



Goose Creek Lake Trustees, Inc.

»»» Fall 2016 Newsletter



MOTHER DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

This spring and summer has been exceptionally unpredictable from Mother Nature. Unfortunately she doesn't realize that cleaning the culverts, ditches and roadways is not as easy as cleaning your bedroom. Needless to say she has made it quite a challenge for all of us. As fall approaches we ask that everyone does their best to keep up with clearing culverts and drainage areas to protect our roads.

When fall arrives please pay close attention to the Fire Department safety signs. This year we have had minimal fires and this is due to your awareness and actions. Lets work towards continuing this trend throughout the fall.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

As fall draws near the entire staff and Board of Goose Creek Lake Trustee's, Inc. would like to take the time to thank each and every member of our beautiful community. Soon the trees will transform with color and winter will follow. Not everyone has the privilege of working in such a picturesque atmosphere. It is the community inside the gates that keep us thriving and honored to be a part of your community.

We have hired on some new staff this year and we have a few new faces on the Board of Trustee's. We hope that everyone has had the opportunity to meet them. If not, feel free to attend the Trustee's meetings held the second Saturday of each month and introduce yourselves.

If you are not participating in the activities that take place throughout the summer and fall it's time to get involved. Poker runs, the Children's Fishing Tournament, the Fireworks Display, the Easter Egg Hunt, Dinner and Dances in the Recreational Hall, Youth Swims, the Children's Library and Movies, Hayrides, Watermelon and Ice Cream Social... these are just a sample of the community opportunities to participate in for fun that take place throughout the year.

None of this would be possible without YOU! We just want to say thank you to every member of our community, volunteer groups and your guests and families for making this a wonderful place to work, play and live.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 10/01—Hayride, Chili Super, Bonfire. Election
- * 10/29—Children's Halloween Party
- * 10/29—DNF Adult Halloween Party and Dance
- * 10/30—Trunk or Treat
- * 11/1—Sign-up for Children's Christmas Party-thru November 30th at the Office. Ages 0-12.
- * 12-10—Children's Christmas Party
- * 12/10—GOONS Christmas Party-Pot Luck Dinner.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

This years road paving is almost complete. This is one of our strongest commitments and improves yearly with your help.

This is one of the largest expense in our community. Besides the addition of new roads there is the cost of repairs to existing previously paved roads.

Revenue for paving is generated not only from your Assessments but also Guest Passes, Vehicle Registrations and ATV Sticker Fees. The office parking lot finally got paved and striped and is a much needed facelift for the entrance to Goose Creek.

Plans for the 2017 paving are already in the works. In the mean time please attempt to keep culverts clear of debris and leaves and make sure your driveway directs the water runoff into a ditch.



Two people are on opposite sides of the lake.

SAFETY FIRST

One yells to the other, "How do you get to the other side"?

The number of ATV, boating and vehicle accidents is down again from the past few years. We appreciate your efforts to operate these in a safe and courteous manner. Theft, vandalism and break-ins continue to be an issue.

"You are on the other side!" the other yells back.

We would like to encourage as many as possible to join the Neighborhood Watch. This group has done a wonderful job in assisting our Security department and your participation would be a huge asset. The entire community watching out for each other is our best defense. We encourage you to report any suspicious activity.

If any of your personal information has changed please take the time to stop by the office and report the changes. It is very important, especially in emergency situations, that we are able to contact you and have correct phone numbers and addresses on file.

The ballot issue for your consideration is Proposition A. Last year you voted to change the Covenants to require that all electrical service at or near the water should be inspected by a qualified individual. Questions were quickly raised about this change, especially about the National Electrical Code Article 553 (Floating Buildings) reference. When further investigated we found that a combination of National Electrical Code Articles was more appropriate to our situation. The intention is not to cause undue hassle and expense to dock owners, but rather to help ensure electrical service located nearby does not create a danger to those on, or near, the water. The Trustees are proposing the following changes to this provision to clarify the requirements and make it easier for Property Owners to ensure their electrical service is safe.

Proposition A adjusts Section 10 of Article VII, Building Construction to read:

10. All lakefront properties with electrical service at or near the waters' edge, including boat docks, either floating or stationary, are required to have an electrical safety inspection performed by a qualified individual by May 1, 2017 or whenever lakefront property changes ownership.

- a. All wiring methods and conductors shall be suitable for wet locations;
- b. Disconnect at shore shall be 42" above finish grade and accessible at all times for emergency personnel;
- c. All dock feeds at or beyond Emergency disconnect switch must be GFCI protected;
- d. A Dock Wiring Inspection Sheet (available at Office) must be completed and returned to the Office.

Results of the inspection must be submitted to the Office for review. Any failed inspections must either be corrected within 90 days of the inspection or electrical service must be removed from the affected area. This change is effective October 1, 2016 and applies to all lakefront properties, regardless of when electrical service was added.

SURVEY 1

Would you like to see Goose Creek Lake build a Commercial Boat Dock?

The Dock would require an initial down payment of 20% but would be self sustaining and pay for itself through rental income. This would not raise assessments. A lottery system would be implemented to acquire the available spaces.

SURVEY 2

Would you like to see Goose Creek Lake upgrade the existing campsites?

The redesign would include a facelift from the existing sites and we would add electrical to campsites.

Fun Facts

- ◆ Only 67% of our lot owners purchase Fire Tags.
- ◆ We have on record 3948 Property Owners.
- ◆ Our Security Department roves on average 2400 miles per month.
- ◆ The 4th of July fireworks display is funded 100% from donations.
- ◆ Goose Creek Lake was founded in 1968.
- ◆ The lake is approximately 400 acres.
- ◆ Sarah Sutton just celebrated her 10 year anniversary of employment with Goose Creek Lake.
- ◆ The lifespan of a Goose is 15 to 25 years.

The final item for your consideration is the selection of new trustees to fill seats of outgoing members. There are 3 positions, each for three-year terms, plus the one-year alternate position. **Vote for up to 3 candidates.** Selection of new trustees is very important as they make decisions on day to day operation as well as planning for the future of our subdivision and all it has to offer.

Candidates will be at the Property Owners' Meeting. You can talk to them there before the ballot box closes at 11:00 am on **October 1, 2016**. If you can not attend the meeting be sure to return your ballots in time for your vote to be counted. **NOTE: The following candidate information is transcribed exactly as presented to the Election Committee.**

Donald C. Sobocinski Plat 25-049:



Hi, I'm Don Sobocinski. I have been a property owner for the past 9 years; my family includes my wife, Diane, and our 4 daughters, 1 son, and 8 grandkids. I enjoy boating with my family, and being the Easter bunny here at the lake. I am currently a Trustee, serving on the Security and Permits Committees. I am also working to rid our community of junkie lots and junkie campers. I have owned and operated Town and Country Landscaping for 38 years. I am available to the community anytime. I will be sure that the money allocated for projects is spent wisely and that the things done within Goose Creek are for the benefit of the community. I am very people oriented and often called "Captain Don" and if you ever have any questions I am always happy to answer them. I appreciate your vote.

Peter J. Passiglia Plat 22-168:



As a former Trustee I know how we can make positive changes and how to work together towards a common goal that is for the betterment of our community, not my own personal agenda. During my previous term as a Trustee we accomplished the initial dredging, worked with Sarah to get her commissioned with St. Francois County and began the road paving project. All of these things made Goose Creek a better place and helped increase our property values.

I am running for trustee again due to I am disappointed in the direction that I see our community heading once again. The Trustees are elected to run Goose Creek for the property owners. Which means they need to listen to the property owners and their concerns, because what they have to say does matter. Please allow me the opportunity to help get Goose Creek back on the right path again!

Stephen L. Folle Plat 15-041:



My name is Steve Folle

My wife Ann and I have been enjoying Goose Creek since 1991 starting with a camper we have been permanent residence here since 2011.

We participate in as many functions as possible that are held by various organizations working for the betterment of Goose Creek.

I was employed at SBC/AT&T for 34 years retiring in year 2000 as a data engineer. I am currently co-owner of Custom Satellite and Security Systems.

I served on the Goose Creek Lake Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2015 serving as Treasurer and Chairman.

If elected I will use my knowledge and experience to help maintain lakes and roads to benefit all property owners, while being financially responsible and maintaining open communication with Property Owners.

I will work for all Property Owners to keep Goose Creek a fun and safe place to enjoy.

Thank you for your vote.

Terry W. Jacobson Plat 05-298, 299:



Hello Again I'm Terry Jacobson. Better Known as Jake. I'm a full time Resident of Goose Creek and Have Been for over 10 years. I'm Running for Trustee again & Still Have My Heart in Our Community & To make Goose Creek a Better & Safer Place to Bring Your Family to Enjoy them selfs. I've Owned a Bussiness Here at Lake (Jakes Express Shop & Deli) Formally P.J's For Over 12 years now. I'm seeking Your Vote to serve on the Board after Taking a Year Off To to Organize my Bussiness, Local Guys Electrical Co. LLC & Jakes Express Shop & Deli. Also Looking Forward to joining the Board to Help improve our Community again. Again Thanks For Your Vote.

Douglas Baker Plat 7-437:

Resume not available.

Jeni Margherio Plat 23-138, 139, 140:



I'm Jeni Margherio, and I've been a property owner for three years. I have seen Goose Creek improve immensely since I've been an owner, and I would like to lend my support to continue to help improve Goose Creek for everyone to enjoy.

I have over 20 years of volunteer experience, volunteering for Fair St. Louis as the Sales/Commissary Leader.

I have a BA in Accounting from Webster, and a Master's of Science in Taxation from Fontbonne. I am currently the Controller at Fry-Wagner Moving and Storage. I have also worked for 10 years in public accounting and 7 years as a General Accounting Manager at Sara Lee.

I feel that I would be a great asset to Goose Creek if I were elected to the Board of Trustees, and I would make sure that the property owner's questions and concerns were heard/addressed to the best of my abilities.

Thomas H. Martin Plat 06-378:



I'm 62 years old and retired from St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis. I worked there for 32 years as a Stationary Engineer in the power plant operating and maintaining equipment assuring continuous delivery of building utilities and operating systems throughout the medical center.

I began coming to the lake in 2000, bought a lake house in 2004 and became a full time resident in 2005. Met my Fiancée, Christine Little here. We enjoy having our families and friends visit so we can share everything there

is to offer!

My first goal will be about being the best steward I can be for our community, Goose Creek Lake Subdivision as a whole first and foremost. My second goal is to become a mediator to make business more cohesive between all those involved and my third goal is keeping our lake community fun and safe!

Kimberly K. Curtis Plat 38-033-037, 053:



I am currently in charge of the Neighborhood Watch Program here at Goose Creek. I am a previous Board member where I served as Vice Chairman for 2 years. While on the board our major accomplishments were starting the road paving project, the initial dredging project, and getting Sarah commissioned with St. Francois County. I have positive proven experience in helping to improve Goose Creek.

After my prior term on the board I left feeling that we had accomplished something positive and made Goose Creek a better place. Now I feel that things are heading down the wrong path and that it is time that we step in once again to take back control of OUR community. I know the importance of listening to all sides with an open mind before making any decisions. It is time for a change and for OUR voices to be heard again!

The ballot box closes at 11:00am. No ballots are accepted after that time! Please be assured that the way ballots are handled, there is no way to see how you voted. Your return envelope is marked with your ID number in order to record that you returned your ballot envelope. Envelopes are not opened until counting time. All are welcome to observe the counting. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE COUNTING!**

We hope to see you at the meeting. Look for the Goose Creek Lake Trustees page on Facebook. We also have an e-mail site at goosecreeklake@gmail.com if you want to correspond with us. We appreciate and need your input to make the right choices for the future of Goose Creek.