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Scan With Your Phone, Take the LSS Survey Right Now

The newly formed Lakeland School System wants community input for its decision-making process and is seeking your help.

To assist the new Board and superintendent, complete their brief survey by either scanning the QR code (to the right) with your phone or going to the SurveyMonkey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lakelandk12survey>.

Included in the 10-question survey are queries as to whether you have children in Lakeland-area schools, goals for the LSS, five priorities in starting the system, do you want school uniforms and in what form you would like to receive future information about LSS. There is also an area for your thoughts and comments.

The questionnaire was coordinated by Board member Matt Wright.

Hard copy versions of the questionnaire are available at Lakeland City Hall.

In commenting on the study, Dr. Ted Horrell, superintendent, said, "One of the most exciting things about a smaller school system is the opportunity to really use community feedback in our decision-making process. The school board and I feel like it is important to have both formal and informal ways for Lakeland citizens to give input into the priorities and goals of the Lakeland School System.

"We understand that we won't always find unanimous support for the decisions we make, but we can be sure we have made those decisions thoughtfully and with input from the community.

"While there are a lot of decisions to be made in a short amount of time, we want to be sure we are not making those decisions in a vacuum. In only my second week on the job as superintendent, I've been so encouraged by the level of excitement and engagement I'm seeing in parents, teachers, administrators and other stakeholders in our new system."



If you want to email LSS Board Members or the Superintendent ...

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• Teresa Henry, thenry@lakelandk12.org • Matt Wright, mwright@lakelandk12.org • Dr. Ted Horrell, thorrell@lakelandk12.org

Much Ado in Lakeland City

Activity has been continuous at Lakeland City Hall in recent weeks with both city government and municipal school news.

- ✓ Kevin Floyd was elected chair of the Lakeland School System Board, with Laura Harrison as co-chair.
- ✓ Wyatt Bunker, mayor, submitted his resignation to the Shelby County Commission effective last month for his district 4 seat on the Shelby County Commission. His remaining term was less than a year. Mark Billingsley, former Germantown alderman, was appointed Jan. 13 to fill the vacancy.
- ✓ Chris Thomas was selected as the new city manager & continues his position on the Shelby County Commission, district 4, until August. (p. 2)
- ✓ Dr. Ted Horrell from Germantown was named the first superintendent for Lakeland School System. (p. 2)
- ✓ Plans are being formulated to locate the school system offices in the old City Hall area. (p. 5)
- ✓ There will be a joint meeting of the BOC and Lakeland School Board Feb. 22 so all members can share goals and work as a team.
- ✓ The contract with Republic Services (trash & waste) will not be renewed in July, a vote unanimously approved by the BOC. Bids will be sought from other companies in the interim.
- ✓ Matt Wright was elected to represent LSS with the Tennessee Legislative Network, a liaison between school boards and the legislature.
- ✓ City Hall flooded the weekend of Jan. 11 after a water heater explosion. (p. 5)
- ✓ Lakeland competes for most active city in Tennessee. (p. 2)
- ✓ Annexation into Lakeland? (p. 3)

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LA Fitness in Lakeland this year on Highway 64, p. 3.
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Chris Thomas
New City Manager

From a field of nine candidates, four appeared for city manager interviews Dec. 17. Chris was selected unanimously for the job. During the questioning process he said he spent six years in private business and became the probate court clerk when he was 29 years old. He has also served on the Memphis City School Board and will continue as a Shelby County Commissioner until his term expires in August. "I was a hard worker, got out front with my employees and I knew where to find the answers."

He said he would meet regularly with employees, plus the mayor, commission and the public. "I have an open door policy." He is a lifelong Shelby County resident and has relationships in the community with local, state and federal officials. He wants Lakeland to be a destination for families and businesses. Although Lakeland residency was not a requirement to apply for the job, Mayor Wyatt Bunker asked each candidate if he would be willing to move to Lakeland. Chris said he currently lives in Bartlett but wants to move to Lakeland.

His salary approved by the Board of Commissioners is \$85,000 plus benefits.

He is a graduate of Kingsbury High School and the father of three. He holds a degree in marketing from the University of Memphis and is an active member of Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett. His community involvement includes the St. Jude Golf Classic, Delta Fair and Music Festival and Memphis Mid-South Race for the Cure.



Dr. Ted Horrell
LSS School Superintendent

The newly hired superintendent, Dr. Ted Horrell, became principal of Germantown High in 2011 and before that was principal at Millington Central where he requested and oversaw the initial stages of a \$5 million expansion of the high school facility. He also has been a vice principal at Bartlett High and assistant principal at Germantown High 2006-2007. Dr. Horrell wrote the school's successful application to be named one of "America's Best High Schools" in Newsweek magazine.

He taught English for two years in Nagoya, Japan, at Aeon Intercultural until 1998. When he returned to the states, Horrell was a film and video/communication arts instructor at Germantown High.

He has a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri and Master of Science and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Memphis. He is an active member of Germantown United Methodist Church and has been a volunteer with the Community Alliance for the Homeless and served in leadership roles in Millington.

He was selected from a field of four candidates Dec. 23 and unanimously approved by the Board.

During the interview process with the School Board Dec. 20, he said the biggest challenge is to get the momentum to move this system into the future, to make the dream a reality. "I think this is an amazing opportunity to take a system like this, with one school and build a model for the state and the nation," said Dr. Horrell. His three and one-half year contract with the Lakeland School Board was approved Jan. 6 for \$132,600 annually plus insurance and car and phone allowances.

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Walk and Compete

Lakeland is one of several Tennessee cities competing in the Tennessee Municipal League's new Walk Tennessee wellness initiative. The winning city will receive an outdoor fitness station and be able to lay claim to the title, "The Most Active City in Tennessee."

Lakeland residents are encouraged to walk, run or bike ride and support their city in the process in the "Active Livin' in Lakeland" Program. Go to <http://www.cmeccompete.com/communities/walk-tennessee> to sign up for a personal account and select "account signup". After you have signed up, select "browse communities," scroll down the page and join the "Walk Tennessee" group. You may then go to the Walk Tennessee group and select "Start or Join a Team." Scroll down the page and select "Join Group" next to City of Lakeland.

Join other Lakeland residents, your friends and neighbors, to show competing cities that Lakeland is an active, fun and fit city! For more information, contact Lakeland City Hall 867-2717 or action@lakelandtn.org.



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City Manager's Report - Chris Thomas

I am honored to have been selected to be the new Lakeland City Manager and I look forward to working for you. My background as Probate Court Clerk and a County Commissioner has helped prepare me for this job.

I believe government should be run like a business as much as possible. I plan on streamlining City Hall and being more efficient with your tax dollars as well as have an advisory committee at some point.

Customer service is very important to me and I want our staff to respond to citizens in a timely manner. I want to have someone that handles citizens issues so we have one person to make sure things get resolved. Please use our website, including our mobile app or action@lakelandtn.org and Facebook to voice your concerns.

I also want to encourage citizens to help us with our litter problem. The City contracts with Republic to dispose of roadside litter (in addition to trash, recycling and yard waste). But, we need citizens to do their part in reducing overall tonnage. Reducing litter saves taxpayer money!

I look forward to working with our new Mayor and Commissioners to bring more economic development here so we can increase revenue.

I will be out in the community and look forward to meeting you. Let me know ideas you may have to improve our City. Please be patient with me as I work to put together the best team to move our City forward.

Feel free to contact me at 867-5401 or cthomas@lakelandtn.org.



Chris Thomas



Ken Lipkowitz, Diptesh Patel, Ginny Dunn, Miren Patel, and Hinesh Patel of Motel 6



Teresa Pentz of A/L Shop Local Magazine and Diane Day of Delta Blues Winery

Photos from Chamber Dinner



Garrett Lucas and Stephen Carrigan of Crossfit Mechanix



Elliot Jolly and Hannah Pentz of Arlington/Lakeland Shop Local Magazine

Five Take Chamber Honors

Ken Lipkowitz, president of the Lakeland Chamber, announced the winners at the annual banquet in January:

- Chris Perry, owner of Perry & Associates/Promo Hound, Outstanding Member Award.
- CrossFit Mechanix, New Business Award.
- Motel 6, Hospitality Award.
- J. Higbee, city growth management director, Person of the Year Award.
- Tie between Arlington Lakeland Shop Local Magazine and The View 38002, Media Support Award.

Other special acknowledgments: Arlington Lakeland Shop Local Magazine was recognized as the title sponsor of the Chamber's first golf tournament in 2013. Funtime Learning Center won the People's Choice Award for best booth at the 2013 Business EXPO.

During the banquet chamber members re-elected Ken Lipkowitz as president. Teresa Pentz and Carl Bumgardner were also re-elected. New board members are Yolanda Watkins, 4 treasurer, and Kevin Bailey, secretary.

School Board Offices

At the Jan. 6 work session of the School Board, Chris Thomas announced that Mayor Wyatt Bunker suggested the School Board locate offices in an underutilized area of City Hall. The space could be renovated in a couple of months and both entities could share common areas. He noted that he wants the space to be first class for the staff, parents and citizens coming to the school offices. The School Board voted Jan. 13 to move forward with that plan.

Flood at City Hall

The City has been dealing with the aftereffects of a water heater explosion over the Jan. 11 weekend, according to Chris Thomas, city manager.

Every baseboard within range of the water will have to be replaced as well as most of the carpeted areas. The damages are currently estimated at \$50,000 which insurance will cover.

Chris said, "I am grateful for the hard work of City employees through the crisis. We want to thank our neighboring government agencies, including the cities of Bartlett and Germantown and the Shelby County government for allowing use of their fans to minimize damage costs."

Broadband Survey

Lakeland residents, officials and City Hall are aware of the lack of access to broadband Internet in portions of Lakeland, most notably in areas north of Highway 70 as well as areas in south Lakeland.

You can help the City work towards the expansion of high-speed broadband Internet in Lakeland by taking this short survey: <http://www.connectedtn.org/broadband-inquiry>

For more information, visit <http://lakelandtn.gov> (search "broadband access"); contact Thad Jablonski, executive coordinator, Lakeland City Hall 867-5402 or tjablonski@lakelandtn.org; or Deanna Ward, Connected Tennessee State Operations Manager, at 731-699-0234 or dward@connectedtn.org.



School board and BOC members during school board oath of office ceremony Dec. 2 with Ron Lollar, representative, state of Tennessee. Left to right: front Sherri Gallick, Teresa Henry, Kelley Hale, Laura Harrison; middle Ron Lollar, Matt Wright, Kevin Floyd; rear Randy Nicholson, Clark Plunk, Wyatt Bunker, Gene Torrey.

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Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Rodeo

Lakeland Community Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. Saturday, April 12

First Baptist Church of Lakeland,

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Bring your baskets and hop on over to the First Baptist Church of Lakeland for some springtime fun!

There will be crafts, games and face painting. Parents bring your cameras to take pictures of your children with the Easter Bunny! For children ages 2 – 10. Co-Sponsored by Lakeland Lions Club and Lakeland's Trustmark Bank. For more information, contact Lakeland Parks and Recreation 867-2717.

Lakeland Annual Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, June 7, beginning promptly at 8 a.m.

IH Managerial Park Lake

Let's Go Fishing! Bring your pole and bait and join us at the Annual Fishing Rodeo for children ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult. On-site registration starts at 7:15 a.m. and runs through 7:55, but avoid the lines and pre-register! Registration forms are available at www.Lakelandtn.gov, or at City Hall. The Fishing Rodeo will begin promptly at 8 a. m. The Rodeo includes seven, 15-minute sessions. Winners will receive a prize at every session. Trophies also will be given for the longest fish, most fish caught - boy and most fish caught - girl. Lakeland appreciates the First Baptist Church of Lakeland for allowing participants to park in the Church lot for this event. For more information, contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud at 867-2717 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org.

Citywatch, COLA on Facebook, Twitter

Join the dialogue on the new Lakeland COLA Facebook and Twitter pages and keep up with all that is Lakeland and Citywatch news.

Bob Wherry, member of the Citywatch editorial board, created both accounts for the Council of Lakeland Associations that work with the bi-monthly publication Citywatch. For those who have Facebook accounts, go to Facebook and search for "Council of Lakeland Associations."

The Twitter account is listed as LakelandCOLA.

Anyone can access the Twitter page at www.Twitter.com/LakelandCOLA even if they don't have an account, or can tweet the page @lakelandCOLA

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PTA News

Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

February 20, we are having our General Assembly Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at LES. We will be announcing all of our participants and winners for Citizenship Essays, Safety Poster and Reflection's contest. We will also be announcing those participants that won at the county level. Our special guest will be Lakeland's new superintendent, Dr. Ted Horrell.

March 28, LES will have its annual and famous silent auction. It will be at Colonial Country Club at 6:30 p.m. and is sure to be a GREAT time! Tickets are \$25 each. Contact Rebecca Floyd at: rebecca.floyd@magnabank.com with any questions or if you would like to purchase tickets.

We have THREE sponsorship levels for this event:

GOLD level (\$500)- includes preferred/reserved seating, four tickets to event, full logo recognition on sponsorship banner, full-page ad in auction folder, preferred listing in the LES PTA newsletter, PTA Facebook page and recognition in Lakeland's local publications.

SILVER level (\$250)- two tickets to event, logo on sponsorship banner, ½ page add in auction folder, preferred listing in the LES PTA newsletter, PTA Facebook page and recognition in Lakeland's local publications.

BRONZE level (\$125)- Logo on sponsorship banner, business card-size ad in auction folder, name listing on LES PTA newsletter, Facebook page and recognition in Lakeland's local publications.

Please contact Laura Harrison at lmharrison@fedex.com for sponsorship inquiries.

Our spirit nights are Feb. 4 at Lenny's & March 25 at Papa John's in Lakeland. Don't forget to mention our school when you order!



Christye Gilliland

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February

- 4 - Spirit Night, LES at Lenny's Lakeland
- 6 - BOC meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - LSS meeting 7 p.m.
- 14 - SCS schools ½ day closed for district learning day
- 17 - SCS holiday, Presidents' Day
- 18 - BOC work session, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - General Assembly meeting, LES, 6:30 p.m.; Partnership Lakeland meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March

- 3 - LSS work session, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 - BOC work session, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - LSS 7 p.m. meeting unless changed for spring break
- 10-14 - SCS Spring Break
- 13 - BOC meeting, 6:30 p.m. unless changed for spring break
- 23 - Annual Auction for LES at Colonial Country Club, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 - Spirit Night, LES, Papa John's Lakeland
- 28 - Seniors 55+ "Going Green" potluck luncheon

April

- 3 - BOC work session 6:30 p.m.
- 7 - LSS work session 6:30 p.m.
- 12 - Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 14 - LSS meeting 7 p.m.
- 15 - BOC meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 - SCS holiday, Good Friday



Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
Ken Lipkowitz,
LACOC president



Ken Lipkowitz

As we say goodbye to 2013 and look forward to the year ahead, I wanted to take a moment to review some of the highlights we experienced as a Chamber last year.

We had some great speakers come to encourage and educate us at our luncheon meetings. We participated in the Great Outdoors event at IH Park meeting folks in the community. We had a successful Lakeland Expo event at the Lakeland Elementary School. Our first Annual "Chamber Classic" golf tournament at Stonebridge was not only successful to raise funds, but showed us how a business community can come together to support the work we do. We will be returning to Stonebridge again this May to follow up with the second annual Chamber Classic so don't miss it! We also participated in the Chick-fil-A Leadership event at Bellevue Baptist Church with scholarships to assist business owners who attended the event.

In 2014 we will continue to build on the events and initiatives to further the business of doing business in Lakeland. If you are a business owner in Lakeland or the surrounding area, please come out and see how we can help you and your business grow. Lastly, nothing gets done without the help of a great group of people. So to all those who co-labored with me over the past year, thank you for all you do to make this Chamber perform at the level of excellence it does!



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Plantation Hills HOA

Wesley Wright

Much has transpired in Plantation Hills since the last newsletter. Our Nextdoor.com site has established itself as the main social media connection for neighbors. It had 102 members at the time this article was submitted. We had our first quarterly meeting Jan. 11 with more than 15 in attendance. We had great fellowship and discussion over issues that directly impact our neighborhood and Lakeland as a whole. We have planned to meet in April and include a cookout and hope to have many more in attendance. Carl Sohns has handed the reigns over to me to lead our neighborhood organization and help organize and implement various goals we discussed and will discuss and articulate more thoroughly in April at our meeting and cookout. This is a family-friendly event and all residents are welcome.

Since Nextdoor.com has shown great promise and greater participation than any other medium including our Facebook page, we are gradually shifting the use of emails to Nextdoor as the only form of communication for our neighborhood in the future. To sign up, go to: www.plantationhills.nextdoor.com. Please pass this on to neighbors as they will benefit from the correspondence on this website which is current, concise and closed to our neighborhood residents only.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me at: Wesley@wesleyalanwright.com.



Wesley Wright

WINSTEAD FARMS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, a very Happy New Year! It is going to be a wonderful year at Winstead. We are not far from completion of the subdivision which is great news.

With the 2014 year upon us, it is time for our annual HOA meeting which will be March 17, time and location will follow in a written notice to all homeowners. It is very important for homeowners to come and listen to what's going on in their neighborhood, as well as let us know of any questions or concerns they may have.

Spring is fast approaching and with that comes spring break the week of March 10. Please be sure to be extra careful in watching for children playing outside and such on this week!

A closing reminder: be sure to always seek ACB approval before beginning any projects. You can email those requests to mwyllie@level1management.com or 321-6766. Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns about Winstead Farms.



Megan Wylie

Lakeland Estates HOA

Sharon Helms

November and December brought us the fun, joy and excitement of Thanksgiving and Christmas! 2014 has ushered in a new year of dreams/goals/expectations! Although some animals may hibernate in winter...we can't! Our responsibilities compel us to focus on things once forgotten during summers carefree days!

Thermostats must be set to keep us and our pipes warm and cozy...inside and out! No one wants to follow the Christmas giving season by "giving" plumbers or other repairmen money to fix damage caused by burst pipes! We Must: Winterize Our Homes! Protect and maintain!

Another important homeowner's task is: Watch Out For Our Neighbors! The Golden Rule reminds us to look out for each other; finding ways to "Be a Good Neighbor"! Be friendly! Know your neighbors and their routines! Report anything suspicious or unusual to the proper authorities! Show you care! Keep our neighborhoods safe, friendly and beautiful! And, be a safe driver on our streets!

Start now...Plan for 2014! Time stands still for no one! Your HOA Board and officers are already working on projects for this year. Our two general meetings are scheduled at IH Clubhouse: Spring – April 13 and Fall – October 19. Mark your calendars! 2014 dues of \$15 per homeowner may be paid any time to: Edgar Currier, LEHOA Treasurer, 4185 Cedar Point Rd, Lakeland, TN 38002. Please include your name, address, phone and email. For questions, call 674-6717. Stay informed: www.lehoalakelandtn.weebly.com, Citywatch, GLA, City of Lakeland and Next Door.



Sharon Helms



Garner Lake Association Lakewatch

Dennis J. Sossaman

The residents of the subdivisions surrounding Garner Lake have been blessed with many years of wonderful fireworks shows on or about the Fourth of July each year. Karen Woodward has done a great job, but has now moved to Arkansas and resigned from any further firework shows. While GLA does not produce the fireworks show, we are the title sponsor and do contribute funds to the show's producer. This past season approximately \$18,000 was donated by local families and businesses to put on a wonderful display. The annual meeting of the board of directors will be at 7 p.m. March 10 at the IH Clubhouse on Canada Road. The public is invited and welcome. An HOA on the lake is in the process of gathering information to continue the July 4th display. Watch for details later. Thanks go out to John Brown for the great job he has done on constructing and cleaning the weir on the lake. Membership in GLA is easy. Membership forms shall be going out in a matter of weeks and annual dues are only \$20.



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Sterling Place
Margie Holmes

The hustle and bustle of the holidays has come to a close and winter has put a hush over the subdivision. December was insanely busy with decorating and partying. We began by decorating the common areas and all enjoyed donuts, Christmas music, conversing, laughing and the camaraderie. We did not even realize how frozen our fingers and noses were until we started home. Thank you to everyone who helped and a special thank you to Linda Miller and Jean Lakin for donating the Christmas trees for the gazebos.

George Magbee created an amazing Web site for Sterling Place at no cost to our neighbors. We recognize George for all his efforts. Please visit the Sterling Place web site at <http://www.sterlingplacehoa.net/>.

On our homeowner board, John Levett and Ron Wolf resigned from the board due to personal reasons and we give them a big thanks for their work. We welcome new members Jim Scallion and Ralph Hyde. Both come with a long list of qualifications and a love for our community. We also have new block captains: Pat Haney, Dianne Phillips and Gerry Webb. These able captains work under the very capable chairman Phyllis Hulls.

All our Sterling Place ducks are wintering in the south except one. This lone duck loves us so much that he decided to winter at the south lake. He is well fed by our neighbors and seems content. We call him Ducky Lucky and he has a crane friend that visits often.

Carl Arnold recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carol and the rest of his family. Please remember those neighbors who are ill or have other challenges in their lives with cards, phone calls and prayers.



Megan Wylie,
account
executive



Megan Wylie

Many Oakwood residents started the new year by attending the Oakwood New Years Eve Party and a great time was had by all who attended. The Events Committee has some great events planned for the community in 2014! Visit our neighborhood Web site for more information on upcoming events.

As we continue to make improvements to our clubhouse, we recently added a new alarm system with smart lock technology that will allow for keyless entry on rentals. We've also added cable and a new flat-panel LED TV which can be used during rentals. Residents also will enjoy free Wi-Fi this summer while sunning at the pool. That's right, the clubhouse and pool area will have Wi-Fi.

The Oakwood website is up and running! We encourage all Oakwood residents to join the new site designed with residents in mind. You can check on upcoming rentals, get the latest neighborhood news and view upcoming events. Join today at www.oakwoodlakeland.com.

Megan Wylie is now the primary contact for the Oakwood HOA, 321-6742 or mwylic@level1management.com.

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So glad to welcome the 2014 New Year! We went out with a bang, everyone decorated for the holidays and we are proud to announce our winner for Best Holiday Decorations, Larry & Cynthia Stretz, 10363 Herons Ridge Cove. Special thanks to all homeowners who decorated their homes for this annual event.

Our next Adopt A Street clean-up is Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9-10 a.m. I encourage you to join the Board of Directors in this clean-up effort. We will meet at the first entrance, Phase B at 9 a.m. The City will provide the supplies, protective gear and traffic safety signs.

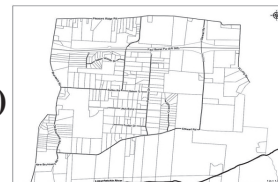
The Annual HOA Homeowners Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. This will be at the IH Clubhouse on Canada Road. All Herons Ridge homeowners are encouraged to attend to become more up to date on what's happening in their neighborhood as well as to ask any questions they may have.

An update on the Pond Beautification Project: this joint beautification project is sponsor by the City of Lakeland, the Herons Ridge HOA and a Herons Ridge homeowner who has volunteered to donate the park benches. This project includes planting of hardwood and ornamental trees and installation of iron benches around the pond area. The tentative date for this event is Saturday, April 5. More information will be forth coming. Please sign up and help out with the execution of this joint project that will improve the appearance of our community and the pond/park area. Sign-up sheet will be available at the Annual HR HOA meeting or you may contact Level 1 Management Group on Herons Ridge HOA line 321-6744.



**North Lakeland
Community
Association (NLCA)**

*Chris Barnoud,
President*



Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell and Public Affairs Officer Steve Shular, spoke at the January NLCA meeting and updated our county's key objectives. Mayor Luttrell summarized his priorities of education, public health and public safety. He reassured us county finances are in good shape and emphasized his commitment to "seamless government services for citizens". An immediate example is the city, county and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation working together to resolve the Salem Woods subdivision flash-flooding issues.

Our Lakeland School Board Chairman Kevin Floyd and new Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell were introduced to address questions regarding the impact the municipal schools will have. They highlighted the academic advantages of a "competitive educational delivery system". NLCA committed to engaging them in the developmental process.

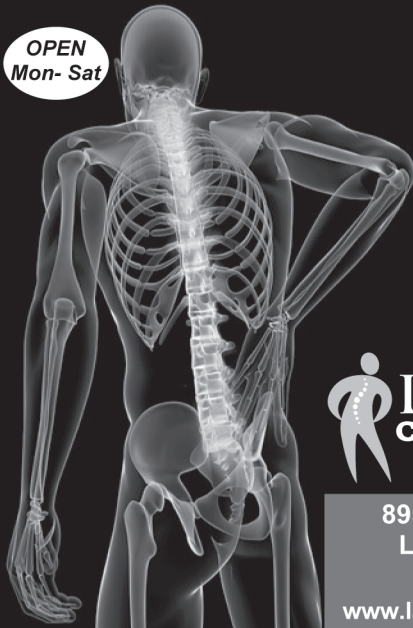
Concerns were aired about the land use along TN-385 in North Lakeland. After the meeting, Mr. Shular made available the "Shelby County TN-385/I-269 CORRIDOR Economic Development/Environmental Study Final Report June 2013". NLCA plans to review the report with the Mayors at a future date to be arranged with the goal to preserve the "quality way of life on the 'country side' of Lakeland".

Jim and Sheila Wilson announced the Delta Blues Winery now has its building permit and expect completion in 5-6 months. They are very appreciative for NLCA support and promise our own "NLCA Celebration" when open!

With all this going on, we've enthusiastically invited our new Lakeland Mayor Wyatt Bunker and City Manager Chris Thomas to roll up their sleeves for our next meeting Thursday, March 20. All residents and stakeholders in the Lakeland area north of the Loosahatchie are welcome. For more information, contact Chris Barnoud Chrisbar99@aol.com.

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PARTNERSHIP LAKELAND ANNUAL MEETING

**Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church**

4500 Canada Road, Lakeland, TN 38002

All Lakeland residents are invited to attend!

The meeting will provide an opportunity to join or renew memberships and learn more about Partnership Lakeland.

Special guests include:

- Mayor Wyatt Bunker, who will speak on the current affairs of the city
- Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell (schedule permitting), who will give an update on the Lakeland School System.
- Lakeland City Manager and Board of Commissioners
- Lakeland School Board Members (schedule permitting)

Partnership Lakeland members will vote to fill several vacancies on the Partnership Lakeland board.



For more information about
Partnership Lakeland visit:

www.PartnershipLakeland.org

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Christmas Re-Cap Lakeland

Over 100 Lakeland children and adults attended the City of Lakeland's Annual Visit with Santa program Dec. 14 at the IH Clubhouse sponsored by Lakeland Lions Club and the City of Lakeland.

The event included photos with Santa, Christmas-themed coloring with crayons and storytelling. There was also a Lions Club Gift Wrap benefitting Helping Hands, which provides toys and clothes for local children.

The Lakeland Parks and Recreation Department would like to extend a special thanks to event volunteers and the Lions Club without which the program would not have been such a success.

Approximately 30 seniors along with volunteers and staff attended the Seniors 55+ Holiday Potluck Luncheon Dec. 20 at IH Clubhouse.

Special thanks to Irving Evans who sang "Smile", "New York New York", "Moon River", "My Way" and "Old Man River", among other familiar songs.

The luncheon was sponsored by Trustmark Bank of Lakeland and the City of Lakeland. Mayor Wyatt Bunker emceed and City Manager Chris Thomas spoke as well.

Baked and fried chicken was provided by Kroger, a gift bag door prize was provided by Starbucks Wolfchase and poinsettias were given away.



Seniors at Christmas lunch. Barbara Taylor, Betty Ratcliff, Chris Thomas (Lakeland city manager), Alison Ely and Richard Ely.



Lakeland Recycling Program

Gerry Burditt

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

December

Robert and Patricia Hudson, Taos Trail Drive, Creekside Manor
Byron and Amy Ledbetter, Laurel Hill Drive, Plantation Hills
Jere and Glenda Phillips, Blue Shore Cove, Windward Slopes
Kimyada Guy/Shadow Green Lane, Fairway Meadows

These household addresses were selected in a random drawing and a City representative checked bins at the houses in the order of the draw.

The four residents with at least three types of recycle material were each awarded \$50 for their recycling efforts and were invited to be recognized at a Board of Commissioners meeting.

City Watch Wants Your Ideas

Take this survey for Citywatch and share your ideas about your bi-monthly publication and how it can serve you better. It is five questions with room for your comments or suggestions. If you prefer to call, a phone number is listed, below.

Link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KFJM68J> Please respond by Mar. 15.

Citywatch is the one avenue to reach all 12,000+ residents in the Lakeland community. It is mailed to 5,500 homes, providing a source for city and schools news, features, and advertisements from area merchants.

Also you are encouraged to send ideas for stories to Sherrye Willis, sjwmp@comcast.net, 291-4125.

Better still, write the article yourself and submit, perhaps with a photo, to Citywatch.

Did someone in your neighborhood launch a local business? Do you know someone who just received a special honor? Is a Lakeland resident working behind the scenes and accomplishing great things through volunteer work?

Remember, Citywatch is a perfect venue to share all that is about Lakeland.



Tangled Buck Rescued by School Board Chair

Responding to a call from his aunt in Lakeland (Jeanne Boyd), Kevin Floyd, chair of the newly formed Lakeland School System, calmed a bucking, twisting and flipping buck caught in a back yard net in January. Kevin's brother-in-law, Allen Borland, also a Lakeland resident, jumped on the back of the buck to pin it to the ground while Kevin pulled the net from its antlers. Once released, the buck left the neighborhood back yard with haste.

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Jennifer Rezba, public relations assistant
Joy Cloud - 867-2717 - jcloud@lakelandtn.org
IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

YMCA soccer in Lakeland, spring registration

Spring Soccer registration for YMCA soccer in Lakeland runs through Sunday, Feb. 16. Soccer practices begin March 18. Children ages 4-5 on Mondays; ages 6-7 Tuesdays; ages 8-10 Tuesdays and Fridays; and ages 11-13 Mondays and Thursdays. Games for all ages are Saturdays beginning March 29 through April.

YMCA Soccer costs \$90; the fee includes a uniform and trophy. Download a registration form at www.LakelandTN.gov (sports), register online at www.ymcamemphis.org, or pickup a form at Lakeland City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Moore, YMCA-Millington Program Director, 873-1434, mmoore@ymcamemphis.org or call Lakeland City Hall 867-2717.

Spring and Summer Sports Camps

Basketball Spring Break Camp: March 10 - 13 9 a.m. - noon. at St. Paul's UM Church. Fee is \$90. Kids will get a jersey and prizes.

Spring Tennis Clinics: Ages 5-8. Sundays from March 30 - May 11 1 - 1:30 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Fee is \$90. Every student will receive a free 10 & under Vaught Tennis racquet. The focus will be basic tennis strokes: forehands, backhands, volleys and serves. Ages 9-16. Sundays from March 30 - May 11 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Fee is \$99. Each child will get an overgrip and a certificate. The clinics will be run by David DeGutis, a USPTA tennis instructor and coach with over 15 years of teaching experience. Any sessions that are rained out will be made up at the end of the clinic. Contact: David 412-9768.

Quick Start Tennis Camp: June 2 - 5 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Ages 5-10. Quick Start tennis uses a larger ball, lower nets and a shorter court for beginner level players. Full courts available for oldest campers if needed. Bring your own racket. All other equipment plus popsicles provided. Fee is \$90. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate and a racket.

Beginner and Intermediate Tennis Camp: June 9th - 12th from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park. The camp is designed for beginners and intermediates ages 11-17 or younger experienced students. Includes full-court instruction, fundamental drills and competitive games. Fee is \$90. Each participant receives a certificate

and tennis racket overgrip.

Junior Golf Clinic: June 16 - 19 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Stonebridge Golf Club, 3049 Davies Plantation. Ages 6-14. Instruction will be provided for putting, chipping and driving. Students must bring their own clubs. Balls will be provided. Fee is \$80. Every participant receives a certificate, packet of tees, sleeve of golf balls and a youth golfer's guide book.

Memphis Grizzly Basketball Camp: June 23 - 26 9 a.m. - noon at St. Paul's UM Church. Ages 5-12. The children will receive prizes and T-shirts for participating. Fee is \$90. Each participant receives a T-shirt, basketball and other giveaways.

Visit www.lakelandtn.gov for the latest information or contact Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud 867-5414 or jcloud@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Fitness (Cardio, Yoga, and Calisthenics)

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

Sherri Gallick, an Aerobics and Fitness Association of America certified instructor, incorporates cardio, yoga and calisthenics into her Lakeland fitness classes for a total body workout. Goals are to improve stability, strength, balance, agility and endurance. The class is suitable for people 35+ and available for anyone that wants to get in shape. Sherri was a Kansas City Chiefs cheerleader and taught fitness classes in the Kansas City area prior to moving to Lakeland. Now 50+, Sherri feels the aches and pains of a maturing body, but can also attest to the benefits of maintaining health and fitness. The first class is free, each additional is \$5, or participants may purchase a 10-class card for \$30. A mat is required for class. For more information, contact Sherri -867-2345 or sagrusa@aol.com.



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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.

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

Seniors 55+ "Going Green" Potluck Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Friday, March 28 11:30 a.m. IH Clubhouse.

Please bring your favorite covered dish that serves 8 to share with the group and entertainers. Entertainment will be provided by the Lakeland Senior Center's Wednesday Jam Session group. Drinks will be provided. Visit www.lakelandtn.gov (search Just for Seniors) for more information on sponsorship and entertainment. Make reservations by email rfink@lakelandtn.org or 867-2717, by Friday, March 15. See you there!

AARP Driver Safety Class (Two-day class)

Thursday, Feb. 27, Friday, Feb. 28 12 - 4 p.m.

Participants will learn new driving strategies, about the effects of aging on driving, how to reduce the chance of having a collision and much more. The classes cost \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for non-members. Upon completion, Tennessee law entitles the participants to a discount on their auto insurance. For more information, contact George Coleman 384-3581.

Free CPR Class for Seniors 55+

Thursday, March 13 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A Heartsavers First Aid/CPR class will be taught to approximately 10 local seniors (RSVP required). The class is based on the latest American Heart Association guidelines and will provide hands-on training for adult CPR, infant and child CPR. Students will also learn critical skills needed to respond to and manage first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services arrives.

Please RSVP at least a week in advance to Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud.

Lakeland Photographic Neighborhood Tour

Friday, Feb. 7 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Get a new perspective on Lakeland through a photographic tour of its neighborhoods. Learn the development history of specific subdivisions, see various types of homes and how they differ throughout the City and learn how the use of open space within neighborhoods sets Lakeland apart. Jim Atkinson, City Planner/Deputy Growth Management Director for Lakeland, will be giving this presentation.

Genealogy Classes

Five second Fridays starting Feb. 14 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Genealogy classes will be taught the second Friday of each month, beginning in February and continuing through June, based on interest. The will be time for questions and answers.

Class topics

February: Overview of Genealogy and the U.S. Census.

March: Immigration Records & Military Record.

April: Courthouse Records.

May: Preserving Records & Family Documents - Obits - Cemeteries - City Directories. June: Using The Internet For Genealogy

Flower Arranging by Regis

Friday, March 21 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Regis Flowers (now located in Bartlett) will provide instruction on flower arranging and the cost for the class is \$30, which includes fresh flowers. Bring your favorite medium-sized vase to make an arrangement. Lunch is complimentary. Please RSVP at least a week in advance to Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud

Senior Center Open House and Discussion Forums

Thursdays, Feb. 20, March 20, etc. 2 - 3 p.m.

The Lakeland Senior Center hosts Open House and Discussion Forums on the third Thursday of the month. The purpose is for senior residents to provide input that will shape future Senior Center programming.

Executive Coordinator Thad Jablonski and Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud attend the forums as a direct line for any comments or suggestions. Coffee and light refreshments are served. Please join us at the Lakeland Senior Center and provide us with the feedback to offer programming that will benefit and interest to you. The City appreciates comments, suggestions and ideas of residents.

Jamming at the Senior Center

Mondays, Jan. 13, 27, etc. from 2 - 4 p.m.

Jamming at the Senior Center offers seniors a chance to gather and play acoustic music (no microphones or amplifiers) including spiritual, country, blues and bluegrass. The purpose is to get together for fellowship and help each other enhance their music ability. Instruments include guitar, dobro, mandolin, fiddle and vocals.

Live! Jam Sessions (except 1st Wed. of the month)

Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26; March 12, 19, 26 2 - 4 p.m.

Ken Gurley hosts Live! Jam Sessions at the Senior Center. The after-lunch bunch invites players and singers for an informal group jam on. Bring your guitar, mandolin, dobro, bass, harmonica, or other instrument to play and/or sing country, pop, rock, rockabilly, gospel and other musical genres and forms. Residents are encouraged to attend and play, sing, or enjoy the entertainment!

Computer Basics Classes

Tuesday, Feb. 11 3:30 - 5 p.m. (Final class of series)

Lakeland residents Tim Broughton and Howard Chick will continue instruction for beginners the first two Tuesdays in February. Class topics include keyboarding, email, Internet and Microsoft Word. Participants will learn how to communicate with family via email, including sending photos, writing letters using MS Word, searching the Internet for news, weather and recipes. The Lakeland Senior Center has a limited number of laptops available on a reservation and first-come, first-serve basis. Participants should bring their own laptops, if possible. To reserve a laptop or for more information, contact Joy Cloud.

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Lakeland Announces

New Seniors 55+ Getaway

Out West Tour - August 16 - 25, 2014 – This 10 day/9 night getaway includes two nights in Yellowstone National Park, one night at a casino resort in Las Vegas, a dinner show and rodeo at The Cody Cattle Company, one Chuckwagon dinner & show at Frontier Movie Town, a visit to Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the Crazy Horse Memorial (the world's largest mountain carving located in the Black Hills of South Dakota). Also on this tour: Historic Deadwood, the Tatanka Museum, Jackson Hole, the Grand Tetons (including a boat tour on Jenny Lake), Cody, WY to explore the Buffalo Bill Museum, Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon National Park, the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park.

Standard taxes, meal gratuities & hotel baggage handling, round trip airfare and motor coach transportation while touring. The cost for this getaway is \$2,399 per person (double occupancy). Single rate available. Travel Protection can be purchased at the time of initial deposit for \$259 per person-double occupancy. Itinerary Subject To Change & Modifications.

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, which is open to all seniors 55+!

For reservations or more information, contact Joy Cloud or go to www.lakelandtn.gov (search "getaways").

Book Club Wednesday, March 5 2 - 3 p.m. (First Wed. of each month)

March book: People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

Lakeland resident Jeannine Dillard hosts a monthly Book Club meeting. The group will discuss thoughts and opinions on a chosen book. The person who makes the final decision of the book to read for the next month will act as the host/hostess for the discussion. New members are welcome. For questions or more information, please contact Jeannine Dillard 331-2839 or jdillard@bigriver.net.

Senior Center Weekly Activities

(all at the Senior Center unless otherwise noted)

Mondays: Ladies Bunco on the first and third Monday of each month 11 - 1 p.m. Contact Bobbi Cornett 372-3244 for more information.

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

...plus BUNCO on first Tuesday night of each month 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Mexican Train Dominos on second and fourth Tuesday of every month, starting at noon. For more information, contact Bobbi Cornett at 372-3244.

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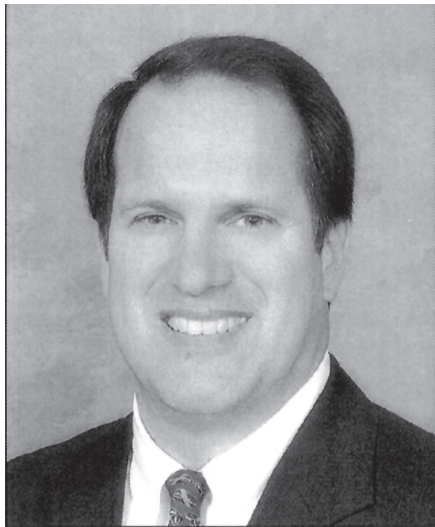
Saturdays: "Kings and Queens" Bridge Game/Class - Bridge is played from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. \$5 total to play, take class, or do both. Coffee will be provided. For more information, contact ACBL Instructor Judy Knox 737-8087 or jknex7@bellsouth.net.

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