

# Tishomingo News

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## Lakeview

by Janet Quillman, LTIA President

I don't know about anyone else but this winter stuff is getting old. Due to weather, we were forced to cancel our February dinner meeting. We may need to consider having a fund raiser to pay for a hunting party to take out Mother Nature and Punxsutawney Phil. Speaking of fund raisers we hope to be able to report in the next newsletter that Mardi Gras was a smashing success that doesn't involve breaking and entering!

We also need to get the word out for upcoming events. We will be having the annual trivia night on April 26th and are looking for players and volunteers. This year the winners will take home 25% of the table money to split. We are planning for boat poker and will have a date confirmed soon. It's also never too early to think about July 4th. Young or not so young volunteers are needed for Mr. or Miss Tishomingo. If you are interested please notify any of the board members so that we can announce who is running.

Weather permitting, our next dinner meeting will be March 9th, corned beef and cabbage will be served, bring a side to share. In April our meeting will be on the 13th and we will have breakfast for dinner. Bring your

|     |    |     |         | Calendar                                    |
|-----|----|-----|---------|---|
| Mar | 1  | Sat | 8 pm    | Mardi Gras Party <del>CANCELED</del>        |
| Mar | 9  | Sun | 5:30 pm | LTIA Dinner Meeting, Corned Beef            |
| Mar | 11 | Tue | 7 pm    | LTPOA Board Meeting                         |
| Apr | 8  | Tue | 7 pm    | LTPOA Board Meeting                         |
| Apr | 13 | Sun | 5:30 pm | LTIA Dinner Meeting, Breakfast with mimosas |
| Apr | 19 | Sat | 9:30 am | Tishomingo Rd Cleanup, free lunch           |
| Apr | 26 | Sat | 7 pm    | Tishomingo Trivia Night                     |
| May | 10 | Sat | 5:30 pm | LTIA Dinner Meeting, Shrimp                 |



## Tishomingo Road Cleanup 9:30 am Sat Apr 19

Community House Parking Lot

Bring work gloves

**Free lunch**

## Tishomingo Trivia Night

**Saturday April 26**

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Doors open at 6pm to decorate tables

Trivia starts at 7pm

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favorite breakfast dish or meat and the LTIA will provide Mimosas. In May we will have our dinner meeting on Saturday the 10th at 5:30. Bring your favorite appetizer and the LTIA will provide shrimp. We may get crazy and have the meeting first so we can enjoy dinner on the patio and watch the sunset.

We would like to thank everyone

who has sent in their 2014 membership dues. We are halfway to where we finished last year and still accepting memberships. Don't forget, we do offer membership rewards, including but not limited to 10 fabulous dinners, free classified ads in the newsletter, discounted admission to LTIA fund raisers and more.



## Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

## LTPOA

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## LTIA

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***In Memory****Charles Miller*

Long time lake homeowner Charles Miller passed away recently. Our most sincere condolences go out to his wife Joan and their entire family.

# Reflections from Tishomingo Road Cleanup

By Ray Lauer

Ever hear someone mention "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch"? Know the origin? According to Wikipedia the popular adage has been around for years, communicating the idea that it is impossible to get something for nothing. However, the "free lunch" in the saying refers to the nineteenth-century practice in American saloons offering a "free lunch" to entice customers to purchase drinks. When they did, they were supplied with something to eat in return.

But guess what. People at Lake Tishomingo can get a free lunch. To learn how, you must read this article to its conclusion.

John Dauernheim, past president of the Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association board of directors, is known for many things in this part of the world. During more temperate climates, he can be seen walking most mornings on both the north and south lake roads, the cove roads and across the dam. He displays his friendly attitude to all that he passes, answers the many questions posed to him, and on occasion stops to pick up the various items of



trash dropped by uncaring residents and visitors to the lake.

Not only is John known for his frequent treks around the lake, but he also organizes the annual trash collection along Tishomingo Road from Highway 21 all the way to the entrance of our subdivision. 2013 was no exception. The cleanup, meant to coincide with Earth Day, took place on Saturday, April 20. He was assisted by property owners Mike and Mary Steeno, Sandy and Ron Hacker, Tim Luttrell, Kevin Scheirich, Rich Hirsch and yours truly. One lake resident that has participated

annually since the collections began, Carl Will, was unavailable last year because he was attending two weddings and the later receptions. Boy, talk about priorities! Another who was a stalwart collector for years, Marco Griffero, no longer is able to serve as one of the scroungers.

John arranges to secure the plastic collection bags from Jefferson County authorities, and after the day is finished, makes contact with a representative of the highway department to insure a quick pickup of the collected items. This

year the load was about normal, 27 filled large orange plastic trash bags. The contents sometimes provide for lively discussion when all the collectors re-assemble after the morning's work is done.

The day began at 9:30 a.m. when the group met on the parking lot of the Community House. John asks each of the group to partner with another person to allow for simultaneous cleanup of both sides of a section of the road. There were several reminders provided about safety issues, especially important this year because of the heavy rains that fell several days prior to the cleanup. The downpours allowed for the formation of mini-mountains of leaves being pushed on to the road surface from gullies at several points. Then John distributes trash bags to all. From experience he calculates five should be sufficient for each collector. John has accumulated a collection of orange plastic vests and he gives one to each collector. When worn these allow for drivers to more clearly see the workers as they make their way from the assigned starting point to the end.

As you may have seen in the photograph in the May 2013 issue  
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## Tishomingo Trivia Night

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

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Trivia starts at 7pm

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of *Tishomingo News*, everyone climbs aboard John's pickup truck. Well, actually only six people are shown in the bed of the truck. Two lucky people, Rich Hirsch and I (I claim a seat because I'm the oldest one of the group), are allowed to sit in the cab with John so long as we promise to not get mud on the floor mats. That's not true and I'm just kidding about that. John heads out after the participants select an area of the road they wish to address for cleanup. The chore begins as John drops all of us at our assigned starting points. John, and if he has a partner, cleans from Highway 21 to the ambulance station.

Now the interesting part of the morning occurs. Everyone attempts to locate something about which to share their experience, and believe me that's easy.

Here are some of the fascinating things that were discovered, most thrown out windows of moving cars.

An exception was the spare tire that appeared to have fallen off a boat trailer or some similar carrier. The bolts were sheared off but the nuts were still attached to the bolts. Just hope that someone didn't later experience a flat and then have to ask, "Where's my spare tire?"

There was a perfectly good pair of sunglasses, even though now rendered unusable because of months of exposure to the weather elements.

One has to wonder how much money could have been made by Good Will Industries if the multiple sets of children's clothing would have only been deposited in one of the many collection containers conveniently situated throughout the community rather than being thrown near someone's front yard. These clothes could also have been donated to the Salvation Army or any religious community where clothing items are recycled to the needy. The items of children's clothing found on this occasion, heavy because of being soggy as a result of the rainfall during the previous week, accounted for nearly one-third of a trash bag.

A mail box had been unceremoniously knocked from its post by someone wielding a baseball bat in a passing car. It was replaced by another letter box, but the damaged one for some unknown reason had been left lying for months on the ground nearby. It was scooped up and placed in with other trash in one of the bags.

How about that EPT (early pregnancy test) unit? Can you visualize whether the test might have been administered in a car and the unit then thrown out onto the ground? Hopefully that's not an accurate assumption. Maybe the woman tested was upset, either when learning she wasn't pregnant, or upset because of the impending birth of a child and then tossed it on the ground. Who knows? One can only speculate.

Often when younger you could always count on someone referring to a person's eyeglasses as having "coke bottle lenses" because of the thickness of the glass. Rich Hirsch located a broken Coca Cola glass bottle that was manufactured years ago. The thickness of the glass indicated the

intact bottle would have been heavy. There's no doubt that vintage bottle would have been valuable, because of its age, if it had not smashed on contact with the ground.

A Google search of Coca Cola collectors found some old bottles sell for \$12 and others fetch as much as \$150. But, the thoughtless individual who tossed the bottle out a window perhaps had no consideration of its value, or just didn't care, and that's too bad.

After walking about a hundred yards from my starting point I began to think that if there was an impressionable youth helping to collect trash that day, a likely observation might have been, "Wow, there sure are a lot of people in Jefferson County who like their beer and whiskey." The discarded beer cans and bottles are too numerous to count.

One has a difficult time keeping track of the whiskey bottles too, mostly half-pints but mixed with a few one-fifth bottles.

And then this year there were small sampler whiskey plastic containers along the shoulder of the road as well. They were found in bunches of 5 and 6, but after

a while it became difficult to get an accurate count. They probably numbered a couple dozen.

Then we shouldn't be forgetful about the empty cigarette packs, because as any of the collectors can attest there seems to be an incredible amount of them the entire distance of the cleanup area, all thrown from passing cars.

It's a wonderment why certain individuals have a penchant for discarding their trash along roadsides rather than locating a dumpster or even a trash can at their own home.

Perhaps the good news is that none of this year's collectors discovered the remnants of a meth cooking site. On collection day about four years ago there was such a find, but it was well off the side of the road in an open space, an area well hidden from anyone who may have been passing in a car. That was good because unsuspecting youths wouldn't have seen and tampered with the left over drug making materials.

There were two license plates found this year that had either become detached from a passing car or, maybe like other junk, just discarded by someone.

And while addressing vehicular traffic, there is one common thing that is witnessed every year. Whenever a driver passes the first set of collectors attired in their orange vests, one would think they might assume there would be others similarly dressed along the road, and automatically slow down. Nope. Mostly that doesn't happen. Whether those drivers are thoughtless or just not caring, only a few reduce their speed. The seasoned collectors know that when hearing an approaching car or truck it is time to make certain they are well off the roadway.

The collection process, when there are sufficient volunteers, only requires about an hour's work effort. Then it is time for lunch, and it's provided to the collectors at the Community House.

This year's lunch was made available due to the graciousness of Barb Rohm and Janet Quillman. It was an exquisite preparation and all the "workers" displayed their talent at quickly downing every last ounce of food.

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## *Join the Tishomingo Rd Cleanup this year Saturday April 19*





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## A Message from LTPOA President, Steve Blaha

Greetings, I hope this finds you warm & ready for spring. It should not be much longer until we can start enjoying the outdoors once again. With that said I hope the ground hog is wrong.

Once again I want to point out that our lake development does have rules and regulations that need to be followed. Your LTPOA Board is elected to oversee the maintenance, security, & safety here at our lake, facilities, and property. These rules & regulations can be found at the web site, [www.laketishomingo.com](http://www.laketishomingo.com).

Please remember that as property owners you are responsible for your family members, guests, and contractors and their actions while on the lake and in our community.

When using our lake front park area please do not leave fires unattended and pick up after yourself. There are trash receptacles in the area.

I want to encourage all ATV riders to take a look at the ATV rules. Number 12 does not apply each year, but when the lake does freeze you are not allowed on it with your

ATV.

The quick thinking of board member Ken Stojeba kept us supplied with material to spread on the roads during the latest snow. The St. Louis area has exhausted its supply of salt, and we were very low, so Ken was able to make a few calls and come up with some cinders to help with the traction issues associated with the hills & curves on our roads. The snow crew has done a good job & I hope they have plowed our roads for the last time this winter. Thank you to Joe & Jerry.

With spring just around the corner the thoughts of new construction will begin. If you are not sure you need an LTPOA permit for your project please contact John Johnston. Permit applications can also be found on our web site. Now is the time to apply for permits while the weather is cold so your construction will not be delayed waiting on your permits approval during the nice weather.

Thanks & hope to see you all on the water real soon.

Steve

## Security Report

On Feb 22 the security gate committee and The LTPOA board held a special security meeting to consider entry gate issues.

The security gate hardware has recently been upgraded and the gate committee can more readily monitor information about gate usage. This includes gate entry by the three methods:

- gate card
- phone entry (directory listing/dial 9)
- 4-digit entry code

Russ Wilner spent a lot of time collecting and analyzing the gate entry data for January 2014 and reported that problems exist that should be addressed by the LTPOA board.

These problems are:

- 1) 4-Digit entry code abuse
- 2) Lake entry by former property owners
- 3) Gate cards not assigned to a current owner

### *4-Digit Entry Code Abuse*

The most disturbing result of the gate entry data analysis was the excessive use of some 4-digit entry codes. Entry codes are supposed to be issued for limited time periods. Some property owners request and receive entry codes for unlimited periods of time for use by contractors that need to gain entry to work on their lake property.

In particular, it was apparent from the analysis that five entry codes have been subject to excessive use and possible abuse. During the month of January these five codes were used 820 times. That's an average of 26 times each day!

The Board decided that these five codes will be cancelled on April 1, 2014 and replaced with new entry codes. The respective property owners will be notified of this by mail.

Property owners are responsible for providing entry for any workers they employ. The use of the 4-digit entry code is a convenience and should be considered a privilege. Anyone who receives a code must understand the need to keep the code private. Please do not share the code with outsiders. If there continues to be abuse of entry codes, the board will consider charging a substantial fee to a property owner, if a code is granted.

### *Lake Entry by Former Property Owners*

Another problem is that oftentimes, when a lake property changes hands, the seller gives a gate card to the new property owner. The problem is when the seller retains one or more gate cards. The board decided that all of the seller's existing gate cards, directory listing, and entry code will be deactivated when a property changes hands.

### *Gate cards not assigned to a current owner*

Some cards have been issued where the identification of the property owner is unknown. All of these cards will be deactivated effective March 9, 2014. If a property owner finds his cards deactivated, he should contact the board or Russ Wilner, [russ.wilner@gmail.com](mailto:russ.wilner@gmail.com), and report the card number so it can be reactivated.

### *Future*

The LTPOA board is concerned about protecting our properties and preventing unauthorized entrance to the subdivision. Therefore, the board will conduct regular reviews of the gate usage.

All suggestions are welcome regarding gate security. Contact any LTPOA board member with your input.



## Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

### LTPOA Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014

Board Members Present: President Steve Blaha, Marilyn Meyer, Roy Hummel and Ray Lauer

Excused Absence: John Johnston, Ken Stojeba, Kevin Seelbach

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and there were eight (8) property owners in attendance. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### President's Report

President Blaha spoke about the recent heavy snow storm and the fact some residents had expressed their appreciation for how the snow removal was addressed. Also, some attending the meeting echoed these sentiments. Steve mentioned that prior to the storm there had been some insufficiencies noted with the salt spreader and Ken had taken the truck to have those matters repaired under the warranty.

President Blaha then mentioned the home fire that had occurred on Circle Drive on January 6, the residence being owned by George and Debra Richardson. Fortunately both were there when the fire was detected and were able to escape without injuries. They have a home in Arnold, Missouri and will stay there until repairs can be made at their property here at the lake. George, when contacted by phone, expressed his appreciation to several of the property owners who had contacted him and his wife after their misfortune.

#### Minutes, December 10, 2013

Marilyn made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes since they have already been printed in the Newsletter and are available on the Lake Tish web site. Roy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

#### Treasurer's Report

Marilyn reported the cash inflow totaled \$873.82, consisting of \$810.00 for 2013-2014 assessments, sale of gate cards amounting to \$25.00, a check for a closing rebate amounting to \$4.28 and Interest of \$34.54.

Expenditures amounted to \$12,025.66. Some of the items were \$5,000 paid to Excel Electric for lighting in the maintenance area; \$2,539.40 to the DOR for state taxes and licensing for the truck; \$1,166.53 to Morton Salt Company for road salt; \$1,012.11 to Door Controls for the new screen at the entrance; \$1,000 to Weber Chevrolet for the final payment; \$585.00 to the workers who drove the plow truck and spread salt; \$300.00 to Bouska Accounting for our audit; \$200.00 for the annual Postmaster Permit Fee.

Marilyn also reported the checking account balance is \$257,983.63. There remain unpaid assessments for two vacant houses, for the calendar years of 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. There is one legal action pending.

Ray made a motion to approve this report. That was seconded by Marilyn. MOTION PASSED

Marilyn also sought approval for payment of bills she had received totaling \$3,481.66. Some of the items included publishing of the Newsletter, another load of salt from the Morton Company to treat the roads, payment to the road crew, and a new computer that has been installed in the guard shack, and a space heater for the guard shack.

Ray made a motion to approve these payments. Roy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

**Building** Nothing to report.

#### Security

Roy said he had received several calls regarding gate issues, and he will be meeting later this week at the request of a realtor who believes there may be some issue when he reports to the lake for a meeting with a property owner. There were no other matters reported to him.

#### Gate:

Russ reported the newly installed computer has provided a faster and better connection as well for better tracking of gate card usage. He will be able to provide much more comprehensive data at next month's meeting relative to use the computer and gate monitoring.

Doug Leeker, C-32, a new resident, asked questions about gate cards for workers at his house. Russ and Rich Hirsch provided an explanation about gate card issuance and restrictions placed on the cards. At the conclusion of this discussion it was agreed Russ would meet with Mr. Leeker on this issue.

**LTIA Representative, Finance, Parents' Club Representative, Sewer Board, Water Testing, and Dam:** No reports.

#### Web site

Janet Hirsch reported the deadline for submission of articles/ads/information for inclusion in the next issue of the Newsletter is February 20, 2014.

#### Garden Club

No report, but Marilyn complimented the members who decorated the sales office for the Christmas holiday season.

#### Old Business

Ray inquired if there was a replacement American Flag to be displayed at the entrance circle. Since there is none, he will make arrangements to purchase a flag. There was also a discussion, after a question was posed by resident Barry Knoll about how lighting can be provided to illuminate the flag pole. This matter will be addressed.

#### New Business

Ray mentioned that the annual meeting and election of board members will be in June and hopefully some property owners will consider offering themselves as candidates for office to fill the vacancies that will be created by outgoing board members. This will allow for the continuation of the work necessary to assure that Lake Tishomingo remains a worthwhile and viable community.

There being no further business, Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Roy and the meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Prepared by Ray Lauer, Vice-president and secretary



#### LTPOA minutes continued from page 9

Pete, and was informed the problem was that after the connection to the main sewer line was made, the original sewer contractor backfilled with whatever came out of the excavation. In other words, rather than backfilling with sand or gravel, the large sharp rocks were used. Whether due to freeze/thaw or vehicle traffic, the PVC pipe broke due to presence of the large rock.

Initially, as reported by Rich, it looked like the repair could be made without isolating section of the main sewer line. This was because the leak was between the shutoff valve and the house. But it proved the shutoff valve and check valve were so close together, the shutoff valve did have to be replaced. So Pete found it necessary to isolate much of the main sewer line, which meant turning off about 10 shutoff valves along the main sewer line upstream and downstream from the location of the leak. This is so when repairs were being made to the pipe, there was no chance of someone's sewer tank coming on. Due to the steep hill close to Lakemont's western entrance, at least there were not that many household shutoff valves to turn off.

There being no further business, Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Marilyn. The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Ray Lauer, V-P & secretary





## Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association

### LTPOA Meeting Minutes February 11, 2014

Board Members Present: President Steve Blaha, Marilyn Meyer, John Johnston, Ken Stojeba, Roy Hummel and Ray Lauer  
Absent: Kevin Seelbach

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and there were five (5) property owners in attendance. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### President's Report

President Blaha mentioned there is a desire to have guard rails installed near the bridge over the inlet creek, as has been previously discussed, but bidders have not visited the lake yet because of the recent extreme temperatures. They will be coming here soon and hopefully this project can be finalized soon. He also briefly discussed matters related to the recent snowfalls and the measures taken to clear our roads.

#### Minutes, January 13, 2014

Marilyn made a motion, seconded by Roy, to waive the reading of the minutes, given they are available on the website and will be printed in the Newsletter. MOTION PASSED

#### Treasurer's Report

Marilyn reported there was income of \$2,507.13 during the month, and that cash inflow included \$200.00 from assessments, \$30.00 from sale of gate cards, \$2,000.00 realized from the sale of a lot owned by LTPOA, \$240.00 from trailer rental, and several other minor issues.

The cash outflow amounted to \$3,877.69. Some of the items included \$1,221.47 to Morton Salt Company for road salt, \$464.38 for a computer for the gate operation, \$252.53 to Britton's Quick Stop for fuel, \$351.68 to Charter Business for two months billing plus installation, and \$1,035.00 paid to the workers who drove the truck for plowing snow and spreading salt. The entire report will be available in the Newsletter.

Roy made a motion to approve this report, and that was seconded by Ken. Motion Passed

Marilyn then sought approval for some outstanding bills, totaling \$2,652.77, and some of those payments were for cinders (\$270.00), Charter Communications (\$110.57) and payment to the operators of the snow plow and salt/cinder spreader (\$1,095.00). John made a motion to approve these payments. Ken seconded the motion. Motion Passed

#### Building

John reported he has not received any requests for building permits. This coming weekend he plans to telephonically contact the property owners who have had permits issued in recent months, to determine if they have intentions regarding their plans with respect to those permits.

#### Security

Roy mentioned for the most part, it was a quiet period during this past month. There was one exception when a fight was reported at the Community House parking lot on January 19, 2014. On that occasion Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call because of a large crowd of youngsters involved in a disturbance resulting in the injury to one of the participants. One of those involved was taken to the Jefferson County jail.

#### Gate

Russ Wilner provided an overview of gate operations and addressed what appears to be misuse by some who have been granted entry code numbers for a variety of reasons. One card in particular, because the high use, has been limited to usage during specific, scheduled hours each day.

He has been recording this information and will periodically update the board on his findings. Russ also was complimentary about the new computer that has been purchased and installed, as

it greatly helps in his securing and recording information.

Janet Hirsch provided an overview of what the board should consider with respect to computer upgrades for operations at the gate. She added that in December she and Rich installed a new gate control computer with internet access, purchased with LTPOA funds, and this allowed the opportunity to also add a webcam camera.

On January 20, Rich and Janet installed an inexpensive Logitech webcam camera. It is mounted inside the guard shack and provides a real time view of the in-and out-gates. Now, through the internet, they can access the gate control computer and view the gates.

Janet added this is totally independent of the existing cameras which are set up to monitor all gate activity. The existing equipment consists of analog cameras connected to a video recorder. She added that at some point in the future the board should give approval to updating the video system to capture digital images and take advantage of the internet connection to provide remote access to stored video data.

It was agreed the board would give such approval pending additional information from Janet.

#### Maintenance

Ken reported that he had located a storage safe that can be utilized in the guard shack to secure the various keys that are available to board members and certain authorized individuals. The cost for this storage facility is \$146.10. John made a motion to approve the purchase of this item, and this was seconded by Roy. MOTION PASSED

Next, Ken mentioned that he had contacted Morton Salt Company requesting the purchase of an additional amount of road salt and was informed that as a private concern, no more salt would be sold this season. He then made additional queries and learned cinders could be purchased for use on our roads. This was done and the cinders were used this past week when we experienced two snowfalls.

Ken also said that when he made the inquiry about the salt purchase, he was informed that salt for the 2015 winter season must be ordered by April 1, 2014. He recommended the purchase of 70 tons in event we experience another winter season such as we are now seeing. This will be further discussed at the March meeting.

LTIA Representative: John, reporting for Julie Johnston, advised the monthly meeting this past Sunday had been canceled due to the inclement weather.

#### Web site

Janet reported the deadline for submitting information for the Newsletter is February 20.

**Finance, Parent's Club, Garden Club, Water Testing, Dam:** No reports.

#### Sewer

Rich Hirsch, reporting on behalf of the Sewer Board, advised that in mid-December Rick Lippitt noticed a sewer smell in the vicinity of 6341 North Lakeshore Drive. Across the street from this address Rick found a shutoff valve pit that was about half-filled of a bad smelling liquid. There was no evidence the riser ever overflowed, so the pit was scheduled for excavation and repair when the weather permitted.

The repair crew arrived on January 20 to repair the leaking shutoff valve. The crew consisted of three men and a teen. Rich mentioned it was the teen that was sent into the hole.

It took a little time to find the source of the lead – a 2 inch section of PVC pipe connecting the shutoff valve to the check valve that had been broken.

Rich added that he spoke with the foreman of the work crew,  
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*Lake Tishomingo Property Owners Association***December 31, 2013 Financial Report**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Cash Inflow</b>                         |                   |
| Assessments 2013-2014                      | 810.00            |
| Gate Cards                                 | 25.00             |
| Closing Rebate                             | 4.28              |
| Interest                                   | 34.54             |
| <b>Total Cash Inflow</b>                   | <b>873.82</b>     |
| <b>Total Cash Outflow</b>                  |                   |
| Weber Chevrolet Final Payment              | 1,000.00          |
| DOR State Tax for Truck and License Plates | 2,539.40          |
| J.H. Showplowing                           | 270.00            |
| J. B. Snowplowing                          | 315.00            |
| Mickey's Portable Toilet                   | 90.00             |
| Excel Electric Maintenance Lighting        | 5,000.00          |
| Morton Salt Road Salt                      | 1,166.53          |
| Door Controls Gate Screen                  | 1,012.11          |
| Britton's Quick Shop                       | 69.75             |
| Bouska Accounting Audit                    | 300.00            |
| Annual Postmaster Permit Fee               | 200.00            |
| Utilities                                  | 62.87             |
| <b>Total Cash Outflow</b>                  | <b>12,025.66</b>  |
| <b>Checking Account Balance</b>            | <b>257,983.63</b> |

**January 31, 2014 Financial Report**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>Cash Inflow</b>                      |                   |
| Assessments 2013-2014                   | 200.00            |
| Gate Cards                              | 30.00             |
| Closing Rebate                          | 4.28              |
| Lot Sale                                | 2,000.00          |
| Trailer Rental                          | 240.00            |
| Interest                                | 32.85             |
| <b>Total Cash Inflow</b>                | <b>2,507.13</b>   |
| <b>Cash Outflow</b>                     |                   |
| Nails and Lights for Maintenance        | 63.12             |
| JB Snowplowing                          | 465.00            |
| JH Snowplowing                          | 570.00            |
| Mickey's Portable Toilet                | 90.00             |
| Computer for Gate                       | 464.38            |
| Newsletter                              | 221.65            |
| Morton Salt                             | 1,221.47          |
| Britton's Quick Shop Fuel               | 252.53            |
| Parts for Gate and Space Heater         | 78.31             |
| Charter Business 2 Months, Installation | 351.68            |
| Utilities                               | 99.55             |
| <b>Total Cash Outflow</b>               | <b>3,877.69</b>   |
| <b>Checking Account Balance</b>         | <b>256,613.07</b> |

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The menu was made up of salad and Barb Rohm's Stuffed Green Pepper soup. It was accompanied by homemade baked bread, compliments of Rich Hirsch, and that was outstanding, too. In the event you are interested in the recipe for Barb's soup and missed it, you can locate it printed in the May/June 2013 issue of *Tishomingo News*.

For the future, assuredly there will be plenty of trash and other discarded items to pick up. How do we know that? Both sides of Tishomingo Road and the entrance road to the subdivision were spic and span, using an old time term, when the chore was finished. It was disheartening to observe some discarded cans and styrofoam cups on Tishomingo Road near the intersection of Highway 21 when leaving here in the morning two days later. In the succeeding days after that first weekend even more junk has been added to the initial stuff thrown from passing vehicles. The accumulation, as in the past, continues to grow during the following 12 months.

So perhaps you may want to show your willingness to lend a hand and join John's collectors group this year. It will be Saturday April 19. It's not a real difficult task, the pickup won't last long, it's not very challenging, and one gets to look for the interesting discarded things among the trash. Possibly you'll find some hidden treasure.

That is a capsulized overview of experiences of the trash collectors in this annual event.

The morning has now come to an end. When you walk in to the Community House, the flavorful odor is unmistakable. It's at that moment you realize there is such a thing as a free lunch.

And best of all, you're not even required to buy a drink as was the practice in the nineteenth century. 

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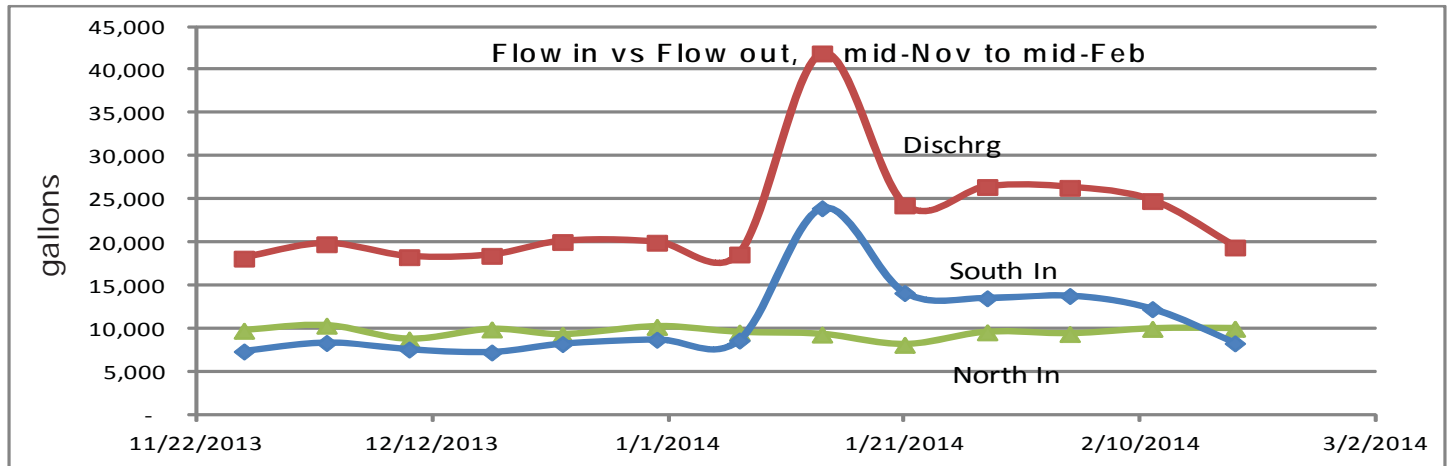
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## Lake Tishomingo Community Sewer Report

by Richard Hirsch



### Treatment Plant Puzzle -- Solved!

The Treatment Plant (TP) operator, Dave Axton, visits the TP once a week and part of his responsibility is to record three flow volumes: flow in from the southside, flow in from the northside, and flow out of the TP (Discharge). We look for trends by plotting the data.

Historically, flow into the TP from the northside is slightly greater than flow in from the southside. In late Dec, flow into the TP from the northside was about 9,600 gal/day, while flow from the southside was about 8,600 gal/day.

After Jan 7, 2014 that changed dramatically -- see the attached chart. Flow in from the southside jumped up from 8,700 gal/day to 24,029 gal/day -- an increase of 2.5 times! We originally thought this was somehow related to the large snow fall (>10") we received. We theorized that snow melted and leaked through foundation walls into basements and got picked up by sewer drains. Or perhaps snow runoff drained into old cracked septic tanks that were inline with the new STEP tanks.

Now we know the most likely increase in southside inflow was due to a broken water pipe at a residence on South Lakeshore Drive. We learned about the broken pipe in Feb from a neighbor. We also learned that the broken pipe was discovered (and flow stopped) on Feb 8.

So, how much water was released by the pipe break, and is it the same order of magnitude as the "extra" flow experienced by the TP?

Flow due to the leak can be estimated by looking at how long the STEP tank pump ran. The Elapsed Time Meter in the control panel gives us that data. For sake of comparison, at our house the ETM currently reads 72 hrs. The ETM for the house with the broken pipe showed a whopping 475 hrs (and they're weekenders). If we subtract

75 hrs for normal "pre-pipe break" sewer activity, that leaves 400 hrs due to the broken pipe. Since 1 hr of pump time equals about 500 gal of water, 400 hrs of pump time equals 200,000 gal. (In terms of "duty cycle", the pump ran for about 35min of every hour for 30 days.)

Based on data for flow from the southside into the Treatment Plant between 1/07 and 2/11, there were 240,000 gallons of "extra" water, so the agreement is pretty good. The puzzle was solved.

### Main Line Repaired

In mid-December a leak was discovered in the main sewer line near 6341 N Lakeshore Dr. It was repaired in January. A full report is in the LTPOA Meeting Minutes of February 11 on page 9.



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