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Village Board of Trustees Election: Know Your Candidates

As the ballots for our annual election of the Board of Trustees are mailed out to all Villagers, it is imperative that everyone takes the time to learn more about the issues and challenges our Village faces. Considering which candidates are best suited to promote long-term growth and improvement is crucial for the betterment of our community. This process ensures that all community members are represented in our governing body.

In order to help each Village member learn more about the candidates running for a board position, we have included this section to give each candidate the opportunity to communicate their qualifications for serving our community, as well as their vision for the future of our Village. We would like to thank each candidate for their willingness to volunteer their time to serve on the board. Please give each candidate your consideration:

Craig Kelley:

As a proud new resident of Lost Bridge Village, I am deeply committed to preserving the natural beauty and sense of community that make this place so special. My 17 years of professional experience in the Oil and Gas Industry as a Manager of Land & Right of Way have equipped me with the skills to navigate complex projects, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, and manage budgets with precision. These experiences, along with my previous roles as President and Vice President of the Charter Oak Hills HOA, have strengthened my ability to balance the needs of residents while fostering growth and sustainability. I currently serve on the LBVCA ACC Committee, where I have had the privilege of helping guide residents on future projects.

My vision for Lost Bridge Village is to ensure it remains a safe, thriving, and family-oriented community for years to come. I aim to promote responsible development, support infrastructure improvements, and encourage increased resident engagement. As a father of two active children and a husband of 17 years, I understand the importance of creating a community that supports families, retirees, and nature enthusiasts alike. Together, I believe we can continue to make Lost Bridge Village a place where all residents feel heard, supported, and proud to call home.

Jonathan Henak:

I am a seasoned finance and accounting professional with extensive experience in managing financial operations, budgeting, and strategic planning. Throughout my career, I have earned a reputation for having a meticulous attention to detail, strong analytical skills, and commitment to delivering financial success for the organizations I work with.

As a board member, my vision for 2025 centers around ensuring the continued growth and success of the Lost Bridge community through a proactive approach. This includes aligning community dues with the rising costs of maintaining high-quality services and amenities, ensuring the financial stability of the community. I also, aim to develop a hybrid solution that combines the expertise of a professional management company with a lean, efficient office staff. This balance will allow us to streamline operations, reduce overhead, and focus resources on community development, all while maintaining a high level of service. Together, these steps will position the Lost Bridge community for long-term success and growth. Additionally developing a finance committee to insure transparency and input from the community.

Pete Lawlor:

My four years as Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) have provided me with valuable insight into the workings of our HOA and the needs of our community. I understand the importance of upholding community standards while respecting the perspectives of homeowners. This experience has helped me develop a practical understanding of HOA policies, processes, and the challenges our Village faces, preparing me to contribute effectively as a Board member.

My vision for Lost Bridge Village focuses on preserving property values while enhancing the quality of life for all residents. I aim to support initiatives that foster community engagement, ensure responsible fiscal management, and maintain the neighborhood's aesthetic appeal. Through collaboration and clear communication, I hope to create an environment where all homeowners feel valued and heard. Together, we can build a welcoming and thriving community.

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Melissa Isham:

My vision for Lost Bridge Village is to see it continue to thrive and grow as a vibrant and welcoming community. While I believe the Village is already a wonderful place, I see opportunities for improvements that can enhance its appeal and functionality. My family frequently enjoys the recreational center (games and weights), pool, park, and pickleball courts, and I would love to see upgrades at the rec center to make it even more aesthetically pleasing and versatile for residents.

Another amenity I'm passionate about is the airstrip. Our family plans to utilize it in the near future, and I've come to appreciate how unique and valuable it is to our community.

If given the opportunity to serve on the board, I would advocate for the needs and interests of all Lost Bridge residents. I believe in open communication and encouraging community input to shape our long-term planning and future growth. Recognizing that not everyone shares the same perspective, I aim to listen to as many voices as possible to represent the majority and act in the best interest of the Village as a whole.

Amanda Allen:

With a robust background in Organizational Leadership, I am honored to nominate myself for the position on the LBVA Board of Trustees. My professional journey, marked by dedication, innovation, and a passion for community service, aligns with the core values and mission of the LBVA. I graduated with a B.S. in Organizational Leadership from Southern Nazarene University and began my career at Commercial Financial Services, where I honed my skills in lending and finance. Over the years, I have held various positions at esteemed organizations such as Allen Construction Management and currently serve as an Account Director for Strategic Global Accounts at Microsoft. At Allen Construction Management, I oversaw land development, land acquisition, development of CC&Rs, overall yearly budget adherence, and voting rights. This experience has equipped me with the skills to manage complex projects and ensure financial responsibility, which are crucial for the board role. My vision for the LBVA is to preserve our community culture, promote growth, maintain public services and events, and ensure financial responsibility.

In addition to my professional qualifications, I am deeply passionate about our community. My personal interests in fishing, boating, and outdoor sports have given me a profound appreciation for the unique culture of Lost Bridge. I am committed to fostering an inclusive environment and collaborating with fellow trustees to achieve common goals. I believe in the importance of innovation and will bring fresh perspectives to the board, focusing on affordable rural development and data-driven decision-making. With my dedication, integrity, and forward-thinking mindset, I am eager to serve on the LBVA Board of Trustees and contribute to the remarkable progress and lasting impact on our community.

Thomas Capps:

Tom Capps is a recently retired-professional from Tulsa Oklahoma. He worked for a large natural gas utility company that serves over two million customers across Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas for 30 years. Tom began his career in Wichita and has held leadership roles of increasing responsibility in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. His passions are safety and supporting the growth of team members. Through the course of his tenure at a large utility company Tom has gained experience managing large teams, optimizing annual budgets, and leading operational teams to manage and update pipeline infrastructure in a safe and efficient manner.

Tom holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in human resource management from Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Tom has gained experience working on multiple boards across Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Most notably were his recent roles when he served as a board member for the Rio Grande Valley Partnership that supported the economic interests of 32 cities in the greater Rio Grande Valley Metroplex. Additionally, Tom gained experience serving as a Board of Directors member with The Texas Gas Association, County Fair, along with numerous Chamber of Commerce Associations throughout Oklahoma and Texas.

Tom has been a member of Lost Bridge Village since August of 2012. During the last 15 years, he has developed a love for Striper fishing on Beaver Lake and socializing with friends and neighbors in Lost Bridge Village. He is looking forward to spending many summer seasons enjoying lake time and fishing with his close friends, and family, especially his three adult children and five grandchildren.

Board of Trustees Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Board of Trustees Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM in the Village Hall at the Sherwood Crane Memorial Community Building – 12477 Lodge Drive. While this year's meeting is taking place a couple of weeks later than in prior years, the later date was chosen to ensure adequate notice to all property owners and to allow time for submitting votes for the Board of Trustees election.

During the meeting, the newly elected board members will be announced, and the current board will provide a comprehensive recap of the past year's accomplishments. The agenda will also include discussions about future plans to enhance our Village through various capital projects and other improvements.

We encourage all Villagers to attend this important meeting either in person or virtually. The virtual link will be added to the Community Calendar on our website and will also be sent out via email with our March News & Updates.

Your participation and input are vital to the continued growth and success of Lost Bridge Village. We look forward to seeing you there.



Property Invoices and Payment Updates

Recently, invoices have been mailed out to all property owners. Please ensure that payments are submitted by Friday, February 28th. This year, we have been upgrading our office systems, and as part of this integration, invoice distribution was delayed. To accommodate this, we have extended the due date for payments later than in prior years. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this transition.



Looking ahead, future upgrades are expected to provide additional conveniences, including easier online payment options, the ability to establish automatic payments, and the capability to receive annual invoices via email. We are committed to improving our services and making the payment process as seamless as possible for all property owners.

If you haven't recently updated your contact information, please do so via the contact update page on our website or by emailing the office at office@lbvca.com.

Looking Forward to an Eventful Year in Lost Bridge Village

As we enter a new year, we find ourselves midway through the quiet season in our Village. Recent weather has been characterized by cold temperatures and snow, but we are eagerly anticipating an eventful summer season ahead. Numerous events have been scheduled for Villagers throughout the year to ensure a vibrant and engaging community life.

Among the planned activities are the annual "Kickoff to Summer Cookout," hosted by the Overstreet and Buhr families, the "Independence Day Parade & Fireworks," and the "Jesse Harvey Memorial Fly-In" to conclude the summer season. These events promise to bring excitement, joy, and a sense of unity to all participants.

Additionally, other monthly social events will be organized to foster community engagement and strengthen bonds among neighbors. These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our Village special.

We encourage all Villagers to consider volunteering for our Village events. Volunteers are essential to the success of these activities, offering a chance to get involved and socialize with neighbors and friends. Your participation helps make these events memorable and enjoyable for everyone.

Stay tuned for more details about upcoming events and how you can get involved. Together, let's make this a year to remember in Lost Bridge Village.

Villagers Ring in the New Year with Festivities at the Eddy Oliver Recreation Center

As the clock neared midnight, a group of Villagers came together to celebrate the New Year at the Eddy Oliver Recreation Center. Adults and kids alike enjoyed spending the evening together. The event was a hit, with families and friends engaging in a range of activities that kept the spirit of the celebration alive.



When the New Year countdown began, excitement filled the air, culminating in a cheerful chorus of "Happy New Year!" echoing through the center. The sense of community and togetherness was palpable, making the event a memorable start to the new year.

The success of this family-friendly gathering has organizers hopeful that the New Year's Eve celebration will become an ongoing tradition for Villagers to get together and welcome the new year as a community.

Considering Building or Remodeling in LBV?

Whether you're contemplating a new construction, an extension, or the replacement, expansion, or enhancement of an existing structure, the ACC is your initial step in bringing your project to fruition.

The Architectural Control Committee exists to champion your cause, providing guidance and assistance throughout the process.

All it takes to get started is to contact the LBVCA Office to secure a spot on the agenda for one of our upcoming meetings. office@lbvca.com



Common Q&A

Can I burn on my property?

If you're considering burning yard waste on your own property, it's essential to obtain a burn permit in advance from Benton County. Failing to do so and having a fire truck dispatched due to reported smoke on your property can result in charges for the fire service call. To secure your burn permit, please contact Benton County at (479) 273-5530. Please note that burning construction materials is strictly prohibited. Always ensure that fires are not left unattended.

What are some ways to be a considerate neighbor while taking care of my property?

When it comes to maintaining your property, we kindly ask that you be a responsible neighbor. Clear leaves and tree debris from your ditches and culverts to prevent water runoff issues. You can either burn them or arrange for proper disposal. If you hire someone to manage yard waste, please instruct them not to push it into ditches, culverts, or streets. Property owners can transport these materials to the Village collection site on Arabian Drive. A clean-up fee may apply if the Lost Bridge maintenance team needs to clear your ditches.

A dead animal is on my property, what do I do?

For reporting injured or deceased animals, such as deer or raccoons, located on state roads or roadsides, please contact the Arkansas Game & Fish Department at (866) 253-2506. Provide them with the street address where the animal is situated. If you discover deceased animals or parts on your property left behind by hunters or coyotes, it is permissible to bury them but not burn them, in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality guidelines. If you have questions, contact Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at (888) 233-0326.

Please be aware that the Benton County doesn't have a program for the collection of deceased animals.



Where can I get updates on weather related road conditions?

Motorists seeking information on weather-related road conditions can access it through the Arkansas State Highway Department via their website: www.iDriveArkansas.com

Why are street signs throughout Lost Bridge Village different colors?

Regarding village roads, please note that roads with green and blue street signs fall under county jurisdiction. If your road has potholes or ruts that require attention, you can directly contact Benton County Roads at (479) 271-1052 for repairs, or submit a repair request via their [online portal](#). There's no need to contact the Village Office or wait for a board meeting to report road issues.

Is there a general speed limit within the Lost Bridge Village community?

It's essential to adhere to the speed limits, which typically range from 20 to 25mph throughout the Village. The Benton County Sheriff's department enforces these speed limits. Please be aware that there is no on-street parking permitted within the Village.

Lost Bridge Village Website

To stay updated on all the latest news, events, and important community updates, be sure to visit our website regularly. On our website, you'll find:

Community Calendar: Keep track of upcoming events, meetings, and gatherings. Links for all online meetings are also available here.

News and Announcements: Stay in the loop with the latest happenings.

Community Resources: Access to important documents, guidelines, and helpful information.

Visit www.lbvca.com to explore all that Lost Bridge Village has to offer. Your online community hub is just a click away!

Lost Bridge Village Gazebo Gazette

This publication is released bi-monthly to report community news to all Villagers. We strive to include information regarding current events, social happenings, and interesting articles highlighting Village property owners.

We always welcome and appreciate feedback as well as suggestions for future issues.

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Please send us an email: VillageNews@LBVCA.com

Update Your Contact Info

Property owner information is currently being updated for all Lost Bridge Village accounts and invoicing. Please contact the office at office@LBVCA.com to update your contact info to ensure you receive all future billing communications.

