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Woodland Lake Improvement Association

NEWSLETTER

YOUR SPILLWAY REPORT

We are very happy with the continued success of our spillway remediation project. The solution is holding at nearly 100%.

The pressure dynamics west of the spillway headwall are constantly testing the resistance of the earthen barrier. In fact there is some evidence the expanding foam is still reacting! There is a small amount exiting a bore hole. This could only happen if the material had come in contact with water. Therefore, some leakage exists and we see some water at the foot after very heavy rains, but not enough to be anymore than an annoyance.

Nevertheless, some dye testing should help determine the likely source. If we can identify the source with some confidence, we'll apply some foam we retained, and solve the problem ourselves.



The nice and dry Toe of the Spillway!



Still some holes to Fill but no Flow Underneath

Eric Smith, from the company Sub-Technical, is still available to us should we need his services in the future. This may prove to be the case as our owner's representative, Rick Howe, suspects our emergency spillway could be harboring hidden voids and seepage. That may be "borrowing trouble". We'll have to cross that bridge when we come to it.

For now though, our monitoring program should keep us informed. The piezometers are consistent and provide us a very reliable indicator we have a very stable dam. Something reliable and substantial and that ladies and gentleman is most welcome in this day and age.

CALLING FOR CANDIDATES

WHO ARE
WILLING TO SERVE!

The call has gone out to the community for candidates for the Board of Directors. So far we have 5 candidates in the race. We are publishing their bios here. Two of us are seeking your votes to return to next the board. The current president Roland Harris, has indicated his willingness to run, as am I (Mark Kelley).

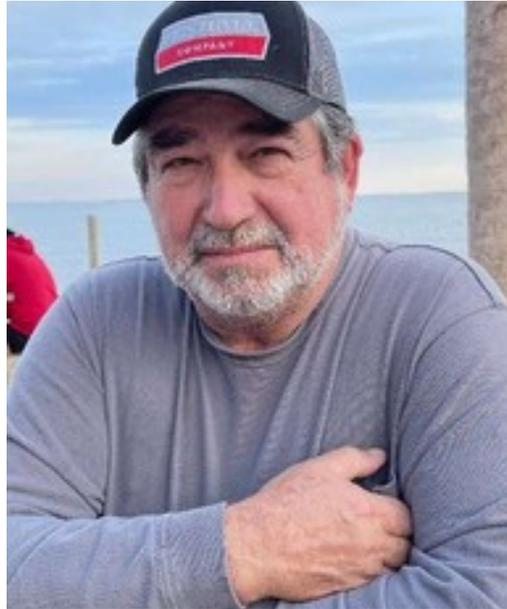
Director Harris has presided over an unprecedented time in WLIA history, as we solved long-standing problems at the spillway; preserved our lifestyle, resisting the unwelcome intrusion of the short-term rental craze; a slight increase in revenues with a jump in property values and sales, as old dues and fees were settled translating into increased WLIA revenue at a time of considerable expenditures on the spillway for example. All of which contributed to a good year for dues collection.

But, it is a new and more expensive world post-covid as most of us can understand. Our association needs are not exempt. Our costs for liability and other insurance have risen significantly and may go higher. We will need to restore the dam fund (smartest thing we ever did as an association!) after the recent spend.

A variety of costly needs await us in the new fiscal year; increased grounds care costs; association insurance may be more expensive as well. These budget pressures require the resourceful attention of a united, devoted and hard-working Board of Directors, ready to provide solutions for the continued improvement of the lake. The new Board will have to use both hands to carry us through!

Candidate Bios are presented on the following pages.

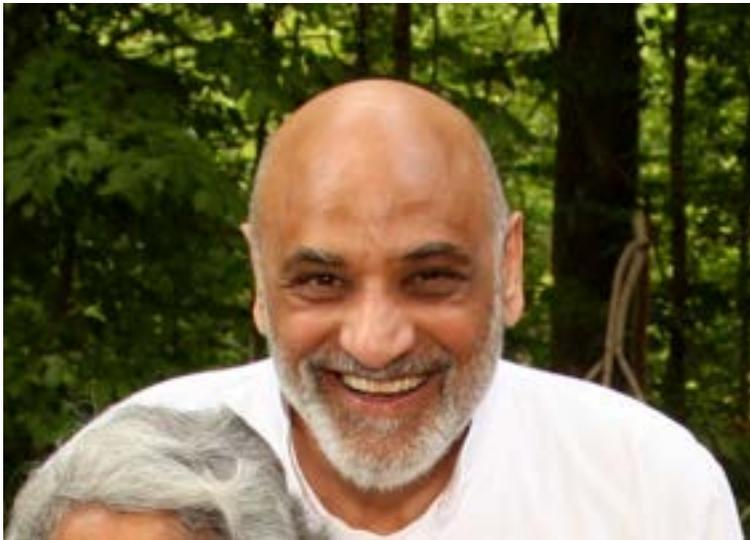
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Woodland Lake members, friends, and neighbors, my name is Roland Harris, and though I need little introduction to many of you, I would like to take this opportunity to present myself as a candidate for the WLIA Board of Directors. My current three-year term on the WLIA Board of Directors ends in June, and at the will and pleasure of the members, I am willing and would be deeply honored to serve one last term as a member of our Association's Board of Directors.

My wife Shirley and I have made our home at Woodland Lake Lot 94 since 2004. We immediately realized we had found the most wonderful and unique community to make our home and will always treasure the great friends and neighbors we have encountered along the way. Since coming to Woodland Lake, Shirley and I have been engaged in support of our association in various ways and fully intend to continue to assist in any way possible. I previously served one term on the board not long after moving to Woodland Lake and during the current 2023 – 2024 fiscal year have served as President of our Board of Directors. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me in these roles. I have always tried to make decisions and assist in the management of our limited resources in the best interest of all members of Woodland Lake Improvement Association and pledge to continue to do so. I look forward to seeing each of you at the annual meeting on June 1 st and humbly solicit your support.

Sincerely,
Roland M. Harris



Ashok Kara

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Lots #48 and #49

Hello. My name is Ashok Kara. Most of you know me as the ‘WALKING GUY.’ As many of you know, I have been walking the roads around our lake for decades. People have been very kind. People reaching out to a vulnerable stranger and caring for his safety expresses regard through the simple acts of politeness and courtesy. It’s easy to overlook moments of this nature, moments winnowed over millennia, expressive of the growing covenant between mankind. This covenant is at the foundation of our civility. I have come to radically feel respect for the Integrity of all creatures large and small.

But time happens to us all. So, I decided to undertake one final slog. It is now nearly 3 years old, to bring Ethical Principles to our community. Human nature is fallible. Hence, it is all too easy to forget that we are all heirs to the covenant. Thus, the covenant regarding our Bylaws is between all of us members of WLIA, and so too must our Ethical Principles be a covenant between us all. It is to make this real that I am seeking your vote for a Director’s position.

Mark Kelley

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Dear Membership:

Friends and neighbors, my short tenure is coming to an end. Recalling that I came to this position via the passing of a good man, I'll take a sec to honor him by stating unequivocally what a great job he had done to get us to the right person who brought us to the right contractor to finally have fixed a long standing nuisance leak at the spillway. Thanks Jon Anderson, we salute you!

That said, I would be honored and delighted if you would allow me to serve a full term. To continue to improve the Newsletter. Celebrating and emphasizing the high quality of life enjoyed by our close community. And to continue monitoring and maintaining or dam complex.

But first, a little about myself. Met my second wife here on the lake. . Found this great property, bought in 2012, retired from the City of Memphis in 2014, moved from Memphis in 2016. Married Terese on our patio.

Terese and I echo the same sentiment you hear from many. We found our "little piece of paradise" and expect to live out our lives here. This means we're committed to preserving the lifestyle that attracted us here.

To that end, I'm proud to report its's been a momentous year; we've fixed the leak at the spillway (99%); discreetly increased revenue; held the line on budget; generally left the place in pretty good shape!

It has been a good year overall,not just because every day above ground is a good one, but because, as a Board member, I'm proud of our accomplishments and seek to serve a full 3 year term to continue the good work.

Thanks in advance, ladies and gentlemen.

Sincerely

Mark Kelley

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My name is Shad Sims, and I'm running for the WLIA Board of Directors this year. My wife Laura and I have thoroughly enjoyed our 3+ years at the lake and getting to know so many of our neighbors. We knew when we moved here that we would love being on the water and in a more rural environment, and the people have been a wonderful bonus. As such, now that we have made this our home, I want to help preserve and protect this community. I have considerable experience in leadership, boards, and corporate committees, and a proven professional track record of getting results. I believe these attributes will make me a valuable asset to the board if elected. For everyone interested, I've included a brief list that highlights some of my personal and professional experience and involvements. Thanks in advance for your consideration...

Personal Information

Moved to Woodland Lake on 12/17/2020.

Laura and I will celebrate our 30th anniversary on May 28th of this year.

Father of 3 adult children, Jake (Alison), Anna Claire (Brandon), and Mac. Grandfather of 2 boys, Rowan and Liam.

Desoto County resident since October of 2000.

Professional Information

Employer – Atmos Energy (formerly Mississippi Valley Gas) since 10/02/2000.

Foreman/Welder – 6 years.

Operations Supervisor – 6 years.

Current Title – Operations Manager - 12 years - over northwest Mississippi. Responsible for 6 offices located in Southaven, Grenada, Greenwood, Greenville, Cleveland, and Clarksdale, which serve over 100,000 customers with approximately 80 employees.

Atmos Energy Operations Committee Member representing MS Division – 5 years.

Atmos Energy Field Operations Representative for the American Gas Association.

Former Chairman of the Atmos – MS Division Operations, Engineering and Compliance Committee.

Board of Directors member for Desoto Economic Development Council since 2012.

Former Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Board for Desoto Council.

Former Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee for Desoto Council.

Member of the Governmental Relations Committee for Desoto Council.

Member of Delta Council.

Leadership Desoto graduate 2007.

Former President DCHS Baseball Boosters – 3 years.

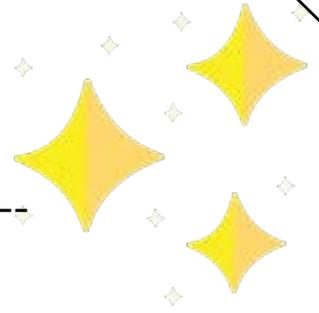
Former Treasurer DCHS Baseball Boosters – 1 year.

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I am running for the one-year term vacated by aboard members resignation. I want this lake to continue being our little piece of paradise. Let's focus on streamlining the board's responsibilities to financial matters focused on the dam, lake, and common area manageme4nt (with top priority being the dam. This will help maintain the peaceful environment that drew us to this community in the first place. We do not need all the committees, surveys, demands for impeachment, endowment money, and even an additional Code of Ethics (which includes a designated committee to supervise the board we voted in). For a non-profit with as limited budget, this has led to needless turmoil in our community. Let's not over-govern. Most of us came here to enjoy the lake, and not to turn it into what we moved here to avoid.

“SHOUT OUTS”



--People and Places that Enhance our Lake Life--

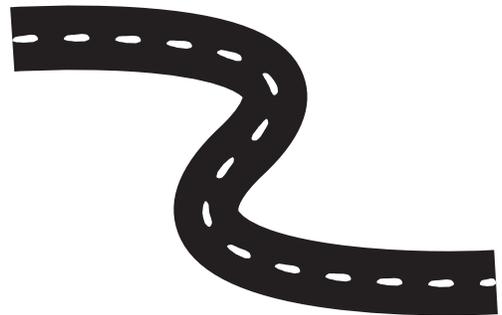
Sammy Westcot This curb appeal champ has taken responsibility for areas of the adjacent land that technically, belong to the county’s lawn-mowing crews. Sammy’s considerable efforts have taken him down to the ditches and up the steep hills around him to trim the flora to a level visually pleasing for all who may drive by. His work sets his lovely new home like a jewel atop a green landscape. A drive past the house toward the lake and his tasteful boat house appears neatly tucked at the foot of the property, waiting for the boaters and fisherman to embark from. One may think it’s easy to cut a yard but to do so with so much pride and care deserves a *shout-out*: Thanks, Sammy, you help make our lives better!





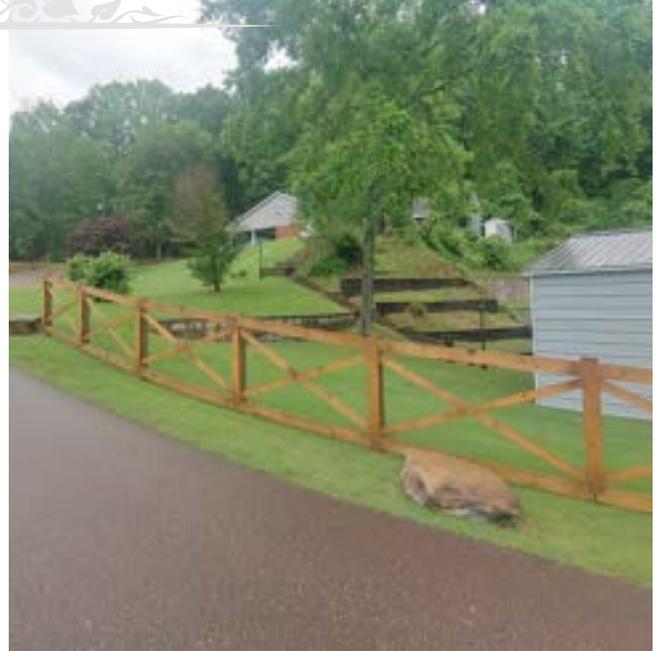
Even the geese are amazed!

Chris and Tammy Madden Back when I was a recent addition to this community, I was truly astonished by the sheer size of the original undertaking of stack stone on the eastern side of their property. But, when that storm came through and ripped most of it out, the Maddens decided to “one-up” the original stack with a beautiful, fully engineered series of retaining walls faced with manufactured stonework, both pleasing to the eye and durable for millennia.



Their property sits prominently on the north side of Woodland Lake Drive at the south end of the lake. A drive south takes everyone right past it. Hard to miss the ascending, curving retainers rising above the handsome cross hatched fencing, punctuated with boulders along the property boundary. The attractive boathouse and adjacent landscaping are well integrated into an estate-like setting. Driving further around and up Woodland Lake, takes one past the main house and into the Woodland Lake woods along that winding stretch beyond their house. A pleasurable drive, coming or going.

So, to Chris&Tammy, who go above and beyond, you deserve a **shout-out**. Also, for making our lives a little nicer!



*Best way to preserve a fence on Woodland Lake Dr?
Boulders.*



Lake Life fishing would not be nearly as sweet if it weren't for the unsung, behind-the-scenes board member with the responsibility of the Lake manager, **Lance Martin**. These efforts, in the past few years, have created a chain reaction that has increased the essential populations for feeding the desirable fish species that have changed this lake for the better. As an avid sport fisherman **Lance** has learned the special habits and rhythms of the fish life. With this knowledge he can turn an eye toward promoting the overall health of all the fish groups. By electively promoting the the various feeding groups, he has increased both size and frequency of the more desirable fish populations.



Most of us don't know the fish feeders were Lance's idea. It was Lance who lobbied for the feeders and the Feeder Program, won the funding and has systematically armed the various Lake Areas with fish feeders. Each with its own volunteer stocker so there's always food for the fishes.

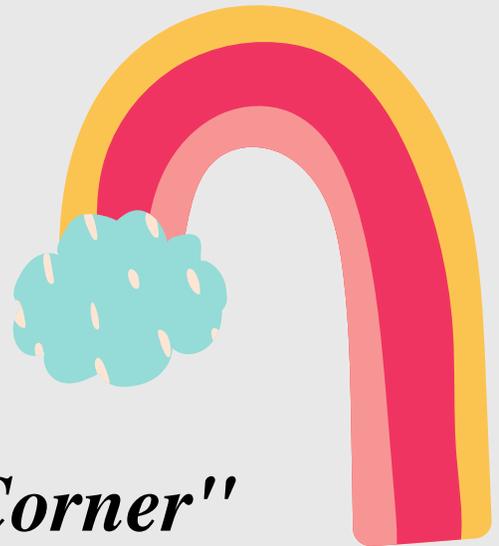


Most of us recognize Lance as the Lead vocalist and guitar player in the unnamed (un-name-able?) group of local musicians that gather occasionally at Carl Daniel's place for some pickin'. A recent island event showcased the groups' talent on a balmy fall afternoon. We expect to hear from them again soon. Lance tells us that new tunes have been learned and some rehearsing is underway.

I want to add that Mr Lance has opened a small business servicing pontoons and pontoon motors. He can do oil changes, general repair and more. Give him a call (870-335-8048) for your pontoon boat needs!



One cannot overestimate Lances' contributions to our community. If its a task or a project that the Board might have, we can always count on Lance to be a reliable and useful contributor. As for our Lake, especially the actual lake and contents there is no one as capable or devoted than our own Lance Martin. For all you do and for who you are, Lance, you really deserve a **shout-out!**



"Sunshine Corner"

The Sunshine Committee has been busy again since the last newsletter. We've sent condolence cards to our lake friends who have lost a loved one, get well cards to those under the weather, or recovering from recent surgery, and delivered new neighbor packets.

We recently were made aware of a nescient need in the community for senior services. Because these exceed the scope of the Sunshine committee, we want to post a desoto county website for a resource guide: <https://www.desotocountymys.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6140/Senior-Resource-Guide-2022?bidld=>.

Let us know if you are ill or unable to get out, or need a prescription picked up, or need some groceries picked up in Hernando - someone is always going "to town" and we will get what you need. Suggestions and comments are always welcome. And just remember, check on your neighbor and you yourself can always spread a little sunshine. It's much appreciated! ☀️

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