

The Happenings

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Richland Chambers Lake



1ST ANNUAL WINE TASTING WAS HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to our hosts – Ed & Debby Fleming, Andy & Valerie Ditterline, Stan & Kathy Troop, Bill & Pam Johnson, and Bruce & Pam Bricco for opening their homes for our first annual wine tasting. We had 55 attendees and expect an even larger turnout next year!

70'S MUSIC WAS A HIT!

A big thanks goes out to Bruce and Pam Bricco for hosting the 2nd Annual 70's night featuring The Fog. A little rain never stopped the Wilderness from having a great time!



EASTER AT THE EUBANKS

Thank you Dan, Amy and Mary Elizabeth Eubanks for hosting another fabulous Easter celebration! With over 1,200 eggs scattered throughout the lawn, more than 40 kiddos enjoyed the hunt!



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Neighbors!

Wow, we have been busy this year! Some things you may have seen and some that you may have not:

- We are revamping the trailer storage area to make it more secure and easier to maintain. We've added electricity, cameras, gates and fencing with a few more things in the works.
- Soon we will be adding an automatic gate in the new fence to access the trailer storage by the burn pile.
- The old trailer storage entrance area will be separated from the trailer area for overflow parking and temporary parking for the busy holiday weekends.
- The enchanted forest trails are all cleaned up and expanded for hiking, biking or driving through on your neighborhood SXS or golf carts.
- The roads have been repaired and any new road issues will be repaired as they pop up.
- The storms took out several trees around the neighborhood that had to be removed, especially along the fences surrounding Ernie's pen near Kingswood.
- We are upgrading the technology at the office so we will be able to add features like electronic payments and possibly video meetings for those that cannot make it in person.

Although some of the above items have had some significant expenses, so far we remain slightly below budget for the year. We have implemented some cost saving measures to reduce our annual operating costs.

We have had a few new families that are in talks with the ACC discussing building houses, with one new construction permit for a new home on Lincoln and as many as four new starts by end of this year.

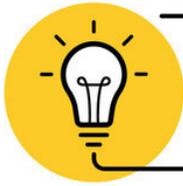
Reminder that the speed limit is 25 MPH. Please make sure your guests and contractors are aware of this as our streets are very active with wildlife and families.

Lastly, if the burn pile is smoking, please don't pile new brush on the hot spots. Stack your items to the side (inside the berm) if possible and we will push it up when we are able to watch it burn properly.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers that work behind the scenes to make our neighborhood the best on the lake.

We hope to see everyone enjoying this beautiful summer at the lake!

Respectfully,
The Wilderness POA Board



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Manassasses, Bull Run, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain and Shenandoah were all battles during the civil war? In addition, Stonewall and Lincoln represent two important figures during that era – Stonewall Jackson and President Abraham Lincoln.



Merlin Bird ID

Merlin Bird ID is a free app that enables you to recognize birds by their appearance and sound. It's a fun way to engage with the wilderness we call home.



With the high water levels, we kindly ask our neighbors to respect the no wake zone in the coves. Tens of thousands of dollars have been spent by residents of the Wilderness in the past year to repair seawalls, bulkheads, docks and boats, and those without seawalls risk damage and loss of land with high water; boat waves that can be avoided will help your neighbors preserve their property.



Looking for a quick bite to eat?

Within 5 minutes

- Fisherman's Point Lighthouse Cafe: 903.389.5218
- Spanky's: 903.389.3197
- Joe's Pizza: 903.599.1701

Just across the bridge

- The Harbor Restaurant: 903.874.7000
- Pelican Grill: 903.948.8466

Fairfield

- El Jimador: 903.389.5820
- Ponte's Diner: 903.389.5555
- The Butcher's Choice: 903.389.3043
- TX Burger
- Several fast food spots

Send your local recs to Amy Freshwater at fresh0604@gmail.com and we'll share in the next newsletter.



To provide a safe environment for residents and local wildlife, please remind visitors and contractors of the 25 mph speed limit.

NEWSLETTER IDEAS?

Do you have ideas for upcoming newsletter articles or tidbits? Do you have questions that perhaps others will benefit from the answers as well? If so, send your thoughts or questions to Amy Freshwater at fresh0604@gmail.com.



At some point in our boating lives, we all run into a situation where we're in the middle of the lake and need a helping hand. Whether it's a dead battery, a stump jumped in front of your boat, or worse, there are always neighbors you can count on.

We'd like to create a 'text tree' that includes the names and cell phones of neighbors who are willing and able to help in a time of need. More information will be shared in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you are interested in being included in the 'text tree,' please contact Amy Freshwater at fresh0604@gmail.com or 972.400.1238 and let her know a good cell number to include for you. Once finalized, a waterproof, laminated card will be produced.



As the community does not allow trailers to be stored on lots or driveways, we do have a storage facility you may use for free. The only catch ... you have to regularly mow and maintain your assigned spot. To be assigned a spot, contact a facilities compliance director for more information.



Congratulations to our first Yard of the Month!

Jeff & Cindy Sills
214 Lincoln

Everyone Loves Ernie!



Summertime brings lots of traffic to the Wilderness, which means an abundance of visitors to say hello to Ernie. Ernie (and his white-tailed friends) love carrots and apples, and it's best to cut them into smaller pieces to prevent choking. Please don't feed Ernie any sugary treats ... even if he seems to like them, they are not good for his system.

Did you know the feeder provides deer corn twice a day for Ernie and the deer that hang around with him?



Friday, July 4: Dan & Amy Eubank's Fireworks Show

- Show will begin around 9 pm. The best viewing will be by boat off Lincoln point. If you are a landlubber, please feel free to bring your chairs or blankets and come watch from the Eubanks yard (246 Lincoln Drive), just be aware that the trees will block some of your view and you might experience some firework debris.

Friday, July 4: Stonewall/Bull Run Fireworks

- The fireworks will begin around 9 pm in the cove between Bull Run and Stonewall.

Saturday, July 5: Wilderness Patriotic Parade

- Let's make this a parade to remember! Decorate everything from golf carts and bikes to trailers and vehicles. Line up at the Wilderness office at 10 am. The judging will begin at 10:30 am. The parade route will be as follows: Bull Run Drive, Lincoln Drive Loop, and will conclude at the end of Stonewall Drive.
- Prizes will be awarded for: Most Original, Most Patriotic, and Honorable Mention
- An exception will be made to have trailers in your driveway over the 4th weekend if you are decorating the trailer for the parade.

Saturday, July 5: Wilderness Fireworks, presented by Leroy and Kathy Weber

- Show will begin around 9 pm. The best viewing will be by boat in the Stonewall / Lincoln Cove. The Bumpass' have also graciously offered Wilderness owners to view the fireworks show from their property, 333 Stonewall Drive. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks, and please take care to leave their property as you find it and haul away any trash or clutter.
- We appreciate all the families that donate to the Wilderness fireworks "Fun Fund," which makes the Wilderness Fireworks show the "best on the lake." Donations can be dropped off at the office and will be forwarded to the Webers, checks can be made payable to Leroy Weber.

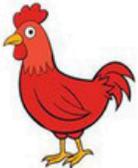
This is going to be a spectacular celebration weekend!

If you have any questions, please contact the Social Committee. Amy Freshwater (972) 400-1238, Pam Bricco (281) 851-7826, Debby Fleming (469) 223-4303, or Amy Eubanks (817) 271-8346.

The Enchanted Forest Trails

Big shout out to Kevin for clearing the path and to Dustin for cleaning up the displays in the Enchanted Forest trails. It's a great walking path and a fun adventure for kids of all ages! If you ever have items that you'd like to donate to the Enchanted Forest, please reach out to Kevin or Dustin.

SCAVENGER HUNT

<p>All items are visible from the trails, Please don't move or remove them Watch for wildlife and snakes</p>	<p>Blue is cool too!</p> 	<p>I'm not a dog, I don't BARK!</p> 	<p>We love to dance in our silver years</p> 
<p>STOP and say hello to Ernie.</p> 	<p>This is my last straw!</p> 	<p>The frogs are noisy here</p> 	<p>I've heard of blue coconuts but...</p> 
<p>Are these CAGED free chickens?</p> 	<p>Pickaboo I SEAT you!</p> 	<p>Don't Eat me!</p> 	<p>I'm Miles away from the Wilderness</p> 
<p>LEAF my Treasure alone.</p> 	<p>I'm not related to these guys. Im their DECOY!</p> 	<p>Hanging out with my friend Tinkerbell</p> 	<p>Happy HOLLOW Days</p> 
<p>There's no place like home</p> 	<p>My brother is so lazy!</p> 	<p>HOME is where you make it</p> 	<p>DID YOU FIND THEM ALL?</p>