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## Coming To A Lakeland Neighborhood Soon!

### Wine Country here in Lakeland, Tennessee?

Apparently so, as site clearing has begun on 15 acres in the northern part of the city and will morph into Delta Blues Winery this fall. It is the culmination of a dream that began for winery owners, Dianne Day, Ed Stevens, Jim Wilson and Sheila Wilson, when they drove over a hill in Sonoma, California and spotted vineyards stretched out before them.

The family-friendly facility will be on land just south of Paul W. Barret Parkway on the west side of Stewart Road, behind a lake. Delta Blues' owners have been working with Lakeland officials, the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and the North Lakeland Community Association for a year to make their dream a reality. North Lakeland area residents welcome this agritourism business as a complement to the areas' natural wildlife and large equine community lifestyle.

Hoping for a November opening, the Delta Blues' owners expect to showcase a southern-style building for wine tastings and small events. Their desire is to make great wines and provide an enjoyable experience for visitors.

They will plant European varieties such as Sangiovese, Tempranillo, and Primitivo as well as French-American hybrid grapes such as Chambourcin and Chardonnay, and the regionally popular Nortons that can thrive in the heat. Since it will take three years for the grapes to mature, Delta Blues is already working with sister wineries in the state to bottle wines under its label for the first year and use their grapes to make wine on site the next year. Wines will be available for customers as soon as the winery opens.

The land use has been approved by Lakeland, according to J. Higbee, growth management director. "The site plan is on file and awaiting city approval as soon as April, if deemed complete by the Lakeland Municipal Planning Commission," he added.

Josh Roman, a member of Lakeland's Economic Development Commission, said of the venture: "This is exactly the type of creative entrepreneurship we have been trying to foster."

"We're taking a chance," said Jim, of the multimillion-dollar investment. "But our goal is to have the premiere winery in the state, and I think we can pull it off."



Site for the Winery in the northern section of Lakeland



Rendering of the structure for the Winery.

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North Lakeland Area Map



Map showing the location of the Delta Blues Winery in Lakeland.

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# City of Lakeland - Mayor's Report

Scott Carmichael

Municipal schools, fire protection, ambulance service and transportation improvement decisions will dramatically impact Lakeland residents' quality of life in the forthcoming year.

We have been working closely with Tennessee State Sen. Mark Norris and Rep. Ron Lollar as they are working actively to provide municipalities the right to shape their own future and provide municipal schools. Residents are encouraged to support Sen. Norris and Rep. Lollar as they spend endless hours in developing municipal schools.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has scheduled Oct. 18 as the bid opening date for the new interchange at Canada Road and I-40. I feel this is the top priority for Lakeland, as this project will provide infrastructure for improved traffic safety as well as encourage new commercial development in this area.

Several other important projects are being constructed as part of the interchange plan, including the extension of Beverle Rivera Drive to Seed Tick Road, traffic signals at Canada Road and Beverle Rivera Drive, and improvements to Huff N Puff Road.

The Shelby County Fire Department has always provided excellent fire protection for Lakeland residents. However, the Shelby County Fire Department is being impacted by reduced customers due to municipal annexation of existing territory. Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell appointed County Commissioner Wyatt Bunker to head a committee to review alternatives. Commissioner Bunker, who is one of the county commissioners representing Lakeland, has appointed me to this committee. The City of Lakeland is also reviewing the impact of the changes on Lakeland residents and is reviewing possible alternatives to providing fire protection.

Ambulance services are currently provided by an Interlocal Agreement between Shelby County and the cities of Lakeland, Arlington, Millington, Germantown and Collierville. Shelby County has developed a plan which basically will maintain a steady ambulance rate for cities participating in the Interlocal Agreement.

I understand this will maintain the current cost of ambulance service and provide essentially the same service for the next five years. We appreciate the hard work of County Public Works Director Tom Needham on this project. Lakeland Emergency Management Director Claude Talford has been actively involved in the ambulance project for Lakeland.



Scott Carmichael

## Lakeland Outdoors Festival 2013

Ariel Guthrey, event coordinator

The City of Lakeland will host the second annual Outdoors Festival at IH Park May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission! Rain or shine! Festivities planned include music and hosting by DJ Rockin' Robin; fun children's activities with Rainbow the Clown and Happy Times Farms Petting Zoo; and many local clubs and businesses demonstrating and sharing their interests. Outdoor experts will give demonstrations on kayaking, fly fishing, tree climbing, camping, bird watching, mountain biking and more!

Admission is free and delicious Victory Lane BBQ will be available for purchase! There will be prize drawings and much more! The event, hosted by the City of Lakeland's Natural Resources Board, is meant to be a fun, hands-on introduction to the outdoors. It's a great way to get children and parents involved in outdoor recreation. Last year, exhibitors included Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Mid-South Trails Association, Wolf River Conservancy, Mid-South Fly Fishers, Tennessee Urban Forestry Council, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Tennessee State Parks, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, Memphis Botanic Garden, Peddler Bike Shop, Tennessee Ornithological Society, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and more! Free admission! Free parking is available and the site is accessible to all ages! We look forward to seeing you there for a fun time in the outdoors! To find out more visit [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov).



Ariel Guthrey



Parents and children learn about aquatic bugs at the TDEC Division of Water Pollution Control booth during the 2012 Lakeland Outdoors Festival.

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## City Managers Report

Robert Wherry, city manager

### CANADA ROAD/I-40 INTERCHANGE REPLACEMENT

October 18 is the scheduled bid opening by the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the interchange replacement of the Canada Road/I-40 interchange. The project construction is expected to take approximately two years. Plans are for at least a two lane road (one lane each way) to remain open during construction. The interchange replacement also will activate construction of the following locally and grant-funded projects:

- Traffic signals at Beverle Rivera and Canada Road (by McDonalds). This is part of the Canada Road/I-40 Interchange project and is funded by TDOT.
- Extension of Beverle Rivera Drive to Seed Tick Road, locally funded.
- Resurfacing/reconstruction of a portion of Huff N Puff is funded by an 80 percent federal/state grant.
- Connecting road or roads from Beverle Rivera to Huff N Puff is funded by TDOT as part of the Canada Road/I-40 Interchange project

The interchange project, especially in conjunction with the other projects, is expected to be a major incentive for extensive commercial and other development in this area.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATUS

-New Canada Road will include rerouting of the existing Canada Road from a two-lane to a four-lane road. The preliminary engineering plans are complete and the next phase, purchase of easements or property needed is starting in the near future. The project is 80 percent funded by a grant, with the remaining 20 percent paid by local (property tax) funds.

-Hadley Street: A portion of Hadley Street that failed is being reconstructed and is in progress. This is funded 100 percent by local (property tax) funds.

-Blue Bird Cove drainage/street improvements will resolve a major drainage problem in this area and is almost complete. The project is 100 percent funded by local (property tax) funds.

-Steward Road bridge is scheduled to start this summer after school is out. An inspection indicated that the bridge needed extensive repairs. The City contracted with Shelby County for the labor and equipment to perform the repairs and purchased the material for the County to install. This project is completely funded by local (property tax) funds. There will a a detour during the construction period.

### MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

The Municipal School issue is being discussed in the Tennessee General Assembly and, based on the vote and input from city



Robert Wherry

residents, Mayor Scott Carmichael, Vice Mayor Cecil Tompkins and Commissioners Don Barber, Randy Nicholson and Gerrit Verschuur actively have supported the state legislation to allow residents to develop municipal schools.

Our state representatives, Sen. Mark Norris and Rep. Ron Lollar have been active in this issue and we especially want to express our appreciation for their diligence in supporting the right of municipalities to have a municipal school.

### ADOPT A STREET LITTER CONTROL

Litter on Lakeland streets has been a continual problem, as with all cities. We are reviewing our current methods of controlling and picking up litter. In response to comments from residents, I have made a special effort to observe the litter problem in all Lakeland neighborhoods. We are looking at alternatives to our current procedures to assist in resolving this problem.

The city has started a program where individuals and groups can "Adopt a Street" for litter control. The City will provide safety equipment and material.

Interested persons may contact Jesse McCabe at 867-2717 or JMcCabe@Lakelandtn.org for additional information.



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## Lakeland National Day of Prayer Seeks Volunteers

After 22 years of coordinating Lakeland's National Day of Prayer, Nancy Bryant is seeking help to coordinate the event which is May 2.

Because of serious injuries from a car wreck 35 years ago and recent dislocated shoulders, Nancy is unable to complete all the preparatory planning for the annual observation.

If you are interested in becoming a co-worker / volunteer, contact her via email ([eli\\_grandmother@yahoo.com](mailto:eli_grandmother@yahoo.com)) or home phone-388-9288, mobile-412-476.

"I believe I am here today as result of many prayers from prayer warriors. I believe the Lord has worked in me to direct our city to join into corporate prayer with our nation. My life is a perfect example of the power of prayer," said Nancy who lives in Lakeland Estates.

"If the citizens of Lakeland wish to continue participating in this national designated God honoring day, I need to have some of the citizens become NDP participating volunteers," she added.

## SCS/Lakeland Elementary School PTA News

### Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

Hello from Lakeland PTA! We have had a great couple of months with our General Assembly PTA meeting, Bookfair and Kids Can Drive. Thanks for all that you do.

Our general assembly PTA meeting was a HUGE success with a record crowd! It was a night full of food, fun, and prizes. We honored many students who had participated in the many contests we offer throughout the year. We were also entertained with a student talent showcase. The following night we had our first dance at the school. The children had a blast!

Coming up in April, we will have our campus beautification day. It is on Saturday, April 20 from 2 - 5 p.m. Come join us and help keep our campus beautiful.

May 3 we are having our famous LES Silent Auction at Colonial Country Club. We will have great auction items, food, fun and a DJ. Come join us at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact [jjgarner09@gmail.com](mailto:jjgarner09@gmail.com)

School is out May 23!



Christye Gilliland

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## Lakeland Community Cleanup Day in May

The City of Lakeland and Republic Services will co-sponsor a special waste collection day Saturday, May 4 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The purpose is to provide residents an opportunity to dispose of extra stored up trash from their garages and back yards. This year the following will be collected:

- household trash
- bulky trash such as discarded furniture
- electronic waste such as fluorescents, monitors, computers, printers, cell phones, batteries, (no televisions please)
- metal
- yard waste
- automobile tires, maximum 4 (please remove rims)
- white goods (washers, dryers, no refrigerators or A/Cs)
- construction debris (residential only)

The collection site will be near Fire Station No. 1 located on Beverle Rivera Drive. If you are over the age of 18 and wish to volunteer to help on this community cleanup day, please contact Donna at 867-2717. Last year 141 vehicles brought a total of 7.68 tons of general trash, 1.21 tons of metal, 85 fluorescent tubes and CFL bulbs, and 30 automobiles tires. We also filled four Gaylord boxes (3' X 4' X 4') of electronic equipment consisting of computers, computer screens, and other electronic gear.

All used latex paint should be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Center, 6305 Haley Rd. Memphis, 38134 and used motor oil should be taken to an area AutoZone.

Please also note that Lakeland is now issuing landfill vouchers to residents at no charge. This voucher allows customers to take their yard waste and municipal garbage to the North BFI Landfill (located near Millington) and receive free entry into the landfill for disposal of their waste. This does not substitute for your monthly residential sanitation charge. There are restrictions on this voucher so please contact City Hall for further information. Residents are entitled to one voucher per month which can be picked up at City Hall. Please contact Donna for further information at 867-2717.

## Residents Offer Tips to Plan Lakeland's Future

Citizens attended an economic development vision planning session for Lakeland March 21 and concluded they like the quality of life offered in the City but do have goals and dreams for its future.

About 40 residents came to a meeting of the Lakeland Economic Development Commission at Lakeland Elementary School.

Following an overview of the session by J Higbee, growth management director for EDC, the attendees broke into small groups to discuss ideas and a survey conducted by the City.

Group leaders shared that all items on the survey are important but since everything cannot be done at once, the goals should be prioritized. Repeated was the concept that Lakeland has a good quality of life, don't mess up what people value about Lakeland today. Go about the plan slowly and methodically. One concern was that City staff not be given too much power. Provide results that citizens will be proud of.

Scott Carmichael, mayor, interjected that the City is only 36 years old and is still trying to decide what it will be when it grows up. "We want this to be a place people want to come," he said. "When the interchange (I-40 and Canada Road) is started and completed, we will see an explosion of business. I appreciate everyone coming tonight."

Questions posed via the groups included mall renovation, a grocery store, and a sports park. Vice Mayor Cecil Tompkins assured those in attendance many projects are in process with the best interests of Lakeland at the forefront.

Results of the survey will be posted this month online at [www.Lakelandtn.gov](http://www.Lakelandtn.gov).

Special thanks to those who made this event a success: Lakeland Elementary School administration, Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, Buffalo Wild Wings of Wolfchase, Papa John's Pizza of Lakeland and Lakeland commissions and boards.



## Lakeland "Get Caught Recycling Program"

Jesse McCabe

Lakeland's recycling program encourages residents who have not previously recycled to reduce the total amount of material that is hauled off to the landfill and possibly win a prize. Each month, four lucky residents that have at least three different types of recycle material in their bins are awarded \$50. Recycling literally pays off in Lakeland! Thanks to all the awesome folks who make the effort to recycle.

Household addresses are selected in a random drawing and a city representative checks the bins at the houses in the order of the draw. The winners "caught recycling" are invited to the Lakeland Board of Commissioners meeting the following month for recognition by the Board and to receive their checks. Items that can be recycled and qualify for the contest are glass, metal cans, aluminum cans, plastics (remove caps and leave labels attached), newspapers and cardboard boxes broken down to fit inside the recycle bin. Recycle and you have a chance to win \$50.

### February Winners

Gilbert and Michelle Worth, Bentbrooke Drive, Bentbrooke Hills  
Wade and Kirsten Hunter, Cypress Hollow Drive, Creekside Manor  
Morris and Eurena Grimmitt, Cutter Drive, Windward Slopes  
Randy and Alicia Lax, Pheasant Hill Cove, Plantation Hills

### March Winners

Philip Wilburn, Autumn Trail Cove, Winstead Farms  
Simon and Jenny Ellis, Loch Meade Drive, East Shores  
Michael Ludwig, Carly Drive, Lakeland Heights  
Gregory Williford, Herons Landing Lane, Herons Ridge



Jesse McCabe



## Lakeland Chamber of Commerce

Ken Lipkowitz,  
LACOC president



Ken Lipkowitz

As we look toward the future let's not forget the lessons of the past. Business models are changing faster than we have ever seen before. So what does this mean to you the business owner? It means you have to be more flexible and more importantly willing to embrace the inevitable change ahead. Here is an example to drive home the point. The phone in your pocket has more power and capability than your desktop PC of days gone by. What do I mean by using this illustration? Change is all around us! Does anyone remember a bookstore called Borders? Do you or anyone you know have a Kindle?

So how can today's entrepreneurs stay informed in this ever-changing technological world in which we find ourselves? Well frankly there is no one simple answer but it is a combination of many smaller answers. A great place to start is with your local Chamber of Commerce. That is just one area where we can help guide you in a world of "information overload". For example at our February Chamber luncheon we were fortunate to have Melissa Halsell from the TVA come and speak to us on this very topic.

Melissa is the TVA Program Manager of Economic Development. (I thought they only made electricity) She was a wealth of information and the best part is she has made the very resources she spoke to us about available to our Chamber. If you're not aware, demographic studies and marketing reports can be very expensive to purchase for business owners. Now you have the opportunity to access this information free of charge. So not only do you have access, we will help you with the specific information you are looking to acquire for your specific business.

Your Chamber is here ready to assist any way possible so please let us know how we can help you achieve your business goals this year!

## Second Quarter 2013 "Art in City Hall" Exhibit

Featuring Oil Paintings by Bobbi Cornett

Bobbi Cornett has been oil painting for over a decade. After retiring, she started painting, thinking how hard could it be? She found out harder than imagined, so Bobbi took oil painting classes from several instructors over the years, including Sandy Scruggs at the Hobby Lobby in Bartlett.

She particularly enjoys using a palette knife as it adds texture to her paintings. She finds painting very therapeutic and hopes others will enjoy her creative efforts. You may contact Bobbi at 372-3244.

Artists interested in being considered for an exhibit in 2013 may contact Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

Cub Scouts Tour City Hall

### Volunteers needed!

Interested in volunteering at the Senior Center or for other City recreation programs on a one-time, periodic or weekly basis? Volunteering is a way to have fun and help our community!

For information on volunteering or comments on Lakeland Parks & Recreation programs, please contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).



Cub Scouts meet Lakeland Mayor Carmichael at a tour of Lakeland City Hall. From left (front row): Jason, Mark, Dylan, Randy; (back row) Mary Wenzler, Mayor Carmichael, Kristie Ezel. Photo by Traci Chapman.

### Cub Scout Tour

Four Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 453 toured Lakeland City Hall on Feb. 8, meeting with Lakeland Mayor Scott Carmichael and city staff to learn about how municipal government functions.

Mayor Carmichael kicked off the tour, which also included meetings with city department heads, staff and a visit to the city's sewer plant.

Cub Scout Pack 453, led by Den Leader Mary Wenzler, meets at New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lakeland.



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## Cool Springs HOA

Sherrye Willis

Projects, finances and elections were on the table for the Annual Cool Springs meeting Feb. 28.

Billy Edwards, president of the Master Board, reviewed 2012 and noted that a drainage repair project completed last year is working well, although there is an area near The Gardens that is still holding water. To save on the Association water bill, rain sensors were installed on sprinkler heads where applicable.

Harolyn Noah, community association manager from H. M. Heckle, gave a financial report and said there was positive cash flow at the end of 2012. Thus HOA dues will be maintained at their current level.

Current Board members were introduced as well as new owners in Cool Springs.

Cathy Epting, vice president of the Master Board and secretary of COLA, shared news about Lakeland: the new alert system via email to owners about urgent Lakeland issues; the March 21 Economic Development Strategic Planning meeting; status of the Factory Outlet Mall; and news of a winery coming to Lakeland and a sports park being considered on U.S. Highway 70 in Lakeland.

There was an election within Magnolias for two board positions. Winning those seats were Linda Vilag and Sherrye Willis. Other Board members for Magnolias are Mary Anne Yeager, Jerome Franklin, and Natarsha Grant.

Heading The Gardens are Cathy, Ric Ferber and Scott Gilliland.

Officers within The Villages are Billy Edwards, Chris Lee, Tim Kuhlman, and Patti Russell.

Owners expressed concern about roaming dogs and Billy reminded residents there is a leash law in Lakeland, so owners should abide by the rule of the city.



Sherrye Willis

## Woodland Park HOA

Vikram Venkatesh

The warm temperatures are here to stay, and hopefully the back and forth game that the weather gods play with us this time of the year is behind us. Spring brings about new beginnings and a sense of cleanup and renewal. On those lines, the HOA is having its neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, April 13 (rain date April 20). Time to gather things around the house that we no longer use. Please contact Marilyn Piccatto (266-4180/ MarilynWPHOA@aol.com) if you wish to participate or need further information.

The annual HOA assessment has been mailed and is due May 1. Also, the annual HOA meeting, to which all residents are encouraged to attend, will be Tuesday, May 21. More details about this meeting, including time and location will be in the spring newsletter and on our website [www.wphoa.net](http://www.wphoa.net).

As you drive into our neighborhood, you probably noticed two decoy swans that the HOA has placed in the lake. These have been put there as a deterrent, to discourage migrating geese using our lake for their homes. The HOA is not trying to rid the lake of all ducks/geese, just trying to control their numbers so they do not cause problems to the common areas as well as homeowners' lawns and driveways with their droppings.

If you own a dog, please be aware that the city of Lakeland has an ordinance (10-101) that prohibits loose dogs running around. Dogs must be kept in a fenced yard or on a leash. In addition, please pick up after your dog as it not only causes a nuisance to the homeowners, but also washes through our storm drains and ends up in our lake causing bacteria to grow.

As always, have a great spring and remember that it takes all of us working together to keep Woodland Park a great place to call home!



Vikram Venkatesh

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# WINSTEAD FARMS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## Megan Wylie

Spring is finally approaching. Let's shake off that winter weather and welcome warm spring days. With this warm weather come all kinds of projects. This is just a reminder to Winstead Farms homeowners to have all projects submitted and approved by the Architectural Control Board.

We would like to take a moment and welcome all new homeowners to Winstead Farms. We hope you are all settled in now in time for spring. We encourage new homeowners to register with Chris Neudecker to receive the monthly Winstead Farms newsletter. You can contact him at [winsteadfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:winsteadfarmshoa@gmail.com) to register or submit information for the newsletter.

The pool will open soon, around the first week of May. I know many are looking forward to that!

The City of Lakeland will have Lakeland Outdoors Day, Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at IH Park. This would be great family fun for all Winstead Farms residents. (See separate story on page 2 for activities.)

Winstead Farms Book Club meets the first or second Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. The club currently is reading "Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Since this is a lengthy book the club is taking until April to complete it. Future books include "The End of Life Book" and "Gone Girl". Winstead Farms Book Club welcomes all neighbors to join. If you wish to do so, please contact Kathi Braswell at 290-5599.

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to report maintenance problems, please call the Winstead Farms HOA 321-6766.



Megan Wylie



## Garner Lake Association Lakewatch Tim Broughton



Tim Broughton

All Garner Lake stakeholders are invited to participate in the Garner Lake Fishing Network (GLA FishNet). The purpose of the network is to improve fishing, and the enjoyment of fishing on our beautiful lake.

FishNet was formed to address fishing issues in Garner Lake and is part of the Garner Lake Association. This network was organized by three GLA Board members: Lee Barkley, Rusty Rutherford and Tim Broughton. The emphasis is not on fishing competition, but rather on communication and cooperation among anglers and on specific fishing improvement projects.

FishNet currently has about 30 members, and is growing each week. We have had two general meetings, on Feb. 26 and March 11. Meeting participation has been outstanding!

Currently Garner Lake is "bass crowded" due to an under-harvest of small bass. This crowded condition means that there are insufficient small (3-5") baitfish to serve as forage for the bass and crappie in the lake. As a result, the average crappie and bass in the lake are stunted in their growth.

FishNet is encouraging lake fishermen to remove small bass (under 14 inches) caught in Garner Lake. Also, the network has undertaken a project to install fish attractors in specific locations in the lake. Their purpose is to improve fish habitat and to concentrate fish at these locations. The fish attractors will be located in areas that will not present hazards to swimmers or boaters. Network members are currently constructing the attractors, and they planned to install them on Saturday, April 6. Locations of the fish attractors will have been openly communicated to all FishNet participants. Future issues of Citywatch will also make these known.

FishNet members communicate through a private Facebook site, as well as by e-mail. If you are an interested Garner Lake stakeholder, contact Rusty Rutherford at [rustyrutherford@comcast.net](mailto:rustyrutherford@comcast.net) or Tim Broughton at 385-1059.

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Megan Wylie

Welcome Spring. We have a lot planned for this year. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. As the warm weather approaches, we want to remind all homeowners to please get their new projects approved through the Architectural Control Committee.

Heron's Ridge will be making improvements to the Beverle Rivera/Seed Tick entrance with a new sign at the entrance as well as landscaping. It may take a little while but we will work hard to make our subdivision look great.

We are proud to announce our new 2013 HOA Board Members:

Denny Garner – president Phillip Wright - vice president  
Mikhail Kushnir – secretary Joseph Parsley - treasurer  
Patrick Kitchens – community/social director

The new HOA board has a great year planned. Their first event is a movie night planned for Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m. at the common area. The rain date for this event, if necessary, will be Saturday, May 11. We also want to remind all Herons Ridge homeowners to take a minute and register at our website [www.heronridgehoa.com](http://www.heronridgehoa.com) and to "like" us on Facebook. Just search Herons Ridge Lakeland, TN. By registering at the website, <http://heronsridgehoa.com>, homeowners can get up-to-date information on what is going on in their community as well as the financials and balance information for the subdivision. The board is also soliciting for a volunteer to fill one vacancy on the HOA Architectural Control Committee. If you would like to sign up, please contact Megan Wylie with Level 1 Management Group.

If you wish to report maintenance problems or have a specific question regarding our subdivision, please contact Megan Wylie at [mwylye@level1management.com](mailto:mwylye@level1management.com) or 321-6744.



## North Lakeland Community Association (NorLCA)

Chris Barnoud, President



Chris Barnoud

Battle of the Beavers has been a significant theme in February and March. There are damming issues on the Rocky Branch Creek and on the lake adjacent to the Delta Blues Winery development. Resident Randy Higdon accepted the chairmanship of the Rocky Branch Creek and Beaver Committee to spearhead the battle plans. Our resident Eagle Scout candidate, Mitchell Lawrence, led an exploration party to discover the beaver lodge. Volunteer help from a local Beaver trapper was solicited and volunteers for other anticipated details are in formation. In appreciation of Randy's efforts, the Association and Bob Wherry, City Manager, awarded Randy with a copy of "The Lily Pond, Four Years with a Family of Beavers" by Hope Ryden.

Association members teamed up for our March meeting. Along with Randy's lively beaver adventures, "Dr. Ed" Stevens shared the progress of the Delta Blues Winery development and neighborhood horse trails. Brian Person, VP Neighborhood Watch, provided a crime report, discussed options for respectful use of guns and 4-wheelers and proposed a class on safe handling of firearms. Bob Wherry provided information regarding city projects, fee and tax issues uniquely significant to area residents.

Our NLCA Facebook page is increasingly a useful community building tool, a quick means to disseminate information for neighbors and furry animals alike, particularly the "LOST & FOUND".

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m., New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6813 Salem Rd.

For more information, contact Chris Barnoud, president @ [Chrisbar99@aol.com](mailto:Chrisbar99@aol.com).

Mitchell Lawrence  
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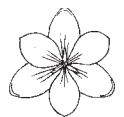
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More than 140 children brought Easter baskets to the Lakeland Community Easter Egg Hunt March 16 at the First Baptist Church of Lakeland. Children ages 2-10 participated in arts and crafts, face-painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and an egg hunt. Trustmark Bank in Lakeland co-sponsored the event in addition to contributing a Grand Prize Easter Basket won by Blake Dexter. The event was sponsored by the Lakeland Lions Club, Trustmark Bank in Lakeland, and the City of Lakeland.





*Jamie Dixon, secretary*

The Homeowners Association in Oakwood had its annual residents' meeting on Feb. 5. Please welcome our newly elected directors Mike Carey, Phil Farmer and, returning for a subsequent term, Kevin Mount. Billy Rogers and Craig Conley have one year of service left before their terms expire with elections in early 2014.

Oakwood's Pond Committee was headed by Phil Farmer, and is responsible for the new fountain and meters installed at the Maplewood pond. The last pending piece to this project is to install an irrigation system and new sod in areas around the pond. This will certainly improve the appearance of the pond and align it for better long-term upkeep.

Many of the street signs in Oakwood are getting a facelift. We have a contractor doing restoration work to repair and repaint broken or rusty street corner signs. Several Oakwood mailboxes are not compliant with the neighborhood standard. Pickle Iron will continue to accept orders from homeowners that need mailboxes restored, repaired, or replaced. You may contact them at 452-3754. The Board is also looking into installing ATV prohibition signs along the trail entrances. We will also have a spring garage sale soon, with the date to be published via Facebook, website and Craigslist. The events committee recently hosted an Easter party for Oakwood families and they are now working on event plans for the summer.

The pool will open May 1 to paid Oakwood residents only. If you are new to the neighborhood and need an access card for the pool, please contact our office. Replacement of lost or stolen cards is \$25 each. Please visit [www.oakwoodlakeland.com](http://www.oakwoodlakeland.com), find us on Facebook or call the management office for questions or suggestions at 321-6742.



Jamie Dixon

## Sterling Place

*Margie Holmes*

The ducks have returned to our lakes ready to raise their new families, flowers are blooming in their newly mulched beds and John Lovett is sitting in his garage to welcome all the neighborhood dogs on their daily walks with a treat. Spring is here! It is great to see neighbors, who we have not seen during the winter, out enjoying the great weather.

The Ladies' March luncheon at the Olive Garden was a resounding success. We had a record-breaking attendance at this event due to Jean Decker's persistence in attempting to phone all the ladies. Thanks to June Goode who served as hostess for the February luncheon at Bahama Breeze. Both ladies did an amazing job.

Sadly, Neil Everingham, husband of Joyce, died recently. Please remember his family in all of your thoughts and prayers. Also, do not forget our other neighbors who are seriously ill or lonely.

Phyllis Huls invited all the Domino Ladies to celebrate February birthdays at Firebirds. Everyone enjoyed the food and drink.

Our last three homes are currently under construction. When completed and the new residents move into their new homes, Sterling Place will be completed. We welcome all of our new residents and are happy to have them as neighbors.

## Candidate Interview Forum

**June 20, 2013** (Location & Time – TBA)

**Lakeland City Election: September 19, 2013**  
(Election for Mayor and 2 Commissioners)



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## Lakeland Estates HOA

*Sharon Helms*

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring! I'd like to introduce myself: My name is Sharon Helms. I'm married to Bob, and we have one daughter, Jessica, who's a seventh grader at AMS. We've lived in Lakeland Estates since 2004 and we love it here!

I have been actively involved in the PTA as a room parent at both LES and AMS. I am a member of the Lakeshore Ladies Club and am currently the Sunshine Coordinator. I teach sixth grade girls at Bellevue Baptist Church.

I have volunteered to be LEHOA's 2013 President and am very excited to be serving our community in this capacity! When we first moved to Lakeland we were impressed and very grateful for the warm reception we received from everyone in our community at the LEHOA meetings and as we attended various events.

Getting to know one another is very important for each of us...both old and new residents...as we seek ways to serve, grow and improve our community! Everyone's input is important and desired! Please join us and help us by coming to our first meeting this year...date and time to be announced in Qnet and on signs. Also, don't forget to send in your \$15 annual dues for 2013 to Edgar Currier, treasurer, 4185 Cedar Point Road; Lakeland, TN 38002. Please include the names in your household, address, phone number(s) and e-mail address(es). This information will be secure. Looking forward to a productive, informative and exciting year.



Sharon Helms

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## **Lakeland Parks and Recreation**

*Thad Jablonski, executive coordinator,  
Jennifer Rezba, public relations assistant*

### **Lakeland Fishing Rodeo Is Next Month**

Let's Go Fishing! Bring your pole and bait and join us at the Annual Fishing Rodeo for children ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult. It will be at the IH Managerial Park Lake Saturday, May 18 at 8 a.m.

There will be seven 15-minute sessions. Prizes will be awarded for each session—two for Number of Fish Caught, and one for the Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Fish caught by Mom/Dad, First Fish Caught (boy) and first Fish Caught (girl).

Trophies will be given to the winners in the following categories: The Longest Fish, Most Fish Boy, and Most Fish Girl.

### **Lakeland Parks Assessment Report**

Approximately 20 Lakeland residents participated in the Focus Group element of the Parks Assessment to provide vital citizen input for the Lakeland Parks Assessment and Strategic Planning Study. Topics included the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement, strengths and weaknesses of current recreational programs, future recreational needs and facilities, and ideas regarding the proposed Lakeland Sports Park project, among other ideas and suggestions raised by participants.

Overall, the Focus Group expressed support for increased recreational facilities and programs in the coming years with an emphasis on programming for all ages and a variety of recreational interests. A final report should be available in May, which will include short, medium, and long term recommendations by RES consultants. Once the report is finalized, City staff will present the report, along with recommendations for implementation, to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

The Lakeland Parks Assessment and Strategic Planning Study was conducted by recreation consultants from the Recreational Educational Services (RES), a division of the Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation. The Parks Assessment included park site inspections by RES consultants on March 5 and 6, as well as interviews with City Parks & Recreation Department staff. Meetings with staff included items related to the management, maintenance, operations and programming for City Park facilities in Lakeland.

### **Lakeland Gauging Interest in a Men's Tennis League**

The City of Lakeland wants feedback on residents' interest in forming a men's tennis league to play at Windward Slopes Park in Lakeland.

This league would be open to the public, include varied skill levels, and offer a meeting time determined by participants' level of interest for a league.

If you are interested in forming and playing in this tennis league or for more information, you may contact City Commissioner Randy Nicholson at 521-0558, ext. 23 or brn@attorneynicholson.com



Thad Jablonski

## **YMCA T-Ball & Coach Pitch in Lakeland**

### **Lakeland City Hall Park**

Registration for YMCA T-Ball & Coach Pitch in Lakeland is open until April 26. Late registrants will be put on a waiting list.

T-Ball is an introduction for children to develop baseball skills and have fun. The season runs June 3 - July 26.

T-Ball practice for ages 4-5 years old will be Mondays with games on Thursdays. Coach Pitch practice for ages 6-8 years old will be Tuesdays with games on Fridays.

The YMCA fee for the activity is \$90. Parents must provide bat, glove and helmet. Each player will receive a hat, T-shirt, and a trophy at the end of the season.

For more information please contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org.

### **LAKELAND FITNESS CLASSES**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
IH Clubhouse

Sherri Gallick, an Aerobics and Fitness Association of America certified instructor, incorporates cardio, yoga, and callisthenics into her Lakeland fitness classes for a total body workout. Goals are to improve stability, strength, balance, agility, and endurance. The class is suitable for people 40+, and available for anyone who wants to get in shape.

Sherri was a Kansas City Chiefs cheerleader and taught fitness classes in the Kansas City area prior to moving to Lakeland. Now 50+, Sherri feels the aches and pains of a maturing body, but can also attest to the benefits of maintaining health and fitness.

The first class is free, each additional is \$5, or participants may purchase a 10-class card for \$30. A mat is required for class. For more information, contact Sherri at 901-867-2345 or sagrusa@aol.com.

Please note: Friday, April 19 class has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 18 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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## News for Lakeland Seniors 55+

*Thad Jablonski, executive coordinator,  
Jennifer Rezba, public relations assistant*  
**Lakeland Senior Center, 4527 Canada Rd -  
IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd**



Thad Jablonski

The Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department invites seniors 55+ to the Lakeland Senior Center. Staff and volunteers welcome residents to participate in scheduled programs or to simply look around and explore the facility for a first-time visit. RSVP or advanced notice is not required to attend programs.

For questions or for more information, or to sign-up for the monthly senior brochure/calendar mail out, contact Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

For the latest Senior Center activities, including calendar updates, visit [www.lakelandtn.org](http://www.lakelandtn.org), residents, Parks & Recreation, then click on "Just for Seniors."



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## On-Going Senior Programs

*All are at the Lakeland Senior Center unless otherwise noted.*

### **MEN'S 55+ COFFEE & DONUTS**

#### **1st Monday of each month from 8-9 a.m.**

Senior Men are invited to drop in at the Center on the first Monday of the month to share a cup of coffee and trade stories. Donuts provided by Howard's Donuts will be served along with coffee.

#### **Mondays:** Men's Coffee & Donuts 8 - 9 a.m. (1st Monday only)

Lakeland Fitness Class\*\* 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., IH Clubhouse; Games Galore 9 - 11 a.m., including Spicy! Farkel, Skip-Bo, and Phase Ten; Social Time 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** "Tech Tuesdays" - Intermediate Computer Skills Class 9 - 10 a.m. Basic Computer Skills Class 10 - 11 a.m. YMCA Silver Sneakers\* Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse; Social Time 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Lakeland Fitness Class\*\* 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse; Beginner's Bridge Class 6 - 7:30 p.m., \$5

**Wednesdays:** Lakeland Fitness Class\*\* 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., IH Clubhouse.

**Thursdays:** Bingo (3rd Thursday of each month) 10 a.m. - noon; YMCA Silver Sneakers\* Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse.

**Fridays:** Lakeland Fitness Class\*\* 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., IH Clubhouse; Sewing, Knitting, and Crocheting Class 1 - 2 p.m.

**Saturdays:** "Kings and Queens" Bridge Game/Class - Bridge is played from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be provided. An instructor fee of \$5 will be charged to class participants.

For more information, contact ACBL Instructor Judy Knox at 737-8087 or [jknex7@bellsouth.net](mailto:jknex7@bellsouth.net).

\*If your insurance does not cover Silver Sneakers, each class costs \$4. First class is FREE.

\*\*First Lakeland Fitness class is free, each additional is \$5, or participants may purchase a 10- class card for \$30. A mat is required for class.

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## Upcoming Senior Center Special Events

### RHYTHM & BLUES BY THE MARVELOUS BERTHA PAYNE

Monday, April 15 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

"The Marvelous Bertha Payne" will be performing urban soul and rhythm & blues, including cuts from her latest CD, "Let The Party Get Started," available at [www.cdbaby.com/cd/berthapaynemarvelous](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/berthapaynemarvelous). Bertha retired from her job and made her debut in 2005. A CD followed the next year. Bertha is the executive producer of her new CD released with her own record label, Bertland Records. Bertha was born and raised on a farm in the Arlington/Lakeland area, where she began singing in church as a teenager. At her class reunions, she sang gospel music until 2000, when she started singing the blues. She was inspired by favored singer KoKo Taylor, as well as the music of Etta James, Tina Turner and Betty Wright.

There will be a tip jar for donations. For more information, contact Bertha Payne at 377-6438 or [paynebertha@att.net](mailto:paynebertha@att.net).

### COMMON SENSE SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Tuesday, April 16 1:30-2:30 p.m.

A Shelby County sheriff's deputy will be at the Lakeland Senior Center to demonstrate simple ways to protect yourself. Take advantage of this free class to learn some common sense ways to protect yourself from a physical attack.

### SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE AND DISCUSSION FORUMS

Thursdays, April 18 and May 16 2 -3 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

The Lakeland Senior Center will host an Open House and Discussion Forum on Thursday, April 18 and May 16 2 – 3 p.m. for senior residents to provide input to shape future Senior Center programming. Executive Coordinator Thad Jablonski, and Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud will attend as a direct line for any comments or suggestions. Robert Wherry, city manager, will attend the April 18 session. Please join us at the Lakeland Senior Center and provide feedback to offer programming that will benefit and interest you. The City appreciates comments, suggestions and ideas of residents!

## IMPACT! HOW COMET AND ASTEROID IMPACTS SHAPE HUMAN SOCIETIES

Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Identical content)

Dr. Gerrit Verschuur

In 1996 Gerrit published a book entitled "Impact! The Threat of Comets and Asteroids" and a great deal has happened since then related to understanding the way cosmic impacts have wiped out several ancient civilizations. For example, back in 540 AD the Dark Ages, and the plague that preceded, it may have been precipitated by impacts of several comet fragments.

The reality of the threat of objects from space causing great damage to life on earth was brought home in February when the Russian fireball injured 1,200 people.

Gerrit is now working on a new book on the topic and will present a general talk that will show how ancient descriptions of fire in the sky can be linked to comet impacts. Given that in November of this year a huge comet will pass so close to the sun that it may become the brightest ever seen in recorded history makes this talk even more topical.

### BOOK CLUB beginning Wednesday, May 1 from 1-2 p.m.

Lakeland resident Jeannine Dillard is interested in hosting a Book Club at the Senior Center beginning in May. The first meeting will determine the viability of forming a Book Club, which will depend on turn-out among interested participants. If enough participants attend the initial meeting, then a "Book of the Month" will be chosen. The group will decide on a day to return to discuss thoughts and opinions on the book. The person that makes the final decision of the book to read that month will act as the host/hostess for the discussion meeting for the chosen "Book of the Month". For questions or more information, please contact Jeannine Dillard at 331-2839 or [jdillard@bigriver.net](mailto:jdillard@bigriver.net).

### JEWELRY-MAKING CLASS Fridays in May, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Senior Center will host a class on jewelry-making each Friday in May. The Jewelry-Making Class will include drop earrings and beaded necklaces, among other items. Materials will be made available for the first class, though participants will need to bring their own supplies after the first class.

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### LINE DANCING CLASS May 7 ending June 25.

Classes are Tuesday 2:30–3:30 p.m.

IH Clubhouse

Dance and fitness instructor Sherri Gallick will offer Line Dancing classes (eight sessions) beginning May 7. Single sessions are \$5 per person or you can buy a card for eight visits for \$30 (\$3.75 per class). Classes feature instruction for beginner as well as intermediate level students. Each dance that is taught will be step by step, walked in a slow pace and then put to music. Students should wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to dance! If you have questions, contact Sherri at 867-2345 or sagrausa@aol.com.

### HOME SECURITY EDUCATION CLASS

Tuesday, May 14 from 1:30-2:30 pm

A Shelby County sheriff's deputy will be at the Lakeland Senior Center to discuss Home Security Education. Take advantage of this free class to learn how to secure and maintain a safe and secure home.

### REFLECTING YESTERYEAR MUSIC

Wednesday, May 15 at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Coley & Marilyn Graves will perform old-time mountain, bluegrass and gospel music at the Lakeland Senior Center on May 15. The Graves are always happy to share their many years of experience, and how they got involved with playing old-time music on an instrument called the "Hammered Dulcimer." They are both members of The Jackson Area Plectral Society, which is an organization dedicated to the preservation of old-time string music. Coley & Marilyn have lived in Bartlett, Tennessee, for more than 35 years. Their entertainment circle takes them throughout western Tennessee, northern Mississippi, and eastern Arkansas. They are available as a couple only, or with a three, four or five piece group. For more information, they can be contacted at 382-1197 or coleygraves@comcast.net. There will be a tip jar for donations.



Coley & Marilyn Graves. Photo by Donna Phillipy.

### ESTATE PLANNING FOR SENIORS

Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m.-noon & 6 -7 p.m. (Identical content)

Lakeland City Commissioner and Attorney at Law Randy Nicholson will present a class on Estate Planning for Seniors May 23. The presentation will include a range of information related to estate planning and wills, which will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions. There is no cost for attending.

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Three members of the Lakeland Board of Commissioners volunteered to read books to Lakeland Elementary School children to conclude Dr. Seuss Week in March. Students were encouraged to arrive to school with Dr. Seuss hats to celebrate the life and work of the famed author.



Robin Phillips, library media specialist, introduced the commissioners and explained their jobs. Commissioner Gerrit Verschuur was the first to read to a group of fifth graders, Vice Mayor Cecil Tompkins read to second graders and Commissioner Don Barber read to first graders.



Lakeland Elementary School students interacted as they were asked to raise their hands if they read books at home, for example, and applauded at the end of each reading. Many of the children wore Dr. Seuss hats to celebrate the life and work of the famed author.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April

- 1-26: Registration for T-Ball (ages 4-5) and Coach Pitch (ages 6-8)
- 13: Woodland Park Neighborhood Garage Sale  
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (rain date - April 20)
- 13: River City Boppers Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m. IH Clubhouse, theme is "Tacky Tax" bring finger food to share, open to Lakeland residents.
- 15: Rhythm & Blues program, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 16: Self Defense Class, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Senior Center
- 18: Open house and forum, 2-3 p.m. Senior Center
- 29: Comets & Asteroids program, 11 a.m. or 6:30 p.m., Gerrit Vershuur, Senior Center

### May

- 1: Book Club first meeting, 1-2 p.m., Senior Center
- 2: National Day of Prayer
- 4: Lakeland Outdoors Festival - IH Park from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 4: Lakeland Community Clean Up, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fire Station on Beverle Rivera Drive
- 11: River City Boppers Dance, 7 - 10:30 p.m. IH Clubhouse, theme is "Cinco de Mayo" bring a Mexican dish to share, open to Lakeland residents.
- 12: Mother's Day
- 15: Yesteryear Music, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 16: Open house and forum, 2-3 p.m. Senior Center
- 18: Annual Fishing Rodeo, 8 a.m. IH Park
- 23: Shelby County Schools last day of school for students.
- 23: Estate Planning, 11 a.m. or 6 p.m., Senior Center
- 27: Memorial Day, Lakeland City Hall & Senior Center closed.

## LAKELAND SENIORS 55+ GETAWAYS

Lakeland, in partnership with Collierville, offers overnight trips for local 55+ residents, and has some exciting new senior getaway trips to announce. At present, upcoming Getaways include the following destinations:

### **Lancaster, Hershey, and Gettysburg, PA - June 2 - 8**

- Your 7 day/6 night package includes a guided tour of Lancaster County (Amish country), Hershey, PA, and the Gettysburg Museum and Military Park. Dining includes a buffet at Hotel Hershey, an Amish feast, and dinner at Dobbins House Tavern in Gettysburg. The cost for this trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$849 and insurance fee of \$92 (insurance optional, but recommended). Included are deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, standard taxes and meal gratuities.

New York City - October 21 - 26 - This vacation package includes a guided tour of New York City, including a visit to the new 9/11 Memorial, two Broadway shows, a trip to the Museum of Modern Art, as well as a ferry to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. The cost for this seven day/six night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$1,574 and insurance fee of \$145 (insurance optional, but recommended). There is a \$250 deposit due, to purchase show tickets, and is non-refundable. Included are deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, standard taxes and meal gratuities.

San Antonio, TX - December 1 - 7 - The "Home of the Alamo!" package includes a guided tour of San Antonio, a cruise

through the famous River Walk District, a visit to the Alamo, Mission San Jose, and LBJ Ranch. You will also tour the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, TX. Also included is a visit to the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX. The cost for the seven day/six night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$569 with \$75 due upon signing. Add \$180 for single occupancy. Optional insurance is available. Motor coach transportation.

Please note: All trips are contingent on the number of participants, so please communicate interest in Lakeland Senior Getaways to the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department and tell your friends about the program. For reservations or more information, contact Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or email [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org) To see full trip itineraries, visit the seniors page on [www.LakelandTN.org](http://www.LakelandTN.org), or pick up a flyer at the Senior Center or City Hall.



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## Lakeland Seniors 55+ "Going Green" Potluck Luncheon

The Riverboat Cloggers entertained at the "Going Green" Potluck Luncheon March 22 for Lakeland senior citizens and sponsored by First Citizens National Bank of Arlington.

Don Oliver, community bank president for the Bank, presented door prizes donated by the Bank (umbrella, caps and tickets to the Taste of Arlington) to the winners as well as door prizes donated by ATC Fitness and Starbucks at Wolfchase.

Marie Lovelace, leader of the family-oriented dance group, has been teaching clogging for over 20 years. She noted that clogging is a true American Heritage dance that was created by many different nationalities that settled in the United States.

The group gave a lively performance which included an Irish dance as well as the finale of Rocky Top Tennessee, which got everyone clapping to the music. Their spirited and enthusiastic performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We want to extend a special thank you to the Riverboat Cloggers for their wonderful program, First Citizens National Bank, Arlington for sponsoring the event, and to Kroger on US 64 for providing the fried and baked chicken. We also want to thank Mayor Scott Carmichael, who served as master of ceremonies, Dr. Paul Criss, pastor of New Salem Church, who gave the invocation, and Commissioner Gerrit Verschuur, who was the photographer for the event.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The next luncheon "Stars and Stripes" will be a BBQ Friday, June 21 at 11:30 a.m. There will be a special program by the Sgt. W. K. Singleton Pipes and Drums.



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