

WINTER MEMBERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Along with 27 members and their guests were several Upshur County office seekers, and even the Sheriff was in attendance. Our February meeting was the best attended members meeting in a couple of years — a spectacular turnout!



The politicians did a little stumping after the meeting, then the gathered members and guests hobnobbed over a cup of soup (or three). The *soup-sipping social mixer* may have played a part in the increased attendance. We won't know that until next quarter.

This members meeting centered around the election of Lakewood Board Officers. The newly elected officers are listed in the column to the right. All **Lakewood HOA** officers are now duly elected. Thanks to all who voted, whether by absentee ballot or in person.

ANOTHER UPGRADE AT WEST LAKE PARK

Last Summer's renovation of West Lake Park restored the overall appearance, usability and safety, however the old charcoal grills were missing the essential parts: the grills. The fireboxes were not in top-notch shape either. The posts were okay, though...sort of okay. In other words — had you desired to have a friend/family cookout at West Lake previously: BYOG (bring your own grill).

Not so anymore!

Both grills have been replaced in kind, thanks to the generosity of Jerry Mossier. Now if you want to entertain the crew, just bring your goodies, charcoal and entourage. The rest is up to you.



Park & Facilities Usage

1. A current Sport Pass is required to use Lakewood facilities.
2. All motorized vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas.
3. Park and lake facilities close 1/2 hour before sunset.
4. No overnight camping is allowed.
5. Pets must be leashed or confined while in Lakewood buildings and park areas.
6. Trash receptacles are provided on all community properties. Please use them.
7. Fires are permitted in approved grills and outdoor cooking devices only.
8. Swim at your own risk.
9. Abuse or unauthorized use of Lakewood facilities can lead to prosecution.
10. Respect the property of other Lakewood landowners. Fishing from, picnicking on or otherwise occupying private property other than your own, including vacant lots, is trespassing which could prompt legal action.

LAKESWOOD BOARD OFFICERS

- President
Gary Mann
- Vice President
Richie Rossouw
- Treasurer
Robert Albright
- Secretary
Frank Adam
- Sergeant at Arms
Wayne Oney
- Representative at Large
David Thomas

REMINDERS

The Spring Members Meeting will be held on May 12 at 2:00 PM.

Plan to attend and share your thoughts and ideas regarding improvements around your community. We regard your opinion highly.

Quarterly Dues must be paid on or before Tuesday, June 26, to avoid late fees.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Balance 01/01	\$19,679.42
Revenue	14,025.00
Expenditures	11,945.00
Balance 03/31	\$21,748.90



CATCH AND RELEASE UPDATE

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department regulation states that fishermen are allowed to keep five (5) fish measuring over 14 inches long per day in any combination of largemouth, smallmouth, Alabama, Guadalupe, and spotted bass. That rule now applies at Lakewood. Please continue releasing lesser length bass so the bass population will continue to increase in our lakes.

MO' FUNNER SUMMER

What's your idea of summer fun? If it involves events or activities that could be of general interest to the Lakewood community, we would like to hear about it.

Call, email or drop by the office on Tuesday or Thursday during regular business hours and share your fun thing with us. Never can tell, we might do something similar. Or you can present it at the Spring Members Meeting. It's up to you.

DOING THE SPRING THING

It's that time of year again. The starkness of winter is just a bad memory; vegetation is showing its colors, and you are probably thinking about springtime activities. But in case your imagination is on the fritz, here are a few suggestions:

- ⇒ Plant flowers, trees or anything to add a little color.
- ⇒ Be the first to take advantage of our new grills at West Lake Park.
- ⇒ Wet a line while you're waiting for the charcoal to get right. Yeah, the water is up so some fish aren't in the mood but some are.
- ⇒ Take a stroll on our walking trails.
- ⇒ Go for a bike ride.
- ⇒ Meet some new folks. You could end up making a new best friend.

The list could go on for the rest of the page. Here is the point — you live in a community with much to offer beyond your living area and what you have inside. Take advantage of the many benefits of *living at Lakewood*.



HOW HIGH'S THE WATER, MAMA?

Not everyone remembers that old Johnny Cash tune, but I was reminded of it as I looked upon the submerged dock next door. I don't know how the elevated water level effects fishing, snake activities or any of that. My granddaughters like it because they can get in their kayak right from our dock.



If you are knowledgeable of such lake level matters, give us a call during office hours or shoot us an email any time. A lot of local fishermen thank you in advance for the info

Community Service

In order to keep dues as low as possible, we depend on Lakewood members to undertake some of the minor projects around the Lakewood community areas.

Check out the current projects to see what you can do.

- Tear down the metal shelter next to the pool (as non-destructively as possible)
- Grind the fence wire protruding from the concrete deck flush with the deck (at the old kiddie pool)
- Remove weeds and spread mulch around the Lakewood signs
- Repaint walking trail markers
- Repair picnic tables at the clubhouse

If you see something on the list that suits your skill set, give us a call at the office and we will fill in the details. Or use the comment form to get the details incognito.

Planning a Special Event?

The Lakewood Community Center is the perfect setting for parties, reunions and all manner of social functions. The center includes a spacious indoor meeting area, kitchen, covered patio for outdoor entertaining, and plenty of room for kids to romp and play.



Rent it for a budget-friendly \$150 a day

Call the Lakewood office at (903) 734-4127 to make your reservations.