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#### **Back to the Polls in November for School Board**

It's been a busy voting time in Lakeland, with back to back elections since 2012 and two visits to polling sites in 2013.

Residents have one more opportunity to vote this year to select school board members.

Seven candidates are seeking school board positions in Lakeland to lead the first ever municipal school system in the City.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 with seven candidates seeking five positions: Kevin Floyd, Andy Griffith, Kelley Hale, Laura Harrison, Teresa Henry, Greg Pater and Matt Wright.

Early voting will be Oct. 18-Nov. 2 at the Shelby County Office Building, 157 Poplar Ave. Voting is available Oct. 28 to Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: New Bethel in Germantown, Bethel Church in Bartlett and Baker Community Center in Millington.

The early vote day in Lakeland is Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeland Refuge Church.

This event is a repeat of a year ago when five candidates were elected to a new school board, only to be challenged by a federal judge. The Nov. 6, 2012 election was declared unconstitutional Nov. 27 and the election was deemed null and void. Among the five elected in 2012 were Kevin, Laura and Teresa who are also running this year.

In July of this year, residents approved the idea of forming a school system in Lakeland as they did in 2012. By August, Lakeland students had become part of the consolidated Memphis and Shelby County school system. The selection of school board members will allow Lakeland to have its own school system up and running by fall of 2014, unless other legal challenges are waged.

Listed in this edition of Citywatch is information about each of the seven candidates.



School Board candidates: Rear, left to right, Kevin Floyd, Andy Griffith, Matt Wright, Greg Pater; front, left to right, Laura Harrison, Kelly Hale and Teresa Henry.

#### New Leadership for Lakeland

Lakeland residents elected new leadership for the Board of Commissioners Sept. 19 by overwhelmingly approving Wyatt Bunker as the new mayor and handily electing Sherri Gallick and Clark Plunk as new commissioners, each for four-year terms. All new officials were sworn into office Oct. 3 by General Sessions Judge Chris Turner.

Wyatt captured over 60 percent of the vote while Sherri led the commissioner's race with 32 percent of the vote and Clark with 27 percent.

Three-term Mayor Scott Carmichael trailed with 25 percent of the vote, Jim Bomprezzi, 12 percent.

Don Barber and Cecil Tompkins, both incumbent commissioners, each had less than 20 percent of the vote with John Wilkerson receiving 4 percent.

A third commissioner seat was vacated by three-term member Gerrit Verschuur Sept. 5 because of his move to Washington, D.C. His wife, Dr. Joan Schmelz, accepted a one-year appointment with the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA. She had been a physics professor at the University of Memphis. They will continue their residence in Lakeland although they will live in Virginia. Gerrit is semi-retired and researches radio astronomy and is a well-known author of astronomy books. He was on the Board of Commissioners 10 years. An appointment will be made to fill his seat which has two remaining years.

RR POSTAL CUSTOMER Lakeland, TN Randy Nicholson is the fourth commissioner who keeps his elected position for two more years.

Wyatt served on the Shelby County School Board and Shelby County Commission and will give up his county commission seat. Because of term limits, he was unable to run again for his county commission seat. He ran for mayor on the issues of economic development and formation of a school system in Lakeland.

Sherri has not served in an elected position but has been a member of the Lakeland Municipal Planning Commission. Clark was formerly a commissioner and served on the Lakeland Board of Appeals.

Among hot topics debated during the election were the issues of Lakeland's first property tax, enacted in 2012, and sagging economic development. The Kroger store on Highway 64 moved out of Lakeland across the street into Memphis and recession woes slowed business development. Formation of a municipal school system in the City also dominated conversation during the election.

#### **Helping Hands Needs You**

Connie Hess

For more than 30 years, Helping Hands has provided Christmas for local children who would otherwise not receive gifts of clothing and/or toys for Christmas. I am reaching out to you again this year to provide clothing and toys for these children. Needy families will be identified by local schools and then visited to evaluate their needs.

If you are able to make a donation or purchase toys please contact Connie Hess 568-5282 or via email at <a href="mailto:hankless@aol.com">hankless@aol.com</a>. Please make checks payable to "Connie Hess Helping Hands" and mail them to 9756 Green Spruce Drive, Lakeland, Tennessee, 38002. Your help will mean so much to many children.







#### **School Board Candidates**

#### **Kevin Floyd**

#### kfloyd@floydfirm.com

I have two daughters ages 8 and 4 and a wonderful wife of 13 years. My oldest child is a third grader at Lakeland Elementary. I earned my juris doctor degree from the University of Mississippi and bachelor of arts degree from the University of Tennessee. I've been a practicing attorney for 14 years and was elected to the Lakeland School Board last year. I served as Treasurer for the Vote Yes for Lakeland Schools Campaign, am a current member of the PTA, and have served on the Lakeland School Transition Planning Committee for two years. I believe Lakeland can be one of the premiere school systems in the State, but to accomplish this we need to:

- 1. Hire a Superintendent that fits the needs of Lakeland.
- 2. Effectively manage our budget.
- Tailor policy to fit the needs of Lakeland and be willing to think outside the box.

#### **Andy Griffith**

I am James Andrew "ANDY" Griffith. My wife, Teresa, and I are parents of three young children. I am a product of public school, from kindergarten through graduation.

I'm serving this year as Parliamentarian for the Donelson Elementary PTA. As a minister's son, I have been involved in church my entire life.

I earned a BS degree in Political Science and minored in Criminal Justice. I am serving as a middle school resource officer and I am a member of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Working with several different principals, one currently principal of Arlington High School, I've learned what works and what could be improved upon. As a law enforcement officer with sixteen years experience, a father of two public school students and a public school resource officer, I feel I have the necessary knowledge and experience to be a board member of a newly formed school system.

#### Kelley Hale

I have lived in Lakeland for 10 years. We moved here for the quality schools this community offered. We have 3 children that attend Lakeland Elementary. I am an active volunteer at both Lakeland Elementary and Arlington Middle School and am on the PTA board at both. For the past two years, I worked on the For Lakeland Schools committee. I have a master's degree in education and have been a teacher in the Shelby County School System. This gives me a unique

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 perspective. I want to be a voice for the teachers. LES has a highly qualified group of teachers and I want to provide them an environment that is optimal for teaching. I would like to keep the quality education that attracts people to Lakeland and I want our children to continue to have the many opportunities that LES has always offered.

#### Laura Harrison

My name is Laura Harrison and I want to serve on the inaugural Lakeland School Board. I have a BS in Mechanical Engineering, an MBA, and have worked for 12 years as a project engineer for a Fortune 500 company handling the company's largest customer contract worth about \$10.5 billon dollars. I have comprehensive project planning and implementation skills that are critical while forming the Lakeland school system. I am married with four children and am actively involved at Lakeland Elementary as a PTA Board Member and room parent. I also served as President and Vice President of the Vote Yes for Lakeland Schools committee. As a school board member I will advocate for the children of Lakeland to promote comprehensive policy development, transparency, and communication as well as the hiring a highly qualified superintendent to partner with the board to realize the vision for our schools.

#### **Teresa Henry**

My professional background is human resources and medical office management. This gives me the experience to review salaries and benefits that our school district will offer to retain and recruit the top personnel for our children. My PTA experience has placed me where I have seen the challenges the administration and staff encounter on a daily basis. As a stay at home mom, I have the time to dedicate to the creation of the Lakeland Municipal School District. Having a freshman attending AHS, I have a vested interest in making our system the best it can be for all the children in Lakeland.

(School Board candidate bios continued on page 3)

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- · PTA Board Officer for the past 10 years
- Awarded the PTA Life Achievement award
- Worked with other leaders of the grass roots movement to pass the Municipal School Legislation in Nashville
- · Served on the Vote Yes for Lakeland Schools Committee
- Was elected to the Lakeland School Board last year

#### **Greg Pater**

My name is Greg Pater and I am a candidate for the Lakeland School Board. I have been a math teacher for ten years, the last three of them here in Memphis in addition to other parts of the state and in Los Angeles. I can bring the unique perspective of an actual educator to our board and cultivate the students our school system will strive to represent as well as providing a firsthand resource to the academic needs of those same students. As a math teacher I know the importance of providing our children with a good foundation in the basics to prepare for their futures. Common Core begins in 2014 and we educators must do our best to help our children master the concepts needed accordingly, especially at elementary school levels. I hope to help our students once again excel in the STEM fields and become leaders in the future.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### October

- 19- River City Boppers Dance, 7-10:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse. Food theme is "Hot Dogs". Bring a dish to share.
- 26 Halloween Carnival 6:30-8 p.m. IH Clubhouse Community Book Fair - Lakeland Elementary School 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- 31- Halloween

#### November

- Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 p.m., followed by the Board of Commissioners meeting
- 2 Fall Community Cleanup Day, 9 a.m. -2 p.m., Windward Slopes Park
- 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 7 Election for Lakeland Municipal School Board positions
- 16 River City Boppers Dance, 7-10:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse. Food theme "Chili" –Bring a Dish to Share
- 11 Veterans Day City Hall and Senior Center closed, public schools holiday.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 28-29 City Hall and Senior Center closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving holiday

#### **December**

- 6 8 Rural Route Art Studio Tour, three locations (see story)
- River City Boppers Dance, 7-10:30 p.m., IH Clubhouse.
   (NOTE: changed from Saturday to Friday). Club provides meat; bring a side dish and/or dessert.

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#### **Matt Wright**

As the president of the Vote Yes Lakeland Single Measure Committee in 2012, I recognized the need early on for a strong school system. I worked hard to get the message out showing how and why it would be beneficial to everyone in Lakeland, both from an educational standpoint and a property value standpoint.

As the founder of marketvex.com, a digital marketing business here in Lakeland, I bring an entrepreneurial mindset, creative thinking and the understanding of IT related issues.

I'm experienced with budgets, serving on my church's finance team, helping manage a 5 million dollar annual budget (Lakeland's city budget is 4.2 million).

I'm also a volunteer representative for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at Douglass High School, a Memphis city school, serving as one of the chaplains for the football team.

I'm a graduate of Liberty University and most importantly my own children attend Lakeland Elementary.



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#### **Lakeland Opens Communications Station**

Bob Wherry

Serene Lakeland, Tennessee - with its rolling hills, beautiful parks, golf courses, and lake-side homes is a gem of a community in Shelby County. Family-oriented, with a low-crime rate, the 12,430 citizens who call it "home" take part in annual



Easter egg hunts, fall carnivals and Santa's arrival. The town's motto remains, "Where Quality of Life is a Way of Life."

However, even in such an ideal place, an unexpected event could disrupt life as we know it. The hazards and threats that could occur at any time include earthquakes, major flooding, major fires, hazardous materials spills, terrorism, power outages, and inclement weather events (such as severe thunderstorms, tornados, ice and snow, and excessive heat).

When a catastrophic event occurs, the communications that we rely on every day, such as cell phones, landlines, and the internet, may not be accessible for a period of time. What will work under such dire circumstances is amateur "ham" radio. And Lakeland is now ready to use this technology during a disaster.

According to Claude Talford, Lakeland Emergency Management Director, an amateur "ham" radio station is now located inside the communications room at Lakeland City Hall on Canada Road.

With the assistance of Alexander Hilliard, a local wellknown, multi-rated amateur radio operator, a convenient twodesk ham radio station, with a private entrance, has been created. VHF and UHF radios, with a Kenwood 480 - 200 watt output antenna tuner, are aided by antennas attached to the 100 foot tower that currently holds the outdoor warning siren on the City Hall grounds. The set up includes headsets for the radio operators and "D Star" technology with a sound card device that can be hooked up to a laptop computer to transmit data over the internet if needed.

Director Talford has worked with Alexander for over a year to ensure the town of Lakeland is able to communicate effectively should a major disaster occur.

According to Claude, the vital information that would be communicated over ham radios immediately after the disaster would include damage assessment reports, number and location of injuries and fatalities, and what resources are needed in the Lakeland area.



Funtime Learning Center received the first place ribbon for best in show at the Lakeland Business EXPO August 17th based on votes from attendees. Left to right Funzy, Lisa Naquin and Barbara Simmons. Funtime is located at 2935 Lakeland Hills Dr.

#### Annual Fall Community Cleanup Day is Nov. 2

It's time for the annual fall community cleanup day, Saturday Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Lakeland residents can dispose of hard to get rid of items which include: Bulky trash, E-waste like fluorescents, monitors, computers, printers, cell phones and batteries; white goods like washers and dryers; tires, limit of four, no rims; scrap metals; residential construction debris; small appliances and yard waste.

The following items will not be accepted:

Oils, paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, chemicals, household garbage. Those items can be taken to the Hazardous Waste Facility at Shelby Farms, 222-7729 http://www.shelbycountytn.gov/?nid=439.

No appliances with refrigerants will be accepted and donating usable items to charities.

For questions, call Evan Boulanger at 867-2717 ext. 410.





Lakeland Emergency Management Director, Claude Talford, left, tries out the UHF radio in the new "Amateur Radio Station" inside the Lakeland City Hall. Alexander Hilliard, multiradio ham radio operator, sets up the antenna tuner.



Mayor Scott Carmichael, right, recognized Gerrit Verschuur Sept. 5 on his last day as commissioner for Lakeland. The Commissioner resigned because of a move to Arlington, VA.



#### City Manager's Report

**Bob Wherry** 

The Lakeland "App" was recently updated to provide new information for app users. The app is available free from either the Apple App Store or Android Play Store. Search for "Lakeland".



Robert Wherry

Information includes city information and contacts, a community calendar, Lakeland businesses and community information. The updated app provides new sections on schools and

utilities and other services is currently being updated.

Issues, such as potholes, vandalism, illegal signs, etc may be photographed and reported. A gps feature will note the location of the picture. The App may also be used to report issues and feedback without the pictures.

Please leave a contact point (e-mail is best) if you wish a response. The City does not know who sent the post unless the sender specifically notes a contact.

We also are interested in your experiences with the app, what you would like to see in the app and how you use the app for information. Planning starts for Three Parks

The City is currently considering a consultant to develop separate master plans for IH Park, Oakridge Park and Zadie E. Kuehl Memorial Park.

The plans for IH Park will concentrate in the Clubhouse/Senior Center/ and lake area. The plans will also consider best practices for the preservation and use of the remainder of the park. Plans will include additional parking (especially after New Canada Road is constructed), picnic facilities, restrooms and provision for persons with disabilities.

This park is 66 acres donated to the City of Lakeland by the International Harvester Managerial Club, which purchased and maintained the park for Club use in the 1950s. Members are still able to enjoy the Clubhouse and have a yearly reunion at the Park. All residents are encouraged to express their appreciation to the International Harvester Managerial Club members for their gift to the current and future generations of Lakeland residents!

Zadie E. Kuehl Memorial Park plans will include plans for relocated/new playground equipment and relocation/new picnic facilities. Zadie E. Kuehl Memorial Park is located in the Canada Woods addition and is listed by the State of Tennessee Tourism as an arboretum.

Oakridge Park, which only has a pavilion, will include plans for recreational and picnic equipment, restrooms and landscaping. Oakridge

#### Lakeland Recycling Program

Gerry Burditt

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

#### August

Karen Rousseau Miller, Windward Slope Drive, Windward Slopes Kevin and Pamela McAdams, E. Fir Hill Drive, Plantation Hills Parker and Mandy Magness, Taos Trail Drive, Creekside Manor Sarah Albers, Brandon Way Lane, Plantation Fairways

#### September

James and Tina Hearn, Green Spruce, Lakeland Estates William and Teri Hoffman, Laurel Hill, Plantation Hills Christina Kelley, Clubview Cove N., Stonebridge Karen D. Dykes, Palomino Drive, Rural Lakeland

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

Addresses are selected in a random drawing and a City representative checks the bins at the houses in the order of the draw. The winners "caught recycling" are invited to the Lakeland Board of Commissioners meeting the following month for recognition by the Board, and to receive their checks.

Park is the main park for the Heron's Ridge and Oakwood Addition. The park is a "blank slate" and has potential to be an outstanding recreational area.

The plans will encourage input by residents and what they want in these parks. The plans are especially necessary for the City to apply for grants to complete the development of the parks.

Watch for notices for meetings and plan to attend and state what you want in your city parks!

#### Census 2014

The City is starting on a "Special Census" which will result in additional yearly revenues to the City of an estimated \$80,000 or more. This is equal to sales tax from retail sales of over \$8,000,000 and it is not revenue that will move across the street!

We appreciate the assistance of all residents in completing the Census as soon as possible so we can have a successful count. Much of the Census can be completed by merely affirming the existing information is correct.

We will request assistance from homeowner associations and other groups to ensure a successful census.

The Special Census is used by the State to allocate "State Shared Taxes". State Shared Taxes are a major source of revenue for the City of Lakeland in providing services to residents.



Ken Lipkowitz, Lakeland Chamber president, presented Marcia Crouch, Lakeland Elementary principal, with a \$140 check of appreciation for her commitment to excellence in educating children. LES was listed in the top 5% of Tennessee public schools in 2013.



#### It's Review Time!

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#### Woodland Park HOA

Vikram Venkatesh

Our neighborhood is actively part of a neighborhood watch program that, among other things, sends e-mail alerts of any criminal or unusual activity in the neighborhood. We are fortunate that Woodland Park and its residents have kept our neighborhood free of any major crime and the neighborhood watch program has a lot to do with it.



As you enter the subdivision, you probably have noticed the new neighborhood watch signs that lets everyone know that we look out for our neighbors. We have block captains who have volunteered to keep an eye out for any unusual activity and report it to the sheriff's department.

As we get into fall and winter and it starts getting darker earlier, we can do our part to fight crime. A well-lit neighborhood deters potential criminal activity and so please make sure your porch/patio lights are on at night. Also, make sure the day/night sensors on your front yard lights are working properly. These can be purchased at a home improvement store.

Together, we can keep Woodland Park a safe and clean place to call home. Happy Fall everyone!



#### 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 and her family have taken this responsibility and have done a magnificent job. Karen has resigned from any further firework shows effective immediately. Unless someone is willing to step forward to coordinate the show, there will be NO FIREWORKS in 2014 and future years.

While GLA does not produce the firework show, we are the title sponsor and do contribute funds to the show producer. This past season approximately \$18,000 was donated by local families and businesses to put on a wonderful show.

If someone is interested in volunteering to take this responsibility please contact me at dsossaman@jsyc.com. Please visit our website http://www.garnerlake.com/

#### Sterling Place

Margie Holmes

Fall is officially here and the cool air feels great. Decorations are beginning to appear throughout Sterling Place to help us enjoy the fall holidays. Good wishes to everyone for a wonderful fall season.

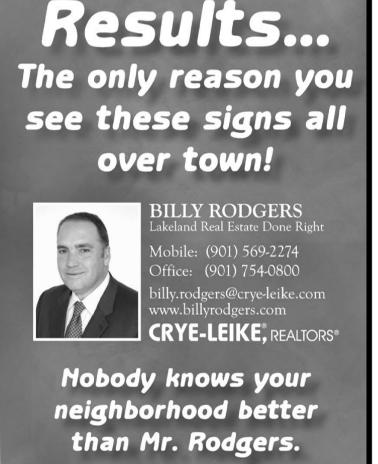
Welcome to our four new families that have moved into our neighborhood during August and September. Wedding bells rang in August and we lost a very kind and wonderful friend and neighbor. Janice Merriman is now Mrs. Miller "Zootie" Loosier. She and her new husband are now living in Collierville. We wish them much happiness.

A large number from Sterling Place enjoyed the fish fry and entertainment recently at Lakeland Senior Center. The Wolf River Pipes and Drum Group provided an excellent music program. Marion Guasco was our amazing hostess at the September ladies' luncheon. The event was held at O 'Charley's Restaurant and everyone delighted in the food and conversation.

Would you like a pet turtle or just a turtle to catch insects? There is an abundance of all sizes in our north lake. Because we feed the ducks and fish, the turtles have also enjoyed the food and become tame. These turtles have moved in their friends and relatives to enjoy the fine Sterling Place cuisine and have become quite plentiful. Due to turtle overpopulation, we have had to trap them and move them to the country to live.

As always, please remember those who are ill or going through troubled times with your phone calls, cards, and prayers.







#### WINSTEAD FARMS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie, Account Executive

Finally FALL is upon us, this crisp air is great! The holidays are upon us, with pumpkins, turkeys, and the wonderful fall colors, it is a wonderful time of year.

great! /s, and

Want to take a moment and remind homeowners that Magnolia Homes will have their Third Annual Taste of Better Living in October. Be sure to check your inbox as well as your mailbox for the date of this event. This weekend will give the community spotlight and Magnolia will give away free GiGi cupcakes. Be sure to clear your calendars and have your home looking its best!

Please contact the Winstead Farms Newsletter editor, Chris Neudecke at winsteadfarmshoa@gmail.com and register your e-mail address so you will receive valuable information and updates on the community.

As our neighborhood grows, so does our book club. We have welcomed four new members this year and that is wonderful. Our fall reading starts with "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom, followed by "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. We celebrate reading in December with a Christmas party. We have plans for a local author to visit us sometime next year, we are excited about that! Now that everyone is back in school grab a book and read along with us. For more information please contact Cathi Braswell at 290-5599.

Just want to remind all homeowners new and old to contact the Architectural Control Board (ACB) if you plan on making any new additions, alterations, or improvements to your home. You may send your request to <a href="mailto:mwylie@level1management.com">mwylie@level1management.com</a>. She will forward your information to the board for their approval.

If you wish to report maintenance problems or have specific questions regarding HOA business, please call the Winstead Farms HOA line at 321-6766.



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Brian Haines

I love it when a good plan comes together. On Saturday, Oct. 19 the Woodbridge HOA will host another annual Neighborhood Night Out event at the north end of New Canada Road. You are cordially invited to bring your family, something foodish to share and a spirit of community as we gather together as a neighborhood for a fall social event. Nationally, Neighborhood Night Out is an endeavor designed to promote local Neighborhood Watch programs. The essential premise is that by knowing one's neighbor, you can more easily recognize folks who don't belong in the neighborhood. In addition to that, it's just plain fun to meet new folks, share some hot dogs and burgers from the grill, hope the kids don't knock their noodles in the bouncy things, and maybe even indulge in some cotton candy. If we are lucky, it will be another beautiful autumn day and we will each leave wondering why we don't get together more often as a neighborhood. Join us, won't you?

For more information and to join our neighborhood watch efforts, search for our evolving online neighborhood group at WoodbridgeTN.nextdoor.com and our long-time online message board at HOAWoodbridge on Yahoo Groups. If all else fails, e-mail me at BHaines@mac.com.



During the Stonebridge Golf Club Charity Classic Sept. 23, more than 100 golf balls were dropped by helicopter onto hole number one. Left to right, Club owners Mark Lovell and Robert Mears with Mollie Baltimore, Christy Chandler and Nick King of the Hospital Wing. Ron Wong won the ball drop and \$1,000.







Megan Wylie, Account Executive



Fall has arrived and now is the time to begin planning for next year. The HOA Board of Directors

planning for next year. The HOA Board of Directors will have two vacancies to be filled for calendar year 2014. Please consider this opportunity to serve your community. Formal solicitation to fill these vacancies will occur later this year. Questions concerning duties and responsibilities may be directed to Level 1 or any of the current members of the HOA Board of Directors. Thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the Adopt The Street Clean Up event in September. Your efforts made a big difference in the overall appearance of our community. Also, a special thanks to Patrick and Barbara Kitchen for coordinating the HOA Fall Social Event. Great fellowship for the adults, fun for the kids and awesome food!

The HR HOA has entered into a partnership with the City of Lakeland to improve the appearance of the pond area located across from the City Park. This initiative includes the installation of park benches and planting of trees this Fall. The HOA is seeking volunteers to help with the planting of these trees later this year. If you are willing to assist, please e-mail/call Denny Garner. Contact info is denshigar@yahoo.com or 867-3673.

To minimize postage cost and duplication of effort, the HOA will use the Citywatch, the HR website and Facebook to communicate general news and schedule of events. The HOA will continue to use the U.S. Postal Service for dues statement and notification of the annual HOA meeting to homeowners. Please remember to sign up on the Herons Ridge website (<a href="www.heronsridgehoa.com">www.heronsridgehoa.com</a>) and Facebook to receive e-mails, general information and HOA updates.

Most pet owners are very responsible and clean up after their pets, however a few do not. Out of respect for your neighbors property, general sanitation as well as health and safety reasons please pick up and dispose of your pets' feces in an appropriate manner.

# Fourth Quarter 2013 "Art in City Hall" Exhibit paintings by Linda Kaye

Linda is a freelance artist specializing in custom and commission paintings/murals. She graduated from Memphis College of Art with a bachelor of fine arts in painting and has taught art classes, instructing adults and children. Some of her most esteemed patrons include Robert McNight, former director of Brooks Memorial Art Museum in Overton Park, and Judge Curtis Person. You may view Linda's paintings at <a href="https://www.Facebook.com/LindaKayeArt">www.Facebook.com/LindaKayeArt</a>.

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



Mayor-elect Wyatt Bunker, front left, cuts the ribbon Sept. 20 for the newly renovated UPS Store at 9160 US-64 W with Carl Bumgardner, owner and Lakeland resident. Sallyanne's Mobile Ice Cream celebrated the opening with free ice cream.



Jamie Dixon, secretary



The Oakwood Board and Committees have worked hard this year to better our neighborhood through grounds maintenance and repairs, increased investments in common areas, community socials, and informed decision making as they plan the future for the community

As 2014 is upon us, we offer our commitment to continue our efforts in each of the above areas. Pivotal to our success is your continued support. We extend the call to each of you to please take stock of your availability this coming year. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, either on the board or choice of seven different committees, please let me know so we can discuss the details of positions and get you involved in the neighborhood!

Our new and improved website took much more time to set up, so we appreciate your patience while we developed the new www.oakwoodlakeland.com. If you can't find what you're looking for on our site, you can always call the HOA management office during normal business hours at 321-6742.

#### Cleanup Day

Our fall cleanup day was to be Oct. 12 at 9 a.m. We want you to help us lead a movement to take concrete action in keeping our community clean. We want this to be Lakeland's largest residential volunteer effort! From clearing brush to collecting trash, we hope you'll take part in this family service opportunity that teaches our kids to be responsible while helping to improve the look of our community/streetscapes. Events Update

The children's Christmas Party for Oakwood is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 14 Residents will receive an e-mail and postcard with the official announcement. If you are interested in volunteering for shifts or tasks for any upcoming parties, e-mail the event chair, <a href="mailto:tracyshelljones@yahoo.com">tracyshelljones@yahoo.com</a>, to lend a hand. Enjoy the fall!

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#### **Lakeland Estates HOA**

Sharon Helms



WOW. Fall has arrived and everyone knows Sharon Helms this means the "hustle and bustle" of the holidays is not far behind! On behalf of LEHOA, I congratulate our new mayor, Wyatt Bunker, and our two new commissioners, Sherri Gallick and Clark Plunk! We look forward to the approaching days and new challenges facing Lakeland as you begin fulfilling the tasks of your elected offices. Our community is committed to keeping Lakeland the wonderful city it has always been and will continue to work together.

We thank Mayor Scott Carmichael for his 12 years of dedicated and compassionate service. We also extend our sincere gratitude to Commissioners Don Barber and Cecil Tompkins. We will always be reminded of your passion and commitment to Lakeland when we hear our city's motto, "Where quality of life is a way of life."

May we all look forward to these new changes as opportunities for growth and a re-commitment to preserving, protecting and improving the City of Lakeland.

Fall is also the time for our general meeting Sun. Oct. 20, 1-3 p.m. at the IH Clubhouse. It is for homeowners who paid their 2013 dues and are active members of the Association. We will start with a light lunch of chili, hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts. We seek input for future guest speakers and topics and areas of interest to you.

It's not too late to pay your dues, come to lunch and to the meeting. Call 674-6717 to RSVP and pay your \$15 fee at the door. Deadline was Oct. 10 to attend. However late registrations will be taken until Oct. 18.

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#### Windward Slopes HOA

Tom Benke

Yard of the Month - Windward Slopes would like to say congratulations to our Yard of the Month Winners for July, August and September. They each won a \$ 50 gift card for making their yard look great. This is the end of the year for our YOM, but next spring it will start back up. Thanks for the great job! The winners are Darren and Loriann Anding, Dyanne & Don Cottam and Ron and Diane Brewer Garage Sale News Windward Slope Fall Garage Sale tentatively set for Oct. 19. Please contact Teffany Ledsinger via our web page or Facebook for more info.

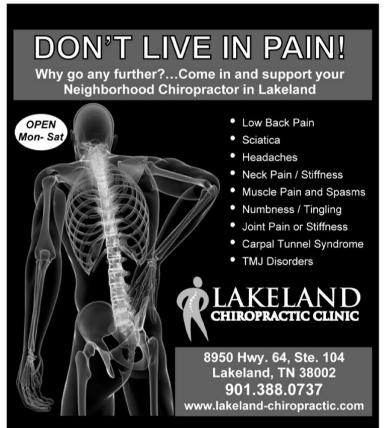
HOA Fees - We would like to thank all the association members that are current on the HOA fees, it helps! And for the few, that may have forgotten, please send them in. A notice will be going out soon, just as a reminder for the few.

SAFETY - Please remember, the speed limit in OUR neighborhood is 20 MPH or slower. Please slow down and look all around.

**Key Phone Numbers to know:** 911 379-7625 - non emergency dispatch.

Stay connected and join the Windward Slopes Homeowners Facebook group or Check our web site out at www.windwardslopes.org . Also check out www.windwardslopes.nextdoor.com





Thad Jablonski, executive coordinator, Jennifer Rezba, public relations assistant Joy Cloud - 867-2717 - <u>jcloud@lakelandtn.org</u> IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

#### Smartycat Kids Fall Workshops- IH Clubhouse

Smartycat Kids return to Lakeland this fall with all new Tech-gineering Workshops and Little Bakers Workshops. Smartycat Kids goal is to make learning fun! Our educational and instructional children's programs are designed to be exciting, stimulating, and challenging.

#### **Tech-gineering Workshops** Mondays 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Oct. 21 to Nov. 25. Cost is \$75 grades 1-5. All new lessons for returning students.

During Tech-gineering workshops, students will explore a combination of engineering challenges and technology projects. Whether building with Lego's, K'nex, or magnetix, creating simple circuits, racing RC vehicles, or using a laptop to program Smartycats' MINDSTORMS robot, the class is designed for any tech-savvy child.

#### NEW! Little Bakers Workshops Wednesdays 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Oct. 23 - Nov. 27. Cost is \$75 grades K-5. All nut-free ingredients. At the all new Little Bakers Workshops, your child will learn how to measure, mix, and bake from recipes, as well as explore decorating techniques with a variety of decorative ingredients and tools such as gum paste, fondant, and special frosting tips. Each student will get an apron to decorate and use throughout the session, as well as a recipe book to keep track of the recipes we cover at class. Students will work as a team to design a mock bakeshop where they can decide what type of treats they might want to sell. Our last class will be a recipe party where students can put their skills to the test and create their own recipes.

Contact Smartycat Kids at 732-762-5022 for questions about the program. Flyers available at <a href="www.lakelandtn.gov">www.lakelandtn.gov</a> (recreation page), and you may register your child at <a href="www.smartycatkids.com">www.smartycatkids.com</a>.

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#### **Back to School Tennis Clinics**

Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive

David DeGutis, a USPTA tennis instructor and coach with over 15 years of teaching experience, will instruct tennis clinics for children ages 5-16 and ages 9-16 at Windward Slopes Park which began Oct. 11. Any sessions that are rained out will be made up at the end of the clinic.

Clinic for ages 5-8: Seven (7) Sunday sessions Oct. 13 - Nov. 17 1 - 1:30 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Focus on basic tennis strokes: forehands, backhands, volleys and serves. Every student who registers for the clinic will receive a free 10 & under Vaught Tennis racquet. Cost is \$80. Twelve (12) student limit. Deadline for registration and payment was Oct. 11 but can be extended to Oct. 20.

Clinic for ages 9-16: Seven (7) Sunday sessions Oct. 13 - Nov. 17 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Windward Slopes Park. Focus will be on basic tennis strokes: forehands, backhands, volleys and serves. Ages 9-16 with receive an over grip for their tennis racquet. Cost is \$99. Sixteen (16) student limit. Deadline for registration and payment was Oct. 11 but late registrations can be accepted until Oct. 20.

Registration forms are available at <a href="www.lakelandtn.gov">www.lakelandtn.gov</a> (recreation page). Contact David DeGutis at 412-9768 or <a href="degutisdd@yahoo.com">degutisdd@yahoo.com</a>, or Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud for more information.

#### YMCA Youth Basketball

Lakeland Elementary School, 150 Seed Tick Road

YMCA Basketball in Lakeland (Youth Basketball) registration will run to Nov. 1. Games will be based on three age groups: ages 5-6, 7-8, and 9-11 years old (age groups may be combined depending upon the number of registrants).

Practices will be weeknights beginning Dec. 2 and games will be from Jan. 7 - March 7. Cost is \$90, which includes jersey, shorts, and an end of season trophy.

For more info, contact Michael Moore at 873-1434 or <a href="mmoore@ymcamemphis.org">mmoore@ymcamemphis.org</a>. YMCA registration forms are available at <a href="www.lakelandtn.gov">www.lakelandtn.gov</a> (sports page) and Lakeland City Hall.

#### Cardio Tennis Clinic

Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Drive

David DeGutis, a USPTA tennis instructor and coach with over 15 years of teaching experience, will instruct Cardio Tennis Clinics. Classes begin Saturday, Oct. 19 and through Nov. 9 from 8 - 9 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park.

The fast-paced classes are designed to keep your heart rate up while playing tennis and listening to music. Players of all levels are welcome to participate in the clinics. Any clinics that are rained out will be made up at a later date.

Cost is \$75 per player. Twelve (12) student limit. Deadline for registration and payment is Oct. 18.

Registration form is available at <a href="www.lakelandtn.gov">www.lakelandtn.gov</a> (recreation page). Contact David DeGutis at 412-9768 or <a href="degutisdd@yahoo.com">degutisdd@yahoo.com</a>, or Recreation Program Coordinator Joy Cloud for more information.



#### Lakeland Fitness - IH Clubhouse

Sherri Gallick, an AFAA certified instructor, leads classes each Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the IH Clubhouse.

Lakeland Fitness combines several fitness disciplines such as yoga, Pilates, dance, general aerobics and calisthenics to improve muscle strength, stamina, coordination, balance, flexibility and cardio. The class is low impact, but most movements can be adapted to make them more intense or less demanding to accommodate your fitness level.

Class participant age ranges from 35-79, but the classes are open to all ages of adults. The first class is free, each additional is \$5, or you may purchase a 10 class card for \$30. A mat is required for the second half of the class.

Fall special: Bring a friend or refer a friend and if they purchase a punch card, you get a free visit added to your card! For more information, contact Sherri 867-2345 or <a href="mailto:sagrusa@aol.com">sagrusa@aol.com</a>.

#### Halloween Carnival Saturday Oct. 26 6:30 p.m.

Bring your family and invite your neighbors to Lakeland's Halloween Carnival, IH Clubhouse, where the City will feature games, music and prizes. Lakeland residents are invited to wear costumes, adults and children alike. The Lakeland Lions Club is partnering with the City for the event. For more information, contact Joy Cloud, recreation program coordinator. Open to children ages 12 and under with their families.

# Visit with Santa Saturday, Dec. 14 10 a.m. to noon IH Clubhouse

The Lakeland Lions Club and the City of Lakeland invite children to the annual Visit with Santa at the IH Clubhouse. The program includes Christmas theme coloring with crayons and storytelling for the kids. Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with Santa. Children 12 and under are invited, along with their families. For more information, contact Joy Club, recreation program coordinator.





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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 <a href="www.lakelandtn.gov">www.lakelandtn.gov</a> (Search "Just for Seniors").





Photos by Thad Jablonski.

#### Seniors Celebrate With Catfish Dinner

On Sept. 13, approximately 120 friends, neighbors, elected officials, and City of Lakeland staff attended the Seniors 55+ Catfish Fry Dinner, celebrating National Senior Center Month.

Dinner included farm raised fried catfish, hushpuppies, traditional Cole slaw, potato salad, banana pudding, fudge brownies and drinks. The cost was \$10.

The dinner was catered by Hog Wild, 1201 Tully Street, Memphis, TN 38107, <a href="www.hogwildbbq.com">www.hogwildbbq.com</a>. The chef who cooked the catfish and hushpuppies was Marvin Kelley.

The City extends a special thank you to the Wolf River Pipes and Drums Group for their wonderful program. The group featured the proud heritage of Scottish music in celebration of this event! The group, including several members from Lakeland, performs extensively in Memphis and the Mid-South, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi.

The City also thanks Dr. Paul Criss, pastor of New Salem Church, who served as served as master of ceremonies and Commissioner Don Barber, who gave the invocation. Mayor Scott Carmichael, Vice-Mayor Cecil Tompkins, and Commissioner Don Barber spoke on the importance of the senior center in our community. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the event possible including Gerry Burditt who coordinates many of the behind-the-scenes details.



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#### Senior Talent Needed!

Do you have computer training, musical or other talents? The Lakeland Senior Center wants to hear from you! To volunteer to host an instructional class, program, or special event, or to volunteer at the Senior Center as a greeter, please contact Joy Cloud.

#### Senior Center Weekly Schedule

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

**Tuesdays:** YMCA Silver Sneakers\* muscular strength & range of movement class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse

...plus Games Galore on second and fourth Tuesday of every month 12 - 3 p.m. Games include playing cards, Skip-Bo, Spicy Farkel, chess, and train dominos, among others. Information, contact Bobbi Cornett at 372-3244.

**Thursdays:** YMCA Silver Sneakers\* muscular strength & range of movement class 10 - 11 a.m., IH Clubhouse

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

**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 to class participants. For more information, contact ACBL Instructor Judy Knox at 737-8087 or jknox7@bellsouth.net. Please note: Bridge game/class cancelled for Oct. 12th and Oct. 26th.

#### <u>Upcoming Senior Center Special Events and Presentations</u>

#### Senior Center Open House and Discussion Forums

Thursdays, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21 2 - 3 p.m.

The Lakeland Senior Center continues to host monthly Open House and Discussion Forums for senior residents to provide input that will shape future Senior Center programming.

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

Please join us at the Lakeland Senior Center and provide us with the feedback to offer programming that will benefit and interest you. The City appreciates comments and suggestions from residents!

#### Scrapbooking Classes

Tuesdays in October & November from 10 a.m. - noon

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

Please bring scissors, paper cutter (if possible), and 4-5 pictures. Participants will leave with at least two 12x12 pages. After the first class, the instructor will tailor her instruction to the participants' interests.

#### **NEW Computer Basics Classes**

Thursdays in October & November from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (No class on Halloween & Thanksgiving)

Lakeland residents Tim Broughton and Howard Chick will instruct computer classes for beginners starting Thursday, Oct. 10 to the end of November and may continue depending on participation and interest.

Class topics include keyboarding, email, internet, and Microsoft Word. Participants will learn how to communicate with family via email, including sending photos, write letters using MS Word, and search the Internet for news, weather, and recipes.

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

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.

#### Parking Lot Safety Tuesday, Oct. 15 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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

#### 2014 Medicare Options Tuesday, Oct. 15 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Stephanie Lefler of Lefler Financial and Insurance Services will host a free educational seminar, "2014 Medicare Options." Learn how Medicare insurance works, the pros and cons of each type of plan, and the questions to ask to make the best decisions for one's health coverage needs. Other topics will include the rules governing Medicare, exceptions to Medicare regulations, employer group plans, and where to find answers to questions about Medicare.

The seminar is open to all local-area seniors 55+. Participants should bring a notepad and pen. Light refreshments will be served.

The Medicare educational seminar is sponsored by Lefler Financial and Insurance Services. No individual plan details will be shared, nor any plan be marketed or sold. Space is limited, so please contact Stephanie Lefler at 305-7488 to reserve your seat today. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### **Jam Sessions**

Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 23 2 - 4 p.m. (except first Wednesday of the month)

Ken Gurley will be hosting Jam Sessions at the Senior Center. The after lunch bunch would like to invite players and singers to come and jam on Wednesday afternoons. Bring your guitar, mandolin, dobro, bass, harmonica, or other instrument to play and/or sing country, pop, rock, rockabilly, gospel, or other musical genres and forms. Residents are welcome to play, sing, or enjoy the entertainment!

#### The Pitfalls and Pleasures of Retirement

Friday, Oct. 25 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Patricia Thompson will discuss getting the most from your retirement. She will cover organization, setting goals and a budget, planning for travel, and making final arrangements, among other financial decisions. Patricia is a Discover Your Future Coach and can be reached at 270-3131 for question about the program.

#### Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 2 - 3 p.m.

(1st Wednesday of each month)

Lakeland resident Jeannine Dillard hosts a monthly Book Club meeting at the Senior Center. The group will discuss thoughts and opinions on a chosen book. November's book is House at Riverton by Sue Morton and December's is The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman. For questions or more information, contact Jeannine Dillard at 331-2839 or jdillard@bigriver.net.

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Big Band, Oldies, and Gospel Music

Thursday, Nov. 7 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Linda and Wayne Knight of Waylin D.J. Services will play a range of genres and music from big band, oldies, and gospel. There will be a drawing for a free door prize. A tip jar will be available for donations.

#### Final Arrangement Planning Friday, Nov. 8 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Aimee Burnwatt, with the RISE Foundation, will present an educational program on funeral service purchase. She will cover prepayment policies, cemetery charges, Veteran's and Social Security benefits, and documents needed for pre-planning as well as the need to consider policies and plans made in the distant past, which haven't been updated or considered recently. The presentation is developed to assist participants in making decisions with adequate, advance planning.

#### Flu Shots at the Lakeland Senior Center for Adults 55+

Wednesday, Nov. 13 10 a.m. - noon

Walgreens Pharmacist Adrienne Jones will provide flu shots at the Lakeland Senior Center but reservations must be made.

Those with Medicare coverage will receive the shots for free. Other insurance plans will be accepted if coverage includes a flu shot. You may call Walgreens at 382-1533 to learn if flu shots are covered by your insurance. Participants using insurance must bring their insurance card the day of the flu shots program.

Walgreens requests that participants RSVP by Nov. 8 so that there is enough of the vaccine on hand.

#### Home Security Check Tuesday, Nov. 19 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

A Shelby County Sheriff's Office Deputy will present on the most effective ways to secure your home against intruders. Program topics include doors/windows, locks, alarms, sliding glass doors, lighting/ timers, and trees/hedges. Attend this class to learn strategies to protect yourself, your family, and your home.

#### **Medicare Part D Counseling**

Thursday, Nov. 21 between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The Aging Commission of the Mid-South, State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), and the Senior Medicare Patrol will provide Medicare Part D enrollment assistance.

Medicare's annual open enrollment Period continues to Dec. 7. New plans will begin on Jan. 1 2014. Bring your Medicare card and all your prescription medications, or a detailed list. Certified and trained counselors to help you select a Medicare Drug Plan that best suits your needs. No sales involved. For more information, call the Aging Commission of the Mid-South at 222-4111.

#### Gun Safety Thursday, Dec. 5 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Lakeland resident J. Warren Horton will be teaching a gun safety class covering gun possession, carrying, and usage, under TN law. No firearms permitted in class.



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#### Build-a-Bag Workshop Thursday, Dec. 12 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Claude Talford, emergency management director for Lakeland, will conduct a free workshop to put together three-day emergency kits. He will also discuss how to tailor a kit to suit the needs of elderly, children, and family pets.

In the event of a disaster, relief workers may not be able to reach everyone immediately. Basic services, such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even weeks. Residents may have to evacuate at a moment's notice without time to shop or search for the supplies needed. A Disaster Supplies Kit can help your family stay safe and be more comfortable after a disaster.

RSVP Claude Talford at 867-2717 ctalford@lakelandtn.org if you are interested in attending the workshop. If you already have a kit, please bring it to the workshop.

#### Shelby Farms Park: America's Next Great Urban Park

Friday, Dec. 13 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Rebecca Dailey will present the Shelby Farms Park background and history, amenities offered at the park, and answer questions about future plans for the Park.

At 4,500 acres, Shelby Farms Park is one of the largest urban parks in the U.S. Its size is only rivaled by its potential to affect widespread, positive change for the Memphis metropolitan area. A nationally recognized, innovative public-private partnership, the nonprofit Shelby Farms Park Conservancy developed an ambitious, community-driven Master Plan, which will establish Shelby Farms Park as a national model for regional park management and development.

#### Lakeland Seniors 55+ Getaways

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

New York City - Oct. 21 - 26, 2013: SOLD-OUT Nashville, TN - Nov. 22 - 23, 2013 - CANCELLED

San Antonio, TX - Dec. 1 - 7, 2013 – The "Home of the Alamo!" package includes a guided tour of San Antonio, a cruise through the famous River Walk District, a visit to the Alamo, Mission San Jose, and LBJ Ranch. You will also tour the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, TX. Also included is a visit to the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX. The cost for the 7 day/6 night trip is based on double room occupancy with a per person cost of \$569 with \$75 due upon signing. Add \$180 for single occupancy. Optional insurance is available. Motor coach transportation.

Please note: All trips are contingent on the number of participants, so please communicate interest in Lakeland Senior Getaways to the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department and tell your friends about the program. For reservations or more information, contact Joy Cloud. To see full trip itineraries, visit www.lakelandtn.gov (Search "Just for Seniors") or pick up a flyer at the Lakeland Senior Center or Lakeland City Hall.



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Deborah Fagan Carpenter will have her mixed media paintings which include ethereal landscapes and abstracts. Jimmy Crosthwait will be at the Fagan studio with his whimsical mixed media sculptures, both hanging and freestanding. Agnes Stark will have her well-known earthenware pottery, and has added some new glazes to her work. Ellen Boehm will have her ever-changing pottery and will also be joined by daughter Sarah with her handmade jewelry.

In addition to being able to shop for original hand-made art at these studios, visitors are encouraged to wander about and enjoy the three interesting environs and eat some holiday goodies.

There is no charge for admission. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6, 7; noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 8.

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

We have all gotten back into the full swing of the school year and are having a great start!

Our fall break this year was Oct. 7-11.

We are excited to announce that our annual Book Fair is coming soon to LES! The dates this year are October 23-28. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. The Community Book Fair Day will be Saturday, Oct. 26 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Bring the family and come check out all of the new books and products.

The children will be out of school on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans day. We will have our Veterans Day Program on Friday, Nov. 15. We are so thankful for each of you that have served!

Lakeland students, don't forget about our "Get Fit" program every Wednesday at 8:15a.m. Come meet us in the gym to help jump start your day! If you would like any information on this program, please contact Tracie Fisher at traciefisher@msn.com

#### Our Lakeland Spirit nights are the following:

October 17: El Mezcal Spirit Night

October 26-27: Howard's Donuts Spirit Weekend

November 5: Papa John's Spirit Night November 21: Newk's Spirit Day

Please remember to mention LES with your purchase as part of the proceeds come directly to our school!

#### SCS/Arlington High School PTSA News

Melinda Wilbanks, vice president, ways and means

The Arlington High School PTSA had its annual curriculum night/spaghetti dinner/ silent auction Aug. 20. We had a great turn out. Parents were able to follow their students' class schedule and meet our wonderful teachers. We had a great spaghetti dinner and silent auction. The Arlington/Lakeland community truly came out strong and provided us with wonderful items for the auction. Even several school booster clubs, departments, and staff donated to the auction. Without them we could not provide the quality programs, school grants, and college scholarships that we are able to give. AHS PTSA would like to thank all the companies/individuals for their support of our silent auction.

The AHS PTSA sponsored another annual tradition- the Counselors' Coffee Talk- Oct. 1. The parents were able to come meet the counselors and gain a lot of insight into how to guide their teens into the world of college admission and career paths. We had quality reflection and citizenship entries submitted the first of October. The entries have been sent to the county for judging and then they will be sent on to the state for another round of judging. Hopefully we will continue our strong tradition of having several award winning entries. Our students are very talented and represent AHS well in competitions. They truly uphold this year's theme of "Raising the bar on education". Check out our AHS PTSA website (www.arlingtonhighptsa.org) and learn about upcoming events. There is a link on the AHS school website also.



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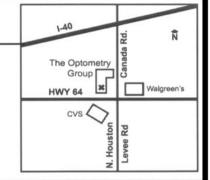


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