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### Come to the City of Lakeland's Economic Development Strategic Plan Visioning Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 2013, 6:30 p.m.  
Lakeland Elementary School, 10050 Oak Seed Lane  
Food will be provided.

#### How Can Lakeland?

- Attract an upscale grocery, upscale restaurants or a luxury hotel?
- Develop more recreation?
- Protect and increase property values?
- Have high-wage jobs?
- Be unique and competitive?

#### Want to know more? Want to comment?

Then join us! You could be part of the largest meeting ever in Lakeland! If you live here, work here, or do business here, your input will be sought, via discussion with our Economic Development Commission. For more information contact J. Higbee at [jhigbee@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jhigbee@lakelandtn.org).

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

Friday, March 22, 2012, 11:30 a.m.  
Lakeland Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road

Mark your calendars! On Friday March 22nd at 11:30 a.m., we're "Going Green" at the seniors 55+ potluck luncheon, which will be held at IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road. Please bring your favorite dish (entrée, salad, veggie or dessert), that serves 8, to share with the group. Reservations can be made by email to [vholland@lakelandtn.org](mailto:vholland@lakelandtn.org), or by calling 867-2717.

The featured entertainment for the luncheon is the Riverboat Cloggers. Marie Lovelace, leader of the family oriented dance group, has been teaching clogging for over 20 years. The group performs in exhibition and competitive shows in Memphis and the Mid-South area.

Clogging is a true American Heritage dance that was created by the different nationalities that settled in the United States. Steps were traded at barn raisings, church socials, weddings and wakes. Come enjoy fun, fellowship and their lively performance.

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### Lakeland Community Easter Egg Hunt,

Lakeland First Baptist Church, 4500 Canada Road  
Saturday, March 16, from 10 a.m. - Noon

The Lakeland Community Easter Egg Hunt, brought to you by Trustmark Bank, Lakeland Lions Club and the City of Lakeland, will be held at the Lakeland First Baptist Church. The event is for children ages 2-10 and will include crafts, face-painting, live entertainment and an Easter egg hunt. Bring your baskets and hop on over to Lakeland First Baptist Church for some springtime fun! Parents don't forget to bring your cameras to take pictures of your children with the Easter Bunny!

### Lakeland Outdoors May 4, 2013 Save-the-Date Notice

The City of Lakeland will host the second annual Lakeland Outdoors Festival on May 4, 2013 at IH Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We expect another great event with exhibits on wildlife, kayaking, fly fishing, mountain biking, birding, scouting, tree climbing, and more. Admission is free and there will be great food available for purchase. This year, we've added music and more kids' activities. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact City Hall at 867-2717 or check [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- Feb. 9 - Lakeland Dance, 7 p.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road, Mardi Gras theme, Bring a New Orleans Style dish to share.
- Feb. 13 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 - Film Friday (The Help), 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road
- Feb. 18 - President's Day, Lakeland City Hall and Senior Center Closed.
- Feb. 19 - Mind Aerobics, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Rd
- Feb. 27 - Frayser-Raleigh Choral and Drama Group, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road

*\*For weekly Senior Center programs and activities, see the Lakeland Senior Center Weekly Schedule.*

Calendar for March on pg. 2.

Lakeland Citywatch is published bi-monthly by the Council of Lakeland Associations (COLA). A free online newsletter called QNet also is available and is sent via e-mail to subscribers on a weekly basis. To keep informed on all things Lakeland, sign up for QNet by sending an e-mail to [Qnetcola@bellsouth.net](mailto:Qnetcola@bellsouth.net) asking to be added to the distribution list. ~ Gerry Burditt, QNet Editor



## City Workers to the Rescue

Gerrit Verschuur

It is a measure of just how much our city has grown to see the professional manner in which city workers dealt with a serious sewer line break in Windward Slopes on New Year's Eve. At about 3 p.m. on Dec. 30 the call came in. Something was bubbling out of the ground in Sailboat Lane. An alert resident called MLGW, which diagnosed a sewer break. Then it was up to the city to fix the problem.

James Stimpson, Wastewater Supervisor, called together a team that worked through the night to find the break and repair it. They immediately brought in Lakeland's recently acquired tank truck to pump out sewage at the break and reduce the pressure on the line, and to prevent sewage from entering the lake. Another tanker truck had to be brought in to help deal with the problem as the flow was brought under control so that repair work could commence. At least six city staff worked all night with only a two-hour sleep break and by noon on New Year's Eve the break had been found and fixed.

Years ago the entire job would have had to be contracted out, with the delays that would have created, and it would have cost the city a great deal to pay for the repairs. Now Lakeland can deal with such crises quickly and cost effectively. Well done everyone.



*City workers Bobby Carpenter and Joey Courtney manhandling a new section of pipe and couplers into position at the location of the sewer line break in Windward Slopes on New Year's Eve. Supervisor James Stimpson has his back to the camera.*

*Lakeland employees from the left, James Stimpson, James Riley and Bobby Carpenter, using the City's pump-truck to dry out the trench newly dug by Bristol Roberts in the backhoe during the search for the sewer break.*



## CITYWATCH

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## MARCH

- Mar. 1-30 - Summer Camp Registration Begins.
- Mar. 4 - Country Music by Cornell Washington, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road
- Mar. 5 - Genealogy Class, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Rd
- Mar. 7 - Apr 25 - Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), Class 1, 6 until 8 p.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Rd (Eight 2-hour sessions)
- Mar. 9 - Lakeland Dance, 7 p.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Rd. The theme is St. Patrick's Day. Bring an "Irish" dish to share.
- Mar. 10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 11-15 - Spring Break for Shelby County Schools
- Mar. 12 - Identity Theft Prevention, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road
- Mar. 15 - Film Friday (Fried Green Tomatoes), 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road
- Mar. 16 - Community Easter Egg Hunt for Children ages 2-10, 10 a.m., First Baptist Church of Lakeland, 4500 Canada Road
- Mar. 16 & Mar 23 - Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), Class 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road (Two 8-hour sessions)
- Mar. 18 - "City of Lakeland History" Presentation, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road
- Mar. 18 - Youth Soccer Practice Begins
- Mar. 22 - Senior's 55+ Potluck Luncheon "Going Green", 11:30 a.m., Senior Center, 4527 Canada Rd. Please bring your favorite dish (entrée, salad, veggie or dessert), that serves 8, to share with the group.
- Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday

## COLA Adopts Communication Change

Cecil Tompkins, COLA Chairman

With a theme of more timely communication, the members of the Council of Lakeland Associations (COLA) met for their annual Board meeting on January 19. The group adopted a proposal from Chairman Cecil Tompkins that will create a more frequent flow of information. It was agreed that City events and issues have moved at a fast pace. Because of that fact, it has become difficult for the homeowner association to stay informed on a week-to-week basis.

The new method of distribution will consist of an email blast from COLA to all the HOA groups regarding breaking events and critical City meetings that residents may want to attend. Those emails could occur on a weekly basis, if warranted, or otherwise as needed. It will be the responsibility of the homeowner associations to forward that information to their neighborhoods. In addition, Citywatch will publish at least twice per year a recap of these events on a pullout section. It is hoped that this effort will allow residents to be more informed on issues that will affect the entire City of Lakeland.

Cecil Tompkins was re-elected chairman for another term; Jo Ann Cohen was re-elected treasurer, and Cathy Epting was re-elected secretary.



Cecil Tompkins



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## SCS/Lakeland Elementary School PTA News

Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

Happy New Year from the Lakeland PTA! We have many exciting things coming up that we would like to share with you.

Between February 11 and 15, LES will be collecting canned goods to be donated to the Mid-South Food Bank. The class that brings in the most cans wins a prize! Please contact Heather Scobey at hnscohey@bellsouth.net for more information!

The general assembly PTA meeting and talent showcase will be February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Winners of our school's Reflection's contest, Citizenship Essay contest and Health & Safety Poster contest will be announced!

Our annual Book Fair will be held from February 28-March 5. Come see what great books we have this year! The hours of operation are as follows:

- February 28 - kick off with parents shopping after the PTA general assembly meeting and talent showcase.
- March 1 - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. & 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- March 2 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- March 4 - 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Spirit nights are February 12 at the Lakeland Lenny's and March 19 at Papa Johns. Don't forget to mention our school when you order! Our spring break will be March 11 - 15.



Christye Gilliland

## Winstead Farms HOA

Megan Wylie, Account Executive

### Happy New Year to Everyone!

We want to take a minute and welcome all the new homeowners to the great subdivision of Winstead Farms. We are so glad you decided to settle with your families here. The 2012 year was an excellent year here; we had wonderful growth in our neighborhood. We are so grateful for that! You all should have received your newsletters for January; thanks once again to Chris Neudecker for taking over as the editor; we really appreciate his hard work.

As the New Year has approached us, we want to encourage all Winstead homeowners to make an effort to attend the Annual HOA meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. The location for this year's meeting will be the International Harvester (IH) Clubhouse at 4523 Canada Road. It's not too far from home so we sincerely hope all homeowners can come and voice their questions and concerns to us.

The Winstead Farms Book Club is still growing and going strong. All residents are invited to join the club. In December the club took a break because of the holidays; but they are back up and running again. The book club meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. January book was "The Hotel at the corner of Bitter and Sweet". New books were chosen at the January meeting. To find out more information about this please contact Cathi Braswell at 901-290-5599.

A reminder to all new and current homeowners: If you wish to make any additions, alterations, or improvements to your home, please secure the approval of the ACB (Architectural Control Board) before starting any new projects. If you wish to report maintenance problems or have specific questions regarding HOA business, please call Winstead Farms HOA line at 901-321-6766.

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## The Grove at Lakeland

Shayla Williamson

The Grove is GROWING! Over the last year, our custom homebuilders have brought approximately twenty new families to the Grove! Distinctive Homes and Klazmer Sklar currently have seven new homes under construction. Kyle Sledd has recently purchased four lots and will be building a spec home within the next few months. We would like to welcome all of the new families and builders to the Grove! Our rolling hills are beginning to fill up and we are excited about all of the new faces in the neighborhood!

We encourage everyone that is planning to use the trails in the Grove for exercising or Sunday strolls to be mindful of the numerous homes under construction and prepare accordingly. Safety is still a priority and awareness is the key to enjoying the walking trails and tree-lined streets that create the scenic landscape in the Grove. All Grove residents are encouraged to remember to turn on their exterior lights to help light the neighborhood and increase neighborhood safety!



Shayla Williamson



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie,  
Account Executive

### Happy New Year Heron's Ridge Homeowners!

Since the last publication of the Citywatch newsletter we've had a few changes. My name is Megan Wylie; I am new to Level 1 Management and I will now be managing the Heron's Ridge HOA account. I'm looking forward to working with the new HOA board members as well as all the homeowners. As Mary stated in the last newsletter, Heron's Ridge is participating in the Lakeland Adopt a Street Program. Our first clean-up day was January 12 and we had a great turn out. We will be having these clean-up days quarterly on the second Saturday of the month in which it is held. The months we are scheduled for in 2013 are April, July and October.

The HOA is proud to reveal the winners of the 2012 best Holiday decorations. The winner was Rusty & Martha Rossie. Congratulations on your win. New project for the 2013 year which will be done in phases will be working to update the entrance at Beverle Rivera & Seed Tick. This project will take some time to fully complete. The project consists of a new entrance sign as well as new landscaping. We will be addressing this issue and ideas at the annual meeting this year. We are asking all homeowners to take a moment and register for the Heron's Ridge HOA website. It's an excellent way to communicate with your neighbors and to be updated on information for the subdivision. If you wish to report any maintenance problems or have specific questions regarding the subdivision, please call the Heron's Ridge hotline at 901-321-6744; or go online to <http://heronsridgehoa.com> and submit your comments.

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### GLA Fishing Network forming

Had trouble catching crappie, bluegill, and sizeable bass lately? A Garner Lake Fishing Network is being formed, for communication, idea exchange, and improving the fishing on our lake. There will be no membership dues and it is only for Garner Lake stakeholders with an interest in better fishing. Please contact Rusty at [rustyr@compressshield.com](mailto:rustyr@compressshield.com) to be included in future e-mailings.

### Garner Lake Association Annual General Meeting, March 11.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held March 11, at 7 p.m., at the IH Park Clubhouse. This is the time to air your concerns and suggestions and to vote for four board member positions and four officers. I am extremely appreciative of the work done by all our officers and board members during the past year to continue to make the GLA an effective steward of all things Garner Lake. We also have several honorary board members who attend most of our meetings. You are welcome too. At the Annual General Meeting, we will be discussing the newly created Fishing Network and will summarize plans to improve fishing as well as steps being undertaken to avoid flooding in future years.

### Annual Membership Dues

We will mail out dues reminders in late February. We have been blessed with tremendous support from our stakeholders, which has kept our membership above 200 for several years. Thank you one and all.

### The GLA Website

If you haven't visited lately, or if you have never visited, I urge you to keep an eye on our beautifully designed and highly informative GLA website at <http://www.garnerlake.com/>. There you will find photos, important information, lost and found notices, the up-to-date lake rules, maps, how to contact our Lake Ranger, Robby Beard (218-8840), and also lake level data and the latest weather, brought to you by our resident webmaster, a well-known weather man in the Mid-South (DB).

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Ken Lipkowitz,  
LACOC President



Ken Lipkowitz

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the new Chamber President I wanted to introduce myself to you. My name is Ken Lipkowitz and I am the Sales Manager for Southland Log Homes. When my company asked me to take on the Lakeland office, honestly I wasn't even sure where Lakeland was located. After my wife and I came here and spent a few days fact finding we quickly realized we found something special. After some prayerful consideration we decided to make the move and we are very pleased we did. We found so many positives that make Lakeland such a special community such as beautiful surroundings, friendly folks and a great location.

As the Chamber President I want to let the business community know that we will continue to work on your behalf to help Lakeland businesses be successful. In these economic times we all need to not just work harder, but smarter. As your Chamber, we will be bringing you additional resources to help you achieve your goals in 2013. You will continue to see us reach out through the various web based platforms getting the word out about our business community. We will continue to expand our presence into Social Media as well as other various media venues. We are already planning this year's EXPO which will be bigger and better than before! If you're not a Chamber member come join us and let's work together for a better Lakeland! I wish you all much success for the year ahead.

## Lakeland Lakeshore Ladies Club Brenda Gibson



Brenda Gibson

After a three-month break, we resumed our monthly meetings for the 2012 – 2013 year at the home of Gayle Forsythe. After our business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Gayle and her co-host, Sharon Helms.

### Officers elected for this coming year are:

- President – Jenny Ellis
- Vice-President – Margaret Brown
- Secretary – Brenda Gibson
- Treasurer – Alison Ely
- Sunshine Chairmen – Sharon Helms
- Historian – Gayle Forsythe
- E-Mail Notices – Margaret Brown
- Phone Caller – Charlene Bateman

Pat Pope graciously opened her home for our October 24 meeting. After our business meeting, we enjoyed lunch, which was prepared by Pat and her two co-hosts, Pam Golden and Judy Eastin. We thank all the club members who were involved in hosting and co-hosting the September and October meetings. Our November meeting/luncheon was held at the Women's Exchange on November 15, 2012.

Our Christmas get together was held at the Rosebriar in Eads on December 11, 2012. The owner, Debbie Sisk, always has a presentation prepared that contains interesting and informative bits of info. There was a gift exchange held and those who chose not to participate donated to the charity of their choice. Meals at the Rosebriar are always delicious and there is always plenty of shopping available before departing for home. The Ladies Club Christmas donation this year went to the Mid-South Food Bank.



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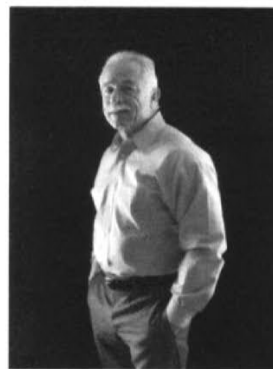
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## Windward Slopes HOA Carrington Walthall, President

### WSHOA Annual Meeting Notice

February 18, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Rd.

Contacts: Carrington Walthall

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or Tefany Ledsinger—ledsinger6712@bellsouth.net



Carrington Walthall

There will be a really nice “prize” to a lucky attendee. We need you! Please consider volunteering for a position on the WSHOA Board. You may contact any current Board member and let them know you are interested. Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience and a great way to meet your neighbors!

### WSHOA Updates

**Windward Slopes Garage Sale:** Windward Slopes enjoyed our second garage sale of the year on Saturday, Oct. 27. After speaking with most of the participants, it appears that the second garage sale was just as successful as the one in April. Please visit our WSHOA website and share ideas, suggestions and comments that might make next year's garage sale even more of a success. Once again, we would like to say a special thank you to the Vietnam Veterans of America for a job well done in organizing the pick-up service and issuing of receipts to all the neighbors for their donations.

**Neighborhood Safety Updates:** All things safely considered, please be aware of the new Neighborhood Watch signage. Unfortunately, there has been “egging” of homeowners' properties since the end of October. This activity can be dangerous. WSHOs, parents and guardians, please talk to residential guests, juveniles, teenagers, etc. regarding the seriousness of this perceived innocent act. Violators could be charged and court costs and clean-up costs could be expensive.

**Other Neighborhood Information and Updates:** WSHOA has a Facebook page, which is a great place to stay in the know and it is a member's only page. “Like” the page to join. Information will be shared, such as:

- Neighborhood Watch events and activities
- Tips on saving money on WSHOA dues
- If you paid your 2013 dues by December 31, 2012 you received \$10 off.
- Find out the “Yard of the Month Winner”
- Drive or walk around the neighborhood to locate the YOM sign in the yard. Remember, the winning homeowner will receive a gift card!

We look forward to seeing each of you at the Annual WSHOA meeting. Hope your 2013 is off to a great start!

## Sterling Place HOA

Margie Holmes

Christmastime was a beehive of activity in Sterling Place. There were a ton of parties which included food, decorations, and everyone's favorite—socialization.

Phyllis Huls entertained the domino ladies at her home with a delicious dinner. The evening was filled with excellent food, decorations, and games. Everyone enjoyed the party. June and Curt Goode opened their lovely home to friends and relatives of Charles Yarwood on his ninetieth birthday. The celebration included decorations and lots of refreshments with the centerpiece being a large birthday cake. Charles Yarwood and his wife were the second residents of Sterling Place. The Yarwoods have been married for sixty-four years and love to hold hands while walking around the lake.

All of the Home Owner Association board members were introduced during a short business meeting. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a Christmas party filled with lots of decorations and fabulous food.

Angie and John Levett opened their home for a day of candy making. They create a special kind of hard candy to give to their friends. Some friends joined in the candy making and others just watched. Entering the home, the delicious aroma assaulted your nose and senses and made everyone feel as if they were a child entering a candy store for the first time.

The Sterling Place Ladies' Christmas luncheon was held in the home of Lona Maupin. The food and decorations were lovely. Also, John and Margo Wright provided their friends and neighbors with a spectacular holiday party with an abundance of good food and punch.

If you are new to our neighborhood, have you wondered who put your morning paper at your front door? It is not a paperboy with an amazing arm nor is it one of Santa's elves, the person responsible is a very kind and true gentleman, Curt Goode. This is just one of the good deeds that Curt does to better our subdivision. It is sure nice to open your front door very early in the morning and discover your paper.

As always, please remember those who are ill in your thoughts and prayers. Welcome to our two new home owners; we are happy to have you as our new neighbors.

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# LAKELAND CITY NEWS

## City of Lakeland – Mayor's Report Scott Carmichael, Mayor

A major goal of Lakeland residents for years has been to have a Sports Park where children and residents can gather for soccer, baseball and other recreational sports. The current play field areas are limited and cannot accommodate children older than 11 years old.

The purchase and location of the Sports Park is a key to our future and I feel this is the right time for action.

- There is approximately a \$400,000 balance from developer fees for the purchase of park space. These funds must be used only for the purchase of park land. Other sources of funding include grants and budgeted funds.
- While still not cheap, land prices are as reasonable as we expect they will ever be. Even a small increase in land prices would substantially increase the project's cost in the future.
- Two years ago the Lakeland Park Board asked City staff to analyze available property suitable for a Sports Park. City staff studied 16 parcels and found most unsuitable or unavailable for purchase. The supply of available and suitable land in Lakeland is limited and disappearing as new development occurs.
- The City is conducting a study involving up to 50 Lakeland residents in analyzing the recreational needs of Lakeland, including park facilities. This will be the perfect opportunity for residents to express their needs on facilities for the Sports Park as well as other park and recreational needs.
- The Canada Road/I-40 interchange is expected to start this year (2013), the Lakeland Mall is expected to redevelop, and commercial and residential development will increase, resulting in higher revenues, higher property values and continued high Quality of Life.

The identified site is suitable for a Sports Park and is in an area where it can energize development with possible additional entertainment facilities which will substantially expand the Quality of Life for Lakeland residents.

Residents have observed that some of the largest gatherings of Lakeland residents are at Lakeland youth sports activities. Adequate sports facilities for our children will continue to build the identity of Lakeland and our sense of community. This is especially important as a future Lakeland Municipal School System develops.

My career as a Naval Officer and experience as your Mayor has taught me there are times when a decision must be made. The Lakeland Park Board and the Lakeland Board of Commissioners and I have analyzed this and the time for action is now.



Scott Carmichael

## City of Lakeland – City Manager's Report Robert Wherry, City Manager



Robert Wherry

### SPECIAL CENSUS - RETURN YOUR CENSUS FORM TODAY!

Watch for the Special Census form! A Special Census conducted by the City could increase City revenues by an estimated \$60,000 per year.

State Shared Tax revenues sent to Tennessee cities are approximately \$110 per person (depending on actual State revenues). The City expects the Special Census will increase the official count by approximately 600 residents.

The City of Lakeland is conducting a Special Census to recognize the revenues we should be receiving from an increase in residents since the 2010 Census.

### MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL REVENUES

We expect there will be a Lakeland Municipal School System, but in a different format than initially proposed. Also, it is likely to be 2014 before the new school format starts.

The proposed Lakeland Municipal School System is funded by the following revenues:

- A half-cent sales tax. The revenues from this sales tax are designated for the Lakeland School System. Currently, revenues from this are approximately \$18,000 per month. The City receives the revenues in a separate check so we know exactly how much is generated by the half-cent sales tax. This is estimated to raise \$200,000 a year and is reserved only for Lakeland Municipal School System expenses.
- A 0.25 percent property tax, expected to generate \$800,000 a year for the proposed Lakeland Municipal School System.
- Both of these revenues are designated for school use and will be retained for a Lakeland Municipal School System, in whatever form it takes.
- We have had questions about the property tax. Action on this will depend on the estimated cost (both startup and operational) of the eventual Lakeland Municipal School System.
- There are still several key questions on the Lakeland Municipal School System, including:
- The format of a Lakeland Municipal School System, which is currently being determined.
- The estimated initial "one-time" costs of establishing the School System.
- The estimated operational costs (including reserves) and Capital Expenses of the Lakeland Municipal School System.

If the format and cost of the eventual Lakeland Municipal School System is known in time for next year's budget, the Board of Commissioners will review the financial situation during the budget process. The budget process is for the Budget year which starts July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014. If the Board of Commissioners finds the property tax budgeted for the Lakeland Municipal School System can be decreased due to the delay in starting the Lakeland Municipal School System (from 2013 to 2014), any decrease will be retroactive to January 1, 2013 for property taxes due December 31, 2013. All of the half-cent sales tax will continue to accrue for the benefit of the Lakeland Municipal School System.

We expect to have additional information on the format of the Lakeland Municipal School System and the starting date before we need to finalize the budget. We will keep residents advised through the City Web Site and future editions of this publication or please feel free to contact me at 867-2717 or [Rwherry@lakelandtn.org](mailto:Rwherry@lakelandtn.org).



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*Senior Center Volunteers (Left to right): Becky Padgett, Mavis Knight, Bobbi Cornett, Alison Ely, and Connie Hess. Special thanks our special group of volunteers who give of their time and talents to keep the Center available for area seniors 55+. The Center has not even reached its one-year anniversary yet (May 23rd) but it is safe to say the Center is growing strong!*

## SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEERS

The Lakeland Senior Center depends on volunteers who teach and otherwise assist in Senior Center operations.

Volunteers who assist in the regular Senior Center Operations include Bobby Cornett, Alison Ely, Mavis Knight, Becky Padgett, and Connie Hess.

Volunteering at the Lakeland Senior Center is rewarding for the volunteers and helps the City continue to provide programs for Senior Citizens. Persons wishing to volunteer may contact City Hall at 867-2717.

## Visioning for Economic Development in Lakeland

*J. Higbee, Planning Department*

### Lakeland's Economic Development Plan and You

For over a year, the City Economic Development Commission (EDC) and staff have generated information about economic conditions in Lakeland, determined the related preferences of residents and those doing business here and more. This was a starting step toward finding economic strategies for Lakeland, including, but not limited to, what businesses may locate here, and how to seek and keep business.

To date, the project has included a resident survey, business survey, two public engagement meetings and compiling information from other sources. From this, an Assessment was published on the City's website Planning Department pages, in 2012. It is still there for your review.

### Visioning

Using the Assessment, the EDC developed vision statements for the next step in the project, visioning. A definition from the International Economic Development Council includes:

"Visioning presents an image of future successes. The main goal is to create a shared vision among stakeholders. It brings stakeholders with different objectives together under one effort. It is a call to action, not just an idea."

### Visioning feedback is needed – from you!

We have developed two ways for you to continue providing feedback for this visioning.

- 1) EDC's preliminary vision statements are now online for review by the public, in survey form. You may answer how much you agree or disagree with each statement about the future of economic development. Please go to [www.lakelandtn.org](http://www.lakelandtn.org), and look for "Lakeland Tennessee Spotlight" to take this survey, from now thru approximately the end of March.
- 2) There will be a public visioning meeting on March 21, 2013, at Lakeland Elementary School, where the EDC will discuss the vision with you, and take feedback.

## LAKELAND PARK ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS GROUP

The Lakeland Park and Recreation Focus Group which will provide an assessment and strategic plan is expected to start work early this spring. To maintain balance and provide for diverse opinions, up to fifty residents will be asked to participate in the Focus Group. The Focus Group will not involve a lot of time, but will require attending at least one meeting to provide input for Lakeland Parks and Recreation programs. We encourage residents to volunteer to participate in the Focus Group if you are asked and if volunteers are requested.

The process is in the planning stages and we will have additional information on the process in the near future. The key to success of this program is for the Focus Group to include members who represent a wide diversity of Lakeland residents and recreational interests who are willing and able to participate in the process of establishing the vision for Lakeland parks and recreation facilities and programs.

## High-quality, low-cost rental space! IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road

The City of Lakeland offers affordable, high-quality rental space at the International Harvesters (IH) Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road. The IH Clubhouse, nestled in the picturesque setting of the 65-acre IH Park, serves the City through its diverse uses for recreational classes, programs, and public meetings.

The newly-renovated Clubhouse is available for private parties and functions, including retreats, conferences, business meetings, parties, or other private gatherings.

Low rental prices for high-quality rental space: \$500 (up to eight hours) Sunday-Thursday and \$700 (up to twelve hours) Friday and Saturday. There is a \$300 refundable deposit on all rentals. For viewing, appointment or reservation information, contact Lakeland City Hall at 901-867-2717.

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

*Featuring Photographs by Jim Larkin*

Lakeland City Hall, 10001 Hwy. 70

Jim Larkin is the City of Lakeland's featured artist for the January-March Quarterly Art Exhibit at City Hall. Jim lives in Oakland, Tennessee and has long been interested in photography. During his travels across the country, he has found numerous sights to photograph. His interest grew in nature subjects when he moved to Fayette County.

Since retiring in 2011, Jim has devoted much of his time to photographing plants, animals and historic buildings in and around Fayette County, as well as interesting abstract subjects. His photographs may be printed on any media, but he prefers canvas which adds depth and texture, giving the appearance of a painting. He is currently the photographer for the Oakland Regional Chamber of Commerce and does freelance work for The Fayette Falcon and the Oakland News.

You can contact Jim through Oakland-Productions by phone at 901-209-2511 or by email at [oaklandproductions@comcast.net](mailto:oaklandproductions@comcast.net).

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).



## PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

In an effort to provide new and innovative opportunities for residents to receive the most up to date information on City news, activities and programs, the City of Lakeland has begun using the City website to notify residents of City meetings, news and programs. To sign up for email or text message notifications on upcoming City news, recreation or Senior Center programs, please visit the City of Lakeland website and go to Notify Me to sign up for notifications. The Notify Me button is to the left of the Lakeland logo in the center of the webpage.

### SPRING BREAK CAMPS AND CLINICS

Registrations forms available online at [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov) (go to Residents, Parks & Recreation, and then Sports). For additional information, contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

**Spring Break Tennis Clinics - A game you can play for life!!!**  
Registration for Spring Break Tennis Clinics begins Mon., February 4 for tennis clinics held Mon., March 11 to Thurs., March 14. Deadline for registration and payment is Friday, March 8, 2013.

Instructor David DeGutis, a USPTA tennis instructor and coach with over 15 years of teaching experience, designed the clinics to give children and teenagers, ages 5-18 the chance to learn new tennis skills, experience competition and get a little exercise during spring break.

Clinics will take place at the Windward Slopes Park tennis courts, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive. The fee for each clinic is \$90 per student, which includes a certificate for completing the program and a Vaught tennis racket.

Each session will cover a new tennis stroke (i.e. forehand, backhand, volley, overhead & serve). In addition, participants will work on footwork, singles, doubles and game strategy. Any sessions that are rained out will be made up on Friday.

High school, middle school and elementary school tennis players: grab your racquet and get ready to serve it up!

#### **Clinic 1 Monday - Thursday**

March 11 - 14, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Limit: 16 students (Ages 5-10 years)

Cost: \$90 per student

#### **Clinic 2 Monday - Thursday**

March 11 - 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Limit: 16 students (Ages 11-18 years)

Cost: \$90 per student

**Grizzlies Spring Break Basketball Camp**, March 11 - 14, 9 a.m. - Noon  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2949 Davies Plantation Road

The Memphis Grizzlies spring break camp is designed for boys and girls of all skill levels who are looking to improve their playing ability while having fun through stations, drills, and competitive games. Daily prizes will be given and an awards ceremony will be held on the last day of camp with prizes for players who show exceptional play and sportsmanship. There will be a fifteen minute break each day for campers to have a quick snack (players must bring own snacks). Cost is \$90.

### **YMCA Spring Soccer in Lakeland**

Lakeland Soccer Registration is January 7 to February 3, with soccer practice starting March 18. Children ages 4-5 will practice on Mondays, ages 6-8 will practice on Tuesdays, and ages 9-11 will practice on Thursdays. Games are on Saturdays from April 6 to May 25.

YMCA soccer costs \$90. The fee includes shorts, jersey, practice jersey, socks, and trophy. Registration is online at [www.ymcamemphis.org](http://www.ymcamemphis.org) or a registration form is available at City Hall. If you have any questions or for late registration information, please contact Michael Moore, YMCA-Millington Senior Program Director, at 873-1434 or [mmoore@ymcamemphis.org](mailto:mmoore@ymcamemphis.org) or call City Hall at 867-2717.

### **2013 SUMMER SPORTS CAMP REGISTRATION**

Registrations forms available online at [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov) (go to Residents, Parks & Recreation, and then Sports). For additional information, contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

**Tennis Match Play Prep** – Sessions from April 2 - May 28 from 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive. Previous instruction required. Ideal for returning students ages 8-12 preparing for local spring Quick Start matches. Class sizes are small to focus on rallies and serves. Camp fee is \$100. Your child will receive a certificate upon completion.

**Junior Golf Clinic** - June 3rd - 6th from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Stonebridge Golf Club, 3049 Davies Plantation Road. The clinic is for children ages 6-14. Instruction will be provided in putting, chipping and driving. Each child will receive a sleeve of golf balls and a pack of tees. Students should bring their own clubs. Camp fee is \$80.

**Memphis Grizzlies Basketball Camp** - A Memphis Grizzlies Basketball Camp will be held June 10 - 13 from 9 a.m. - noon. at St. Paul's UM Church, 2949 Davies Plantation Road. This camp is for children ages 5-12 years old. Your child will receive a basketball and a T-shirt for participating. Camp fee is \$90.

**Quick Start Tennis Camp** - Quick Start tennis camp is scheduled for children ages 5-10 from June 17 - 20 from 9 - 10:15 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive. Quick Start tennis uses a larger ball, lower nets, and a shorter court for beginners. Full court is available for oldest campers, if needed. Bring your own racket. All other equipment plus popsicles provided. Camp fee is \$90. Your child will receive a Vaught tennis racket upon completion.

**Tennis Camp** - Tennis camp will be held July 15- 18, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive, for beginner and intermediate players, ages 11-18 or younger experienced students. Camp includes full court instruction, fundamental drills and competitive games. Camp fee is \$90. Your child will receive a certificate and a trophy upon completion.

### **NEW! YOUTH ART AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road

#### **Junior Scientists - Science and Technology Workshops**

For grades: K-3 (Students grouped by age at class)

Mondays 4:30-5:15 p.m., Feb. 25 – Apr. 22 (No class 3/11)

This class will prove how much fun exploring science can be! Using fully hands-on activities and experiments, we explore the basics of biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, technology, earth science and green science. If your child would enjoy activities such as making liquids bubble, fog, ooze, or erupt; launching miniature gas powered rockets; designing and constructing model animals or growing a plant in a test tube; or many other fun and exciting experiments, then this is the program for them! The \$99 fee for the eight-week program includes all supplies. Register online at [www.smartcatkids.com](http://www.smartcatkids.com), or by phone at (732) 762-5022.

#### **Creative Art Lab**

For grades: K-5 (Students grouped by age for class)

Wednesdays 4:30-5:15 p.m., Feb. 27 – Apr. 24 (No class 3/13)

This is the ultimate class for fostering creativity and allowing your children the complete freedom to express themselves through their art! We will introduce various artistic styles and techniques, but we also encourage our students to use their own ideas and techniques as they experiment with a wide variety of materials, and discover their own artistic style! The \$99 fee for the eight-week program includes all supplies. Register online at [www.smartcatkids.com](http://www.smartcatkids.com), or by phone at (732) 762-5022.

## FUSION FITNESS CLASSES

IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road

Mondays & Fridays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. & Wednesdays, 8 -9 a.m.

Classes began Monday, January 7 and are on-going. What is Fusion Fitness? Fusion Fitness is a fun way to beat boredom when it comes to exercise. The class combines several fitness disciplines such as yoga, Pilates, dance, general aerobics and calisthenics to improve muscle strength, stamina, coordination, balance, flexibility and cardio. The 1st half of class is similar to a Zumba gold and/or aerobics, however there is no need worry about keeping up with every move because as long as you are moving & having fun that is the goal! The class is low impact, but most movements and/or exercises can be adapted to make them more intense or less demanding to accommodate your fitness level. You will need a mat for the 2nd half of the class.

Sherri Gallick, an AFAA Certified Instructor, was a Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleader and taught fitness classes in the Kansas City area prior to moving to Lakeland. Now 50+, she 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](mailto:sagrusa@aol.com). For more information on Lakeland Parks & Recreation activities, contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

## LAKELAND SENIOR CENTER

Lakeland Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road

The Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department invites residents 55 and over to the Lakeland Senior Center. Please RSVP for all activities and presentations by contacting Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

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

**Senior Center Open House and Discussion Forum**, February 21 & March 21 at 2 p.m. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Join Lakeland City Manager, Robert Wherry, Executive Coordinator, Thad Jablonski, and Recreation Program Coordinator, Joy Cloud at the Senior Center for an Open House and Discussion forum. The purpose is to gather input about what activities area seniors would like to see at the Center. The City of Lakeland values your input. Come out to socialize and to catch up on what the Center has to offer.

## A FEW ON-GOING WEEKLY SENIOR PROGRAMS...

**Games Galore on Mondays**, 9 - 11 a.m.

Learn the fast-paced games of Spicy! Farkel, Phase 10, and Skip-Bo, with a volunteer teaching the finer points of each game! Spicy! Farkel is a fast-paced dice game that allows for higher stakes and double scores and takes just minutes to learn. Skip-Bo is the ultimate sequencing card game where players use skill and strategy to create sequential stacks of cards, and the first player to use all the cards in their stockpile wins. Phase Ten is a challenging card game similar to Rummy, but with an exciting new twist. There's a specific 'phase' for each hand that players must complete to advance to the next round. Be the first to complete all 10 phases and you win! Come out and join the fun and fellowship!

**"Tech Tuesdays"** - Introductory and Intermediate Computer Level Instruction

Learn computer basics or advance your skills on Tuesday mornings at the Lakeland Senior Center. Mavis Knight provides introductory

computer basics from 10 - 11 a.m. and intermediate computer basics from 9 - 10 a.m. every Tuesday. The Introductory class includes such essential skills as getting online and setting up an email account. The Intermediate class primarily focuses on Microsoft Word, but also includes cleaning out useless items on your computer; and what various toolbars mean. A limited number of computers are available; so bring your laptop if you can. Call the Senior Center at 746-8195 to reserve a laptop computer, when available. Free Wi-Fi available.

**Sewing, Knitting, and Crocheting Class** on Fridays from 1 - 2 p.m.

Do you want to learn how to sew, knit, and/or crochet? Instructor Mavis Knight will teach the step-by-step process of what it takes. Bring a pair of pants or an item of your choice, as well as scissors, thread, and needle. If you are knitting or crocheting, please bring related items. If you have any questions about the class or what you should bring, contact instructor Mavis Knight at 461-1704.

## SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(All activities at the Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road, unless otherwise noted.)

• **Mondays:** Men's Coffee 8 - 9 a.m. (1st Mondays, only); Fusion Fitness Class\*\* 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road; Games Galore 9:00 – 11:00 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 10:00 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road; Social Time 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Beginner's Bridge Class 6 - 7:30 p.m., Cost is \$5.

• **Wednesdays:** Fusion Fitness Class\*\* 8 – 9 a.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road

• **Thursdays:** Don't miss your chance to yell, "BINGO!" No fee...just fun! 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (3rd Thursday only); YMCA Silver Sneakers\* Muscular Strength & Range of Movement Class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road.

• **Fridays:** Fusion Fitness Class\*\* 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Road; Sewing, Knitting, and Crocheting Class 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Also, Film Fridays on February 15 and March 15: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.)

• **Saturdays:** "Kings and Queens" Bridge Game/Class - Bridge is played from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie! Class begins at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be provided. An instructor fee of \$5 will be charged for one or both. For more information, contact ACBL Instructor Judy Knox at 737-8087 or [judy.knox@att.net](mailto:judy.knox@att.net).

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

\*\*First Fusion Fitness class is free, each additional is \$5, or participants may purchase a 10 class card for \$30. A mat is required for class. Not limited to seniors.

## UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER EVENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Lakeland Senior Center, 4527 Canada Road

Please RSVP for all activities and presentations by contacting Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or [jcloud@lakelandtn.org](mailto:jcloud@lakelandtn.org).

**"TREE TALK" PRESENTATION:** Mon., Feb. 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Wes Hopper will discuss the most common mistakes and how to avoid them, how to choose the right tree for the right place, and how to properly care for the trees you have. Trees are very much alive all winter and require proper care. Come learn about fall and winter tree care including planting and pruning.



**FILM FRIDAY:** Showing Feb. 15, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Help is a 2011 drama film set in Jackson, MS. An aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s decides to write a book detailing the African-American maids' point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis. The film received four Academy Award nominations and won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture.

**"MIND AEROBICS" PRESENTATION:** Tues., Feb. 19, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Do you read, do crossword puzzles, or play Sudoku in hopes of keeping your mind sharp? Learn how to keep your mind young and active by using simple techniques. Speaker Mary Alexander, licensed clinical social worker, will discuss techniques that will increase focus and memory, while also providing stress reduction.

**FRAYSER-RALEIGH CHORAL AND DRAMA GROUP:**

Wed., Feb. 27, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

The Frayser-Raleigh Choral And Drama Group will entertain attendees with music from the 1950's and 60's era. Come out and reminisce about past times and favorite tunes. Mark your calendars to hear these multi-talented seniors.

**LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC BY CORNELL WASHINGTON:**

Mon., Mar. 4, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Cornell Washington will return to sing country music at the Lakeland Senior Center, by requests following his January 9 performance. Cornell worked at a country post office for 38 years and has always liked the country life, most notably singing country music. Cornell enjoys variety of music as diverse as R&B, Rock, and Willie Nelson. A tip jar will be available for donations.

**GENEALOGY: SEARCHING FOR YOUR FAMILY HISTORY:**

Tues., Mar. 5, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Would you like to learn more about your family's ancestry? It doesn't have to be hard searching for your family history. Rebecca Abbott will teach about the different ways to search and find who you are looking for. At one time, genealogists visited the library for information to complete family trees. Today there are numerous records online. If you are a beginner, you will learn the basics and more. If you are an expert, you can enjoy the camaraderie while imparting your experience to your friends and neighbors.

**IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION:** Tues., Mar. 12, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Would you like to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft? A deputy with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department will describe various ways identity theft happens, how to protect your personal information, and what to do if your identity is stolen. An example of how to protect your identity online is if you share personal information online; make sure there is a lock icon in the address bar and a URL that begins with "https".

**FILM FRIDAY:** Showing Mar. 15, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Fried Green Tomatoes is a warm, comedy-drama about a woman, Evelyn, who learns the value of friendship as she hears the story of two women and how their friendship shaped their lives. Evelyn is an unhappy housewife who befriends an old lady, Ninny, in a nursing home and is enthralled by the tales she tells of people she used to know. Inspired, Evelyn learns to be more assertive and builds a lasting friendship of her own with Ninny. The movie stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, and Mary Stuart Masterson. The 1991 comedy-drama received a generally positive reception from film critics and was nominated for two Academy Awards.

**"CITY OF LAKELAND HISTORY" PRESENTATION:**

Mon., Mar. 18, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Are you interested in learning more about the history of the City of Lakeland? If so, join Lakeland Planning Director, Jim Atkinson, for

a presentation focusing on a geographic history of Lakeland using historic aerial photos and images with commentary. He will compare historic photos to recent photos showing the former locations of the Lakeland amusement park, Huff 'N Puff train, both race tracks, and other notable landmarks from years past to illustrate just how much the City of Lakeland has changed over the last fifty years.

**VEGETABLE GARDENING 101:** Thurs., Apr. 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

There are many reasons to grow your own vegetables: variety, taste, saving money, and control over what plants are exposed to. Join Laurie Williams for a class on the basics of vegetable growing. She will cover soil preparation, seed starting, planting, container growing, as well as pest and disease control.

**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:

- **Branson Show Extravaganza - April 29 - May 3, 2013 -**

Included in this motor coach vacation package are seven Branson shows, one aboard the Showboat Branson Belle on Table Rock Lake. You will also spend time at the new \$420 million shopping and entertainment complex, Branson Landing, a 95-acre site on Lake Taneycomo. The cost for the 5 day/4 night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$529 and \$75 due upon signing. Add \$120 for single occupancy. Optional insurance is available.

- **Lancaster, Hershey, and Gettysburg, PA - June 2 - 8, 2013 -**

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, 2013 -**

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 and Ellis Island. The cost for this 7 day/6 night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$1574 and insurance fee of \$145 (insurance optional, but recommended). There is a \$250 non-refundable deposit due to purchase show tickets. Included are deluxe motor coach transportation, baggage handling, standard taxes and meal gratuities.

- **San Antonio, TX - December 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 tour the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, TX and make a visit to the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX. The cost for the 7 day/6 night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$569 and \$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 [LakelandTN.org](http://LakelandTN.org), or pick up a flyer at the Senior Center or City Hall.

## Lakeland Parks & Recreation

*Thad Jablonski, Executive Coordinator*

### SPORTS PARK PROJECT

The City of Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department announces exciting progress towards acquiring land for the development of a Sports Park for Lakeland residents.

On January 3, 2013, the Lakeland Board of Commissioners authorized City staff to negotiate with the land owner of a property identified as the best available site for a City Sports Park, offering the potential for full-sized athletic fields among other recreational facilities.

In 2009, Lakeland residents expressed the desire for athletic fields and a City Sports Park during the public input phase during the process of developing the City of Lakeland Recreation Master Plan, identifying a Sports Park as the highest priority for future Parks & Recreation facilities and services.

At present, the City park system includes no full-sized sports fields that allow league play or athletic opportunities for residents ages 12 and above. City Hall Park includes non-regulation, pee-wee soccer and T-ball fields, and Windward Slopes Park includes two tennis courts. According to the community input element of the Recreation Master Plan, existing parks facilities fail to meet current demand for athletic fields for City residents of all ages.

In response to the community input element to the City's Recreation Master Plan and the lack of athletic fields for City residents, the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommended that City staff begin a study of potential locations for a Sports Park in 2011.



Thad Jablonski

The Planning Department considered approximately 40 criteria used to recommend the most optimal site for a proposed Sports Park, including location, site characteristics, appropriateness of site for the proposed uses, consistency with planning, zoning, and other City policies and available undeveloped properties within the City limits, among many other factors.

The proposed site along the north side of Highway 70, bordering Scotts Creek, was ranked #1 among the various properties that were considered as a part of the park site selection process.

The City has collected approximately \$400,000 from private development projects required under City regulations for payments "in lieu of park land" when the development does not include land suitable for a City park. The revenues generated by payments in lieu of park land are reserved in a fund exclusively for the purchase of future park land. The park land fund cannot be used for any purpose other than acquiring new land for City parks.

The Lakeland Board of Commissioners will be presented with a proposed purchase offer for consideration once negotiations between City staff and the property owner are completed and submitted for the Board's consideration.

Residents' ideas regarding existing and new programs are welcome and encouraged! We appreciate comments and suggestions on new and expanded recreational programs!

For more information on the Sports Park project, including the opportunity to comment or discuss ideas about the future of City parks and recreation, please contact City Hall at 867-2717 or visit the City of Lakeland website at [www.lakelandtn.gov](http://www.lakelandtn.gov).

## City of Lakeland Recycling "Get Caught Recycling Program"

*Jesse McCabe*

Each month, the Lakeland Commissioners randomly select and award \$50 to four Lakeland residents who participate in the community "Get Caught" Recycling Program.

AND THE WINNERS ARE. . . . .

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

### December Winners

Amanda Nevill-Price, Pine Point Drive (Lakeland Estates)  
Lucy Seymour, Herons Pond Lane (Herons Ridge)  
Wendy Fortner, Carly Drive (Lakeland Heights)  
Cory Hartquist, 10150 Memphis-Arlington Road (Memphis-Arlington)

### January Winners:

Albert and Anne Landers, Windward Slopes Drive (Windward Slope Subdivision)  
James Powers, Canabridge Drive (Woodbridge Subdivision)  
Raymond and Priscilla Geronimo, Day Lily Drive (Lakeland Heights Subdivision)  
Maria Garcia, Ultragreen (Plantation Fairways Subdivision)

Recycling inside Lakeland consists of PET #1 Plastics, HDPE #2 Plastics, glass (clear, green and brown), aluminum cans, and newsprint including supplements.

Residents can recycle all PET 1 and HDPE 2 plastic bottles and jugs (please do not recycle plastic food containers or microwaveable plastics, because these items melt at a different temperature than plastic bottles and jugs).

All residents can participate in the program by placing their recyclables in the 18-gallon container and putting it out next to the



Jesse McCabe

curb each week during their regularly scheduled pickup day for garbage. Contact Donna Henderson at 901-867-2717, ext. 409 to request recycling bins, lids or information regarding other solid waste matters.

Some rules to remember for better recycling are:

- Be sure to secure lightweight materials so that they will not be blown into the street and create litter.
- Milk jugs and two liter plastic bottles are particularly susceptible to wind. Flattening those helps but a bin lid (bins and lids available free at City Hall) is best to keep materials secure and dry.
- Take the time to separate paper from the glass, plastic and metal as it saves the driver from having to separate at the curb.
- Recycle materials that will not fit in your bin(s) should not be placed in an opaque bag as the driver will have no way of knowing what is inside.
- Recycling of cardboard boxes has been a source of misunderstanding. Cardboard boxes can be recycled but the boxes must be broken down flat and folded or cut to a size not greater than 18 inches in any direction.

Only about one in four Lakeland residents currently recycles. This is the lowest amongst all of the communities in Shelby County.



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## CERT TRAINING STARTING: BE PREPARED!

*Claude Talford*

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Be prepared for an emergency! The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the City and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

There will be two classes starting in March at the IH Clubhouse 4523 Canada Road. The dates and times are as follows:

**Class 1: Mar. 7 - Apr. 25, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. (Eight 2-hour sessions)**

**Class 2: Mar. 16 & Mar. 23, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Two 8-hour sessions)**

You can sign up online at [www.LakelandTN.gov](http://www.LakelandTN.gov) or contact Claude Talford at 867-2717 or [ctalford@lakelandtn.org](mailto:ctalford@lakelandtn.org)



Claude Talford



The most recent Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class concluded on November 17, 2012 and had 14 graduates including seniors from Bartlett, Eads, Memphis and Lakeland. Disaster preparedness is everyone's responsibility to help safeguard your family, neighbors and friends in case there is a major man-made or natural disaster in our region. You can take the first step towards becoming a responsible citizen by signing up for CERT training. The new CERT program (below) starts on March 7 and is open to everyone, including seniors.



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## North Lakeland Community Association (NorLCA)

*Chris Barnoud, President*



Chris Barnoud

After celebrating the Christmas season, The North Lakeland Community Association welcomed the New Year. With our goals to preserve and sustain the quality of life we enjoy, we are anticipating new challenges, enterprises and adventures for our area. Our growing membership now includes 50 residents with a modest \$10/year, household membership fee. We continue to plan programs & activities which will support and respond to the ever-changing needs of our community.

The 2013 unpredictable winter weather with its flooding rains, snow and ice has certainly challenged us to remain aware of the safety of our residents. Our Neighborhood Watch program is gaining momentum to prevent and curb undesirable activities in our area.

The Delta Blues Winery is in the process of building a community friendly agri-tourism enterprise in our neighborhood. This should bring much needed tax revenue to the City while creating minimal impact on the environment.

Our January Association meeting featured guest speaker Jennifer Dunlap, DVM, of Dunlap Equine Services. Dr. Dunlap, a graduate of Tufts University in Boston, is a leading authority in our area on lameness, emergency care, and disaster response.

Due to the fact that Bartlett Police are now patrolling Brunswick, North Lakeland residents are encouraged to slow down heading south! We are utilizing our NLCA Facebook page to respond more immediately to our neighbors, especially in instances of need. The next scheduled Association meeting is Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. in New Salem Presbyterian Church, 6813 Salem Rd.

For more information contact: President, Chris Barnoud @ Chrisbar99@aol.com.; VP Membership, Jenny Lawrence @ sailemstable@yahoo.com; VP Programs, Kathryn Barnoud @ Katstarr99@aol.com, VP Neighborhood Watch, Brian Person @ bperson9586@gmail.com; Treasurer, Dr. Paul Criss @ pcriss@hotmail.com, Secretary, Kathy Clark @ katrc@aol.com, or refer to our North Lakeland Community Association Facebook page.

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## Woodland Park HOA

*Marilyn Piccatto & Jo Ann Cohen*

### Challenges and Solutions!

December brought us both challenges and solutions. First, we want to sincerely thank Pierre Marais and his sons for volunteering to put up and take down the Christmas decorations at our entrances. It added a lot to our neighborhood for the holidays.

A major concern to the board has been the deterioration of the lake overflow pipe and drain at our levee. Pierre assisted our board member, Richard Hallberg, in locating companies and overseeing the resolution of these two issues. Big thanks to both of these guys. The leak in the lake's overflow pipe has been repaired and the drainage problem behind the levee has also been repaired.

Due to the windstorm in December a lot of residents lost roofing shingles from their homes. There were also twelve trees on the common grounds that were damaged and required removal along with damaged limbs from others.

Needed repairs to the common grounds and damage caused by storms are expensive. Thankfully these expenses have been covered within our budget and no special assessment has been necessary to our residents.

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## Plantation Hills HOA

*Carl Sohns,  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator*



**Carl Sohns**

### Volunteers Needed

As a reminder to all of our residents, Plantation Hills operates on a strictly voluntary basis. We have no official board or dues. However, we really need your help. Below is a list of immediate needs:

- Neighborhood Watch Coordinator - Individual(s) would be responsible to help share information on any criminal activity in and around our subdivision, and could set up neighborhood captains, block parties, etc.
- Entrance Sign Maintenance Crew - Individual(s) would be responsible for maintaining the flower bed surrounding our entrance sign on Canada Road. This would primarily involve annual or semi-annual clean-up days, mulching, replacing dead plants, etc.
- Neighborhood News Journalist - Individual(s) would be responsible for writing bi-monthly articles for Citywatch, as well as articles about neighborhood events or news for the Plantation Hills Facebook site: [www.facebook.com/plantationhills](http://www.facebook.com/plantationhills)

If you would like to volunteer for one of these areas, please let me know via e-mail to Carl Sohns at [cjsohns@msn.com](mailto:cjsohns@msn.com). I would also like to say Thank You to James and Pat McFarland for paying the \$50 - 2013 COLA Dues.

### Neighborhood Watch Signup

If you would like to receive the neighborhood watch e-mails, please sign up at our website: [www.plantationhills.org](http://www.plantationhills.org).

## Lakeland Estates HOA

*Alison Ely*



**Alison Ely**

Lakeland Estates Homeowner Association (LEHOA) has been in hiatus for lack of leadership. Involved residents are working together to put the association back in action for the betterment of our area. LEHOA is strictly voluntary and you will value the importance of being connected and knowing about events in our area. Please submit your yearly household membership of \$15 today. Send your \$15 per household membership to Edgar Currier, Treasurer; 4185 Cedar Point Road; Lakeland 38002. Please include the following contact information with your remittance: names in your household, address, phone number(s) and email address(es). This information will remain secure.

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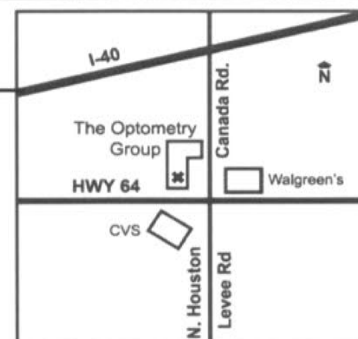
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