapes—1/2 cost of sign	2,900.00
Michelle Worth Collector of Revenue—taxes	1,304.44
Aquatic Control—500 grass carp	4,423.23

**Total Cash Outflow** **\$9,751.19**

### Checking Account Balance for December

**313,008.13**

### Major Projects Fund 11/30/2021

**164,171.95**

Interest 13.94

**Major Projects Fund 12/31/2021** **\$164,185.89**



## February 2022

### Cash Inflow for January

Interest	\$ 8.00
Gate cards	15.00
2021/2022 assessments	1,731.50
Legal reimbursement	50.00
<b>Total Cash Inflow</b>	<b>\$1,804.50</b>

### Cash Outflow for January

Ameren	115.72
Charter	79.99
Phone.com	20.57
Janet Hirsch—siren sensor; remote mic; sign	357.76
Wegmann, Eden—legal	84.00
Happy Grass—3 hours of salt app; parts for plow truck light	115.00
Salt Industries—salt	1,981.00
Signature Streetscapes—	2,967.50
Jon Riche—stamps, envelopes, printing, labels for Restrictions	773.84
Safeguard—deposit slips	78.14
QCE Aluminum Fence—down payment on fence	2,170.00
<b>Total Cash Outflow</b>	<b>\$8,743.52</b>

### Checking Account Balance for January

**306,069.11**

### Major Projects Fund 12/31/2021

**164,185.89**

Interest 13.94

**Major Projects Fund 1/31/2022** **\$164,199.83**





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# LTPOA Meeting Minutes

Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

## LTPOA Minutes December 12, 2021

Board Members present:

Steve Blaha, Jon Riche, Craig Jung, Doug Leeker,  
Mark Stubits

2 residents attended.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

### President's Report

Steve asked for permission to dispense reading of the September minutes.

Jon made motion to approve

Mark seconded

**Motion approved.**

### Treasurer's Report

Jon read the financial report for December 2021.

#### December 2021 Financial Report

##### Cash Inflow for November

2021/2022 Assessments	\$7,590.00
Gate cards	\$15.00
Interest	\$7.89

**Total Cash Inflow for November \$7,612.89**

<b>November Bills Paid</b>	
Ameren	\$101.31
Charter	\$79.99
Phone.com	\$20.98
Steve Blaha- gas for the snow plow truck	\$88.02
Red Oak Landscaping- mowing of the Dam 10/09/21	\$1,100.00
Happy Grass- mowing	\$320.00
Janet Hirsch- gate supplies	\$83.09
Krieg, Lohbeck & Co, CPA's- taxes	\$145.00
Snow Pro- Truck and plow repairs	\$833.58
Wegmann, Eden- legal bill for demand letters for assessments	\$1,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,571.97</b>

**Total Cash Inflow for November \$7,612.89**

**Total Cash Outflow for November \$4,571.97**

**Checking Account Balance for November \$319,544.04**

**Major Projects Fund 10/31/2021 \$164,158.46**

Interest \$13.49

**Major Projects Fund 11/30/2021 \$164,171.95**

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## LTPOA December minutes continue/Treasurer's Report

<b>December Bills To Pay</b>	
Charter	\$79.99
Ameren	\$111.21
Phone.com	\$20.98
Janet Hirsch- microphone and cable for camera	\$108.95
Shelby Reneski- stamps	\$23.20
Ken Stojeba- SnoPro and Ellis Battery	\$214.54
Signature Streetscapes- 1/2 cost of sign	\$2,900.00
Recorder of Deeds- filing of liens	\$564.65
Michelle Worth Collector of Revenue- taxes	\$1,304.44
Aquatic Control- 500 grass carp	\$4,423.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,751.19</b>

Jon asked for approval to pay November Bills

Doug motion to approve

Mark seconded

**Motion approved.**

### Building

- 5891 South Lakeshore Drive
  - Schaabs
  - Screened porch on existing deck
  - Approved
- 6195 North Lakeshore Drive
  - Carreiro
  - Build a lean to-roof adjoined to existing structure

Doug Motion to approve  
Jon seconded  
**Approved** pending Jefferson County permits.
- 6415 South Lakeshore Dr
  - Brda
  - 12 ft wide x 50 ft long x 3ft high retaining wall to form additional parking.

Jon motion to approve  
Craig seconded  
**Motion approved.**  
\* Mark Abstained\*
- 5883 North Lakeshore Dr
  - Miles
  - House removed 3 – 4 years ago
  - Need approval to allow architect to design and Jefferson County permits
  - “Allow to build new construction home pending Architectural plans and Jefferson County permits”

Jon Motion to approve  
Mark seconded  
**Motion approved.**
- Doug reached out to Shea and he apologized and said he will take care of it early next year.

### Security

- Gate knocked off on 12/13; need to check camera.
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> police tried to get in gate using sirens and failed.

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### Access Code Use Nov 2021

Code assigned to	Monthly Usage	Avg daily
M_Holloran101619	317	10.6
K_Beckmann	117	3.9
Ken_Stojeba3	87	2.9
J_Deroode	61	2.0
Mike_Steen	43	1.4
_MASEK	39	1.3

The most used access code in November 2021 was issued to M Holloran, which was used an average of 10.6 times per day in Nov and an average of 7.8 times per day in Oct. Mr. Holloran has been issued a new code & his old code expired Nov 30.

Second most used code was issued to K Beckman, which was used an average of 3.9 times per day in Nov & 2.8 times per day in Oct.

**It is highly recommended that Mr. Beckmann be contacted to determine if this high access code use can be explained. If the code has escaped, his current access code should be cancelled and a new access code issued. Please let me know if/when the current access code should be cancelled and what the new code should be. (Alternatively, I can select a new Access Code.)**

Other than that, there were no access codes used in Oct. that exceeded an average of more than 2 times per day that did not have an explanation. (We usually ignore an average usage of < 2.)

Steve Contacted Mr. Beckman and was told brother moved in and construction – Code has been cancelled.

#### Gate Report part 2:

##### A new Siren Operated Sensor is needed

Stated simply, we need a new Siren Operated Sensor for the gate. Old one from 2010 doesn't work anymore. New one is about \$550 from the manufacturer, or \$263.33 from Apollo Gate Openers.

As you may know, recently the gate is opening by itself. The gate computer keeps track of why this happens & lately, the gate comp says it's due to a detected siren. Based on looking at gate videos when the gate arm rises due to "siren detected", there is no source for this siren.

I changed the drive belt recently and maybe there are more squeaks & rumbles inside the ingate enclosure that are interpreted by the siren sensor as a siren.

In any case, I removed the siren sensor Dec 10 & took it home to test it & see if it was set up correctly. I could not get the sensor to work right. The good news is that it worked for 11 yrs. (It was purchased in 2010.)

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Janet talked to fire Chief Peters & he said that Goldman Fire uses the siren sensor at LT and at Lake Lorraine. It is also used whenever responders come in from other districts, like Antonia or Cedar Hill. He said that when we get the new unit he will send a Goldman Fire vehicle here so we can set up for the best location to place the sign that says "Activate Siren."

An updated unit is about \$265 online. I want to get one with a remote mic this time so the mic can be mounted on the surface of the gate enclosure, rather than inside it.

I've attached a doc below that describes the unit.

If or when we purchase a new Tele Entry System (TES) the siren sensor we buy will work with the new TES also.

We recommend getting the upgraded siren sensor.

Jon made a motion to approve spending up to \$1000 on new siren system.

Doug seconded

**Motion approved.**

#### Gate Report part 3:

##### Gate Camera: Increased Resolution & Repositioning

During November I swapped the Boat Ramp camera with the Gate camera. The reason for this is that the Boat Ramp camera has a higher resolution & audio support versus the older Gate cam. In my opinion it is more important that the Gate cam have higher performance than the Boat Ramp cam. Now the Gate cam has a resolution of 8.3 megapixel (4K) at 25/30 fps with audio & the Boat Ramp cam has a resolution of 5 megapixel resolution at 12 fps without audio.

I also tinkered with the gate cam to improve video coverage. I extended the board the cam is mounted on, so the cam now captures more of the roadway & less of the guard shack roof.

#### Maintenance

- Plow truck maintenance complete.
- Salt on order.
- Light on truck needs to be replaced \$50  
Jon made motion to approve  
Craig seconded  
**Motion approved.**
- Get bids to replace fence in front of community house out of composite/maintenance free materials.
  - Steve will look into getting bids and options.

#### LTIA

- New Board
  - Effective after 1<sup>st</sup> of year
  - Gail Lents
  - Jan Carreiro [*editor's note: Jan later withdrew her name.*]
  - Kim Carey
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting planned 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January (tentative date).

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*LTPOA December minutes continue/LTIA report*

- Move dinner meeting to Saturday afternoon/evening instead of Sunday evening.
- Barb Rohm won chili cookoff.

**Finance**

No new updates

**Sewer Board**

No new updates

**Dam**

No new updates

**Old Business**

- Shelf has been installed at bus stop for library and books will be gathered to place in there.
- Guard Shack upgrades and bids came in
  - Concrete to cut and replace \$2800
  - Frame area for air conditioner \$325
  - Vinyl siding and fascia \$3450
  - Misc other costs
  - Total bid of \$9045
- Discussion to rebuild new
  - Bids will be sought out for new construction of Guard Shack
- Aquatic Control – Mike Whittaker will be sending invoice for lake treatment of pond weed in January, prepay early to get a \$540 discount. Will give them the ability to buy chemical ahead of time.
- Hard figures on sign proposal discussed last month
  - 3 No loitering signs
  - 22 speed limit signs
  - Replacement notice sign
  - All poles and caps
  - Total \$5867.50

Jon made motion to approve signage costs

Mark seconded

**Motion approved.**

- 2023 Restrictions
  - The new document for renewal of the restrictions is ready. Need to send out a mailer explaining the process to get signatures.
  - Signature page approved by Bianca and ready to go out.
  - Need a Notary that is not affiliated with the lake in any way.
  - Board to make a few suggestions on where they can go to get notarized.
  - Plan Saturday events and have Notary available.
  - Annual meeting- have a Notary available.
  - If property changes hands and has already filled out the paperwork, no need to get new owners to fill out paperwork again.
  - Put in newsletter explaining mailer will be sent shortly.
  - Mailer will be sent out with all documents and instructions.

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- Spreadsheet created by Janet Hirsch.
- Craig will work with the spreadsheet to output onto documents.
- Letter sent to Ray Bourbon to remove tree
- Start to discuss with adjacent land owner (outside of lake) about buying/using land for dumping of dredging from the lake.
  - Mike Rinehart is willing to assist us in talking to them
  - Can we get some aerial map or plots to discuss with them for an actual discussion?
- Lien letter will be sent to delinquent assessment payments
  - Ken will provide.
- Patrol Boat
  - Take to Inland Marine for full evaluation to see if new motor is needed – waiting on Ken to arrange.
  - Steve will have options at next meeting.

**New Business**

- Work done behind the community house to remove ivy from building and rock 4-8ft out, maintenance free from this point on.
- 8 ft wide section would be \$2400 – “Meramec Gravel”  
Doug made motion for Happy Grass to complete the work.  
Jon seconded  
**Motion approved.**  
\*Mark Abstained\*

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jon made a motion to adjourn

Doug seconded

**Motion passed.**



**LTPOA Minutes January 11, 2022**

Board Members present:

Steve Blaha, Jon Riche, Craig Jung, Doug Leeker,

Mark Stubits, Ken Stojeba

3 residents attended.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

**President's Report**

Steve asked for permission to dispense reading of the September minutes.

Jon made motion to approve

Mark seconded

**Motion approved.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Jon read the financial report for December 2021.

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**Cash Inflow for December**

2021/2022 Assessments	\$2,970.00
Gate cards and pontoon rental	\$237.14
Interest	\$8.14

**Total Cash Inflow for December \$3,215.28**

**December Bills Paid**

Charter	\$79.99
Ameren	\$111.21
Phone.com	\$20.98
Janet Hirsch- microphone and cable for camera	\$108.95
Shelby Reneski- stamps	\$23.20
Ken Stojeba- SnoPro and Ellis Battery	\$214.54
Signature Streetscapes- 1/2 cost of sign	\$2,900.00
Recorder of Deeds- filing of liens	\$564.65
Michelle Worth Collector of Revenue- taxes	\$1,304.44
Aquatic Control- 500 grass carp	\$4,423.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,751.19</b>

**Total Cash Outflow for December \$9,751.19**

**Checking Account Balance for December \$313,008.13**

**Major Projects Fund 11/30/2021 \$164,171.95**

Interest	\$13.94
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**Major Projects Fund 12/31/2021 \$164,185.89**

Steve motion to approve  
 Doug seconded  
**Motion approved.**

**January Bills to Pay**

Happy Grass- 3 hours of salt app & parts for plow truck light	\$115.00
Salt Industries- salt	\$1,981.00
Wegmann, Eden- legal	\$84.00
Janet Hirsch- siren sensor and remote mic and sign	\$357.76
Ameren	\$115.72
Charter	\$79.99
Phone.com	\$20.57
Signature Streetscapes- signs	\$2,967.50
Jon Riche- stamps, envelopes, printing & labels for restrictions	\$773.84
Safeguard- deposit slips	\$78.14
QCE Aluminum Fence- down payment on fence	\$2,170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,743.52</b>

Approval to pay Jan Bills  
 Steve motion to approve  
 Doug seconded  
**Motion approved.**

**Building**

- Good progress on existing projects.
- Mr. Grimm applied to move his dock to the location of the current lift. This moved the dock far enough away  
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- from the property line that the lift can now be placed on the other side, accommodating the pontoon door.
- However, moving the dock would make it closer than 35' to Mr. Grimm's other dock.

Doug made motion to grant the variance considering the overall footprint of the dock and lift combined does not change and the docks that are closer than 35' are owned by the same person.

Jon seconded  
**Motion approved.**

**Security**

- No new updates

**Gate**

Code assigned to	Access Code Use Dec 2021	
	Monthly Usage	Avg Daily
K_Beckmann	127	4.7
Nathan_Reed3	113	4.2
Ken_Droege	80	3.0
Ken_Stojeba3	80	3.0
J_Deroode	55	2.0
J_Purcelli	54	2.0

The most used access code in Dec 2021 was issued to K Beckman. The code was used an average of 4.7 times per day in Dec & an average of 3.9 times per day in Nov. Mr Beckman was contacted by Steve B. The code was an old construction code that was no longer needed by Mr Beckman & was being used by unauthorized individuals. The code was cancelled.

Second most used code was issued to N Reed, which was used an average of 4.2 times per day in Dec & less than 2 times per day in Nov. I don't remember Mr Reed having an ongoing construction project. We will see what usage Mr Reed's code gets in January.

Other than that, there were no access codes used in Dec that exceeded an average of more than 2 times per day that did not have an explanation. (We usually ignore an average usage of < 2.)

**New Siren Sensor on ingate**

Weird behavior of the ingate (the ingate opening for no apparent reason) was traced to the Siren Sensor (SS). The purpose of the SS is to open the ingate when it detects the "Yelp" sound of an ambulance, firetruck, or police vehicle. The original Siren Sensor, installed in 2010, was replaced with the current model. To discourage false sounds from causing the gate to open, the new SS uses a remote microphone mounted on the outside of the gate box enclosure.

**Maintenance**

- Snow truck is ready for snow removal.
- A load of salt has been delivered.

**LTIA**

- January meeting is cancelled.
- February meeting TBD.

**Finance**

No new updates

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**Sewer Board** No new updates

**Dam** No new updates

**Old Business**

- 2023 Restriction Renewal
  - Jon will have letters ready in the next few days.
  - Mailer will be 10 pages – 2 stapled documents.
  - There is a blank section that Bianca will fill out on one of the pages.
- Annual Review for Property Clean Up
  - A list of residents has been compiled that need to address property clean up.
  - The board will be sending notification letters to these residents.
  - Need to do a similar review for sheds that need repair.
- Patrol Boat – needs to be taken in for repair.
- Rock behind Community House – Mark is currently working on this. Need to get more rock.
- Road signs have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive in a month or two.
- Delinquent Assessments – (approx. 20 residents) – liens have been filed – residents will have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to pay the assessment. If payment is not received law suits will be filed.
- Replace wooden posts that border the Community House (the posts that have rope draped between each)
  - Steve looked into replacing these with black fencing to match other existing fence around the Community House. Black vinyl fencing is no longer available.
  - Replacing with black aluminum fencing would be expensive.
  - Steve will look into other options.
- Pond Weed – Waiting to receive bill from Aquatic Control

**New Business**

- Dredging of the lake – still discussing all options and considering timing of the project.

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken made a motion to adjourn

Doug seconded

**Motion passed.**



**Forcing Branches**

Rich Hirsch

“Forcing branches” involves pruning off non-essential branches of flowering shrubs and putting the branches in a water-filled vase. In time, the buds will open, producing blossoms and possibly fragrance.

It’s easy to do; all you need is a pair of sharp pruners and a spring-flowering shrub. I’ve had good success recently forcing Forsythia and Ozark Witch Hazel.

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**What Are Forced Branches?**

Flowering branches are brought indoors in late winter. The branches are budded but they haven’t yet bloomed. When you bring the branches inside, the buds will gradually open and bloom.

Common branches to “force” are Forsythia, Witch Hazel, Pussy Willow, Tulip Magnolia, and Quince.

Preferably you’ll be cutting off non-essential branches of spring-flowering shrubs, so don’t worry about harming your shrub. In fact, this will get you outside to do late winter pruning that’s good for the plant.

**Best Trees and Shrubs for Forcing Branches**

Shrub or Tree	Time to Bloom (weeks)	Shrub or Tree	Time to Bloom (weeks)
Buckeye	5	Forsythia	1
Cherry	4	Honeysuckle	3
Cornelian dogwood	2	Lilac	4
Crab apple	4	Magnolia	3
Deutzia	3	Pussy willow	2
Flowering almond	3	Redbud	2
Flowering dogwood	5	Spicebush	2
Flowering quince	4	Spirea	4

January to February is a great time to force forsythias and witch hazels. By mid-February, try eastern redbud, cherry, and red maples. By mid-to-late February, consider lilacs, willows, and magnolias. Many of these trees and shrubs can still be forced in March, though. Pussy willows are great for forcing indoors. Wait until the downy catkins have broken out of their casings before pruning.

**How to Prune Branches**

Select branches that are not essential to the form of the shrub and towards the back of the plant. Prune a 1- to 2-foot length of branch. Choose a branch with lots of buds, preferably with small buds that are beginning to open. (Flower buds are generally fatter and more rounded than leaf buds.) Cut branches on the diagonal. Steeply-angled cuts ensure better water uptake.

**How to Force Branches**

Once inside, put the branches in a water-filled vase or vessel. Keep the vase in a bright room away from heaters and direct sun. The brighter the room, the better the bloom. Change the water every few days so the branches don’t rot.

Flowers should appear in a few days or weeks. Flowers and catkins can last for up to a week in a cool 60-degree room. Branches with leaves may last longer.

Some information in this article is taken from [www.almanac.com/forcing-branches-bloom-indoors](http://www.almanac.com/forcing-branches-bloom-indoors).

