



The Cherokee CHATTER

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4th of JULY



The Church
at Lake Cherokee

Saturday, July 6th
Boat Parade 10:00 AM
Fireworks Show at Dark

Island Closure - Saturday, July 6th

For safety reasons, Firecracker Park will close Saturday, July 6th when the fireworks trailer arrives. Because of the size of the show and the extensive setup required, this will be mid-morning and it will remain closed until after the fireworks show that evening. Please keep this closure in mind when scheduling any plans you have at the island that day.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS

On the night of Saturday, July 6th, before the Annual Lake Cherokee Fireworks Display, the afterhours Patrol line (903-643-7321) MUST be kept free for emergencies ONLY!

We receive numerous calls on this line from shareholders requesting the start time. Please tune in to QX-FM, 100.3. If there are any long delays, the radio station will notify the listeners. Thank you for your consideration.

Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade

Sponsored by:



The Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 10:00 am. So be thinking about what you want your boat or barge decoration theme to be.

No registration is required.

All you have to do is show up in the area east of the island at 10:00 am and join the procession in front of the judges' stand at the CWC office pier.

You can follow the traditional *Patriotic Theme* or let your imagination carry you into the *Open Theme* category.

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MESSAGE

from the
Manager



Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Lake Cherokee, Summer's in full swing, and our annual July fireworks show is just around the corner. The show will begin at 9:30 pm on July 6th and will last approximately 20 minutes. Please make sure all the navigation lights on your boats are working. We are expecting many spectators on the water this year, and safety WILL BE #1. It is suggested that shareholders reserve their spot on the water during daylight to minimize the possibility of accidents or injuries. We will have extra Lake Patrol on the water to assist shareholders and to ensure our safety rules are followed.

Here are a few more of our safety rules to follow while you're enjoying your time on the water:

VI. Boating (H). WATER SKIING:

1. Water skiing and other similar activity is restricted to the area marked by buoys placed by CWC in open water and at a distance no closer than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from piers and boat houses. 2. Any boat pulling water skis or other similar devices shall have a minimum of two (2) people in the boat so that the driver can keep a proper lookout and the other person can watch the skier. All skiers are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. 3. It is prohibited for a personal watercraft to pull a person or persons on water skis, surfboard, or similar devices on Lake Cherokee.

On another note, I didn't think I'd ever be writing, I am starting to receive lots of complaints about the stray dog and cat issue around the lake. I understand this is a sentimental conversation to some, but the time to have a conversation about this problem has arrived. We

as shareholders are going to have to come up with a solution in the very near future. With the animal shelters mostly discontinuing their acceptance of stray animals, the CWC was forced to shut down our ability to catch and hold animals in our facility. So, here's the problem, and I'll try not to offend too many people. Many of these animals are living at or close to the dumpsters. Shareholders are feeding them there and then leaving to go to their residence a distance away. Now the shareholders who live close to the dumpsters are the ones having to deal with all the problems stray animals bring. I understand compassion for animals, but when that compassion creates a nuisance and issues for other shareholders, something must be done. Do we have a perfect answer for this at the moment, no, but until it comes, I do have a suggestion. If a shareholder has enough concern for an animal, to stop and supply it with food on the side of the road, you should take the animal to your house. That would solve the homeless problem and possibly give the animal a new lease on life. This email is not meant to be cruel in any way, but we must work together in an expedited manner to help find a solution to this growing problem and potential public safety issue.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM



Fireworks Broadcasts Live on QX-FM, 100.3

One of the most anticipated events of Lake Cherokee life is the Annual Fireworks Display. This year, they will be on Saturday, July 6th. No rain out date. Look for it to start just after dark, about 9:30 or so. This year's spectacular show will run approximately twenty minutes. To get the full impact, you will need to tune your radio to QXFM, 100.3 to hear the soundtrack for the display. QX-FM is easy to receive anywhere on Lake Cherokee. It's a great opportunity to pump up the volume while we observe this celebration of our nation's independence. It is the one time of the year when your neighbors won't mind hearing your music. Chuck Conrad, general manager of QX-FM, is planning to bring the radio station's

portable sound system to the CWC Lake Office grounds so people who want a great view can enjoy the show with full audio accompaniment. All that's required on your part is to bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Playing "America's Original Classics," QX-FM is locally owned and programmed. Everything originates in the station's studios located in Chalk Hill. It's a fun combination of music from different genres. There isn't another station quite like it anywhere else on earth, but thousands of people from every corner of the world tune in every month via the internet to listen. It is truly something quite unique to our community. Your friends and relatives can listen too: just visit www.qx-fm.com and click on the "Click to Play" icon. You'll be listening in no time. QX-FM can also be found on the Tune- In Radio app as well as through numerous popular search engines.

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WATERCRAFT DECALS

are red this year. Only boats, personal watercraft and other water vessels registered in the name of the shareholder or shareholder's

spouse are authorized to be placed on Lake Cherokee. The shareholder or shareholder's spouse must be listed as the registered primary owner of the



vessel with the registered address matching CWC shareholder records. The owner of all the boats operated on Lake Cherokee is required to affix such owner's lot number on which he has a lease, on each side of the boat, preferably half-way between the bow and stern. All lot numbers shall be at least three (3) inches in height and one-half (1/2) inches in width. The color of the numbers shall contrast with the background color of the boat. Each boat is required to have a current CWC identification decal on both sides of the boat. Fines for an unauthorized boat or expired decals start at \$100. Replacement decals for watercraft are \$50 per set.

Cherokee Water Company – Office Closure

The Cherokee Water Company office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence day. Have a great 4th of July weekend!

In case of EMERGENCY,
please call 9-1-1 and then
Lake Patrol at (903) 643-7321

CWC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you are unable to make it to the office during business hours, give us a call. We can help!

(903) 643-3933

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Thank you to all the contributors of the 2024 Annual Lake Cherokee Fireworks Display Show!

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for a place to...

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	Charles and Marilyn Lebus, SH21 <i>in Honor of granddaughters, Caroline, Emilie & Georgia</i>



MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
June 20, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
Thomas Merritt, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
Rhonda Bullard
Seleta Davis
Cory Eason
Paul Oberthier
David McDaniel-absent
Alan Koelemay
George Steele -absent

President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, May 16, 2024. Seconded by Seleta Davis. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Manager's Report

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Items mentioned:

1. There was a burglary reported. It was the result of a domestic dispute in a divorce proceeding. The husband had been forbidden to enter the house by court order, however, he did enter the home and was in the process of removing some firearms when he was arrested.

2. Road Project '24: 2 sections of road have been identified as needing repair. One section is located on the south side while the other is on the north side. A company has been retained to obtain core samples in these areas. A report will be given to CWC this week, and this will determine whether a simple overlay will repair the road or if the substructure will need to be rebuilt. After determining what repair is needed the project will go out for bids.

3. Hawk Island Silt Removal Project: Phase I of the project has been completed. The water company is in communication with our engineering consultants. The engineer is to survey behind Hawk Island to determine the path of the creeks and to determine if useful land may be recovered. The project is on hold until engineer / consultants give their report.

4. Carp Retention Fence Repair: Carp fence repair will be discussed at the

CWC Finance and Risk Management Committee Meeting July 1, 2024, and a report will be presented to the BOD.

5. Cathy Hite presented information on the continuing upgrade of our IT system. The Shareholder portal system is on the path to be completed and finalized very soon. New methods of taking payments within the office are being added (additional credit cards and e-Checks). A new system of voting for our BOD is being implemented. The election will be conducted online. To vote online a by-laws change will need to be made which will be accomplished at the July board meeting. Savings of several thousand dollars will be experienced by the water company. There will be a kiosk in the office for those shareholders that don't have a computer or access to the internet service. The goal is to have no mail in votes and also maintain the integrity of the election. The election Commission will continue to certify the candidates. More information will be presented in the chatter as the election gets closer and of course Cathy Hite will be able to answer your questions.

Treasurers Report:

- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending May 31, 2024. Seconded by Thomas Merritt. The motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves made a motion to approve the Financials ending May 31, 2024. The second was made by Paul Oberthier. The motion passed unanimously.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

Paul Oberthier presented variances to the Board for consideration:

Variances:

NC-5, To build a new carport with a 2-12 pitch roof. The current rule states a 4-12 pitch roof must be installed. The new carport will attach to the existing house that has a 2-12 pitch roof. Drainage will be controlled with gutters and down spouts. All setbacks will be met. The neighbor at NC 6 approves the request. The neighbor at NC 4 did not respond. The committee did visit the site and recommends approval of the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request at NC 5. Motion seconded by Thomas Merritt. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

SS-11, To construct a new boathouse that will be on the property line with SS 10. The new boathouse will be built parallel to the shoreline to allow additional space for boat traffic to the adjoining lots. Both adjoining shareholders have signed off on the request. The committee did visit the site and recommends approval of the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request at SS-11. Motion seconded by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

SG 54, To construct a storage building 5 ft. from the property line. The original request did not include a drainage plan. The Compliance Officer contacted the shareholder and has received additional information that provides gutters to control drainage. Both adjacent shareholders

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager



The CWC Office staff are continuing to update the technology that we use for communicating with Shareholders, processing lease renewals and our upcoming Board of Director elections.

I would like to share with you some details on what to expect and what we need from you to ensure that you are also prepared for the changes.

CWC Website and Shareholder Portal - We are re-designing our website with a focus on providing information to the Public. Information that is relevant only to Shareholders will be moved to the revamped, Shareholder Portal. The Shareholder Portal will offer you new insights such as a calendar of events,

Lease Renewals –

we are moving to processing lease renewals online thru the Shareholder Portal. This means that we will not be mailing out paper forms this year. If you have an email on file, we will send you an email with a link that will connect you to the portal easily for you to complete your lease renewal online. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance, we will have a computer set up at the office and will be able to assist you.

Additional Payment Options

- We know that many of you would like to use additional payment options such as Apple Pay or Google Pay in addition to using credit cards. Soon we will have this option available as payment options in the office.

Online Board Elections –

Our strategic plan includes a goal for online board elections. A 3rd party solution has been identified that meets all of our requirements. It is currently used by over 5000 customers. Voting is available via the internet, mobile devices and kiosks. The solution was designed to minimize the risk of electoral fraud or breach of secrecy. It is impossible for election organizers to determine what a particular voter has voted as the results are anonymous. This solution will not only save us \$\$ in postage and printing but increase the options for shareholders to vote.

All of these changes are still in development and will be released in the coming weeks or months.

My ask of you to ensure that you receive CWC communications timely:

If you are not receiving emails from CWC (myemail@lkcheorkee.com), check your spam / junk folder for this sender. If found, add them to your safe contact list. If not in spam/junk, contact CWC Office to verify the email addresses on your account.

If you have not submitted an email address, please contact the office. The portal user ID will be your email address. If you don't have an email address, we will create a user ID for you in order that you will have access to all the communications.

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Cathy Hite

have signed off on the request. The committee did visit the site and recommends approval of the request. Paul Oberthier made a motion to approve the variance request a SG 54. Motion seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

NP 78, To build a structure further than 50ft. from the shoreline. The proposed structure will extend 100ft. from the shoreline. the existing over the water structure will be demolished. The water depth is 10ft. at 100ft. out and 8ft. deep at 75ft. out. The committee visited the site and recommended denying the variance request. The shareholder was notified and elected to appeal the recommendation to the full board, which he did on Monday, 6-17-24, at 1pm. After hearing the appeal from the shareholder, the committee continues to recommend denying the request to rebuild the structure at 100ft. out from the shoreline. Paul Oberthier made a motion to deny the variance request to build 100ft. out. Motion seconded by Dee Rea. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Rhonda Bullard presented policy and rules changes as follows:

Rules, Policies & Variance Committee Board Report
The R, P & V Committee did meet and brought the following before the Board for consideration:

Requests to build across multiple lots have increased in recent years. After consulting with a CWC attorney, the Committee recommended the following rule addition for clarification on single family dwellings.

Current Rule: Construction Rules & Regulations, IV. Houses, Mobile Homes, and Other Buildings
A. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be permitted on a CWC Lot without permission of the Board of Directors. Permission may be granted to utilize structures not normally designed for residential use, such as a shop or storage building, to be used as a temporary domicile while a primary residence is under construction,

such occupancy not to exceed twelve months.

Proposed Rule Change, First Reading:

A. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be permitted on a CWC Lot without permission of the Board of Directors. Permission may be granted to utilize structures not normally designed for residential use, such as a shop or storage building, to be used as a temporary domicile while a primary residence is under construction, such occupancy not to exceed twelve months. In the event the Board of Directors approves the construction of a structure which is located on any portion of two or more adjacent lots, and for so long as the structure exists, the ownership of the CWC stock for all affected lots shall be maintained in the name of the same person. This requirement of consolidated ownership shall be released only upon removal of the structure.

Rationale: With only one single family dwelling per lot, placing the dwelling across adjacent lots requires consistency of stock ownership in the same name for as long as the structure exists.

The committee reviewed Shareholder Comments before the 2nd Reading of the following proposed changes. The Committee is recommending the following:

Word alignment change to Construction Rules & Regulations, Article I:

Current Rule:

Article I. Definitions, Approved Non-Conforming Structures - a structure that was conformed under previous Rules and Regulations but does not meet current Rules and Regulations.

Proposed Rule Change:

Approved Non-Conforming Structures - a structure that was approved under previous Rules and Regulations but that does not meet current Rules and Regulations.

Rationale: clarity. This is the second reading of this rule change; the Committee recommended adoption of this

change.

Second reading for word alignment change to Construction Rules & Regulations, Article II:

Current Rule: A. Lake Patrolmen, under the direction of the General Manager or his/her designee, are charged with the duty of enforcing these Rules & Regulations. They are authorized to issue a Notice of Violation and to confiscate the Privilege Card from any person violating these Rules and Regulations.

Proposed Change: CWC Compliance Officer, under the direction of the General Manager or his/her designee, are charged with the duty of enforcing these Construction Rules & Regulations. He/She is authorized to issue a Notice of Violation and may confiscate the Privilege Card from any person violating these Rules and Regulations.

Rationale: This change provides clarity to the staff charged with the action and aligns with current processes. The Committee recommended adoption of this change. Rhonda Bullard made the motion to approve these two rule changes; the second was offered by Randy Graves and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee, after further consideration, chose to withdraw the second reading of the proposed change to General Rules & Regulations, Article VI. Boating, L. Harmful or Potentially Harmful Exotic Aquatic Plants or Animals concerning use of personal boat ramps and Article I, General Provisions, A. Fines & Penalties. The Committee recommends the development of an Internal Policy that will address the use of personal boat ramps on a case-by-case basis. The General Manager will write internal policy.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

Lake Cherokee Recycling Update

Many of you may have seen the news report that the Kilgore Recycling plant burned down. Unfortunately, that means that all recycling has stopped. There are no other local options.

You will notice over the next few weeks that our recycling dumpsters will be replaced with standard trash dumpsters.

When another recycling option is available, we will look at the costs and determine how to proceed.



North and South Side Storage Update

The South Side Storage location has had a facelift. . 25 additional trailer spots have been added. This was accomplished with the support of shareholders helping by moving their trailers / equipment out so that we could get in and make additional room.

We discovered that there were some trailers / equipment stored that could not be identified. If you are missing something, contact the CWC office to see if we moved it.

Through this clean-up we realized that it was difficult to identify owners as many items are not labeled with LOT numbers. By July 31st, we are asking that all North and Southside renters put their LOT NUMBER on your trailers either on the tongue or where it is visible. If you are storing something other than a trailer, please put your LOT NUMBER where it is visible.

This will help CWC in case we have an issue or emergency and need to contact the owner.

Also, we are asking Shareholders to not store anything in areas outside of their leased space. This ensures that all shareholders can easily get into and out of their rented locations.

Now that the Southside has been improved look for CWC to turn our attention to the North Side Storage lot. Northside renters, we ask that you take a look at what you have placed there and if anything can be disposed of you that you make arrangements to have it removed. We will send out a communication with deadlines and plans as soon as we have a plan in place.

We appreciate your compliance with this request.

2024 FUEL CENTER HOURS

(Weather permitting) Credit/Debit Card ONLY Oil \$10
Seafoam \$13 Ice \$2.50

Summer hours:
May 1st – Sept 30th

Monday closed

Tuesday-Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Holiday dates/hours:

Thursday, July 4th
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Monday, September 2nd
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER

Hopefully, the bad weather is behind us for a bit and projects that were placed on hold can now begin. The following rules and regulations apply to homes and other buildings:



Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

- No more than one single-family dwelling shall be permitted on a CWC Lot without permission of the Board of Directors. Permission may be granted to utilize structures not normally designed for residential use, such as a shop or storage building, to be used as a temporary domicile while a primary residence is under construction, such occupancy not to exceed twelve months.
- The shareholder must secure a permit before constructing any structure, making any repairs, renovations and/or improvements to any existing structure, placing any structure of any description, or making site modifications on any lot on CWC property. This does not apply to interior remodeling, exterior painting, landscaping, or yard maintenance. No new permit will be issued to a shareholder until existing permits and/or any violations are completed or cleared.
- No permits will be issued on any lot that has not been surveyed by a Texas RPLS; the Survey must be tied to the CWC Control Network, property corners should be located or relocated, based on the lot corner coordinates on file at the CWC office from previously approved surveys. All surveys must be approved by the CWC office. For surveying procedures, see Section B (4): SURVEYS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF LOT LINES. Work must be commenced within ninety (90) days from the date on which the permit is issued. For a residential structure, all exterior construction must be completed within twelve (12) months. For all other non-residential structures, all work must be complete within six (6) months from issuance of the permit. Permit extensions may be issued at the discretion of the General Manager or his/her designee for verifiable delays. If a permit extension is granted, the work must be completed within 12 months of the extension date. Any future extensions that are granted will be for 6 months at a time. Failure to comply with the above timeline requirements will result in fines of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month. Any work which commences without the issuance of an appropriate permit may be immediately stopped by the General Manager or his/her designated representatives.
- With the exception of piers and boat houses, no structure shall be located nearer than seventy-five (75) feet to the nearest water at spillway level of Lake Cherokee; also, structures shall be built at least six (6) feet from property line of adjacent shareholders. Unenclosed decks, porches or patios are considered part of the structure for the six (6) foot side setback purposes. Side setback distances are measured from the side lot line to the nearest structural protrusion. This includes roof eaves, air conditioner pads, carport roof supports, or foundation slabs and footings. No structural element will be allowed to protrude into or over the six (6) foot side setback zone. No concrete slab or pier and beam construction shall be poured until all set back requirements have been approved by a representative of CWC. Survey flags shall be placed by the surveyor in order that setback requirements can be verified. No structure shall be built which exceeds forty feet (40') in overall height, measured from the primary foundation floor level to the tallest part of the structure. No structure may be located within 50 feet of the lake road.
- Any accessory building will require a minimum 4:12 pitch roof and a minimum 12" overhang on all sides. The overall appearance must complement the appearance of the primary dwelling. Gambrel roofs are an exception to this requirement.

Permits	
May 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	2
Boathouse - New	0
Boathouse - Repair	9
Demolition	5
Dirt Work / Drainage	2
Driveway / Walkway	6
Fence	3
Home Repairs / Additions	6
New Construction	1
OSSF	2
Other	1
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	0
Total Permits	38

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT MAY 2024

FACILITY CHECK: 1327	CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 11
OPEN DOOR: 6	EXTRA PATROL: 109
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON: 7	DISTURBANCE: 3
WELFARE CHECK: 0	ALARMS: 9
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 27	WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW: 3
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 34	ASSIST AGENCY: 15
ANIMAL ASSIST: 17	

Variance | Board Deadline | Meeting

July 1st	July 18th
July 29th	August 15th
September 3rd	September 19th
September 30th	October 17th
October 28th	November 14th



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Aquatic ecosystems are complex, consisting of microscopic organisms, inorganic elements, plants, fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and numerous other creatures. Many of these things we see and interact with daily, however, what if the driving forces of the entire aquatic environment were virtually invisible?

Plankton

Phytoplankton are microscopic plants that comprise the base of the aquatic food chain. These tiny plants are free-floating and primarily occupy the water column's upper two to three feet. Phytoplankton are the primary oxygen producers in aquatic environments; without them, aquatic ecosystems could not exist. When abundant phytoplankton will give the water a green tint.

Zooplankton are small, nearly microscopic animals that forage on phytoplankton. These animals serve as the primary forage base for larval fish, shad, aquatic insects, and filter feeding organisms such as bryozoans, and mollusks (filter feeders also consume phytoplankton). Zooplankton, are the second level of the aquatic food chain and the first food source for many of the "visible" organisms we interact with.

The presence of plankton in the water is critical to the survival and production of many aquatic organisms. By the process of energy transfer, it takes 1000 pounds of phytoplankton to produce 100 pounds of zooplankton, which will grow 10 pounds of forage fish, which is required to grow 1 pound of bass. In short, roughly 1000 pounds of plankton are required to grow one, one-pound predatory fish! This highlights just how many plankton are present in a lake, and how important maintaining their abundance is to the success of a fishery.

Beneficial Bacteria

Beneficial bacteria play a drastically different role in the aquatic ecosystem than plankton. Plankton are viewed as the beginning of the aquatic food web, while bacteria are the "end." Bacteria are responsible for the breakdown of organic matter and the recycling of nutrients. When plants, animals, and plankton die they sink to the bottom and are broken down by aquatic bacteria. These bacteria digest the organic material and convert it back into inorganic elements such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and carbon, which can reenter the system and grow more plankton, starting the cycle over again. Insufficient populations of beneficial bacteria result in the buildup of muck which fuels filamentous algae and noxious vegetation growth.

By supporting healthy populations of plankton and bacteria, the aquatic food chain is able to cycle in a healthy manner. Phytoplankton will grow and support zooplankton,

fish, and other organisms, and bacteria will recycle those organisms when they die. All of which happens unseen, right before our very eyes.

Promoting the Survival of Microorganisms

Plankton and beneficial bacteria are critical to the health and survival of aquatic environments, without them lakes and ponds would be desolate, muck-filled pits. As a result, we consider preserving and boosting the population of these microorganisms a high priority. To do so our management strategy for Lake Cherokee utilizes very few copper products. Copper herbicides and algaecides, while important in some situations, are directly toxic to bacteria, plankton, insects, and other aquatic invertebrates. Frequent, heavy use of copper will result in a decline in bacteria and plankton, leading to more muck buildup and a reduction in the food chain. By reducing the usage of copper and adding beneficial bacteria to areas that have had heavy copper usage we can preserve and boost the microorganism community. Requests for beneficial bacteria can be made via email.

Impacts of the new management strategy have already been seen, as several colonies of bryozoans (filter-feeding animals sensitive to copper) have been identified. Bryozoans are considered a sign of healthy water, and despite their unique look, are completely harmless. *photo courtesy of USACE*



For more information on the microorganism community or overall lake management, send us a message: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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This is the 6th in a series of articles on our U.S. Armed Forces. Each month will highlight a different branch. It will culminate with an article on our veterans coinciding with Veterans Day.

COAST GUARD

“Semper Paratus” – Always Ready

The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for protecting the U.S. coastline including our ports, harbors, and waterways on the U.S. coastline as well as protecting domestic interests abroad with an international presence worldwide. This multi-mission organization reports to Homeland Security (since 9/11) but can also report to the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense during wartime.

The Coast Guard had humble beginnings in 1789 with the Lighthouse Establishment. However, assessing the need for protecting its new revenue, Congress authorized the Dept of Treasury, under Alexander Hamilton, to establish the Revenue Cutter Service (born on August 4, 1790, but officially named in 1863.) Protecting the U.S. back then included enforcing quarantines, fighting pirates on sea and in pirate hideouts, enforcing the prohibition of slave trade from Africa (made illegal in 1808), aiding the Navy during times of war, maintaining light houses, and searching for distressed navigators.

Coast Guard members have participated in historic events. Immediately after President Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Cutters were ordered to search outgoing vessels for assassins. In 1897, Cutters rescued 97 survivors of 265 whalers who were trapped in ice north of Point Barrow, Alaska and led search and rescue after the Galveston hurricane in 1900. In Kill Devil Hills, NC, crewmen aided Orville and Wilbur Wright during flight experiments and even took the photograph that proved the first flight. Between 1920 and 1933, the Coast Guard's activities were dominated by enforcing Prohibition in the “Rum War”.

The modern Coast Guard has six main mission programs including 1) Maritime Law Enforcement to stop criminals and drug dealers from entering our country, 2) Maritime Response to aid victims and property during natural and manmade disasters, 3) Maritime Prevention to mitigate risks of casualties, property, and marine environment, 4) Marine Transportation System Management which safeguards the movement of \$5.4 trillion in economic activity, 5) Maritime Security Operations which acts to detect, deter, prevent, and disrupt terrorist attacks and other criminal activities, and 6) Defense Operations which supports the National Defense Strategy.

The Coast Guard employs over 50,000 members. Assets include 259 Cutters (65 feet or greater in length), 200 aircraft including 140 helicopters, and 1,602 boats less than 65 feet. Organizationally, it operates Pacific and Atlantic area commands as well as internationally. In the Great Lakes, the Coast Guard uses ice breakers to

clear waterways. Because of the wide scope of mission activities, the Coast Guard partners with many governmental agencies including Dept of State, Intelligence units, Dept of Justice, Dept of Commerce, NOAA, and National Marine Fisheries Service.

Here in Texas the Houston-Galveston Sector operates under the Atlantic area command. With 1562 active duty, civilian, and reserve personnel, the unit's annual activity report includes 410 search and rescue cases, 742 lives saved/assisted, about \$8 million property protected, 7,745 law enforcement boardings, and 501 marine environmental response cases.

Today, the Coast Guard still makes headlines including seizing \$63 million worth of cocaine off the coast of Venezuela and \$10 million of cocaine and methamphetamine hidden in vats of jalapeno paste. In unfortunate news, a Congressional investigation of Coast Guard administration is being conducted for covering up sexual assault cases. In law enforcement/humanitarian news, a cutter recently intercepted a ship with 300 migrants from Haiti and the Bahamas sending them back home. And it was the Coast Guard that led the search mission for the six bridge workers after a freighter rammed and collapsed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore as well as the search for wreckage of the submersible Titan that imploded while diving to the Titanic wreck site in 2023.

Some famous members of the Coast Guard include Buddy Ebsen (Jed Clampett); Humphrey Bogart; Lloyd, Beau, and Jeff Bridges; and Arnold Palmer, before he was famous for an iced tea lemonade recipe.

Next month: Space Force “Semper Supra” – Always Above

This series of articles on our armed forces was brought to you by Friends of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial. Information came from official websites of the above-mentioned organizations. Are you active-duty or a veteran of any of the branches? Please let us know kacourville@gmail.com

About the authors:

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Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report

We, the Friends of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial, are pleased to announce that we are moving forward with the Memorial! Now, onto the uncomfortable part... The cost to build the Memorial (including site prep, construction of dedication wall, flagpoles, flags, lighting, labor, and some landscaping) is \$86,360. We need the entire amount to start. Around \$10,000 has already been raised (thank you donors!) and will be moved out of the CWC account and into a checking account of Lake Cherokee Community Foundation (LCCF), a newly formed independent nonprofit under the leadership of Bart Owens. The mission of LCCF is to *provide resources in response to the educational, environmental, and human service needs of the Lake Cherokee community*, and the Veterans Memorial will be its first project grant. LCCF will manage the fundraising dollars and Memorial expenses. LCCF is currently working on setting up 501(c)(3) non-profit status, but at this time, donations will not be tax deductible. After the completion of the Memorial, any unused funds will be earmarked for Memorial-use only (e.g., Memorial Day events) and not diverted to any other project.

Currently, we are only asking for pledges of support. Once LCCF checking account is ready to receive funds, one of us will contact you to fulfill your pledge.

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To make our pledge, go to our website www.LakeCherokeeVeteransMemorial.org and click on the Donate page.

We sincerely thank you for your support!
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Any member of the shareholder's family should present their shareholder's card for one FREE round of golf, including the use of a cart.



SPREAD THE WORD

Attention Food Truck Vendors

We are inviting food trucks to set up at Firecracker Park every weekend until Labor Day Weekend.

Saturday June 22nd	Sir Bentleys and Frios Pops
Sunday June 23rd	Sir Bentleys and JEE JEEs Party on Wheels
Saturday June 29th	Back Street Grill and Sunsational Ice
Sunday June 30th	Sir Bentleys & Kona Ice
Thursday, July 4	Sir Bentley's
Saturday July 6th	2 Step Cajun Cuisine and Frios Pops set up at the office 5pm
Sunday July 7th	Back Street Grill and Sunsational Ice
Saturday July 13th	Sir Bentleys and Funnel Cake Playground
Sunday July 14th	Sir Bentleys and Funnel Cake Playground
Saturday July 20th	Back Street Grill and Sunsational Ice
Sunday July 21st	Black Dog Deli + Catering and Sunsational Ice
Friday July 26th	Ak BBQ and Sunsational Ice
Saturday July 27th	Back Street Grill and Playground Funnel Cake
Sunday July 28th	Sir Bentleys
Saturday Aug. 3rd	Ak BBQ and Frios Pops
Sunday Aug. 4th	Back Street Grill and JEE JEEs Party on Wheels
Saturday Aug. 10th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Sunday Aug. 11th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Saturday Aug. 17th	Back Street Grill and Ice Cream Guy
Sunday Aug. 18th	JEE JEEs Party on Wheels
Saturday Aug. 24th	Black Dog Deli + Catering and Ice Cream Guy
Sunday Aug. 25th	Sir Bentleys and Sunsational Ice
Saturday August 31st	Family Fun Day no food trucks
Sunday Sept. 1st	2 Step Cajun Cuisine and Sunsational Ice
Monday Sept. 2nd	Ak BBQ and Sunsational Ice

NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Rebekah Taylor



The Pro Shop hours for JULY are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

The next tournament date is July 13th @ 8:00 am. Firecracker Tournament: FOUR person scramble, \$30 per person. (Note that the time is 8:00 am rather than 9:00 am due to hotter temperatures this time of year.)

The WOMEN's group plays every Tuesday morning usually @ 9:00 am or 10:00 am depending on the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for tee time.

Saturday Fun Bunch: every Saturday except for tournament days @ 8:00 am. (Note that the time is now 8:00 am rather than 9:00 am starting in July.) It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a 4-person scramble. Teams are picked randomly the morning of tournament so plan to arrive early.

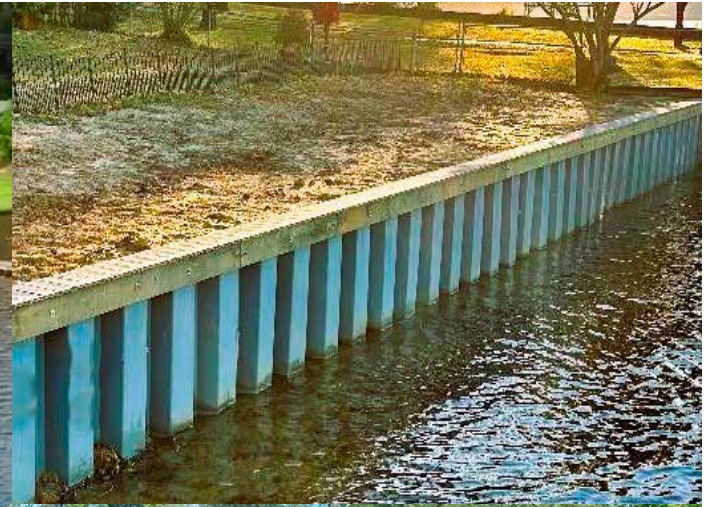
The next board meeting will be on Thursday July 13th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS - TWO new golf carts have been added to our current fleet!!! New turf has been added to various places on the course – 9,000 square feet!!! We also still have free mulch available – first come, first served. (by hole #3 and the burn pile)

Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraiser tournament in any way!! Thank you to Jaye and Pat Herrman for the delicious chicken spaghetti and to those who brought the yummy desserts!!



Congratulations to the winners (from a blind draw)
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A list of Star Providers will be published and available to shareholders on the CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms.

The "Star Provider" status and logo can be used in your individual marketing to let prospective clients know that you have an in-depth knowledge of the Lake Cherokee community.

The test will be offered online.

To register, come by the Cherokee Water Company offices at NK 20 Lake Cherokee between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Fee for the course is \$250.00 - due at time of registration.

For more information, call the office at (903) 643-3933

Fee covers:

- The instructional course and course prep materials
- 1 year of advertising in the Star Provider Directory on CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms used by CWC
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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

July, 2024 issue

In May, we featured famous bridge player Charles Schulz, with his 'Peanuts' character, Charlie Brown. This month highlights other 'Peanuts' characters, Snoopy and his little bird friend, Woodstock. These two were inducted as Honorary Life Masters in the American Contract Bridge League in 1997.

Come join in the fun! Our players meet every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 a.m. and usually play four rounds, finishing around 2:30 pm. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome and our group is very informal. We play for fun, but we all enjoy the spirit of competition, and the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

Please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you, and we have some books that can help you start. We look forward to meeting you!

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June 2024 First Friends Salad Luncheon in Judi Morgan's back yard was a success. Cool breeze, fresh salads and ice cream floats to celebrate "National Ice Cream Soda Day". We love to gather and eat and visit and just be "friends"! Door prize winners were Karen Franklin and Carolyn Matter. We will take a break in July and August but look forward to gathering again in September. Stay tuned for details.



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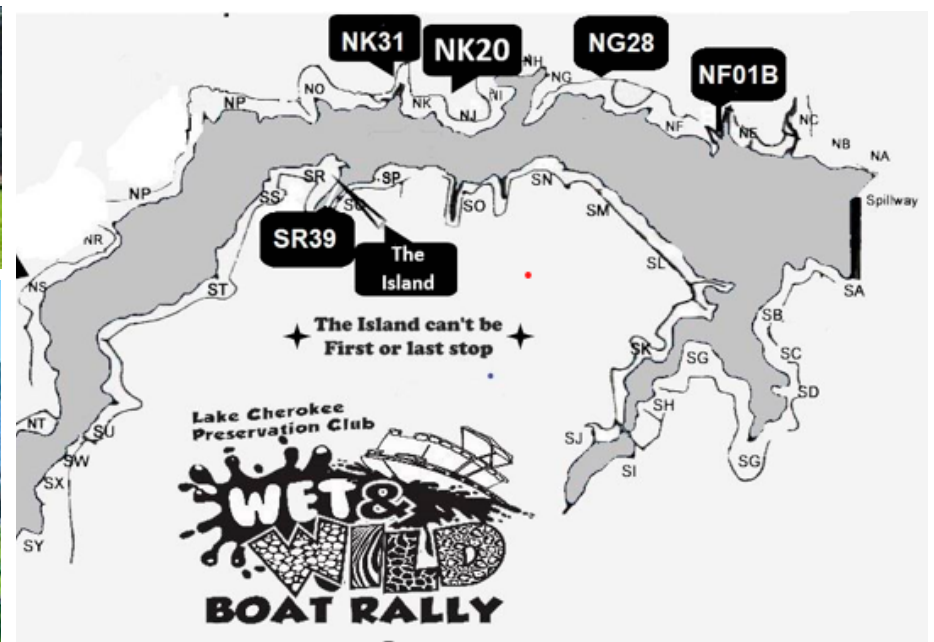


The Preservation Club met on Thursday, June 20th, 2024

Another Wet and Wild in the books! 583 registrants and 75+ boathouse crews. Thank you to Usual Suspects Bank for the entertainment.

Thank you to all of our Boat House hosts and their Crews! Thanks to our generous Prize donors!

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Many of you have seen the great murals in the Island Bathrooms. These were painted by our very talented shareholder – Alexandria (Alex) Wooldridge. If you haven't seen them, here are a few shots.

Upcoming events:

Our next event is on Friday, July 26th from 6 – 10 pm. The Preston Barrett Band. He comes highly recommended. Let's show them a great Lake Cherokee Welcome.

Family Fun Fest – Scheduled for Saturday August 31st. Stay tuned for more details. We are always interested to hear about new ideas that would make our lake / community better. Come join us and be involved. Our next meeting is July 18th following the board meeting.



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Cherokee Fishing Club

Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC) News
July 2024

By Bryce Tawney – Treasurer

CFC had 28 members who attended our June Meeting. We were pleased to welcome one new member, Jack Mills, to our meeting. Thank you to Pete and Carol Staiti for the great meal featuring meatloaf and mashed potatoes with gravy. Also, thanks to our cookie people this month who were Pete and Carol, Genia Holland, Larry Willis, Larry Lacewell, Charles Stone, Cathy Withers, Bonnie Hegeman, Anna O'Brien, and David Wilson.

President Genia mentioned new Tournament Director David Wilson and others are working on updated tournament rules for the upcoming CFC Crappie Tournament on October 5th. CFC is seeking a dedicated individual to volunteer for the position of CFC Hatchery Director, with primary responsibility for managing the brood ponds. This is a very active role and critical to CFC. The role also has the title of Vice President of the CFC with limited duties. The Hatchery Director works with CWC Management, the CFC President, and the contract Lake Biologist to manage Hatchery resources. Interested Shareholders and CFC members should contact Genia. CFC welcomes members willing to be volunteers to assist with club activities including tournaments, habitat, and hatchery.

There is no Hatchery report for June. Habitat Director George Steele reported six volunteers worked on May 22 cutting and placing brush. One existing brush pile was replenished and three new brush piles were created. George indicated another brush workday is being planned for later in June. George needs



Michael Purifoy

volunteers to assist and anyone with trailers/chain saws who wants to help can contact George. Shipp's Marine serviced the work barge and returned it to the lake. Two new feeders for the mega-structure have been ordered.

Member discussions included spraying vegetation during spawn and harvesting 14-18-inch bass. Genia will invite a representative of Pristine Pond Solutions to attend a future CFC meeting.

Verabank provided June's program on the topic of Identity Theft. Representatives of Verabank included Kim Hicks-Graham, Michael Purifoy, and Jenn Ware. Michael provided an excellent overview of scams called Phishing (pronounced "fishing" with slime being the only thing in common catching fish). Phishing can take the form of telephone calls or emails. Phishing is when fraudsters contact individuals with false claims and intimidation tactics, to create fear to induce individuals to send money or reveal personal information. It's best to hang up and contact the agency/company directly using contact information from known sources. Emails tend to come from a familiar company with a brief message encouraging the recipient to click on a link or open an attachment. Legitimate companies tend to clearly show pertinent information in the email without using links and attachments. Helpful tips included 1) reviewing bank and credit card activity frequently and at least once a month to look for unusual and unknown charges, and 2) never using a debit card with a PIN at a gas station. A debit card transaction without a PIN can be processed as a credit card transaction and is generally safer. Another suggestion was for every family to have a code word or phrase to communicate the need for help. Protect yourself and stay up-to-date about evolving Identity Theft techniques. Speak to your bank representative about protecting yourself from Identity Theft.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month who were: Gas Can by Bryce Tawney; 13 Fishing Rod by Rod Diehl; Solid Pawn Gift Bags by Bob O'Brien and Steve Morris; Cash by Anna O'Brien; Verabank Umbrellas by Rod Diehl and Cathy Withers; Verabank Mug/Phone Caddy by Genia Holland and Rod Diehl.

The Club encourages everyone to attend our next meeting on Monday, July 8.



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Boater Education Course

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Boater Education Courses Sponsored by Lake Cherokee was taught on Saturday, June 1st . a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes to instructors Mike Brady, Mark Walker, Don Plate, John Riley and Cathy Hite for presenting the course. This year it was attended by 17 students ranging from ages 12 ½ to 54 . This course curriculum involves instruction, video segments, and demonstrations designed to affect and educate boaters so that they act safely, responsibly and knowledgeably. Door prizes and gifts are given for active participation and achievement. Thank

you to Nichols Marine, Cherokee Motor and Marine and Skeeter boats for their donations. This year Cherokee Motor and Marine loaned the class (2) jet skis for a teaching aid. Christus EMS and Elderville Fire Department provided an ambulance and fire truck demonstration. Todd Long, TP&W Game Warden came by and spoke to the class to reiterate a few of the State of Texas laws on the water. Kevin Jones, General manager served as the chef for the day to cook up hot dogs for the students allowing them to continue learning while being fed. Several Board members also stopped by to say hello.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Boat Parade	July 6
Fireworks Spectacular	July 6
Family Fun Fest	August 31
Crappie Tournament	October 5
Fall Bass Tournament	October 19
Fall Clean up	October 18—20
Chili Fest	November 9

Welcome to
Lake Cherokee

May 2024 Transfers - 10

If you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact Misty Conway at (903) 643-3933 or misty@lkcherokee.com



History of "Sink the Island"

I went to the island on Memorial Day weekend for the shrimp boil. I had a good visit with Spencer and I was impressed with how well they were organized. He had questions about the Sink the Island fish fry so many years ago • Talking with him and others, there was some misconception about the Sink the Island fish fry.

I am going to try and answer some of those questions. The first fish fry was 1998 at bikini island. That year we tried to have a second fish fry on Labor Day weekend but it was not very successful, lots of people could not get their boats out. That was the last time we tried to do two in one year. We held it on bikini island until 2005 at that time it

was moved to what we called the Big Island. That was before it was later named Firecracker Park. There was no Electricity or running water. We used tiki torches for light. The last fish fry was in 2013. The first 13 years I was in charge so to speak. The last two years Dirk Lee was in charge. When I got to the point I wanted to quit, Dirk Lee stepped up to take over, but the group from the beginning stayed involved. A lot of the people that were there in 1998 was also there in 2013. I was asked at the shrimp boil if CWC put a stop to it, said they heard that it got too big. That is not true, CWC was always supportive of what we were doing. I will not tell you that there were not times that some

of the directors wanted to make some changes but that never happened. We just got tired, ran out of gas. There were people in the beginning that were major contributors that are no longer with us. They are Marvin Hart, Gary and Janie Adams, and Ancil Boatman. I am sure there are others and I apologize for not including them.

There was an article in the Cherokee Chatter July ;2007. It was written by Angela Dunlap and I think it explains sink the island fish fry very well. I asked CWC if they could reprint that article. I want to wish Spencer and all the people involved in the shrimp boil the best ...it will be good for the Lake.

Clayton Evans

Island Lore - A Sinking Story (reprint from July 2007)

Once upon a time, there were two lake rats... friends, really, who loved the lake. They loved it so much they were on it all the time. They would float and visit and meet new friends and float some more... and soon the group had grown quite large... And they were hungry! And the lake rats - who had done quite well at fishing that year-- decided to have a fish fry... at Bikini Island...on the 4 of July! And they invited all their lake rat friends! And 90 people turned out in 1998 to enjoy fried fish and beignets prepared by 3 lake rat cooks... and they had a wonderful time.

So wonderful in fact, that they decided to do it again the next year. And that year, even more lake rats came. What fun! Fish, fellowship, friends --- all at the most wonderful place on earth. And one rat said to the other, "We should have so many people here that we "Sink the Island" --- and tradition was born!

T-shirts were added -- and sold like hot potatoes. The fourth year brought a bona fide menu (coleslaw, hush puppies and French fries) and the Peacock Shuttle Service (Phil & Vivian) running barges for lake rat transport. Professional help --- in the form of coleslaw from Gary & Janie Adams and potatoes from Jackie & Vickie Clayton --- was provided in the fifth year.

And "Sink the Island" took root and grew. What began as an idea for a small gathering of friends touched and took hold of everyone who was a part of it... and they wanted to share it with their friends... and they wanted to share it with their friends... and so forth... and in 2006, 6 cooks served over 400 friends, sharing over 2201b of fish and their love of the lake --- to the sounds of a band on the beach... And they quite nearly... Sunk the Island!!

So, "What's the deal with the Sink the Island Fish Fry??" People are always asking about the Sink the Island Fish Fry...How did it start? What's it all about? Who can come? What does it cost?

Well, here are some answers for you... It seems that the Island (Bikini Island) has always been a gathering point for shareholders and friends. A place to stop, visit, watch the sun go down and the moon come up. It's the Town Square of Lake Cherokee. So, a gathering to eat --- fish, of course -- seemed natural... or at least it did to Richard Sabin and Clayton Evans, the co-conspirators of the original plan. But that first outing was just a party --- a one-time event. It was never intended to be an annual gathering. But lake rats LIKE fish... and they LIKE parties... and so there was no getting around doing it again the next year, and then the next, and the next... And over the years it just grew -- like any good party will do.

So you see, it's not just a fish fry, it's a family reunion, it's a summer celebration, it's a reason to come together with your lake friends and fellow lake-lovers and share the spirit of the Island

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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The Lake Cherokee Photography Club met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. We had a 2 1/2 hour photo safari by boat, hosted by Captain Craig Nichols. The weather was perfect and we saw several species of birds. We went under the bridge and all the way to the NW area. The sun was setting during the return trip making some nice landscape images as well. It was all worth seeing and socializing along the way.

At the July 9th meeting we will preview a virtual study by David duChemin. Thanks to Bill Plunkett for finding and arranging the details for us. We will also need to finalize some details for the show. We would like any participants in the Longview Museum of Art Show to join our group and attend the July meeting. If we haven't already seen your prospective entries, please bring a sample print for us to preview. We want to have a wide range of subjects.

We received information from the Longview Museum of Art just after the last Chatter article. This is what they need!

They need a master list of all the entries including: Artist name, Title of work, Size of work, Type of work, Sales price if the work is for sale.

Any inspiration or story about the work that the artist wants to share is optional.

They may be able to include a head shot of each photographer and a 1-3 sentence bio paragraph as well.

Work needs to be delivered the week of August 19, 2024 and the exhibition will be open to the public September 3 through December. As of this date, the Museum is open Tues-Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-2.

(It would be helpful to have your titles, size, type, and sale prices info by the July meeting so the master list can get started for those of you who have begun the process. Holly will compile the list for final corrections and additions at the August meeting.)

Holly has completed the club information the museum also asked for. I will bring to July meeting. If you have any ideas how we can promote the show, let me or Ken Kirkland know, as he is the liaison to the Museum.

Here are our guidelines: All images need to reflect the title "Life at Lake Cherokee"

Images can be 8X10 inches or larger (nothing smaller than 8x10), black and white or color, must be matted in white or gallery white and framed in a black frame of your choosing. All printing and framing will be at the artists' expense. Resources for printing in Longview include FedEx



916 W Loop 281, Art Forever 3407 N Fourth Street and AHLE Printing South St. You may find other resources as well.

It may be time to think of your artist statement and biography: The reason you photograph and what you are drawn to, and a little about yourself.

Camera phones with portrait mode do reasonable headshots if you don't otherwise have one.

As previously stated, our next meeting is July 9, 2024 at 6 PM downstairs at the Lake Cherokee office. We will also meet August 13, 2024 same time, same place. If you have any questions, please text Holly at 903-399-0066. We hope to see everyone at the meeting.

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7 Back Street Grill Sunsational Ice	8 Fishing Club	9 Community Gardeners Photography Club	10 Bridge Club	11 Golf Course Board Meeting	12	13 Sir Bentleys Funnel Cake Playground
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21 Black Dog Deli + Catering Sunsational Ice	22	23	24 Bridge Club	25	26 Ak BBQ Sunsational Ice Preston Barrett Band	27 Back Street Grill Funnel Cake Playground
28 Sir Bentleys JEE JEEs Party on Wheels Parents' Day	29 Variance Deadline	30	31 Bridge Club			



AUGUST 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Ak BBQ Frios Pops
4 Back Street Grill JEE JEEs Party on Wheels	5	6	7 Bridge Club Luncheon	8 Golf Course Board Meeting	9	10 Sir Bentleys Sunsational Ice
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