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Brian Haines of Woodbridge took this double rainbow photo in his neighborhood last fall.

Let Them Be Heard

A special election about a $50 million debt is coming to Lakeland this spring because a group of volunteers collected hundreds of names.

Stephanie Lefler, who lives in Lakeland Estates, led a group of 20 volunteers around the City for two weeks in December. Their goal? To collect names, addresses and signatures to force a vote on the $50 bond issue. The money is to finance Lakeland Prep, a grades 6-12 school building proposed for Canada Road and Highway 70.

They met their goal and then some. They were required to garner 827 signatures or 10 percent of registered voters in Lakeland, according to Stephanie. When they arrived at City Hall Dec. 30 with petitions in hand, there were more than 1,541 names, addresses and signatures recorded.

They asked for a referendum vote on the bond which was passed by the Board of Commissioners (BOC) Dec. 11. At that meeting, Wyatt Bunker, mayor, introduced a substitute resolution to the issuance resolution which would have allowed citizens to vote on the bond issue, but it did not get a second from the commissioners.

And in January, the team won its right to vote when the Shelby County Election Commission (SCEC) certified the necessary signatures.

Heading the list of reasons the group is against borrowing the money is the size of the debt and the belief that future tax increases will be needed to cover the debt. They also do not see an immediate need for a middle and high school because of the agreement with Arlington Community Schools.

Some of those campaigning against the proposed debt also are against the increase in property tax which was given the green light at an October BOC meeting. Although Wyatt said he would repeal the 55-cent new tax if the bond issue is defeated, commissioners have said publically they will not vote to remove the tax. Those commissioners say the new tax will still be needed to finance a new building. The tax will only fund Lakeland Prep and will not be used elsewhere in the City.

A special Facebook page was created called Concerned Citizens of Lakeland and via that social media outlet, supporters expressed their concern that five people shouldn't decide what is good for a City. Voters should have an opportunity to approve that level of debt.

The $50 million price tag includes land for $2.1 million plus costs for construction, fees for architects and engineers, furniture, fixtures and equipment and athletic fields. Just last month, 94-acres of property were identified as a location for Lakeland Prep at a below-market value price of $1 million.

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners must select a date for the election this month and allow the SCEC to approve the date. The actual day to vote is expected to be late March or early April.

Cover - The first and only winery in Lakeland, Delta Blues Winery, is now open for business 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Located at 6495 Steward Road off Hwy 385, the winery offers wine tastings and sales and tours of the winery. From left are owners Dianne Day, Ed Stevens and Jim Wilson and from right customers Kevin Floyd, Ginny Dunn, Alexis Tutor, Will Ashworth and Mitzi and Phil Pilcher. Friday night concerts are planned for this summer.

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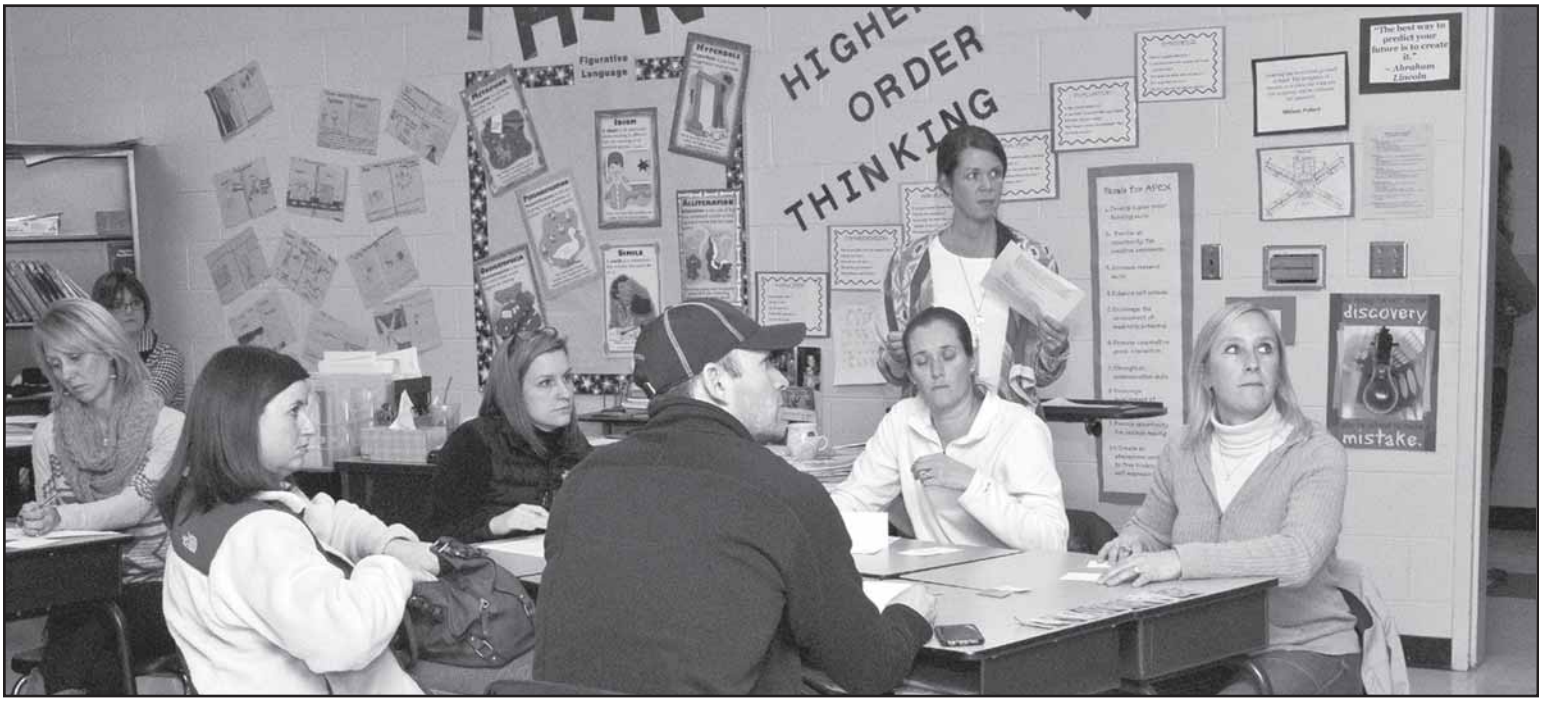
Above, Dr. Ted Horrell, Lakeland school superintendent, addresses attendees at the community forum Jan. 15.
Below, attendees in a small group setting at the forum. photos by Jim Willis



Dreams, Questions for Lakeland Prep

Perhaps Mandarin? What about computer science programming? Or business and finance?

Those suggestions were among many proposed by Lakeland parents and citizens attending a community input meeting Jan. 15 at Lakeland Elementary School.

The purpose was to recommend ideas for the Lakeland Prep Project, a grades 6-12 school that could be built by 2018. It would be located on the north side of Highway 70 at Canada Road.

About 100 people attended the meeting facilitated by Dr. Ted Horrell, school superintendent, and Dr. Bill Bozeman of Southern Educational Strategies.

Ted opened the session in the LES cafeteria and explained that attendees would split into small groups to share their ideas and concerns. He encouraged those in attendance who were in favor of financing the $50 million in bonds to be sure to vote in the special election in the spring. "I believe it will be close and may be only a matter of a few votes," he said. "When it's over, please don't look back and say what if I had voted," he added. He also said that if attendees don't agree with the bond vote and are strongly against the project or taxes, to remember that teachers were on hand as volunteers and not to facilitate concerns about the project.

Bill encouraged those in attendance to give their ideas for the new school both in the small groups and through a survey that was available online through January.

Among ideas suggested that night were AP and honors courses, college prep, technology, extracurricular like orchestra, fine arts and girls soccer. Other suggestions were Mandarin, theater and television production and computer science programming.

Operational questions were also raised:

- Can students already at Arlington Middle or Arlington High School stay to complete their studies even after Lakeland Prep is open?
- How will the design construction allow students of varying ages share services but still be separate?
- What about buses? How will they transport students in all those grades?
- How will shared spaces work for two different schools, like an auditorium for drama, choral and meetings for both a middle and high school?

The data was collected by SES and presented to school board members for further study.

LSS - It Could Have Been Different

Imagine a Lakeland School System (LSS) with students housed at the former Outlet Mall or the vacant Kroger building.

Might have been, could have been, according to Kevin Floyd, chair of the Lakeland School Board (LSB).

It was a year ago, in January 2014, and Arlington and Lakeland were renegotiating the interlocal agreement between the two school systems. Because the school buildings were to be conveyed instead of leased (from Shelby County Schools) the agreement had to be revised and signed, said Kevin.

At the time, Dale Viox, chair of Arlington Community Schools, would not sign a revised interlocal because he was concerned about the Bolton annexation, said Kevin. (Lakeland was reviewing a request with residents of the Bolton area to possibly annex Bolton into Lakeland. After further review, it was deemed unfeasible to annex that area.)

So Lakeland School Board members immediately became concerned about a place for Lakeland students in grades 6-12 to go to school. "We needed space for the kids to go," said Kevin. They looked at space not only at the vacant Kroger building but also the Outlet Mall south of I-40. "We had people calling the respective owners of the mall and Kroger, it was a nerve-wrecking time," noted Kevin. "We wouldn't have been able to have our own school district without an agreement in place or buildings to educate our children. Our children would have been zoned to the merged Memphis City and Shelby County Systems."

To get Arlington back to the table, a clause was added to the interlocal noting that only students in the current boundaries of Lakeland would be part of the agreement. In addition, the two-year provision to break with Arlington was changed to three years, he said.

Wyatt Bunker, mayor, echoed Kevin's concerns and said they (the Lakeland School Board) lived through a nightmare. "I was equally concerned when this was happening," he said.

"I would be remiss if I didn't say that the reality is that there is no obligation for Arlington to take our children grades 6-12," said Wyatt. "They are likely to take our high school children because they are not over capacity at this point. But it's possible they won't take our middle school students because they are at capacity there.

"No one wants to buy into a community if their children have to go to three different school systems," Wyatt said. His reference was to a concern that Lakeland children might have to start at Lakeland Elementary School, then go to a County school, before they could enroll at Arlington High School.

Then in December, Arlington opted out of a shared employee position, instructional, special education and accountability, saying they needed the employee full time in Arlington. Lakeland was asked to hire its own person within the City, which was done in January 2015.

"Arlington is going to do what's best for Arlington, which is what they should do," Kevin said. "But the risk is, we can't eliminate uncertainty of where our kids will go to school. There is always a risk our children will go to the merged Memphis City and Shelby County system until we can educate K-12."

Will Lakeland be asked to contribute to construction costs if crowding is deemed a problem at Arlington Middle School? "We are on the hook for possible additional portables at any school where our kids attend," he said.

It is an interesting fact, Kevin said, "We started this process in February 2014. It's now 2015 and we haven't acquired the land yet and we don't have the financing lined up. Currently we are on pace to open a school in 2018. So we are talking about an approximate 55-month deliberate process to build this school."

Wyatt added, "The hurdles will get smaller as we go along, but still the largest part of the effort ahead of us is the financing."

Kevin added, "When people say wait, we're risking interest rates and cost of construction going up. A half-point increase in the interest rate will add over $5 million dollars to the project based on today's rates. It will cost Lakeland taxpayers more if we wait."

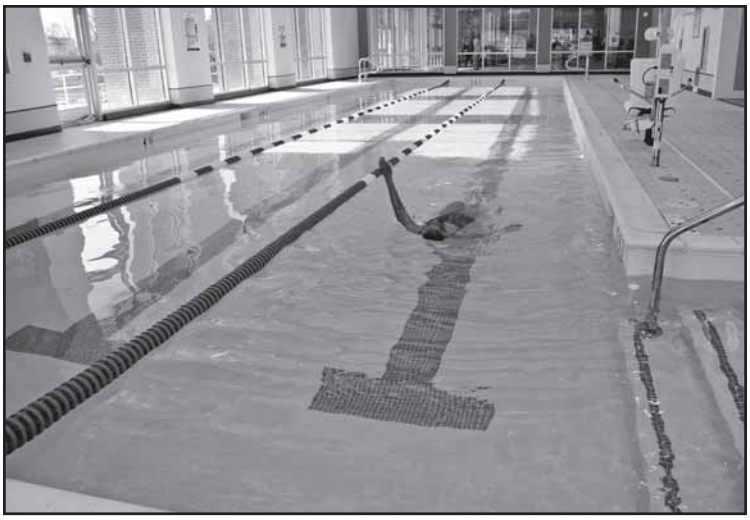
One consideration by the LSB is to bring all the grades 6-8 students back to Lakeland along with ninth graders, said Kevin. So the first year would add grades 6-9 to a Lakeland school system, adding another grade each year, up to grade 12. "Obviously we would have to work something out with Arlington on this," he added.

Crime Report for Lakeland - SCSO

In the reporting period Dec. 8-Jan. 4, total crime incidents in Lakeland increased to 15, up from five a month earlier. Increasing were larceny from one to seven incidents; theft from building, zero to one; and vandalism misdemeanor/felony from one to six. The report is from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO). Decreasing were thefts from vehicles, from two to one; and motor vehicle thefts from one incident to none. More crime occurred on Sundays with four incidents. For time of day, the most (five) occurred from 2 to 6 p.m.

Lt. Terry Lomax of the SCSO said theft from motor vehicles (TFMV) increases when cars are left unlocked and valuables are in sight. On Christmas Eve, he said, there was a robbery at the Car Wash USA, 9122 Highway 64, getting money from a safe. He reminded residents that thefts will likely increase with the opening of LA Fitness, 9020 Highway 64. "This is a large parking lot with visibility from the interstate and a federal highway," he said. "Individuals target these businesses." He mentioned thieves paying a fee to use the facility and then robbing lockers inside.

Between Dec. 22 and Jan 18, there were seven TFMV reports, mostly in the Stonebridge area.



LA Fitness is open in Lakeland and planning grand opening ceremonies Feb. 21. Located at 8864 Highway 64 in Lakeland, the fitness facility opened Dec. 19 and is 41,000 square feet with a three-lane indoor pool and spa, three racquetball courts ad a full indoor basketball court. Hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends. Ribbon-cutting will be at 10 a.m. followed by a day of special activities. photo by Jim Willis

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QUESTION:

What is the bond referendum vote?

ANSWER:

The upcoming vote is to issue bonds for our own middle and high school tentatively scheduled to open in 2018. **This vote does not affect the new school tax.** If the school bond fails to pass, the new tax will collect for a future school construction bond.

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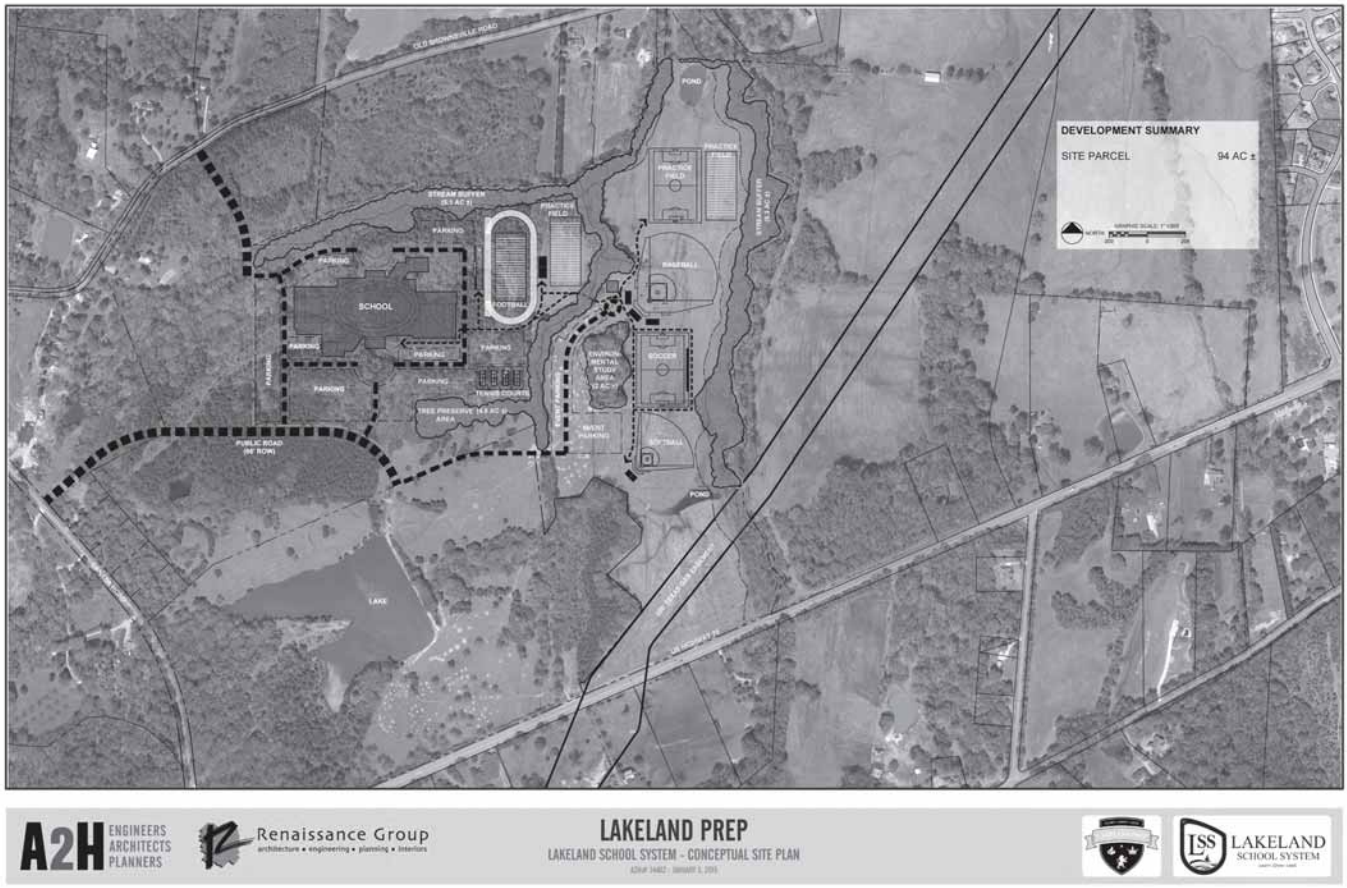

Conceptual site plan for Lakeland Prep. Courtesy of SES.

LSB update (Lakeland School Board)

Ken Glazer

The Lakeland School Board (LSB) unanimously passed a resolution Jan. 12 to negotiate for the purchase of what has been called the premier school site in all of Shelby County. The decision allows the LSB chairman and school superintendent to negotiate a contingency purchase contract for a 94-acre site owned by Jones Gilliland Group LLC for $1 million.

The site, located to the north and east of the intersection of Canada Road and Highway 70, was recommended by Southern Educational Strategies (SES), the Lakeland Prep managers.

The site has the space needed for the new grades 6-12 school building and all the athletic fields, plus its terrain creates a perfect learning environment for the prep school, according to Dr. Jim Mitchell with SES. The initial site plan shows the school building located on high ground surrounded by hardwood trees with gently sloping grounds stretching toward the athletic field area. Fields include football, baseball, softball, track, soccer and tennis.

Site access to the currently land-locked property initially would be on a new road which would be built from Canada Road to take advantage of the existing stop light at Highway 70. Access to the property from Old Brownsville Road would be via another new road. A third road from Highway 70 would be built by private developers after their plans are approved in the future.

Doug Swink of Renaissance Group, the company that worked with SES and the owners of the property (Jones Gilliland), said Rudolph Jones believes that building Lakeland Prep will bring both new homes and new businesses to Lakeland. According to Doug, Rudolph is said to appreciate Lakeland's initial site plan for its retention of the greenways with trees and the "environmental study area" for students, a two-acre space which retains its natural state because it fits so well with the plans for his future development.

Jim agrees that new homes and business will follow when the school is built.

The site was selected for a number of reasons, with location to major roads being number one. Other site benefits are its readily available electricity, fiber optic cable and gravity sewer connections.

Asked by Kevin Floyd, school board chairman, what other reasons caused Jim to recommend this site, he stated it is possibly the best there is in Shelby County. He and Dr. Tim Fite, also of SES, recommended the Board act immediately to acquire the land even if the school isn't built for years. They doubt another site like this will ever be available again.

In other business, Dr. Ted Horrell, superintendent, stated operating expenditures were in line with the board approved budget. There are several line items over 100 percent which will be offset by other line items in the same category which are under budget. The only area in the red is the cafeteria which historically runs in the red. The good news is since the start of school more and more students have begun to buy breakfast, lunch or both. The December count was 237 or an increase of 12 new participants.

There was also an amendment to the current budget to reflect the income of $1.5 million which the City passed on to LSS. This money has been in reserve for the school system and comes from previous years' tax collections. These funds will be used to purchase the land for the Lakeland Prep project and the services needed for due diligence.

The second special education teachers position has been filled and the approved substitute teacher list has been expanded by eight. The student health coordinator position remains unfilled. An LPN is in the school four hours daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Laura Harrison was selected unanimously to serve on the policy review committee at LES.

Members of the Board will travel this month to Nashville to attend TSBA's Day on the Hill (Tennessee School Board Association) where they will meet and greet the members of the Tennessee legislature and lobby for LSB's legislative agenda. The discussion of the legislative agenda was moved to February to allow more time for Board members to develop their agenda.

Inside the BOC Meetings (Board of Commissioners)

Chris Thomas is no longer city manager for Lakeland, having been terminated from his job by a vote of three to two at the Board of Commissioners regular meeting Jan. 20.

Voting yes were Commissioners Sherri Gallick, Clark Plunk and Gene Torrey. Voting no were Mayor Wyatt Bunker and Commissioner Randy Nicholson.

At the Jan. 8 work session, several commissioners voiced their dissatisfaction with Chris' performance and service to the City and citizens. Chris' contract with the City started Jan. 9, 2014.

Before the vote, four citizens spoke in favor of retaining Chris, saying he had been receptive to their concerns and needs in the city. Paul Vandiver asked if there were any benchmarks for employees in place? One speaker came forward to say he didn't think Chris was qualified in the first place.

Wyatt answered Paul, saying that Commissioner Sherri Gallick suggested a performance review process and he endorsed the idea last year. However, when he sent a sample document to commissioners, he received no response.

Commenting on her thoughts about Chris, Sherri said she thought long and hard and considered the pros and cons of keeping Chris. "To me it is not about the past, but about taking Lakeland forward," she said. "Trust is a huge issue and I have issues with that."

Wyatt said, " I think he's done a fine job as city manager, but the majority rules. I appreciate Chris and his service to the City."

Randy appealed to the Board to seriously search their consciences. "It is our duty to place the benchmark there and I'm not sure we did that."

After the vote, Chris thanked the citizens who came to speak for him. "I'm sorry things did not work out. I had a great team (at City Hall) and I will be around to help the staff with the transition," he said.

The BOC selected Jim Atkinson as acting city manager until the group can vote officially. Jim is director of planning and administration for the City.

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On Jan. 8 Commissioner Clark asked to review Chris' employment agreement and possibly fire him at the regular January meeting. He was joined by Sherri and Gene in explaining deficiencies with Chris' work performance.

Among issues of contention shared at that session were Chris' purchase of a new SUV, his handling of the garbage contract and some miscommunication about a median removal in a Lakeland neighborhood. The work session became so heated that at one point, Sherri characterized the dialogue as a lot of unnecessary drama.

Gene said the evening events were no different than a year ago when Bob Wherry (then city manager) was fired. "It's the same players, the same reasoning," he said.

Wyatt cited examples where Chris was not given a fair shake including removal of a median in Sterling Place and a name badge request by Sherri for an employee. "This is badgering to our city manager. It is completely out of line."

And so went the back and forth until Randy said, "We're off the subject here," and urged the commissioners to get back on task. He suggested commissioners take their concerns individually to Chris Thomas rather than publically and then Chris could get back with each commissioner.

Chris admitted he struggled last year, transitioning to the role of city manager. "For 20 years I was an elected official (including his previous job as Shelby County Commissioner). And early on I did feel obligated to Wyatt for getting this job." He continued, "I have apologized many times for the screw up on the garbage contract. But we have corrected that. It was a mistake, I admitted that."

In other matters of commission business Jan. 20, a resolution was passed authorizing the city manager and city attorney to pursue legislation on behalf of Lakeland to obtain authority to enact term limits for the mayor and commissioners. The resolution was sponsored by Clark who said eight years is enough time on the BOC. Wyatt echoed that sentiment saying, "I agree eight years is enough. If you don't have enough gray hair by then, you're not doing your job."

It was announced that phone calls would start immediately to complete the special census. Jessica Frye, said there are about 2,000 residents to call. Citizens can still call City Hall to answer the simple questionnaire.

At the work session, Cheyenne Johnson, Shelby County assessor, came to the meeting with her staff and they shared current statistics on Lakeland growth or lack of it. Citing 18 percent growth in 2001 to a decline in growth in 2014 of minus 0.27 percent. New residential construction permits were 79 in 2012, down to 40 last year.

Lt. Terry Lomax of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office gave the crime report for the last month and said theft from motor vehicles increased. This was due to unlocked cars and valuable items in view. With the opening of LA Fitness on Highway 64, thefts are expected to increase, he said. "It's a large parking lot, visible from the interstate and a state highway. Individuals target these kinds of businesses," he said.

Lakeland Growth Statistics from Shelby County

Lakeland property values declined in 2014 compared to an increase for Arlington over the same period.

Cheyenne Johnson, Shelby County Assessor of Property, presented figures to the Lakeland BOC at the January 8 work session.

Home values for Lakeland were down minus 0.27 percent compared to an increase of 1.97 percent for Arlington. In 2001 Lakeland had an increase of 18 percent and was up to 30 percent in 2005.

According to the report, there are 4,886 residential and farm parcels in Lakeland and 97 commercial and industrial. Thus, Lakeland is 89 percent residential and farm. There are 4,125 single-family homes with a median square footage of 2,725. Median appraisal in 2012 was $244,300, down to $224,500 in 2014.

Although the number of sales increased from 2012 to 2014 (160 to 162), the average sales price dropped from $271,100 to $259,950.

The highest appraised commercial and industrial properties are Champion Hills Apartments, the shopping center at Highway 64 and Fletcher Trace, The Corner Shops at Canada Road, vacant land on Highway 64 near Canada Road and Walgreens in Lakeland.

Residential new construction permits decreased from 70 in 2012 to 40 in 2014. The average value increased from $292,800 to $325,000.

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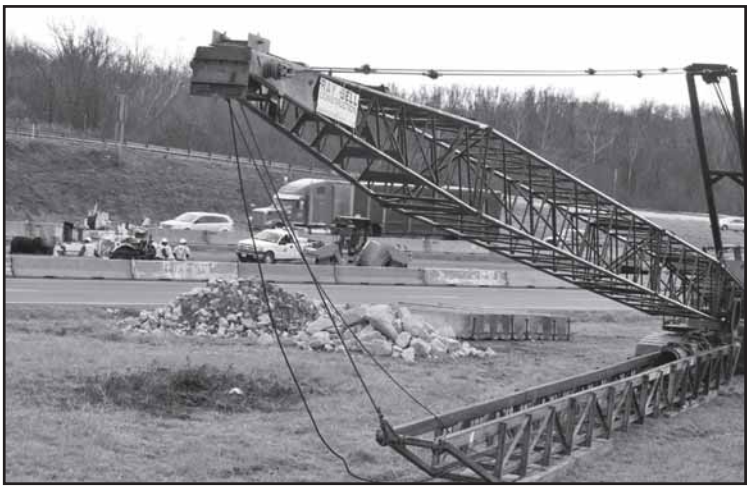

Work continues on the interchange at I-40 and Canada Road.
photos by Jim Willis

Happening In Lakeland

Partnership Lakeland will have its annual meeting and election at 6:30 p. m. Feb. 24 at The Refuge Church, 9817 Huff N Puff Rd. All citizens are invited, but only members can vote.

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As of Jan. 15, Lakeland Public Works collected 1,600 cubic yards of leaves. That equals 178 concrete trucks, according to Bristol Roberts, public works supervisor for Lakeland

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Keep Lakeland Beautiful Board members are planning for the City to participate in the "Great American Clean Up Day," the country's largest community-involved beautification program. There will be a concentration on improvements to Zadie E. Kuehl Memorial Park and the three-acre park in Canada Woods subdivision (off of Canada Road and Saskatoon Drive). The campaign to clean up the park will include new benches and trash receptacles as well as major cleanup of any litter and debris. "We take pride in the upkeep of our community," said Lakeland's city manager, Chris Thomas. "As a prosperous city, we are engaged in keeping Lakeland beautiful and encourage everyone to get involved," he said. A date has not been set for the clean-up.

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It is hard to believe that the winter break is over and we have already started the second semester. It seems like we just opened the doors for this school year as well as the start of our Municipal School System. Great things have only just begun!

In December, the board approved the creation of a new position, Instructional Specialist, for Lakeland School System. We would like to welcome Trudy Hughes to the Lakeland School System family. Mrs. Hughes brings a wealth of experience as a former special education teacher, principal and State academic consultant. In joining the LSS administrative team, she will be analyzing student data and recommending high-impact strategies to improve student achievement. The new position also allows our superintendent to more easily implement academic initiatives and support teachers, while maintaining the necessary attention on operations, finance and budget, communication and strategic planning. The board supported the enhancement of the district's academic team while maintaining a lean central office staff.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the community input meeting Jan. 15. The information we received will help shape the building and programmatic design of the new school. We want to ensure that the school reflects the educational priorities of the Lakeland community. Lakeland Elementary is one of the top performing schools in Shelby county. The board will be able to maintain continuity in academic excellence as we will have local control over the educational program from K to 12.

The School Board and Superintendent will be in Nashville for Day on the Hill to meet with the Tennessee legislators Feb. 17. This is an important trip since it allow us to speak with legislators one on one regarding issues that are important to us at a local level. We can speak to them about how things affect our children as well as what we need and want for our schools. This is one of the benefits from forming our own school system.

Spring registration is just around the corner. For information regarding what you will need to bring with you for registration, please visit each school system website. Lakeland School System is www.Lakelandk12.org, Arlington Community Schools is www.acsk-12.org and Bartlett City Schools is www.bartlettschools.org

Children attending:

Lakeland Elementary, March 26th from 9:15 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Donelson Elementary & Arlington High School 9th and 10th grade, March 26 from 4:40 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Arlington Middle & Arlington High 11th & 12th grade, March 31st from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bon Lin Middle, (Date has not been announced at the time of this article.)

As always, the Lakeland Elementary PTA and the Lakeland Education Foundation are there to help our schools. Because of the grants the Foundation and PTA supplied, the staff and students are really putting technology to use in the classroom. Over the winter break, the PTA had six new smart boards installed from the Boosterthon fundraiser. It is amazing watching the children's excitement when they learn using the new educational tools. Our system truly has the best support from the community and we are so thankful for each of you. Lakeland's academic record shows that our school administration, teachers and community support our children in academic excellence.

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Members Agree to Discontinue COLA

After 17 years in existence, COLA (Council of Lakeland Associations) no longer exists.

Citing a lack of relevance, Cecil Tompkins, chair of COLA, suggested that without any new officers or leadership, the organization would cease to exist. No one in attendance at a January annual meeting challenged that idea. He moved that the bi-monthly publication, Lakeland Currents, be a free-standing entity with its own separate board.

He said COLA was formed when Lakeland was much smaller with fewer neighborhoods. Today, 17 Lakeland neighborhoods representing 1,200 people are linked via an online site called NextDoor.com which was facilitated by Wesley Wright.

It was in the summer of 2014 that the City's publication, Citywatch, took own a new look and color and slick pages. Historically, neighborhoods have contributed to fund the publication. Again in 2015 all neighborhood areas will be asked to contribute $75 annually towards the support of Lakeland Currents. In return, the staff of LC will publish news from and about those neighborhoods.

Cost each issue to print and deliver by snail mail is $4,000. Some of that is offset by advertising, but not the entire amount.

Joining the news magazine's volunteer staff is Sam Lencke, a Lakeland resident for eight years and retired from owning a printing company. Sam will cover meetings in Lakeland and edit copy. He and his wife Bobbie (for 38 years) have two children, Scott (married to Catherine) and Cindy Muzzi (married to Philip) and three grandchildren. Sam is from Louisville, KY.

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Sherri Gallick

There has been a lot of speculation about economic development in Lakeland. It is no secret that if we want our community to prosper, we must grow in the right way. That means we need to encourage business development and the city has been working hard to ensure that happens.

In late 2014, the Lakeland Development Corporation replaced the city Economic Development Board. The goal of the new body is to infuse new money into our local economy through business and industrial development. If a business wishes to work with the LDC, they must adhere to specific legal requirements with contractual obligations.

Recently, the LDC began evaluating a proposal from the Lake District. The Lake District will replace the old outlet mall site becoming a town center, entertainment district with a plan that features an upscale hotel, retail shopping, restaurants and business space.

I recently met with the Shopping Center representative and he is working hard to secure three to four anchor tenants. Our preference is to target business that is new to Shelby County, if possible.

They are also seeking small business and would like to encourage local Lakeland entrepreneurs interested in starting a business. The Shopping Center Group would be happy to work with entrepreneurs, whether it is a franchise placement or a new business concept.

If you would like more information, contact me at City Hall. The site owner plans to move forward as soon as anchor tenants have committed.

The current McDonald's located in the Canada Road service station has a new owner. They have a contract with a five-year lease and are currently updating the facility. They have also installed 18 new surveillance cameras. In addition, they have an approved site plan for a McDonald's to be located on US 64 next to Walgreens. The expansion date has not been set for that location.

LA Fitness is now open. On Saturday, Feb. 21, there will be a grand opening celebration for the public. You will be able to tour the facility, participate in the classes and experience the new fitness complex. Delta Blues Winery also is open now. Stop by any Tuesday thru Sunday, 11-6 to pick up a bottle of wine or take a tour. There is a month-long grand opening celebration planned after the Easter holiday.

Zaxby's doors reopened with the close of 2014 and Sprouts will open in late spring. Sprouts is a welcome addition to Lakeland. The specialty supermarket features fresh foods, produce, healthy foods and vitamins/supplements. Other projects are being pursued and/or they are at the initial stages with the Municipal Planning Commission. Rest assured, we are working hard to bring Lakeland new business that will fit our demographics.

This used to be the Kroger in Lakeland but demolition has started on the interior of the building that will be Sprouts Farmers Market on Highway 64 at Fletcher Trace Parkway. The new grocery is scheduled to open in May. photo by Jim Willis

Finally, yet importantly, one huge project that will help jump start our community is Lakeland Prep. The Lakeland School Board approved a resolution to purchase 94 acres near Highway 70 and Canada Road. How fast the project proceeds will depend upon the outcome of the bond issue vote.

A YES vote will move Lakeland Prep forward with a target date of August 2018. Should the bond issue fail, it is likely the taxes will collect in a reserve for alternative funding options and/or a future bond issue. The tax ordinance specifies that the new 55-cent tax can only fund the school building project.

After the bond passes, the next phase will be design review followed by construction prep.

In addition, a local developer has committed to develop 1,200 acres surrounding the school site for additional residential and business. This will benefit the Lakeland economy and the Lakeland homeowners. Couple this with the new interstate exchange and the potential of the Lake District opening at the same time. What a boost for our local economy. Lakeland will be one-step closer to becoming the vibrant, unique community that our residents deserve.

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Lakeland Elementary School PTA News

Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

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We hope everyone had a great winter break!

Mark your calendars for campus beautification at 4:15 p.m. April 22.

SAVE THE DATE: LES PTA 7th Annual Auction- our theme this year is Boots and Bling! 6:30 p.m. April 17 at Colonial Country Club. Tickets go on sale this month.

We are looking for businesses interested in supporting Lakeland Elementary by purchasing a sponsorship package or donating to the Auction. This is a great way to advertise your business. If interested, please contact Tracy Jones at tracyshelljones@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Spirit Events:

February 2 - Papa Murphy's (Hwy 64) - Love at 425°!
February 17 - Wolfchase Chili's - License to Grill!
March 10 - Lakeland Lenny's Subs - Tastes Better!
March 24 - Plumpy's BBQ - Local Smokin' BBQ!

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WOODBRIDGE Homeowner's Association

Brian Haines

Brian Haines

Frequently I'm reminded that it's the people that make the place rather than the other way around. We've heard the mantra of "location, location, location!" (perhaps to exhaustion), but I submit that more precisely it's the locals3 (to the third power) that really make a community. Many positive changes are happening within our community and they are happening because of people who care enough about a given issue are moved to action. While this is an immensely better alternative to the sleepy apathy that many leaders struggle against, if the care or concern is too greatly placed on the issue we tend to trample over the actual people voicing an opposing viewpoint. Thus, while I encourage the people of Woodbridge and of Lakeland to engage in issues such as neighborhood priorities, schools, taxes and bonds we should do so not entirely focused on our "gold" but perhaps more on the higher principle of the "golden rule". Ultimately, whatever the issues are, our neighbors will continue to be the people we are living among and they are the ones who comprise the location, location, location.

Some super folks who are working to keep Woodbridge a great place to live include Craig and Debbie DeCrow, who both put up and took down the beautiful Christmas decorations on our neighborhood entrance. Also a monumental thanks is in order to Mike Sexton who is handling all the treasurer responsibilities (please let this be a reminder that annual dues are due!) and George McDowell who is continuing to coordinate all of the HOA issues as he serves as president. The efforts of these folks keep our HOA running and our dues at a minimum. Thank you also to all of you who continue to observe our covenants and who consistently serve as great neighbors!

Plantation Hills HOA

Wesley Wright, neighborhood president

Wesley Wright

Currently the PayPal account to collect funds for new plants, solar lighting, the sign and a general fund for future small projects is doing well with about $400 from collections and personal donations. PayPal is a secure format to donate funds. Access via PlantationHillsNeighborhood@gmail.com

We had a nice showing at our Jan. 10 neighborhood meeting. We covered voting for the bond (coming up in March or April), the 2014 real estate report for Plantation Hills, the Canada Road extension that could be completed by 2019/2020, donating and code enforcement. If anyone has a covenant concern please inbox me (Wesley@wesleyalanwright.com or in Nextdoor.com) and I will look into it. I have had some success with the City and am looking to help restore or raise the image of PH. Our next meeting is in early April to take advantage of wonderful weather. Stay tuned on Nextdoor.com for that.

As to code issues, one is vehicles parking on the street or other transports that are not within City guidelines. Two concerns overgrowth creating a blind spot on William Little at Canada Road and on lots where unkempt property is not honoring covenants. If trustworthy services are needed to help maintain a property please email me but do not send notes or ring doorbells threatening anyone.

Thanks to those sending me concerns. If it's something we cannot see in plain sight then you have nothing to fear If it's unkempt out front landscape, parking that breaks Plantation Hills covenants or noise pollution then first we will meet on it one on one and see if we can remedy the situation.

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Heron's RIDGE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie, account executive

Megan Wylie

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We at Heron's Ridge certainly enjoyed the season. This was abundantly clear by all of the homes displaying their holiday cheer with beautiful yard and home decorations. Congratulations to the Hannah family who took top honors for Yard of the Month for the Christmas addition.

With the New Year upon us our annual meeting is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the IH Clubhouse. Please look for your notice in the mail. We are looking for homeowners who would be interested in joining the board. If you have any questions about the Board and what it involves please contact Level 1. We hope you will make plans to attend.

Please remember to sign up on the Herons Ridge website to receive emails and updates on recent HOA news and activities, the web address is www.heronsridgehoa.com. You may also contact me by phone at 321-6744, or by email mwylie@level1management.com

North Lakeland Community Association (NLCA)

Andy Mills, president

Andy Mills

The North Lakeland Community Association has new officers.

Andy Mills is taking over as president. Kathy Clark and Shaun Cummings are sharing the responsibilities for vice president - programs. Patty Little is the new secretary. Jenny Lawrence, Paul Criss and Brian Person resumed their respective roles for membership, treasurer and neighborhood watch coordinator. Our meetings are at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every odd month at New Salem CP Church.

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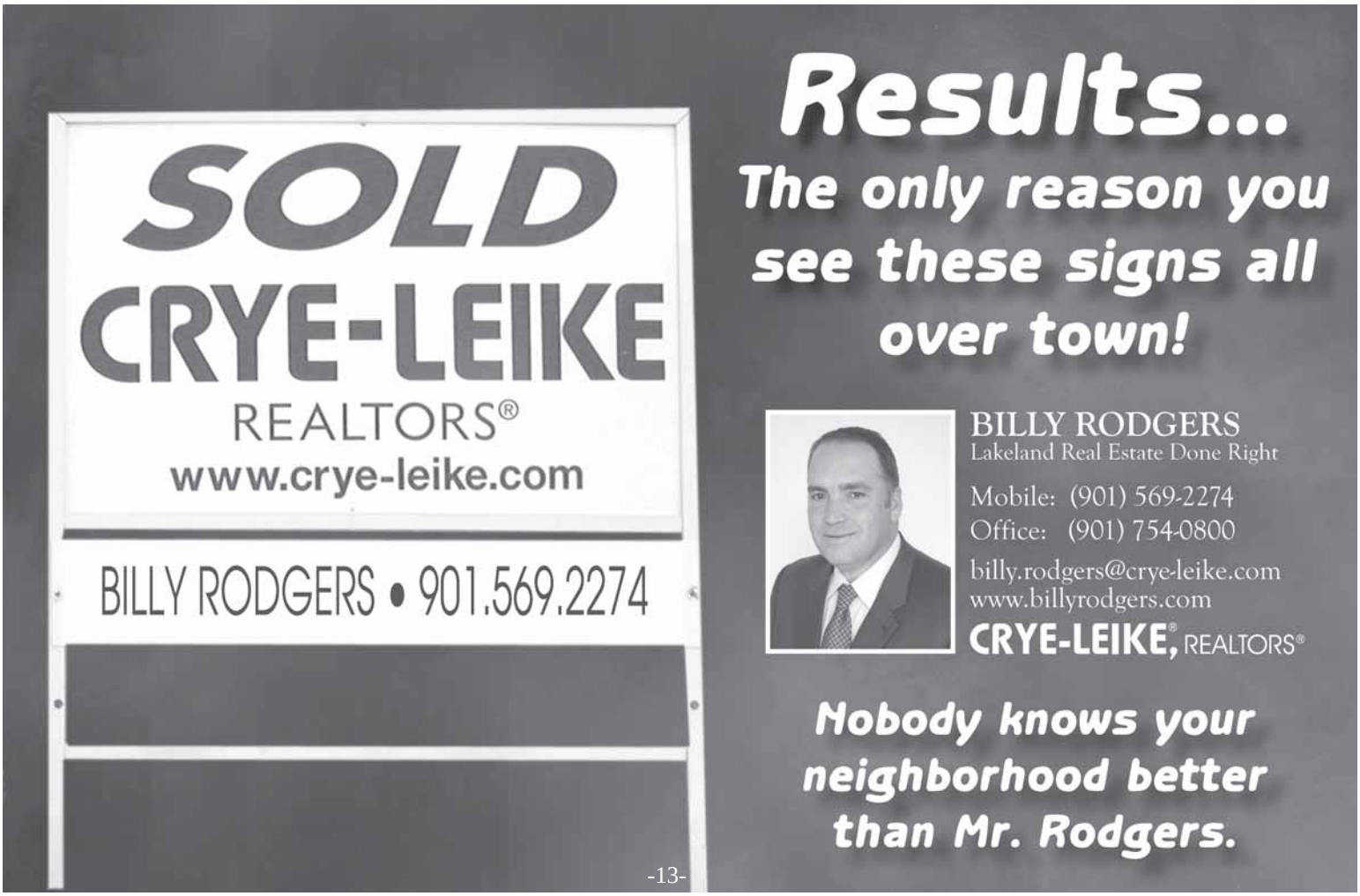

The Grove at Lakeland

Robert Ahokas

Robert Ahokas

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas holiday and has a happy and prosperous 2015. The cold winter has now settled in and the wild four-legged critters are actively seeking out warm places to nest, such as your garage or attic! They can cause a lot of damage if they do get in. Conversely the wild birds need plenty of food to survive the subfreezing temperatures.

The water retention pond along Maple Walk Drive has begun to freeze so please caution children of the extreme danger of trying to walk and play on frozen waterways.

At the Jan. 6 meeting the HOA Board outlined short-term goals. One is to have a noticeable improvement in the neighborhood appearance within the first eight months of this year. This includes removal of tree and shrub branches overhanging sidewalks and walking trails adjacent to the conservation and common areas and the entrances to The Grove. This will be accomplished in part by ECO-Systems, the landscaping company managing the common areas of our neighborhood. We can all contribute however by picking up after our pets and disposing of trash and debris we encounter on walks. Another is to have one neighborhood event before July to meet and get to know each other.

Spring will be here soon so start thinking about some outdoor community events. If you have any ideas or suggestions , the next Board meeting is Feb. 3. Submit ideas to Theresa Boehling at tboehling@keithcollinsco.com or 753-6215 ext.111.

Finally, since the streets have been paved some have complained of vehicles speeding through our neighborhood. Sheriff deputies do patrol the neighborhood periodically, but if we all call the Sheriff Department's nonemergency number (379-7625) whenever speeders are seen, patrols may increase.

Oakwood
An Open Space Neighborhood

Megan Wylie, account executive

Megan Wylie

We hope every Oakwood resident's year is off to a wonderful start. We first want to thank all of our committee members for their work last year that helped make Oakwood such a great neighborhood. We especially want to thank our Events Committee for the wonderful job they did last year. They were especially busy late last year with the Children's Christmas Party and then the New Year's Eve party at the clubhouse. Both were a big hit! The next event Oakwood will be hosting is our annual Easter Party with the date TBD. We also want to take a moment and welcome our new committee members. Heather Roberts has taken over our Beautification Committee and Keith Acton has taken over the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

Our Annual Open Meeting and elections are at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Clubhouse. Please make sure and join us and come prepared with your questions or ideas. If you are interested in serving your neighborhood either as a Board or Committee member or just have questions please contact Megan Wylie at Level1 at 321-6742 or mwylie@level1management.com. As always you can find out more information about Oakwood on our website www.oakwoodlakeland.com or the Facebook page under Oakwood Subdivision in Lakeland.

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Garner Lake Association Lakewatch

Dennis Sossaman

The Garner Lake Association is a voluntary, non-political organization concerned with the well being of Garner Lake and its surrounding neighborhoods. The annual meeting of the board of directors will be at 7 p.m. March 9 at the IH Clubhouse on Canada Road. The public is invited and welcome. Membership in GLA is easy. Membership forms have already been mailed out and annual dues are only $20. Please visit our website http://www.garnerlake.com/ to learn more about us.

WINSTEAD FARMS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie, account executive

Megan Wylie

Welcome home to our new homeowners!

Hope everyone is having a great New Year. Please plan to attend our Annual HOA meeting March 16. Please look for your notice in the mail soon. It will be at the IH Clubhouse in Lakeland again this year. Please come prepared with your questions for the board.

The Winstead Farms Book Club is growing and going strong. All residents are invited to join. Please contact Cathi Braswell at shuter3601@aol.com for more information about joining.

Reminder to all of our homeowners: If you wish to make any additions, alterations or improvements to your home, secure Architectural Control Board (ACB) approval first. If you wish to report maintenance problems or have specific questions regarding HOA business, please call the Winstead Farms HOA line at 321-6766 or mwylie@level1management.com.

CALENDAR

(BOC/Board of Commissioners; LSB/Lakeland School Board)

February

5 - BOC work session
9 - LSB regular meeting
10 - Parks meeting
12 - BOC regular meeting
13 - LES professional development, no school for students
16 - Board of Appeals meeting
17 - Day on the Hill, Nashville, LSB meets with legislators
21 - Ribbon-cutting, grand opening, LA Fitness
24 - Partnership Lakeland annual meeting
26 - Lakeland Development Corporation meeting (LDC)

March

2 - LSB work session
4 - PTA Day on the Hill
5 - BOC work session
9 - LSB regular meeting
10 - Parks meeting
12 - BOC regular meeting
16 - Spring Break week
Board of Appeals meeting
26 - LDC meeting

April

2 - BOC work session
3 - Good Friday - City and school holiday
6 - LSB work session
9 - BOC regular meeting
13 - LSB regular meeting
14 - Parks meeting
17 - PTA Annual Spring Auction, LES

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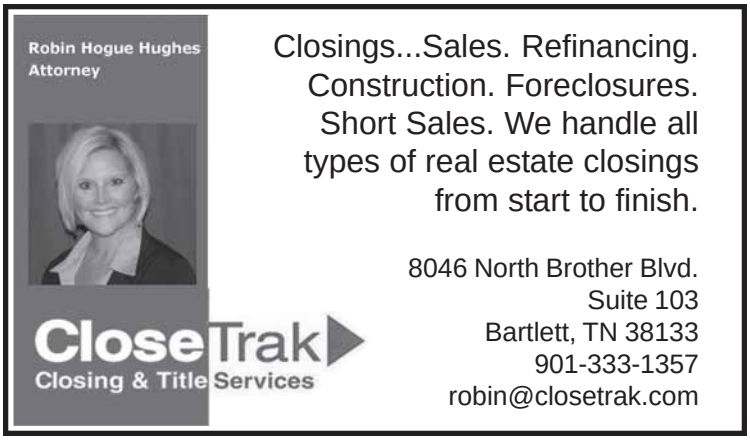

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Lakeland Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Rezba, public relations/senior center coordinator IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

Visit www.lakelandtn.gov for the latest information or contact Parks & Recreation 867-2717.

Lakeland Fitness - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday - IH Clubhouse

Cardio, yoga and calisthenics, lead by Sherri Gallick, certified instructor. The first class is free, each additional is $5, or participants may purchase a 10-class card for $30. A mat is required for class. For more information, contact Sherri at 867-2345 or sgallick@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Senior Programs 55+

Lakeland Senior Center (LSC) - 4527 Canada Rd; IH Clubhouse - 4553 Canada Rd.
746-8195 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. M-F; 867-2717 after hours
Marilyn Parker - Senior Center manager mparker@lakelandtn.org

Lakeland welcomes all local area adults 55+ to the Center, located on the picturesque grounds of IH Park.
It is a gathering place for friends to enjoy camaraderie through games, programs, seminars, and special events.
visit www.LakelandTN.gov for info on bridge, Bunco, dominos, Mah-Jong, Silver Sneakers, etc.

Special Thanks to….

Doug Pilant's Piano Moving and Tuning. Doug tuned the LSC piano in December (paid for by an anonymous donor).
Rosemary Crawford donated a six-disc CD player, several music CDs and a monetary donation to the Lakeland Senior Center.

Senior Special Events

On hiatus at least through March: Jamming at the Senior Center. Keep Ken Gurley and his family in your prayers as he recovers.

Book Club First Wednesdays - 2-3 p.m. Feb. 4 - March 3, etc.

February's book is 11/22/63 by Stephen King, For questions or more information, please contact Jeannine Dillard at 331-2839 or jdillard1949@gmail.com.

Computer Basics Classes - last of the series -
3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 11

Lakeland resident Howard Chick is wrapping up computer instruction for beginners. 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. Limited laptops are available. To reserve, call 746-8195

Living Well with Chronic Conditions -
Tuesdays - 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Feb. 3 - March 3

This is a complimentary program presented by Lisa Anderton, wellness director with the Millington YMCA. Topics include diabetes, arthritis, cancer, chronic bronchitis, high blood pressure, etc. Spouses, family members and caregivers are welcome. Please RSVP by calling 867-2717 or kodom@lakelandtn.org.

Coffee & Chat - Fridays - 10 - 11 a.m. Feb. 6 - March 6

Feb. 6 - Kick-off to pie month/pie tasting: feel free to bring a pie or muffins or donuts.
Meet at the Senior Center for fresh hot coffee and good conversation. Bring a friend and join a game of Chess or Checkers while you're here.

Creative Crafting -
Mondays - 10 a.m. - noon - Feb. 9 - March 9

February 9 will be Valentine's cards! The LSC will provide some materials. Feel free to bring any stamps, ink pads or other materials! No matter what your hobby is - quilting, knitting, crocheting, jewelry-making, painting, etc. Join our circle of crafters for fun and fellowship.

Retirement Roundtable/Workshop -
second Fridays - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Feb. 13 - March 13

The new monthly retirement series presented by Stephanie Lefler of Lefler Financial will feature the realities regarding retirement. Topics: February-Budgeting, March-Taxes, April-Final Expenses and May - Long Term Care.
Come for a complimentary lunch (and cherry tarts as part of National Pie Month) to discuss how women are more financially vulnerable in retirement and how they can empower their decision making. RSVP to 867-2717 or kodom@lakelandtn.org.

Mardi Gras Celebration -
12:20 - 2 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 17

Come on out and enjoy some delicious Louisiana cuisine (potluck). There will be Mardi Gras beads, music and King Cake. RSVP to 867-2717.

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Game Day -
Third Wednesday - 10 a.m. - noon - Feb. 18 - Mar. 18, etc.
Come to the LSC for Hump Day fun and games including popular board games like Scrabble, Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit. How about UNO, Yahtzee or Rook? Chess is available, too! There's plenty to choose from. Bring your own game and a friend or two and enjoy the space provided at the Lakeland Senior Center. Yummy snacks will be provided!

Ice Cream Social & Forum -
Thursdays - 1:30 - 2:30 Feb. 19 - March 19
Feb. 19: Pies in honor of National Pie Month
Is your birthday this month? The Lakeland Senior Center hosts a monthly ice cream social on the third Thursday of the month. The purpose is to recognize seniors who have birthdays falling in that month as well as for seniors to provide comments and suggestions for future Senior Center programming. All local-area seniors 55+ are welcome ... even if it's not your birthday!

Piano & Popcorn -
Third Fridays - 1 - 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20 - Mar. 20
Join us as we sing-along with Trudy Scholten playing piano. Popcorn will be served.

FREE Bingo with Steph! -
Fridays - 1 - 2:30 p.m. - Feb. 20 - Mar. 20
Don't miss your chance to yell, "BINGO!" No fee ... just fun and free prizes! Sponsored by Stephanie Lefler of Lefler Financial (stephlefler@gmail.com).

Pie Bake-off -
11:30 - 1:30 Friday - Feb. 27
Bring your favorite pie. We will have pie judges, cash prizes and ribbons! Mark Louderback, financial advisor with Edward Jones, is sponsoring this National Pie Month event.

AARP Driver Safety Class
(Two-day class)- noon - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12
Participants will learn new driving strategies, effects of aging on driving, how to reduce the chance of having a collision and much more. The classes cost $15 for AARP Members, $20 for non-members. Upon completion, Tennessee law entitles the participants to a discount on their auto insurance. For more information, contact George Coleman at 384-3581 or georgecoleman21@bellsouth.net.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration -
noon - 1:30 p.m. Tues. March 17
Come on out for some St. Patty's Day fun. Details coming soon!

Tax-Free Investing -
noon - 2 p.m. Wed. March 25
Mark Louderback, financial advisor with Edward Jones, will give an overview of tax-advantage investments such as municipal bonds, IRAs and life insurance. Tax-free Investing: It's not what you make; it's what you keep! Lunch will be served so please RSVP to 867-2717 or kodom@lakelandtn.org.

Seniors 55+ Going Green Dinner -
6 - 8 p.m. Fri. March 27 - IH Clubhouse
You're invited for a delicious dinner with friends! The menu, catered by Amber Lovell/Pink Flamingo (previously Charm City), will include pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Amber catered our Christmas dinner. There also will be baked and fried chicken provided by Kroger. The cost is $10 per person, payable at the door. The evening's entertainment will be Delta Rhythm Cloggers.
Make your reservation by Monday, March 23 by calling 867-2717 or kodom@lakelandtn.org. Sponsored by St. Francis Hospital - Bartlett and Kroger Lakeland.

Collage of attendees at the Senior Christmas Dinner. Courtesy of Jennifer Rezba.

Tragedy Leads to Lakeland Generosity

A concern for displaced senior citizens led Tracey Simpson of Cool Springs to reach out to neighbors in need.

The wife and mother of three children read about a devastating fire in Stonebridge Dec. 26 that destroyed the home of an elderly couple, Reva and Don Brown.

Her friend, Michele Dial, lives near the couple and shared that the Browns lost everything and could surely use some help. Michele is a former teacher at Lakeland Elementary School and now is assistant principal at Bon Lin School in Bartlett.

Tracey took to social media, Lakeland TN Facebook, and urged other Lakeland citizens to reach out. "If you want to help this Lakeland elderly couple, their immediate need is clothing. PM me if you can help. I'll take items to my friend, their neighbor, early Wednesday. Items can be dropped at my door in Lakeland through late tomorrow," she posted.

The home at 9036 Breckenridge Cove in Stonebridge was quickly engulfed in flames leaving the Davises without their home and possessions.

By Dec. 30, Tracey had sacks of clothing and stacks of gift cards on her dining room table. Word spread that she was opening her heart to the Browns and crews from WMC Action News and My Fox Memphis came to interview her and Michele about the efforts.

The two women coordinated their efforts with the City and Chris Thomas, city manager, agreed that City Hall would collect donations through the middle of January.

"It is heartwarming to me that people would make a special trip to bring clothing or purchase gift cards," said Tracey. "The least I could do was organize it."

Michele commented that it was scary to see the fire take off so quickly but she was relieved the couple was okay. "They've been the grandparents of the street," she said. "We wanted to help them get through this traumatic time." She added, "This shows how Lakeland can band together."

Items collected at Lakeland City Hall included men's and women's clothing as well as a generous number of gift cards ranging from $25 to $100 each, according to Chris. "It was a pleasure to accept the much-needed items for this Lakeland couple," said Chris. "It's nice to see the community come together to support them after such a tragedy."

The Breckenridge Cove house wasn't the first to catch fire in the Stonebridge subdivision of Lakeland in 2014. On Dec. 15, fire destroyed not only a home at 3242 Old Trail Cove but took the life of owner Jerry Stamson. He was the former owner of the Barksdale Restaurant in Midtown and brother to Steve Stamson, a member of the Shelby County Election Commission.

Two other fires in Stonebridge caught fire in spring of 2014 on Forest Edge Drive.

According to Jake Haley, Shelby County Fire Department (SCFD) fire marshal, all four fires were caused by different reasons.

One on Forest Edge was struck by lightning and the second an accidental fire likely from a burning cigarette. The Old Trail Cove house reason has not been determined but likely was a faulty portable heater. The Breckenridge fire was a malfunction of the heating and air conditioning system in the attic and a surge through the electrical system.

An sometimes-heard complaint is that fire service in Lakeland is negatively impacted because the City does not operate its own fire service.

Michele Dial and Tracey Simpson with donations.
photo by Jim Willis

Response time to Lakeland fires is not impacted by Shelby County operating the fire house, said Jake. "It is false that you don't get good coverage because Shelby County operates the fire house," Jake said. He noted the average response time in Shelby County and Lakeland is about seven minutes.

The SCFD is available to talk to groups about fire safety and also can provide and install smoke detectors for those who cannot afford to buy them. Call Jake's office at 222-8070 to schedule a talk. To get a free smoke detector, visit the fire house at 9774 Beverle Rivera Dr. in Lakeland.

Meet A Lakeland Business

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He noted that within Lakeland and Arlington, his is the only cleaners with its own plant on site. "We clean everything," he said, mentioning drapes, tablecloths and even sequined and beaded gowns.

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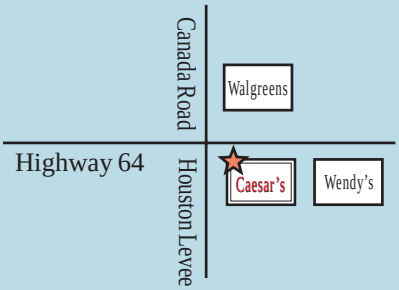

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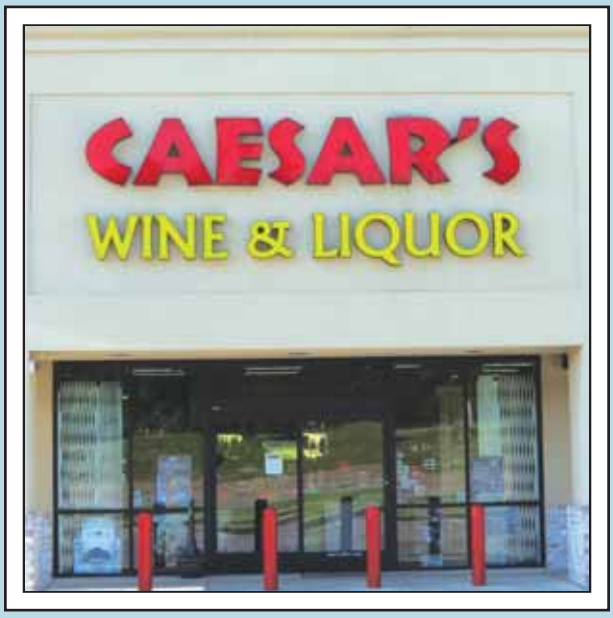

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