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Voting Day is Sept. 19 - Early Vote is Aug. 30 - Sept. 14

Pictured below are the eight candidates running for office in the 2013 Lakeland Election.

Three are vying for mayor and five are rivals for two commissioner slots.

For mayor:



Jim Bompreszi



Wyatt Bunker



Scott Carmichael

For two commissioner slots:



Don Barber



Sherri Gallick



Clark Plunk



Cecil Tompkins



John Wilkerson

It is customary in election years that the fall issue of Citywatch provides information to residents about Lakeland candidates running for office.

Inside you will find the following four questions answered by all candidates.

VOTE!

- **Vision** - What is your vision for Lakeland over the next four years?
- **Issue** - What is the major issue for Lakeland and how would you address it?
- **Capabilities** - Why are you the person Lakeland needs to guide the City's future?
- **Involvement** - Describe your involvement of serving the Lakeland community.

Answers from the eight candidates are printed as they were submitted, without fact-checking any of the content.

Vote early if you expect to be busy or out of town on election day, Thurs., Sept. 19. Early voting starts Aug. 30 and runs through Sept. 14. This vote is important to you and your community. Early vote day in Lakeland is Sat. Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

the Refuge Church, 9817 Huff N Puff Rd. Voters can cast ballots at the Shelby County Office Building, 157 Poplar Ave. Aug. 30 - Sept. 14 weekdays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

Abraham Lincoln

Lakeland Land Development Regulations Projects Status

The development of new Land Development Regulations has been under way since 2007. This would impact zoning, new land development, and redevelopment in Lakeland.

In 2007, an Advisory Committee of citizens and staff was formed to review concepts and code drafts. Drafts were developed to provide approaches to neighborhood development, open space, street designs, storm water design, building design, zoning and land uses, and tree protection, while eliminating known conflicts in existing codes. A number of public meetings occurred between 2007 and 2010. Then, the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC), and the Board of Commissioners (BOC), and others reviewed documents again in numerous public meetings that continued into 2011. Output from these meetings resulted in revisions.

A final draft will have been released prior to the printing of this issue of Citywatch. Please see the City website at www.lakelandtn.gov and look for "Lakeland, Tennessee Spotlight".

MPC & BOC are likely to meet in August and September, potentially to conduct the process to adopt the new regulations.

Contact J. Higbee or Jim Atkinson at the Community Development Dept. for more information.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August

30 - Early vote begins for Lakeland City Election - through Sept.

14- Shelby County Office Building

September

2 -Labor Day - City Hall and Senior Center are closed.

13- Seniors 55+ Catfish Dinner, 6 p.m., IH Clubhouse.

14 -Early Vote Day in Lakeland - theRefuge Church

19 -Lakeland Election Day - mayor, two commissioner slots to be filled

21- River City Boppers Dance, 7-10:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse.

Food theme is "German". Bring a dish to share.

October

7-11 Shelby County Schools Fall Break

14- Columbus Day

19- River City Boppers Dance, 7-10:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse. Food theme is "Hot Dogs". Bring a dish to share.

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Lakeland Community Development

J. Higbee

Economic Development Project Spotlight

Under Tennessee law, cities are permitted to form industrial development corporations, or IDCs. These organizations can facilitate economic development or redevelopment in a local jurisdiction. Shelby County and all of the other major cities in the county already have IDCs. Lakeland too began considering the formation of one earlier this year.

If a Lakeland IDC is formed, the IDC would work as opportunities arise from business prospects, and create new economic strategies, hand-in-hand with the Board of Commissioners. This would be expected to help facilitate commercial development. The term "Industrial" is borrowed from Tennessee law, and does not necessarily refer to industries such as manufacturing. An IDC can span all kinds of commercial development, potentially looking at taxes, tax base, finance, capital investment, and jobs, for instance.

The concept is to create a self-sustaining economic development organization which can undertake projects to have a net positive tax benefit from the beginning; ultimately increase the permanent tax base of the City; contribute to quality-of-life and convenience for our citizens; and improve the business climate.

We're in the midst of discussing a system of checks and balances for an IDC, and bringing in expertise for the development of procedures and ongoing operational support, so that projects can be evaluated. It may take several months to complete this, decide on the IDC, and if pursued, begin operating.

For more information, contact J. Higbee at the Community Development Department or the City Manager.

Municipal School Referendum Passed Second Time

In a déjà view moment, Lakeland residents approved forming a local school system in a repeat referendum July 16 with 88% of the voters casting YES ballots. A total of 1,795 residents voted in the special election after a federal judge threw out last year's vote approving the district.

Supporters of the effort campaigned with phone calls, social media, door-to-door canvassing, signs and T-shirts to encourage residents to vote Yes.

Along with Arlington, Bartlett, Collierville, Germantown, and Millington, Lakeland citizens approved the concept of forming a municipal school district for 2014-2015.

For the current school year, Lakeland and the other suburbs will be part of Shelby County Schools which merged with Memphis City Schools when Memphis gave up its school charter last year.

Barring any legal complications, an election for five Lakeland School Board members will be Nov. 7.

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Candidates' Responses – next 7 pages

Jim Bompreszi - candidate for mayor

(responses not edited or fact-checked by Citywatch)

Vision

Lakeland's future potential is GREAT! Lakeland Voters MUST be Pro-active! The present Mayor and Board of Commissioners MUST be replaced. Courageous and fiscally conservative leadership is necessary. Bond Issues, Borrowing against Lakeland's future, and Unnecessary Spending must be Eliminated! Former Mayor Jim Bompreszi has the experience and knowledge to positively shape Lakeland's future, including Lakeland's finances and financial priorities. Jim has a solid proven track record working with business and government leaders throughout the County and State. AS MAYOR, JIM BOMPRESZI WILL ENERGETICALLY AND RELENTLESSLY PURSUE ALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

This has NOT been the position of the current Mayor over the previous twelve years. Lack of Economic Development, Irresponsible Spending, and an ANTI-BUSINESS CLIMATE, not Municipal Schools, led to the imposition of Real Estate Property Taxes. A Strong Pro-Business Environment has the potential to support Lakeland Municipal Schools without the need for Real Estate Property Taxes!

"Abolish the Property Taxes"... This IS Jim Bompreszi's position! Strong Lakeland Schools, supported by Sales Tax Revenue. Strong Economic Development, A Pro-Business Environment, and Frugal/Responsible Spending Allow for Abolishing the Real Estate Property Taxes.

Issues

Debt:

Lakeland's current Mayor and BOC borrowed \$20,750,000.00! This Tremendous debt has to be paid back. This previously undisclosed "stealth debt", and NOT school funding, is the REAL REASON for Lakeland's newly imposed real estate property taxes!

Jim's Plan: Frugal Fiscal Management. "Line by line" budget review. Eliminate unnecessary spending! Under Mayor Jim Bompreszi's Administration (1997-2001) Lakeland was DEBT-FREE, and always produced BUDGET SURPLUSES!

Wyatt Bunker - candidate for mayor

(responses not edited or fact-checked by Citywatch)

Vision

Over the next four years, I will work to ensure city hall provides the support needed to establish a high performing school system, promotes economic growth and reigns in frivolous spending. An aggressive yet controlled economic growth plan will eliminate the need for future tax increases if city leaders practice conservative spending habits. Doing this will also position Lakeland to provide the necessary support for schools as well as the services needed by citizens. My vision for Lakeland includes working with other city officials to ensure we establish a successful school system and set good spending priorities to hold the line on taxes.

Issues

Obviously creating a successful municipal school system is the biggest issue facing Lakeland, but promoting economic development and eliminating frivolous spending are also extremely important. Economic development has been stagnant over a number of years due primarily to bureaucratic approval processes and lack of direction from the Mayor/Board of Commissioners. We must revive our economic development by first redefining ourselves as a pro-growth community.

Our leaders must also set better spending priorities. The Mayor/Board of Commissioners dedicate over half our property tax to parks/maintenance equipment, used reserve funds to balance the city budget for years, pay salaries from sanitation/storm water runoff fees, created the position of city arborist and support as many employees as the city

Lakeland Municipal School System:

Create a Municipal School System with strong emphasis on quality and affordability. **Strive for the highest in QUALITY. Demand AFFORDABILITY! Fund through Sales Tax Revenue. Abolish the Ill-Conceived Real Estate Property Tax!** To accomplish this I would Partner with other municipalities for economies of scale (where it makes sense). Establish a Pro-Business Environment. Generate new sales tax revenues through a new emphasis on Business Recruitment and Development. Promote a "business friendly" atmosphere for current businesses. Attract quality businesses to our city. Encourage (not discourage!) business development. Staff Lakeland's Economic Development Commission with "business savvy" personnel! Appoint members who know which businesses to recruit, AND how to effectively assist those businesses. Abolish real estate property taxes making Lakeland more attractive for economic development!

Capabilities

Former Lakeland Mayor Jim Bompreszi has a proven track record. **His vision is to once again make Lakeland the envy of Shelby County.**

Jim has powerful leadership skills and qualities with the experience to "make it happen".

As Mayor, Jim Bompreszi has the "road map" and the "plan" to turn Lakeland around!

Involvement

Jim Bompreszi has been a fixture in Lakeland politics and the Lakeland Civic Community for 33 years. Jim served as Lakeland's Mayor from 1997-2001, and City Commissioner from 1995-1997. Jim was instrumental in the locating and establishment of Lakeland Elementary School (which opened in August, 2001, during Mayor Bompreszi's administration).

Jim Bompreszi is a founding member of Lakeland's Civic Club, and contributed to help organize and form Lakeland's Lions Club.

of Arlington which provides in house fire services. They are doing this while still unsure of the total fiscal impact our school system will have on the city. We can't afford the lack of fiscal discipline our Mayor/Board of Commissioners exhibited over the last decade. As your Lakeland Mayor, I will recruit business to our city, set better spending priorities and adequately fund our schools.

Capabilities

My combined thirteen years of service as a Shelby County School Board member and County Commissioner directly impacted Lakeland schools, fire service and law enforcement. As Lakeland Mayor, I will use my unique experience to establish a successful municipal school system as well as proactively work with other municipalities to develop intergovernmental agreements beneficial to Lakeland. My proven record as an elected official reflects my determination and ability to lead the city of Lakeland through the challenges we face in the next four years.

Involvement

While elected to the Shelby County Board of education I served as Vice Chairman, achieved my master level school board designation, received a Lifetime membership to the PTA, was 1 of 9 board members (statewide) who received the "Outstanding Service Award" from the National School Boards Association and I reintroducing a Bible curriculum to Shelby County schools. As a Shelby County Commissioner I served as Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Law Enforcement/Fire committee, consistently fought tax increases, worked to limit the size/scope of our government and emphasized traditional American values by opposing special interest groups.

Scott Carmichael - candidate for mayor

(responses not edited or fact-checked by Citywatch)

Vision

Lakeland being the best that it can be is my vision and something I take great interest in and am passionate about, which is why I run for office. That I have spent the last 12 years in elected office investing in that vision proves that I am willing to make the sacrifices necessary to fulfill that vision! I came up with the city's motto "Where quality of life is a way of life" and have committed myself, my passions, and my interests to that cause!

Specifically:

- Ensure the Lakeland Municipal School System is successful, innovative and world class
- Complete the I-40 interchange and Beverle Rivera Drive to open up that area to business development and growth
- Continue to do long and short term strategic planning both in infrastructure and financial. To develop a long term financial plan with community growth
- Look to building funding bases for the Lakeland Municipal school system with an eye on future police and fire services as needed
- Continue to support Lakeland businesses, the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and the economic growth of Lakeland.
- Maintaining the current property tax rate where it is.
- Lead efforts in bringing new housing construction and development to Lakeland.

Issues

Now that the citizens of Lakeland have approved the municipal school system, the biggest challenge facing Lakeland is increasing retail development and revenues without losing the uniqueness of Lakeland.

Continuing our twelve year program providing an atmosphere that is conducive to maintaining our trees and natural resources while encouraging quality retail and residential development is a continuing challenge. We need to keep our disciplined approach to encouraging quality development without harming our current residents or businesses by maintaining and enforcing our Ordinances and regulations.

A related challenge is providing for retail and residential development within our limited resources. The City has established a plan and schedule for financing infrastructure without becoming a burden to Lakeland residents and, as retail revenues increase, the City can quickly increase the pace of the infrastructure plan.

Capabilities

My four years as a Commissioner and twelve years as Mayor have demonstrated my qualities and capabilities for performing the task that my office holds for me. While I credit the other Commissioners and City staff with much of the progress of the last twelve years, I feel that my role as Mayor was a strong factor in creating the atmosphere for such progress. As Mayor, I encouraged open and public discussion of programs and action items to ensure that the public had the opportunity for ample comment.

Involvement

I have held elected office in Lakeland since 1997, a total of 16 years. I was elected and served as Commissioner for the city of Lakeland 1997-2001, Vice Mayor 1999-2001. I was elected Mayor for the City of Lakeland, Tennessee in 2001, re-elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2009.

I have served on the city of Lakeland's:

- Design and Review Commission
- Board of Appeals
- Municipal Planning Commission

Re-Elect **Scott Carmichael**

Please contact Scott if he can ever be of service:
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Election: September 19th!

Keep Lakeland The Wonderful Green Community We All Know & Love!



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The Committee to Elect Scott Carmichael,
Scott Carmichael, Treasurer

Don Barber - candidate for commissioner
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Vision

Lakeland is at a turning point. We must prepare to self-source key services in the event that funding pressures force external providers to discontinue offering those services at attractive rates. It is also important to keep our standards. We must not only improve our image among members of the business community and real estate developers, but actually become more competitive with other cities in Shelby County and nearby counties for future growth (aka "demand"). A key part of this is enhancing the attractiveness of our city in areas like transportation routes, active support for areas of commercial concentration, cleanliness, schools, parks and social amenities.

Lakeland must consider and act upon three main ideas. First, we must demonstrate that Lakeland's capital improvement is appropriately focused on commerce and resident quality of life. Second, we must establish an easily understood identity. We have a historical background of being a family activity destination. I think we are overdue for a makeover of this concept. We should make this identity the thrust of our future growth so that developers and businesses understand that an emerging market is occurring and that we are funding the realization of that goal. Third, we must get the message out.

Issues

Lakeland must ramp up its achievement of long term goals, demonstrate aggressive leadership on some form of the vision

concept I have outlined above and synthesize more unity on all of those objectives. Some citizen groups are dedicated to one or more of our goals, but we need both more leaders and followers who support most or all of this entire 'to do' list apart from specific areas of personal interest.

Capabilities

Civic Responsibility - I am an ardent believer in public and community service and I have been actively involved in city growth and management.

Business Experience - I had a very successful 30-year career leading and managing the core operations of FedEx as senior vice president of Air Operations.

Critical Thinking - I never settle for easy answers and I always search for comprehensive solutions to problems.

Initiative and Leadership - I am driven to achieve continuous improvement and to create opportunity.

Patriotism - I am a USAF Vietnam veteran who enlisted right out of high school and volunteered for warzone military service.

Involvement

I have been actively involved in city growth and management for 7 years including Board of Commissioners 4 years, Municipal Planning Commission 3 years, Economic Development Commission 2 years, Parks and Recreation Commission 4 years, Land Development Regulations Advisory Board 3 years and Lions Club. During these years of service, I have been actively involved and attended every community event possible.



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SEPT. 19, 2013

RE-ELECT



DON BARBER

Lakeland Commissioner

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Proven Leader with the Courage of my Convictions

Demonstrated Record of Community Support for Lakeland Senior Programs and Facilities all Citywide Children's Events

Proponent of Excellent Municipal Schools

Advocate of a First-Class Park System

Determined Leadership for Fiscal Responsibility

Personal support for City Events and Projects

Focused on Reestablishing Development and Sales Tax Revenues

Committed to a Sustainable Future

Prepared to Help Make Lakeland a Destination for Family Activity

Sherri Gallick - candidate for commissioner

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Vision

As Lakeland grows, we will become a stronger more cohesive city, but equally important we must work hard to continue the small town sense of community. In the next four years, the new outlet mall and improved I-40 interchange will jump start our business base and Lakeland will grow. We will develop deeper partnerships with surrounding communities, enhancing not just Lakeland, but the entire area. The new school district will be a shining star for Lakeland, as well as a catalyst for economic growth. With local school control, we can further drive excellence. Lakeland has active, involved parents who support our schools, in turn enhancing our community. Great schools boost property values, relocation desires and community involvement. I see Lakeland as one of the most desirable cities in Shelby County.

Issues

It is a critical time for Lakeland and moving economic development forward is a priority. I am a proponent for managed residential growth and I will be assertive in pursuit of business that fits our community. Lakeland has a reputation of being "unfriendly to business" and I will work to change that perception by fighting for our business base. We need regulations that make sense for our city, but also for business. As a city, we must strive to have grounds aesthetically appealing and lead by example.

We must also evaluate expenditures and spend wisely. Is it a necessity or nice to have? Every penny spent comes from someone's pocket and I believe in accountability.

Last but not least, we need to contact example cities. Most people will help if asked and we can learn vital information from model cities that can help us grow. There is always something to learn from another's experience.

Capabilities

I bring a common sense voice to our local government. With 20+ years of experience as an executive, I am someone who understands the big picture, as well as the dynamics of day-to-day business. I possess critical thinking & problem solving skills, and my marketing background is a huge benefit to the city. Our community has wonderful features to boast about and we must market them by being proactive, not reactive.

As a female, I bring a different viewpoint and thought process to the board. I am a mother, wife, executive, fitness professional, education advocate, mentor and a community volunteer. I was a single parent for 11 years. When I make decisions, I may evaluate a proposed outcome using a different assessment than that of my peers. Men and women complement each other and we need both views. Any board needs a diversity of perspective to find the best solutions.

Lastly, I have not been a commissioner before, my fellow candidates have. I bring new ideas and I listen. I believe in open communication and I am a servant leader.

Involvement

Municipal Planning Commissioner

- Liaison to Economic Development
- Various volunteer city projects
- Oakwood Subdivision – Facebook Administrator
- Oakwood Co-Chair Neighborhood Watch
- Fitness Instructor - IH Clubhouse

Sherri GALLICK

Lakeland Commissioner

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ★ Common Sense Solutions | ★ Servant Leadership |
| ★ Business Friendly | ★ Family Values |
| ★ Long Term Vision | ★ Supports Lakeland Schools |
| ★ Fiscally Conservative | ★ Brings Diversity to the Board |
| ★ Pro-Active, not Reactive | ★ Thinks Outside the Box |



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Qualified & Ready to LEAD Lakeland!

I see great things for Lakeland's future and my experience & background bring a unique perspective that will benefit the city. For me, this is about serving the residents and I will not let you down.

I am asking for your support and your vote!

Clark Plunk - candidate for commissioner

(responses not edited or fact-checked by Citywatch)

Vision

My vision for Lakeland is retaining our rural atmosphere, but with a thriving economy. A great city, heading in a new direction, with leaders that offer new solutions and fresh ideas. The best schools, a family friendly atmosphere, and setting an example for other growing cities.

Issues

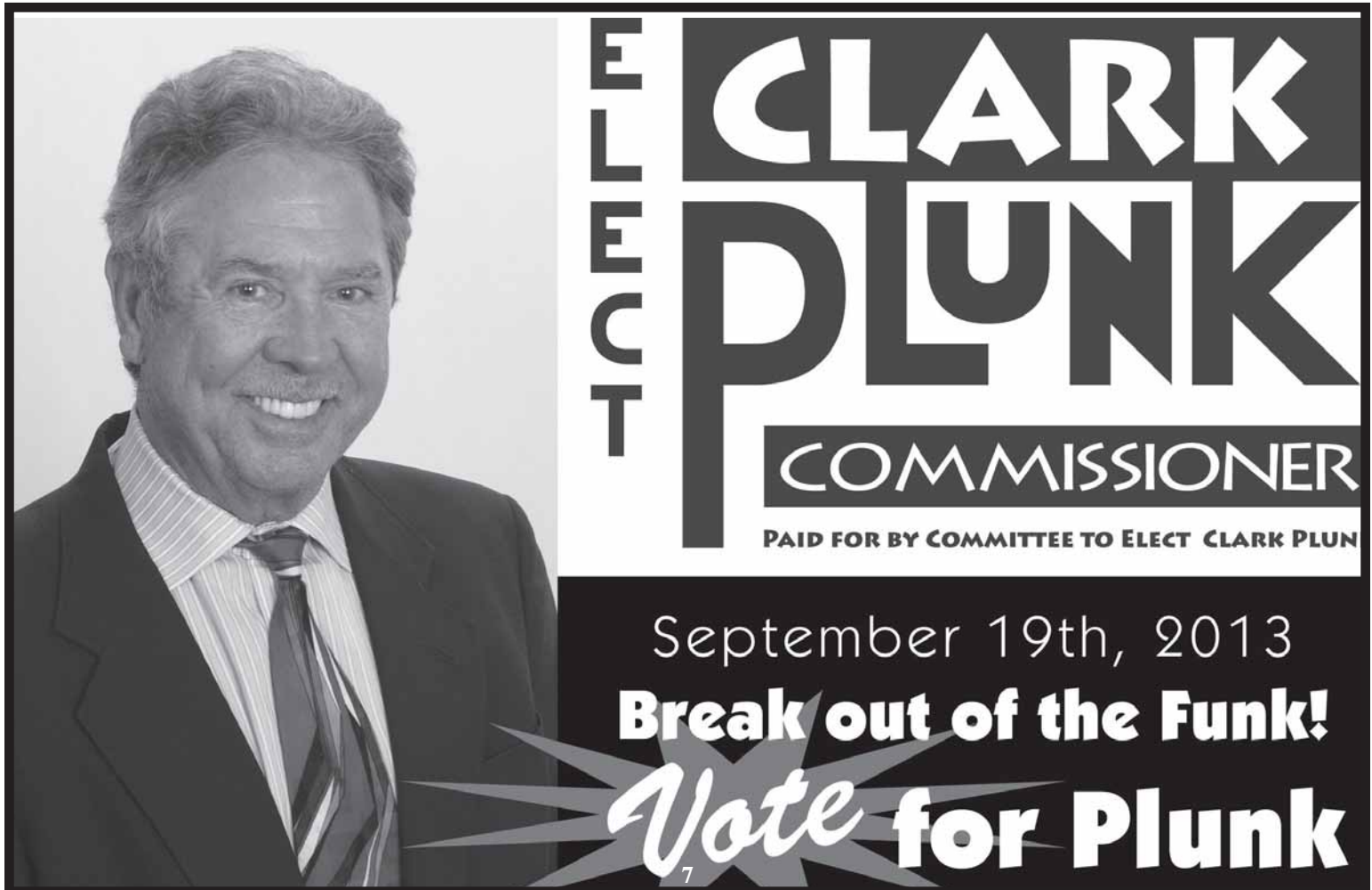
Now that the citizens of Lakeland have spoken about the school issue we will need more than ever, increased business tax revenue spurred only by smart, controlled economic growth. We already have the best teachers in the Memphis area and to keep them and attract new talent we must pay a fair wage and offer good benefits. We need community and parental support. We can expect these **SCHOOL FRIENDLY** measures to attract new families to Lakeland and help our city reach it's full potential. Other than the school issue Lakeland's most obvious issue is lack of economic growth. This seems to be an old problem with no new solutions. I as a former Commissioner was voted down 4-1 nearly every time a retail opportunity was presented to the Board. There were large retail opportunities that would have allowed us to remain property tax free and other economic opportunities that were squandered. We need smart and controlled economic development that generates growth along with dining, shopping, and recreation to maintain our quality of life and good home values. We should lift restrictive regulations that often drive developers to start their business elsewhere.

Capabilities

I have owned and operated a small business with 40 employees for the past 18 years. I feel Lakeland should be managed like a small business. My background is working with national companies like Kroger, Malone, and Hyde and introducing new products like Healthy Choice frozen dinners and Hot Pockets to the Memphis marketplace. Maintaining a balanced budget is vital considering half of small business's fail because of poor management. I have always been a hands on business owner and as YOUR Commissioner, I will heavily engage the community and diligently work to resolve OUR problems. My strength as an experienced leader is one of the main things I have to offer Lakeland. Leadership is largely intuitive, and when tough decisions have to be made, a leader is who most expect to protect their rights. I welcome the challenge of being a leader.

Involvement

Around 2006 Lakeland Elementary School Officials approached the Lakeland Board of Commissioners to request funding for air-conditioning for the gym. Of the Board of Commissioners and the Mayor I was the only YES VOTE. In 2006 I rode the bus with the Cancer Society of Memphis to petition legislation to ban smoking in restaurants. That same year smoking was banned in restaurants where customers are 20 or younger. Due to my involvement and leadership, the Memphis Cancer Society honored me as "Advocate Of The Year". I have also served on the Lakeland Board of Appeals and was a graduate of the first class of Leadership Lakeland and later helped sell the advertising for Lakeland's first City Map.



ELECT CLARK PLUNK
COMMISSIONER
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September 19th, 2013
Break out of the Funk!
Vote for Plunk

Cecil Tompkins - candidate for commissioner

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Vision

A school system that is functioning at a high level with a strong superintendent and the best teachers available. Economic development efforts that are producing increased business activities, which will create more revenue for Lakeland. Good long-term planning in the use of City funds in order to stabilize our property tax rate for years to come. Reducing our dependence on borrowed funds for projects and being able to pay a higher portion of the amounts from our own funds. I want our City to be recognized as more business- friendly in order to attract the types of developments that we need for revenue, but also the types that our residents will be glad to have in their city. When the I-40 interchange is completed, I want us to vastly improve the look of our gateway to the City.

Issues

There is more than one major issue in Lakeland, but economic development is right at the top. We have seen a steep decline in revenues over the past six years that we can attribute directly to a devastating economy and the loss of key businesses. We must reverse that trend. We can begin to make progress by changing our image from a city that is considered too difficult to deal with. We should never be easy, but we should always be reasonable. We need an economic development group whose purpose is to pursue solid businesses with growth potential. Our new proposed mall is an example of that very thing. If the mall

develops as planned, it will be the catalyst for other growth, so we must streamline our approval process to be ready when those opportunities arise. Expanded economic growth removes pressure on property taxes and gives Lakeland the flexibility to plan for the future with some assurance of funding availability.

Capabilities

Because I have proven by my service and my commitment to put Lakeland first in everything I do. I have demonstrated leadership on issues such as schools, economic development, and cost controls. My vision for Lakeland is mainstream. The issues we must confront should be weighed carefully to determine the long-term impact on our quality of life as well as our economy. It is more important to choose the correct method to attain our goals than it is to make hasty decisions which result in unintended consequences. My position as a current commissioner gives me the insight into the issues we must deal with now as well as the ones we face in the future. And as a leader in other organizations I am accustomed to bringing people together to form a consensus, an absolute necessity in city government.

Involvement

Commissioner and Vice Mayor
Chairman of COLA (Council of Lakeland Associations)
Design Review Commission
President Lakeland Civic Club
President of Lakeland Lions Club

Election Day: Thursday, September 19th



RE-ELECT

Cecil Tompkins
LAKELAND
Commissioner

- **Current, Lakeland Commissioner (seeking 2nd term)**
- Current, Vice Mayor (Lakeland)
- Current, Chairman (Council of Lakeland Associations)
- Current, Board of Commissioner Liaison (Lakeland Economic Development & Lakeland Design Review Commissions)
- Current, President (Lakeland Lions Club)
- Past, member (Lakeland Design Review Commission)
- Past, President (Lakeland Civic Club)
- Majored in Business Administration (Memphis State University)

Cecil Tompkins believes we should:

- **Govern our own schools** to maintain quality education, resulting in desirable schools and good property values.
- **Increase Economic Development** to generate more sales tax revenue, in order to stabilize property taxes and provide for the future needs of Lakeland.
- **Maintain Lakeland property taxes as the LOWEST IN SHELBY COUNTY**, by working diligently, planning ahead and increasing business revenue.
- Control growth carefully to preserve OUR quality of life and Lakeland's natural resources.
- Increase the number of recreational programs, activities and facilities for the children of Lakeland (as funding allows).



Paid for by Committee to Elect Cecil Tompkins

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John Wilkerson - candidate for commissioner

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Vision

Current financial information is not available, However a review of the June 30, 2012 Audit indicates that Lakeland has issued in excess of 20 Million Dollars in Bonds that need to be repaid. The bonded debt, day by day operations and the new school system obligations will exceed available revenues. The current fiscal year ends June 30, 2014. At the end of four years, only with conservative financial management, can the city survive and improve its financial condition. I will contribute my experience and education to work for an improvement by the end of four years.

Issues

Debt management.

Establishment of a school system that residence can be proud.

Capabilities

My educational background in accounting, economics, and law. My years practicing as a certified public accountant, now retired, included Municipal Audits qualify me for the position that I am a candidate for.

Involvement

I have been a member of the Lakeland city commission and parks and recreation committee. I was a founding member and officer of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. I am currently serving Lakeland residence as a member of the Republican State Executive Committee, District 32 and the Shelby County Republican Steering Committee.



**Lakeland Chamber
of Commerce**
*Ken Lipkowitz,
LACOC president*



Ken Lipkowitz

There are some exciting things going on in the Lakeland business community. One event that recently took place was the Stonebridge Golf Club Grand Re-opening celebration. It was a great event that set the stage for things to come at Stonebridge. Robert Mears and Mark Lovell have partnered together in this business venture and their passion for the game really shows as you visit the facility. They have significantly invested not just in the "brick & mortar" aspect of their business which looks great; they have also put together a team of employees that will make your visit the best it can be. If you need a golf pro to help step up your game, they have a great one.

I would like to thank Mayor Carmichael and Cecil Tompkins for taking time to come and celebrate with us as well as all the guests who were in attendance. D. J. Rockin Robin did a great job as always and I would also like to say what an amazing job Amber Lovell did catering this special event. Her company Charm City and their team outdid themselves. They took it to the next level throughout the event. One of the guests mentioned to me during the evening "Lakeland now has the best public golf course around."

We at the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce wish Robert, Mark and their families much success for the future on their business venture and thank you for investing in Lakeland. Great Business!



William Ashworth

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Lakeland Parks and Recreation

*Thad Jablonski, executive coordinator,
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IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

Lakeland Parks & Recreation Program Recertified

Lakeland Mayor Scott Carmichael was recently advised by the Tennessee Parks and Recreation Benchmarking Program that the Lakeland Parks and Recreation Program Tier I Benchmarking Status was successfully renewed.

Executive Coordinator Thad Jablonski applied for recertification for this status, which recognizes the ongoing achievements in recreation/leisure services by demonstrating compliance among a range of benchmarked performance standards. Retired Parks & Recreation Director Brenda Lockhart successfully prepared the original certification.

In announcing the recertification, Mayor Carmichael recognized the efforts of Thad Jablonski and Brenda Lockhart in this significant achievement for the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Program.

The Tier I Benchmarked status will allow the City of Lakeland to streamline grant applications in upcoming grant cycles as well as earn additional points during scoring of grant proposals. The recertification is in effect for five years until June 2018.

Lakeland Men's Tennis League to Continue Matches This Summer

The Lakeland Men's Doubles Tennis League will continue to play this summer until further notice. Matches are scheduled for Saturdays from 9 - 11:30 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Dr.

The League is open to the public and all skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact City Commissioner Randy Nicholson at 521-0558, ext. 23 or brn@attorneynicholson.com.

YMCA Fall Soccer in Lakeland

Late registrations will be accepted for fall soccer. The deadline was earlier this month.

The YMCA fee for Fall Soccer is \$90. The YMCA activity fee includes game and practice jerseys, socks, shorts, and an end-of-season award.

Practices begin the week of Aug. 26 and the practice schedule is as follows:

4-5 year olds practice Mondays at 5:45 p.m.

6-7 year olds practice Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.

8-10 year olds practice Thursdays & Fridays at 5:45 p.m.

11-13 year olds practice Mondays & Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.

Games will be played on Saturdays from Sept. 14 - Nov. 2.

To register, go to www.lakelandtn.gov (sports page) for a registration form. If you have questions, please contact Michael Moore at the Millington Family YMCA 873-1434 or mmoore@ymcamemphis.org, or Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Fitness Classes

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. IH Clubhouse

Lakeland Fitness incorporates cardio, yoga, and calisthenics into classes for a total body workout. Goals are to improve stability, strength, balance, agility, and endurance. The class is suitable for people 35+ but available for anyone that wants to get in shape.

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.

Lakeland Dance

Saturdays, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12 from 7 - 10:30 p.m. IH Clubhouse

The monthly Lakeland Dance is sponsored by the River City Boppers and open to all ages. Lakeland Dance is \$4 for Lakeland residents. Participants should bring a dish to share. The food theme for September is "German;" for October, "hot dogs."

Lakeland Senior Programs 55+

*Senior Center - 4527 Canada Road - Joy Cloud 867-2717
jcloud@lakelandtn.org*

The Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department invites adults 55+ to the Lakeland Senior Center.

RSVP or advance notice is not required to attend most programs unless otherwise noted.

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

For the latest Senior Center activities, including calendar updates, visit www.lakelandtn.gov (Search "Just for Seniors").

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

Catered Catfish Fry Dinner

Master of Ceremonies: WMC TV Meteorologist Tim Van Horn

Entertainment: Wolf River Pipes and Drums

Friday, Sept. 13, 6 p.m., IH Clubhouse

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED !

Seniors over 55 are invited to help celebrate National Senior Center Month with a special time, menu and entertainment!

Dinner includes farm raised fried catfish, with all the trimmings including hushpuppies, traditional cole slaw, bristrotato salad, tarter and hot sauce, homemade fudge brownies and drinks, all for the subsidized cost of \$10 per person!

WMC Channel 5 Meteorologist Tim Van Horn will be Master of Ceremonies for this special evening event.

The Wolf River Pipes and Drums (including several Lakeland members) will feature the proud heritage of Scottish music in celebration of this event! They perform extensively in Memphis and the Mid-South, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi. The group was formed in 1992 to perpetuate and promote the Scottish music heritage.

The group has the honor of being the official pipe band for the City of Germantown, and official band for Collierville and Greenfield, TN.

Reservations are required for this special event. To RSVP, call City Hall, 867-2717.

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Senior Center Weekly Schedule

All programs take place at the Lakeland Senior Center, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesdays: YMCA Silver Sneakers* Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse; New “Games Galore” on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month (see program description under “Special Events and Presentations”); **Beginner’s Bridge Class** 6 – 7:30 p.m., \$5 (If interested in attending the Beginner’s Bridge Class, please contact Brian Cummins at 634-5527; through August).

Thursdays: YMCA Silver Sneakers* Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse.

Saturdays: “Kings and Queens” Bridge Game/Class - Bridge is played 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be provided. The activity fee is \$5 for the game, class or both. For more information, contact ACBL Instructor Judy Knox at 737-8087 or jknox7@bellsouth.net.

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

Upcoming Senior Center Special Events and Presentations

Games Galore

Second and fourth Tuesday of every month 12:30 - 3 p.m.

The Senior Center will host two game days each month that include playing cards, Skip-Bo, Spicy Farkel, chess, and dominos, among others. If you have questions or to express your interest, please contact Bobbi Cornett at 372-3244.

“Davies Manor Plantation” Presentation

Thursday, Aug. 22 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Mandi Pitt-Reed, museum assistant at the Davies Manor Plantation, will share a short presentation on the history of the home and the Davies family. Located in Bartlett, the Manor is the oldest log home in Shelby County open to the public. The grounds include thirty-two acres of plantation land and numerous outbuildings as well as gardens and trails.

Book Club Wednesday,

Sept. 4 and Oct. 2 2 - 3 p.m. (1st Wed. of each month)

Lakeland resident Jeannine Dillard hosts a monthly Book Club meeting at the Senior Center. The group will discuss thoughts and opinions on a chosen book. The person that makes the final decision of the book to read for the next month will act as the host/hostess for the discussion. September’s chosen book: Suspect by Rob Crais.

New members are welcome. For questions or more information, please contact Jeannine Dillard at 331-2839 or jdillard@bigriver.net.

Internet Safety and Security

Tuesday, Sept. 10 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

A Shelby County Sheriff’s Department deputy will teach participants about using the internet safely, guarding against computer hackers, and awareness and prevention of malicious software that can potentially damage your computer as well as jeopardize your personal information.

De-Cluttering and Downsizing

Thursday, Sept. 12 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Cathy Yawn will speak on easy ways to organize living space and techniques to gain control over household clutter. Cathy has worked with individuals and presented at area senior centers for over eight years on how best to reduce household clutter.

Identifying and Treating Shingles Presentation

Friday, Sept. 13 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Dr. Charlotte Jackson with St. Francis Hospital will explain the symptoms, causes and treatment for shingles. Shingles is a painful rash disease caused by the same virus as chickenpox. Dr. Jackson will also be able to answer questions about whether the shingles vaccine is right for you.

DJ Mark Dougherty’s “Golden Era of Rock & Roll”

Wednesday, Sept. 18 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Mark Dougherty of DJ Michaels Entertainment will play 50s and 60s music at the Lakeland Senior Center. Mark plays classics from the “Golden Era of Rock & Roll” including the hits of Elvis, Dion & The Belmonts, Johnny Tillotson, Ricky Nelson, Buddy Holly and other artists of the era.

Senior Center Open House and Discussion Forum

Thursday, Sept. 19 2 - 3 p.m.

The Lakeland Senior Center will host an Open House and Discussion Forum for adult residents 55+ to provide input that will shape future Senior Center programming.

Executive Coordinator Thad Jablonski and Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud will attend the forums as a direct line for any comments or suggestions. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Please come to provide the City with feedback so that the Senior Center offers programming that will benefit and interest you. The City appreciates comments, suggestions and ideas of residents!

Scrapbooking Class

Tuesdays in October 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Lakeland resident Tonya Paul will teach a scrapbooking class starting in October. Tonya will bring supplies (papers, embellishments, and ribbons) and a project printout for everyone for the first class.

Please bring scissors, paper cutter (if possible), and 4-5 pictures. Participants will leave with at least two 12x12 pages. The class may progress through November, based on interest.

How to Talk to your Doctor

Wednesday, Oct. 9 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Connie Sabater Binkowitz, with “Healthy Memphis” will present about the importance of patients becoming engaged and active participants in their health care. Connie uses a brochure entitled “The 9 Things You Can Do to Get Better Care” to introduce patients to the concept of engagement and activation.

Computer Basics Classes

Thursdays in October and November from 6-7:30 p.m. (except holidays)

Lakeland residents, Tim Broughton and Howard Chick, will provide instruction in keyboarding, e-mail, Internet, and Microsoft Word. Participants will learn how to communicate with family via e-mail, including sending photos, writing letters using MS Word, searching the internet for news, weather, and recipes. The course is structured for beginners.

Howard has been an IT instructor and has over 30 years of software development experience. Tim has used Microsoft Office products, Internet, and e-mail in industrial and business applications.

Classes start Thursday, Oct. 10, running through the end of November, and may continue depending on participation and interest. Participants should bring their own laptops, if possible.

The Lakeland Senior Center has a limited number of laptops available on a reservation and first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a laptop or for more information, contact Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org.

Parking Lot Safety

Tuesday, Oct. 15 1:30-2:30 p.m.

A Shelby County Sheriff's Office deputy will discuss how to avoid being a victim in parking lots. Topics to be covered include how to be alert, to assert body language that may prevent an attack, and carrying objects in a way that may reduce the likelihood of being targeted.

Lakeland Seniors 55+ Getaways

Lakeland, in partnership with the Town of Collierville, offers overnight trips for adults 55+. At present, upcoming Getaways include the following destinations:

Sold Out: New York City – Oct. 21 - 26, 2013 .

Nashville, TN – Nov. 22 - 23, 2013 – The trip package includes one night at the Gaylord Opryland Resort during “A Country Christmas at Gaylord Opryland” with more than 2 million twinkling lights, horse-drawn carriages, acres of decorative scenery, and exclusive holiday events and attractions. This Getaway also includes Lorrie Morgan's Enchanted Christmas Dinner & Show, a Holiday Luncheon Cruise aboard the General Jackson, the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, and shopping at Opry Mills Mall.

The cost is \$499/per person – double occupancy (single occupancy available for \$599) and \$79 for insurance, which is optional. A \$50 Deposit is due by 8/26 with final payment by 10/15. Please make checks payable to PML Travel & Tours. There is a \$25 handling fee for credit card payments. Included are deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, standard taxes and meal gratuities. Travel protection can be purchased at \$51/person – double occupancy (please send in a separate check made payable the PML Travel & Tours). Travel protection should be purchased at the time of your initial deposit to ensure full benefits. Fuel surcharges by all transportation companies may be assessed.

San Antonio, TX – Dec. 1 - 7, 2013 – 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 upon request. Motorcoach 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 To see full trip itineraries, visit www.lakelandtn.gov (Search “Just for Seniors”) or pick up a flyer at the Lakeland Senior Center or Lakeland City Hall.



City Manager's Report

Robert Wherry

Nextdoor.com Useful Tool for Neighborhoods

“Nextdoor.Com” is a website currently used by over 16,000 neighborhoods for communication within neighborhoods. It is used for neighborhood watch, to keep up with neighbors and events, to find someone to assist in a small task, to check references etc.

“Groups” can even be set up within the network (such as runners, golfers, walkers etc.) and items and services wanted or for sale can be listed!

Nextdoor.com can be set up as a private neighborhood communication website so ONLY neighborhood residents can access the network. In addition, it can be set up to allow limited access by designated persons outside of the network.

I have gotten calls from residents asking about this and my research indicates “Nextdoor.Com” is wonderful for community and neighborhood development!

I encourage Lakeland residents to check this out at “Nextdoor.Com” and say “yes” when asked if you wish to join the “Nextdoor.Com” network for your neighborhood!

A demo of an the Nextdoor.Com network is available at http://demo.trynextdoor.com/news_feed/

Please Read If You Are Displaying Political Signs

Residents are encouraged to participate in the political process, including posting of political signs on private property. No political signs are allowed on any public property, including street rights of way.

Political signs are allowed under the following circumstances:

- One sign per candidate or issue on an occupied lot with permission of the owner.
- Placed no closer than 15 feet to the edge of the pavement or five feet behind the sidewalk, whichever is greater.
- Cannot be erected more than 30 days before early voting Aug. 30 and must be removed within three days after the election, Sept. 19. The date for the Lakeland Municipal School Board election, likely Nov. 7, will be announced after it is officially confirmed.
- Signs cannot exceed five square feet in area per side and cannot exceed 48” in height.

For specific information on the Lakeland sign ordinances, contact Neighborhood Services (Code Enforcement) at City Hall, 867-2717.

We appreciate the cooperation of all residents in observing these sign regulations. Lakeland residents are welcome to express their opinion by political signs. In fairness to all candidates and all issues these regulations are enforced on a consistent basis. Signs on public property are immediately picked up as traffic hazards. www.Lakelandtn.gov

Street, Drainage Repair/Improvement List available

Visit www.Lakelandtn.gov for the latest listing of scheduled street and drainage repairs/improvements planned for this fiscal year. The list is updated on a regular basis. The list may also be obtained by calling City Hall at 867-217.

If you know of a needed repair not on the list, please contact City Hall at 867-2717, e-mail Action@lakelandtn.org or send us a message on the Lakeland App!



Robert Wherry



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Third Quarter 2013 "Art in City Hall" Exhibit - oil paintings by Sandy Scruggs

Sandy's paintings were displayed at City Hall during the summer and are still available for viewing.

Her instruction in oil painting started in 1979 and she studied art history in France. Since 1999, Sandy has devoted much of her creative energy to instruction and encouraging others who share her love of art. She enjoys capturing the beauty of nature in her landscapes and still-life paintings. Her true love is the challenge of painting animals.

Her works may currently be seen at Market Central and Fountain Art Gallery, of which she has been a member for 15 years in Memphis, TN. Visit her website at www.sandypaintings.com

Artists interested in being considered for an upcoming exhibit may contact Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org

Lakeland Mayor Carmichael **Accepted Conservation Awards**

Mayor Scott Carmichael recently accepted Lakeland's ninth consecutive Tree City USA Award and the eighth consecutive Tree City Growth Award.

Lakeland Natural Resource Director Eric Bridges successfully developed the first Tree City Award, and the City has been successful in being awarded the Growth Award each succeeding year.

The Tree City USA Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize superior levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities.



Shawn Posey (left), regional urban forester for West Tennessee, Tennessee Division of Forestry, recently presented Lakeland Mayor Scott Carmichael with Lakeland's ninth Tree City USA award as well as the City's eighth Tree City Growth Award.



Candidate Endorsement

Mayor & 2 Commissioner Seats September 19th City Election

The Partnership Lakeland bylaws state that a candidate who receives a 2/3 or more of the votes cast by the full membership in attendance at the meeting and all absentee ballots cast will receive the endorsement of Partnership Lakeland. We are pleased to announce that the following candidates will receive the endorsement of Partnership Lakeland in the upcoming September 19th City Election.

Congratulations!!!
Scott Carmichael for Mayor
**Don Barber & Cecil Tompkins for the two
Commissioner seats**

Candidate information can be found on our web site.

Web Site: www.PartnershipLakeland.org

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Lakeland Area Churches ***Margaret Brown, Keeper of the List***



In an effort to keep our list current, please contact me at mbrown@dbrown.com with any changes or new congregations to be added.

1st Baptist Church of Lakeland

4500 Canada Road 372-1179

St. Paul United Methodist Church

2949 Davies Plantation Road 387-0007

Chambers Chapel United Methodist Church

3185 Chambers Chapel Road 757-3608

Greater Bush Grove MB Church

9427 Memphis-Arlington Road 386-7652

Centerpoint Church @ theRefuge Church

9817 Huff 'N Puff Road 213-2143

New Salem Cumberland Presbyterian Church

6813 Salem Road 829-3241

St. Philip Episcopal Church

9380 Davies Plantation Road 338-9830

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Megan Wylie,
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Megan Wylie

It is that time of year again, school is starting back for the 2013-2014 year and all the kids are somewhat excited for this new year to begin! With school in session, we ask that you please watch out for the kids as well as any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Fall will be here before we know it. If you are planning on starting any new projects, since the weather is cooling off, please be sure to submit your plans to the ARC committee for approval first. You may e-mail your requests to mwyllie@level1management.com. The summer brought beautiful lawns and gardens to Herons Ridge. We want to take a moment to congratulate these homeowners for their yard of the month wins! June yard of the month went to Med and Rene Malic, July winners were Danny and Linda Weaver. Congratulations to you and to all Herons Ridge residents who do a wonderful job keeping their homes and yards looking nice.

The board will be continuing the Adopt A Street Program. This has been a great thing for Herons Ridge as well as the City of Lakeland. The next scheduled day for the program is still in the works. We are looking at dates in August or September; the board will notify homeowners of the exact date when it becomes available.

Very excited to announce the date for our annual Fall Social event; the scheduled date is Saturday Sept. 14. Times for the event are still being determined. A fall newsletter will be mailed to homeowners with up to date information on the Adopt A Street events, as well as fall social information.

Please remember to sign up on the Herons Ridge website (www.heronridgehoa.com) to receive e-mails and updates on recent HOA news, don't forget to like us on Facebook. You may also contact our offices at 321-6744 or e-mail at mwyllie@level1management.com.

SCS/Lakeland Elementary School PTA News Christye Gilliland, LES PTA



Christye Gilliland

Hello from Lakeland PTA! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break.

As we start off with another great school year, we are hoping to have a record number of PTA memberships! As a PTA member we partner with our principal, teachers, staff and families to bring programs, materials and people to our school that enhance the curriculum and overall school experience. PTA membership (\$6 per individual or \$24 for the family plan) is available to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and community leaders. Joining the PTA will give you the opportunity to vote on our by-laws, standing rules, budget and all other general assembly voting opportunities. Being a member does not require any time away from home, it simply shows you support PTA and the children of Lakeland Elementary. Please contact Robin Forrester for any questions at: robinforrester@att.net

Dads, step-dads, granddads, and all dad-like figures in our Lakeland community, we need you to be a Watchdog! Please plan to participate in this wonderful, worthwhile volunteer program! Lakeland Elementary needs and wants your presence in our building, for as little or as much time as you are able to give. The reward will be in the smiling faces of the students of Lakeland Elementary! If you would like to sign up and/or get further information, please contact Michele Dial at: dialjm@scsk12.org or Ken Blevins at Nathannoahdad@gmail.com. We are looking forward to a great year !

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Woodland Park HOA

Vikram Venkatesh



Lake News

We are fortunate to have a lake in our neighborhood that is not only beautiful but also is a source of recreation for folks who like to fish.

However, as with anything else, it needs regular maintenance and upkeep. The HOA has a lake committee that oversees the health of the lake and is tasked with keeping it beautiful. A longtime resident of our neighborhood, Mitchell Brown, has volunteered to chair the lake committee and assist Bobby Fowler, Jack Sams and Richard Hallberg in maintaining/improving the condition of the lake. Mitch brings experience and expertise in dealing with lake issues and the HOA is excited about having him on board.

There are a couple of issues with the lake that have resurfaced. The overflow pipe is leaking and is causing the lake to lose water. Also, there has been a more-than-usual growth of algae in the lake. The lake committee is looking into both issues.

Algae growth, that is treated chemically every spring, is caused by multiple reasons, but we as residents can do our part to help prevent it. Please do not blow grass clippings into the street or storm drains as it finds its way into our lake, accelerating algae growth. If you have a lawn company, please advise them to bag the clippings as well.

Also, debris around the lake can be prevented if we pick up after ourselves after fishing/spending time by the lake. Please don't leave bottles, cans, wrappers, fishing gear and other debris around the lake.

This is our neighborhood and our lake and we can all do our part to keep it healthy and looking clean.

Lakeland Recycling Program

Gerry Burditt

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following,
who each won \$50 for recycling:**

June Winners

Stephen Mans, Canabridge Drive, Woodbridge
Dana Yeager, Day Lily Drive, Lakeland Heights
John Mize, Walker Springs Cove, Sterling Place
Christopher Koslow, Seed Tick Road, Herons Ridge

July Winners

Bryan W. and Lisa J. Ruoff, Matwood Oak Drive, Oakwood
Debra K. Thompson, Colts Neck Cove, Stonebridge
Hieu C. and Jennifer T. Do, Country Bridge Road, Woodbridge
Carole Gadd, Woodland Grove Drive, Woodland Park

Lakeland's program encourages residents to recycle and reduce material hauled to the landfill. Each month, four lucky residents with at least three different types of recycle material in their bins are awarded \$50. Thus recycling literally pays off in Lakeland!

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.

Sterling Place

Margie Holmes

Cool spring days have gradually evolved into summer bringing rain and lots of hot weather. Sterling Place is beautiful with all the verdant lawns and beautiful flowers resulting in a return of our ducks with their young families. In the early mornings and late afternoons, everyone gathers at the lakes to feed the returning pets.

The June Ladies Luncheon was hosted by Dottie Darnell at Friday's and the July Luncheon was hosted by Ailene Wherry at Firebirds. A big thank you is given to both ladies for such a wonderful job.

George Maybee donated and placed two benches on our walking trail. One was placed at the end of Sea Ray and the other was placed at the end of Woodmeade. A big thank you is given to George for his time and thoughtfulness.

Summer months bring celebrations and good times to our neighborhood. Memorial Day and the Fourth of July were each celebrated: one at the front yards on Serenity and the other at the lovely home of Jo Ann Beck. Both locations provided a fun-filled day of entertainment and lots of food.

Congratulations to an amazing couple, Marion and Amelio Guasco, who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 19.

Lakeland Estates HOA

Sharon Helms



Hello, everyone! We are excited to announce that our general meeting June 23 at the IH Clubhouse was a huge success! We had a great turnout with 70 members present to enjoy the barbeque lunch and meet and greet our three guest speakers!

In addition to our scheduled guest speaker, City Manager Robert Wherry, we also had the opportunity to hear from both our mayor, Scott Carmichael, and Commissioner Don Barber. It was an informative meeting which included an update of current events and issues that directly impact our city.

After introducing our new LEHOA officers and board members, future goals and expectations for LEHOA were presented.

We are looking forward to our next general meeting which will be late September or early October. So be watching your Citywatch and Qnet for the date!

It's still not too late to join us and be an active member of LEHOA. Simply send your annual dues of \$15 per homeowner to our treasurer, Edgar Currier, 4185 Cedar Point Road, Lakeland, with your name, address, phone, and e-mail. For further questions, contact Sharon Helms at 674-6717.

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Woodbridge HOA

Brian Haines

While it has been some time since I have contributed here in the pages of Citywatch, Woodbridge has still been working together for the common good of our Association. A new HOA Board was elected at our second quarterly meeting of 2013 and we have taken back full control of our association rather than outsourcing responsibilities to a management association. We are using the funds saved from this endeavor to refurbish the mailboxes in the neighborhood and to solve other maintenance items that need attention as volunteers surface to manage the various projects.

Speaking of volunteers, I have found that there a couple of types of folks who generally exist in neighborhood associations. There are those that can identify problems and want someone else to solve them and then there are those who identify problems and go about working a solution to them. Just today I saw two of the latter in action. For years my son and I have trimmed the trees and hedges along the white picket fence leading to Canada Road and the reaching limbs and vegetation were calling out to passers by once again. This time, though, it was Baron Carter that beat us to them—here's a guy that sees a problem and proceeds to solve it! Next, I see Stephen Carpenter making his routine pass up the same area picking up trash. Then there's John Lucas who coordinated the removal of some precarious trees in our common area. This is not even to mention the behind-the-scenes work of board members such as George McDowell who goes door to door delivering HOA communication or Mike Sexton who keeps all of our finances in check. Then there is Dave Kraehmer who helped to coordinate the Nextdoor Woodbridge online communication group (which is worth checking out by the way at www.Nextdoor.com). I could go on but alas we have an important election in Lakeland to consider and Citywatch space is at a premium. Nevertheless, I am thankful for neighbors such as these that contribute to our community. You, too, can get involved by attending quarterly meetings and joining our online message board by searching for HOA Woodbridge on Yahoo Groups. You can find meeting notices, dynamic neighborhood watch information and other resources there. I encourage you to get involved and become part of the solution in Woodbridge!



Brian Haines



Garner Lake Association Lakewatch Gerrit Verschuur



Gerrit Verschuur

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*Jamie Dixon,
secretary*



Jamie Dixon

Is the summer closing on us already? I don't know about you, but this has been one - if not THE - fastest summers ever and I didn't knock much off of my to-do list for home improvements. If you are pushing projects to fall like me, keep in mind that your exterior projects (roof, paint, patio covers, dormers or sheds/workshops, etc) need to be reviewed and approved by the HOA's architectural committee before you begin work. This is probably old news to our long-time residents, but especially useful for the many new residents that joined Oakwood this summer, and are finally settled in and ready to put their tools to work.

The Oakwood residents-only pool closes for the season Sept. 30.

Our new and improved website is finally up and running, after a period of transitional down-time in July. Your frequently asked questions and document needs are at your convenience by visiting www.oakwoodlakeland.com. If you can't find what you're looking for on our site, you can always call the HOA management office during normal business hours at 321-6742.

Cleanup Day

A Fall Cleanup Day this year will be from 8:30a.m.-noon along the Oakwood section of Seed Tick to include the wooded buffer along the trail which attracts much refuse. Please stay tuned to e-mails and website updates for the date, meet up, and volunteer details. We hope to see you there!

Events Update

The events committee still has an exciting lineup of events remaining for 2013! Dates to be determined, but residents can look forward to participating in our "Back to School" family celebration (September TBA), a teenage party, and a Christmas party. Also, each year Oakwood holds two seasonal community-wide yard sales. The fall sale will tentatively be Sept. 28. Residents will receive an e-mail and postcard with the official announcement. If you are interested in volunteering for shifts or tasks for any upcoming parties, e-mail the event chair, tracysheelljones@yahoo.com, to lend a hand. Enjoy the fall!

QNet

A free online newsletter called QNet is available and is sent via e-mail to subscribers. To keep informed on all things Lakeland, sign up for QNet by sending an e-mail to Qnetcola@bellsouth.net asking to be added to the distribution list. ~ Gerry Burditt, QNet Editor



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**North Lakeland
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Chris Barnoud

The battle of the beavers rages on in north Lakeland along the Rocky Branch Creek with some good pictorial proof of their amazing work up and down the creek available on the 'North Lakeland Facebook page'. It is also a major contributor to flash flooding in the area, something that continues to draw concern for our Association. Lakeland Mayor Scott Carmichael and Shelby County Mayor's Public Affairs Officer, Steve Shular attended our July meeting. They agreed to collaborate to gain assistance from the Tennessee Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to correct the situation.

Several of our members took the initiative to start a small Adopt A Street program for a portion of Stewart Road and Palomino Drive. The team took the name of Salem Ranch Pickers and will be calling for additional volunteers for its second cleaning drive in early fall.

The Neighborhood Watch program continues to work well within some parts of our area. We have enjoyed months of non-criminal activities and we thank everyone involved, from local residents to the many officers of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office who have been involved in crime deterrent activities.

The Delta Blues Winery continues its development making strides to open sometime in the fall.

Our next meeting is Thursday, Sept, 19, 6:30 p.m. Any area residents are welcome.

For more information, contact Chris Barnoud, president, Chrisbar99@aol.com.

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SCS/Arlington High School PTSA News

Tonya Williams, vice president, publicity

School is back in session and students and parents alike are getting used to their new schedules. In addition to books, school supplies, and activity fees, there's one more thing that will help our Arlington High School families make the most of this school year, a PTSA membership. Why is this important? The PTA is the largest advocacy group for children in the United States. Each member adds up, one by one, to make a loud voice for our students at AHS. When you add our voices to the Shelby County Council PTA voice, which is 38,000 members strong, we have a louder voice for issues concerning education. Added to the Tennessee PTA's 104,000 members, that's a pretty big presence in Nashville. Your membership counts and speaks volumes!

Who can join? Faculty members, parents, students, friends, relatives - the list is endless. And AHS PTSA membership dues are only \$6 per person, or \$25 for a family of five. Those membership dues are used to meet the school's goals and support the school's programs. A portion goes to the council, state and national PTA to support the local units, but the remainder stays right here at Arlington High. The AHS PTSA sponsors programs for the students like last year's mock car crash, a senior scholarship, grants to teachers and staff, seminars, a teacher luncheon, and much more. Membership benefits go way beyond building a grassroots support of the school. AHS PTSA members receive discounts through the National PTA. Some of the companies that offer member benefits include Staples, T-Mobile, AARP, Hertz, and more. Learn more about the AHS PTSA at our website: www.arlingtonhighptsa.org or 'like' our Arlington High School PTSA Facebook page.

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Megan Wylie, Account Executive

The summer is coming to an end soon; fall will be upon us very soon! Kids have started back to school, which means more traffic in our subdivision during the morning and afternoon. While driving, we all need to watch closely for children as well as for any suspicious looking vehicles and activities hanging around as our kids are getting on and off the buses each day. Just a reminder, residents who walk or run after dark in the neighborhood, please remember to wear reflective clothing to ensure your own safety.

With the fall weather approaching if you will be starting any new project around your home, please remember to submit your plans to the board. You can e-mail your requests to mwylie@level1management.com, and it will be passed to the board for review and approval.

Welcome New Homeowners!! If you are a new homeowner and wish to receive more information and updates about Winstead Farms we encourage you to register for the bi-monthly newsletters. You can register your e-mail with Chris Neudecke at winsteadfarmshoa@gmail.com, you then will receive the most updated information in regards to your subdivision.

The Winstead Farms book club still meets each month. If new homeowners wish to be a part of this please contact Cathi Braswell at 290-5599 for more information of times and dates for this club.

Reach out to us! If you wish to report anything to do with Winstead Farms such as maintenance problems, questions or concerns, etc., please call Winstead Farms HOA line 321-6766. Hope everyone has a great start to the new school year and this wonderful fall weather approaching us.



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Cool Springs HOA

Sherrye Willis

The Beautification Committee for Magnolias of Cool Springs began a perennials planting program at the neighborhood entrance, providing permanent color year-round.

Linda Vilag spearheaded the effort to bring together committee members. Janice Volner created a plan of seasonal flowers and the committee went to work.

Summer flowers include day lilies, verbena, asters, and mandevilla, an annual.

For the spring, daffodil bulbs were planted along with grape hyacinths, Stella de oro and alliums.

The team for planting and weeding of the flowers includes Ken Vilag, Laura Hollis, Cathy Arrington, Nakeisha Green, and Amy Stookey along with Janice and Linda.

The "Next Door" website is being utilized by Cool Springs, allowing all residents to come together day or night to post messages about such things as security, garage sales, lost pets or finding a reliable painter.

Tammi Ware of Magnolias took the lead and organized the website for all of Cool Springs.

It is a private social network for neighbors to talk online and it's free. As stated on its website (www.nextdoor.com), the mission is to bring back a sense of community to neighborhoods. One homeowner invites all residents to participate via e-mail. Boundaries are established on the site so only those specific residents can view the entries. Participants share issues within their communities but can also have conversations with neighborhoods near Cool Springs.



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