

Road Trust Update

By Kelley Dickinson

First a brief history lesson. After several years of complaints about the roads, the board in 2016 developed a comprehensive plan to tackle the situation.

An earlier five year plan had been developed but not funded and there were never sufficient funds in the annual budgets to do more than patch problem areas. So roads and drains were repaired on an as needed basis with what funds were available. But as the board explained in 2016 in the first page of the Trust Agreement, "We believe that the wiser, more logical, and better way to preserve our roads, streets, and drainage is to set up a projected comprehensive plan and schedule to conduct this work in an orderly and efficient manner supported by Trust money....We cannot depend on our regular Budget to fund this Ten Year Schedule, so the Board recommends that for ten years, beginning in 2017, we have a Special Added Assessment applicable to each and every lot in Lake Lorman Subdivision, Little Lake, and Big Lake, \$200 for each lot for each yearto be held in trust at Bank First in a Special Trust Account devoted specifically, and exclusively to funding these projects shown on the Map and Plan, and no other purpose."

Attorney Bill Cox drew up the "Trust Agreement for Specific/Street/Road Drainage and Maintenance at Lake Lorman". This agreement was voted on and passed at the December 2016 Annual Meeting and filed with Madison County. The full Trust agreement, including the schedule of work to be done, and map of the work can also be found at the Lake Lorman website under covenants.

Recently Phase IV of the project was completed by AdCamp with the repaving of Northshore Drive and Lakeshore Drive from Lorman Lane to the west end of the street. That cost \$121,223. After AdCamp is paid, Carter Clarke, our treasurer, reports there will be \$65,424 remaining in the Trust account at BankFirst.

The last phase of the project involves Westline Drive and Westline Road. Carter said he expects that work to be completed by September of 2025.

Lake Lorman Annual Fish Fry....

The 2024 annual fish fry hosted by the BYDC (backyard dinner club) was fabulous! The men fried about 75 pounds of fish and the ladies served over 150 plates. Many thanks to the cooks, their wives and all the "step and fetch its". If you weren't there, be sure not to miss next year.

A little history on the BYDC. The club started 5 years ago when a few good friends that live at Lake Lorman got together for a cookout, started talking about fishing and eventually how to make it better for everyone that fishes the lake. The group has grown to about 15 guys who contribute their time and money on a regular basis to improve the fishing. In the last 5 years over 400 pieces of structure have been placed in the big lake. For non fishermen like me, what does that mean? The structures are underwater shelters for the fish, mostly comprised of last year's Christmas trees and tree debris from storms. There are 12 fish feeders around the lake, 3 are privately owned and 9 were purchased by the BYDC. In 3 years the fish have consumed over 18,000 pounds of feed, purchased and distributed by the club. To keep the lake healthy, it needs around 800 gallons of fertilizer each year. The board buys the fertilizer but the club provides the labor. Have you ever noticed the "work barge" docked beside the club house? It is used for all the work mentioned above and maintained by the BYDC. I think they stay pretty busy!

Thank you to all who made a monetary donation at the fish fry, every penny goes towards the betterment of our lake. Thank you again BYDC for catching, cleaning, cooking and hosting such a fun Saturday afternoon.

See you on the lake,

Libby Marley



Summer on the Water – for the Lake Lorman community

by Penny Thrash

Getting out in nature is one of the fastest and easiest ways to boost our health and increase energy, so when the heat hits, you can find me out on the water. Consider this your quick-start introduction for getting out on the lake this summer, from choosing between a kayak or paddle board to getting your gear and dipping into the water.

For me, being on the lake is the best of the outdoors. I receive the health benefits of nature, which includes natural Vitamin D, reduces stress levels, deepens sleep and boosts the immune system, while exercising, getting fresh air and enjoying the time to connect with friends.

You will find me on the lake either kayaking or on my paddle board. Not only can I easily put my kayak or paddle board in quickly here at Lake Lorman, both are also perfect for traveling when we camp across the state and entire southeast.

If this sounds like something you want to try out, let's get into it.

Your first decision: kayak or paddle board?

While similar in many ways, kayaking has the lowest threshold for getting started. It's a simple process, easy to learn, and can be a relaxing activity.

There are two main types of kayaks:

- Sit-on-Top: This style is easier to get in and out of. It can also be easier to put into the water and get into without flipping.
- Sit-In: This style often provides better back support and can be easier to transport to and from the water.

Another distinction to know about is your option between paddle or peddle kayaks, depending on if you want more of an upper or lower body workout. Peddle kayaks also free up your hands which is handy for fishing or taking pictures.

Overall, kayaking is a relaxing and comfortable option for people who are newer to the sport, even when boats are out, and the water is a little more choppy.

Paddle boarding is my absolute favorite way to spend time on the water. Because I'm standing up, I can feel the breeze and enjoy a better view and a full body workout. I can jump in the water, sit on the edge and kick my feet. It's like my own private dock.

I have an inflatable paddle board, which packs into any size car, and a shorter, wider paddle board—a sturdy option that I suggest for anyone starting out. It is easy to learn to stand up and great for building confidence.

Once you decide between a kayak and a paddle board, the next question to consider is what kind of investment you want to make for your first purchase.

To get out on the water and learn to kayak before committing to an upgraded experience, there are many solid options, such as Lifetime kayaks & paddle boards, available at local sporting goods stores and Walmart to get started.



If you're ready to invest in a fun and smooth experience, kayaks made by [Hobie](#) are a dream. If I've learned anything, it's that the more enjoyable my equipment is, the more often I'm going to be going out and actually using it. And if you want an amazing experience being outfitted, [Everything Kayak](#) down in Gulfport is a fantastic one-stop shop.

This [video dives into the most common mistakes](#) that can dampen your experience getting started, and how to avoid them. It covers choosing gear, paddles, and how to get in, out, and paddle.

Once you have your new kayak or paddle board and you are ready to dip into the water, here are a few helpful things to remember:

1. Wear a life vest.
There are so many options, including [kayak-specific life vests](#), standard vests, or [inflatable vest options](#).
2. Stay outside of the buoys.
By staying in the safe zone, you avoid any accidents that can be caused by coming into close contact with boats.
3. Don't forget to hydrate.
Drink water before you go out and take it with you. I carry a little ice chest with coconut water, water and snacks.

Reach out if you want a hand the first time you go out. Getting off to a solid start can make all the difference in becoming confident out on the water. I've helped many people get started kayaking and paddle boarding, and I want you to have a wonderful experience.

Once you are comfortable and confident on your new kayak or paddle board, there is no limit to the places available to explore.

Here are resources to keep handy for your adventures:

- [A Great Guide to Florida State Parks for Paddling](#)
- [Natural Springs in Florida](#)
- [Options for exploring Louisiana on the water](#)
- [Last but not least, Mississippi has amazing state parks with beautiful areas for exploring on kayak and paddle board.](#)



In addition to all the health benefits of getting outside, it's just really fun. Paddle boarding is truly one of my favorite things in the world and I look forward to seeing you out on the lake.

***Editor's note: if boating is your preferred water sport activity, please see and abide by the Boating rules for Lake Lorman as posted at the end of this Newsletter and on the Lake Lorman website: <http://lakelormanms.com>**

Chief Hawthorne Reports on Fire Department

by Kelley Dickinson



From Left to right, the volunteers are William Ray, Matt Rogers, Andrew Swan, Tiffany Rogers, Jimmy Taylor, and Jasper Welsch.

I recently spoke with **Chief Ben Hawthorne** of the **Southwest Madison County Volunteer Fire Department** for an update on the department. Ben reported the department now has 22 active volunteers and ten paid personnel. The paid professionals work full-time for other fire departments in the area including, Madison, Clinton, and Gluckstadt, and they work for us on a part-time basis. He noted they are all graduates of the state fire academy and trained at least as EMTs so they are able to respond to both medical problems and fires. Ben said the station house at intersection of Lake Cavalier Road and Joe Coker Road is manned by two paid people during the day and one paid person during the night. The 22 volunteers also attend the fire academy and receive regular training, he pointed out.



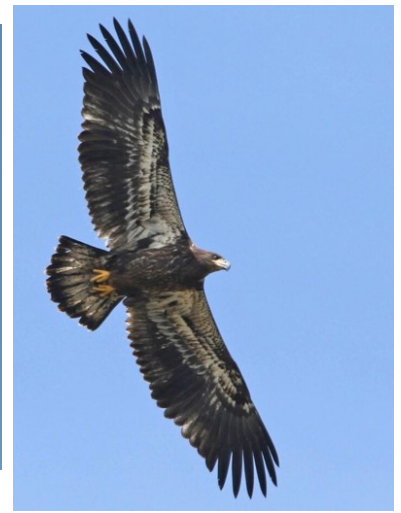
The Bird's Eye View

by

Dale & Sarah Lea Anglin

As June draws to a close and the hottest part of the year approaches, we can think of two ways to stay cool outside: either remain under the shade of the trees, or get in the water. Our feathered friends seem to have the same idea, and it is enjoyable to turn on a sprinkler and watch the perching birds as they dance in the mist. Given that we usually write about perching birds, we thought it would be interesting to give our readers a little information on some of the non-duck, non-goose birds that can be seen in and around the lakes this time of year—those that make the water their home or that exist mainly around the lake, rather than in the woods.

The most obvious yet somewhat elusive bird we've seen around the water this summer is the majestic Bald Eagle. These beauties are known to nest in the area, and the adults are well-known, with their white heads and tails. Juveniles are a mottled brown and, except for their size, may appear at first glance more like a hawk. It takes about 5 years for the bald eagle to acquire a pure white head—so look and listen carefully to the large brown birds you see. The call of the Bald Eagle is not what many expect; the sound of the bird at the beginning of the TV show "Northern Exposure" is implied to be a Bald Eagle, but is actually the call of a Red-Tailed Hawk. The Bald Eagle call is a bit high-pitched, whiny, and frankly, annoying! The bird is, however, spectacular and we encourage you to look carefully in the trees and the air if you are out on the lake this summer.



It is likely that the most prominent bird seen on the shores of the lake is the Great Egret; it is a large, majestic white bird with a long, thick yellow bill. Its smaller cousin, the Snowy Egret, is occasionally seen here; it has a black bill and yellow feet and is much daintier in appearance. Both birds eat mostly fish and crustaceans but will also feed on frogs, snakes, worms and insects (the larger bird preferring larger prey). Together with the Great Blue Heron, Great Egrets here at Lake Lorman often choose a specific communal place to nest each year, called a rookery. The birds and their young can be heard making bizarre, almost eerie clucking sounds every evening while they are in the nest. The Great Blue Heron is one of the largest birds we see year-round at Lake Lorman; these birds also eat mainly fish, but they are not picky eaters and eat basically anything they can swallow.

Another heron we see at the lake, in fewer numbers, is the much smaller green heron. It has a greenish cap, greenish-grey back, and dark rust colored breast. It eats mostly small fish such as minnows, as well as aquatic insects, but



crustaceans like the Great Blue, will also eat a variety of live prey. We often see these perched on piers, looking into the water for their next meal.



Finally, one of the smaller birds that remains around the water at the lake is the Belted Kingfisher. These are often seen on branches or flying across coves; they feed on fish that live in shallow water or that swim near the surface.

Kingfishers are sexually dimorphic: the males have a single bluish ring around the top of the chest, while females have a bluish ring with a reddish/rust colored ring below it. Both look like they are ready to party with their spiky “punk rock” feathers sticking above their heads.

While there are many more birds that can be found in and around the water here at Lake Lorman, we will have to wait until the “duck, duck, goose” muse visits us to write about these! Until then, we encourage you to look for the egrets, herons, kingfishers, and eagles and enjoy the heat of the summer under the shade or in the water



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Notes from the dirt dauber



Prune Now – Time is Running Out for Pruning

The middle of July is the very tail end of pruning spring blooming shrubs such as blueberries, azaleas, spirea and the like. They need time to put out new growth and form next years flower buds before fall. If you prune after the new growth and buds form... your blooms will be greatly affected for most next year. It is good time to cut hydrangeas back further than you want them to grow back to, so they won't be too leggy next Spring.

Roses can be cut pretty hard now as well, even though some varieties are still blooming. Some folks “dead head” roses by snipping off flowers, but cutting back the plants quickly forces new flower growth. It is not advisable to prune plants past the end of July. Give them time to put out new growth that can mature before the first frost. Spring blooming flowers need extra time to form flower buds so get any hand pruning done soon.

If your daffodils (narcissus) have begun to die down or are beginning to, please refer to the last Lake Lorman Newsletter regarding the separation and replanting of the bulbs to get more and better blooms. If the clusters are still small you might give it another year.

HOW TO PRUNE YOUR TREES

How you prune your tree during its first few years will affect its shape, strength, and life span. Proper pruning will save you money and give you safer, healthier, easier-to-maintain, and more beautiful trees.

KEYS TO GOOD PRUNING

1. Prune early in the tree's life so pruning wounds are small, but do not start until the third year or so. A new transplant needs its leaves to produce for new growth.



2. Identify the best leader and lateral branches before you begin pruning and remove any defective parts before pruning to form. Try to find and use lateral branches that form "10 o'clock" or "2 o'clock" angles with the trunk. Branches with such angles will have greater strength than those with sharper angles.

3. Keep your pruning tools sharp. One-hand pruning shears with curved blades work best on young trees.



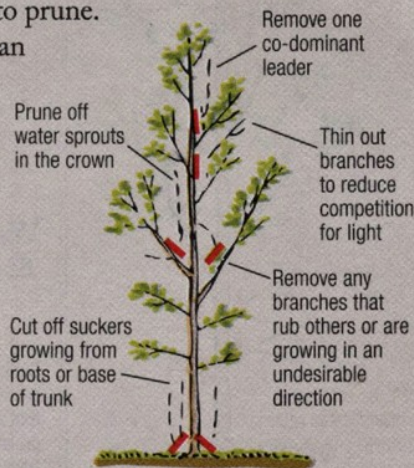
PRUNE WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

As you prune, remember that the branches do not move up the trunk as the tree grows. A branch 5 feet from the ground now will be 5 feet off the ground in 10 years — only thicker and longer than it is now. Try to visualize what a particular branch will look like later, and remove any branches that will cause an obvious problem. Prune shade trees as lightly as possible and only when there is a good reason to prune.

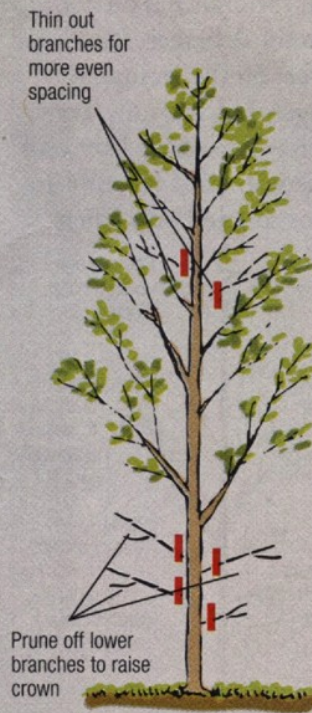
Never remove more than one-fourth of a tree's crown in a season.



Tree as planted



By age 3-4 years

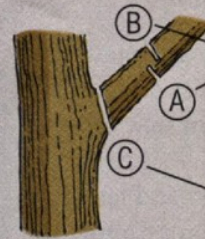


By age 5-7 years

HOW TO MAKE A PRUNING CUT

Pruning Large Limbs:

Large, heavy limbs could tear loose during pruning, stripping bark and creating jagged edges that invite insects and disease. That won't happen if you follow these steps.



Cut part way through the branch from beneath.

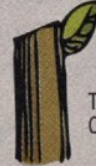
Make a second cut on the top of the branch, several inches out from the first cut. This will allow the limb to fall and be safely removed.

Make a final cut next to the trunk, just outside the branch collar, with the lower edge farther away from the trunk than at the top.

Pruning Smaller Branches:



Correct Pruning Cut



Too Close



Too Long



Too Slanted

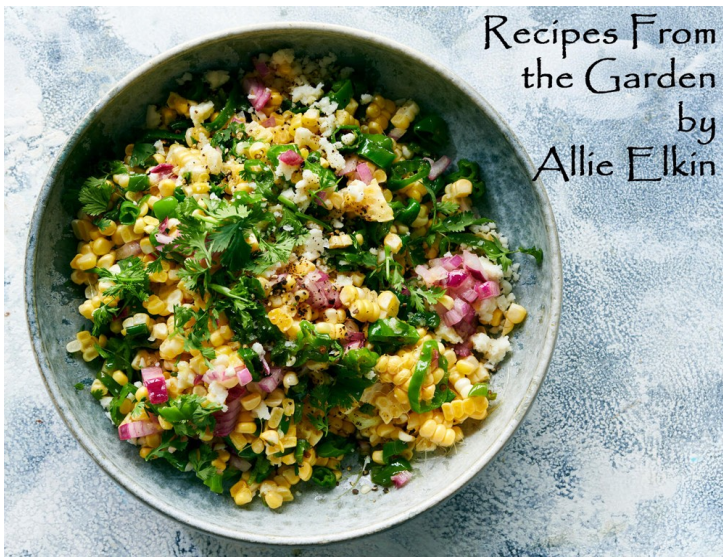
Learn more at arborday.org/pruning

Double Leaders

Select a single leader and protect it from competition. Remove co-dominant leaders that have crooks or other defects.

Watersprouts & Suckers

Suckers and watersprouts are rapidly growing, weakly attached branches that can occur at the base or in the crown. Remove them as soon as possible.



Recipes From
the Garden
by
Allie Elkin

This time of year, sweet corn is starting to appear at Farmers' Markets and the Shishitos in my garden are going crazy, so this recipe will put those peppers to good use.

Spicy Corn and Shishito Salad

I grew up in Texas, so I tend to gravitate to recipes that have a “kick” to them. In fact, my mother’s motto growing up was “If it doesn’t make you sweat, is it really spicy enough?”. I understand that not everyone thinks this way, and that is the beauty of Shishito peppers. They have a crisp grassy taste, but not much heat (although every now and then you will get one that packs a punch), so they are the perfect addition to this chopped salad template.

Feel free to add some cucumbers or tomatoes if you have them on hand or add some grilled chicken, fish or shrimp for a complete meal. You may want to double the dressing if you make any additions.

3½ tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

¼ teaspoon ground cumin

Kosher salt

⅓ cup diced red onion

1 garlic clove, minced

3 cups fresh corn kernels (from 4 to 6 ears of corn)

6 ounces shishito peppers, stemmed and cut crosswise into ¼-inch slices

1 large jalapeño, seeded and diced

¼ cup grated Cotija or crumbled feta cheese

¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Step 1

In a small bowl, whisk 2 tablespoons olive oil with the lime juice, cumin and ¾ teaspoon salt. Stir in the red onion and garlic and set aside until ready to use. (Do this step first so the onions and garlic have time to mellow slightly in the dressing.)

Step 2

Place the corn kernels in a large bowl and set aside. In a medium (10-inch) sauté pan, heat the remaining 1½ tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add the shishitos, jalapeño and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until the peppers are tender and beginning to brown, 4 to 6 minutes.

Step 3

Add the peppers and dressing to the bowl with the corn and toss well. Add the cheese, if using, and toss. Garnish with cilantro.

Save the Dates:

Be sure to gather at the Clubhouse at 10:00 on the morning of the Fourth to register your boat and get your number for the parade.



SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Boat Parade and Pot Luck:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 Parade starts 10:30 a.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, July 8, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, July 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, August 12, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, August 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the [Calendar](#) on the Lake Lorman website for scheduled activities, meetings and events.

Around the Lake

We're happy to welcome our new neighbors, the **Carosello** family. **Ryan** split time growing up between Las Vegas and the Cayman Islands. His wife, **Ashley**, is originally from Simpson County, Mississippi. They have one son, **Grayson** and two dogs, **Ziggy** and **Tofu**.

When asked what brought the family to Lake Lorman Ryan shared that upon moving back from the Cayman Islands they wanted to be on the water and things just fell into place.

Ryan likes to fish, while Ashley on the other hand, likes to just sit and watch the water.

The Carosello family's favorite thing about Lake Lorman, so far, is the people they have met have been friendly. That and the view.



Twin Lakes Baptist Church

You Are Invited to Join Us ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Weekly services:

- **Sunday-** Life Groups 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday** – Community Men's Bible Study 6:15 am in church fellowship hall
- **Wednesday**, Supper 5:30 pm and Bible Study 6:30 pm. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost \$6.00.

*Lake Lorman Lake and Boating Rules

1. Boat ramp access gate codes will be given only to members in good standing in regards to dues and covenants.
2. Gates should remain open only long enough to launch or to trailer your boat and locked immediately after completed.

3. All fuel powered boats using the Lakes must be registered with the Lake Lorman Board of Directors and have a current State boat registration, current Lake Lorman decals displayed, and liability insurance policy/policies covering their boat(s) of at least \$300,000 per boat or an umbrella policy that covers the watercraft(s) of the same amount.
4. No more than two motorized boats shall be issued decals; each motorized boat shall have two matching decals; 1 decal on the starboard side and 1 decal on the port side of the boat; either in front or after the registered Boat Number or on the starboard and port sides of the windshield.
5. No lot owner shall convey, lease, or grant permission to any third person(s) the right to use the Lakes or boat ramps.
6. No person shall tamper with or move any signs, markers, or buoys from the Lakes, the dams or the boat ramps.
7. No boats exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in length shall be operated on any Lake.
8. Use of Lakes is restricted to lot owners and guests only. Guests must be accompanied by a lot owner at all times. Guests' boats are not permitted. **ALL UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE LAKES BY THIRD PARTIES WILL BE PROSECUTED.**
9. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed by the driver of a boat or anyone being pulled by a boat.
10. No garbage, trash, or refuse shall be deposited in the Lakes.
11. Jet skis or jet boats are prohibited. No gas-powered motors may be used on the Little Lake, electric trolling motors only. Note: the entire Little Lake is a no wake zone.
12. Boats pulling skiers, or otherwise traveling at wake speed, must travel counterclockwise around the Lake.
13. Boats pulling skiers must have an observer aboard other than the driver, and the observer must be 11 years or older.
14. No motorboat may be operated by individuals without a boating license unless born before June 30, 1980. Boating education certificate must be on board while the boat is in operation as required by MS state law.
15. Wake surfing is prohibited. Use of wake-enhancing devices such as bladders that hold water to produce larger wakes are prohibited on the Lake. Any intentional act to create a wake or operation of a boat with a specific hull design to create a larger wake is prohibited.
16. Sailboats and other non-powered boats have the right of way.
17. No wake between official sunset and sunrise as defined by the U.S. Weather Bureau. All boats using the Lakes after sunset must be properly illuminated and must proceed at no wake speed.
18. When the Lake water level is at "0" level, or above, no boat may travel above no wake speed. During this condition a red flag will be flying at the clubhouse on the point.
19. No boat will be operated in a reckless manner that could cause personal injury or damage to property.
20. Operating a boat/watercraft in a manner producing excessive wakes, or operating outside buoy/channel markers, or operating in any way that would imperil or otherwise endanger swimmers and/or any boat/watercraft (canoe, kayak, fishing boat, etc.) also occupying either Lake is prohibited.
21. No trot-lines shall be placed in Lake Lorman waters.

22. Boats shall leave no wake outside the buoys and in the coves.
23. Coast Guard approved flotation devices must be on board for each occupant.
24. No boats will be tied to buoys.
25. Boat operators must be aware of the possibility of floating debris in the Lakes. Each year structure is added to the Lakes to make habitats for the fish. The Lake Lorman Board urges everyone putting structure in the Lakes to take every precaution to ensure that it will not break up and/or float to the top. However, boaters must take their own precautions.
26. Breaking the above rules and regulations will result in a fine, or for serious violations, loss of Lake rights.
27. Member must be in good standing with regards to dues and covenants to register a boat and receive a boat ramp access code.
28. New decals will be required to be purchased every 4 years at which time the current registration and proof of insurance will be required. Each boat shall have 2 Lake Lorman decals: 1 on each side of the boat. The cost of the decals will be \$50.00. If the decals are not renewed, current gate codes and code changes will not be given to the boat owner until decal renewal is complete.
29. VIOLATIONS. Each member is responsible for his or her own boat and the operation of their boat at all times. The breaking of any of the Lake Lorman published Lake and/or Boating Rules will result in a fine levied under the following Lake Lorman Fine Structure:
- 1st Violation: Warning
 - 2nd Violation: \$100
 - 3rd Violation: \$250 and Suspension of Launch Gate key for 3 months.
 - 4th Violation: \$500 and Suspension of Launch Gate key for 1 year.
 - 5th Violation: Permanent loss of Lake rights.
30. Each Lake Lorman boat owner must complete and sign the attached Lake Lorman Hold Harmless Boater's Agreement.



“When did they start going to work and leaving you all alone at Lake Lorman?”

For additional lake information: <http://www.lakelormanms.com> and on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-MS/Lake-Lorman/309416818289>.

Change Happens: Please let us know of changes to your email or home address lakelormancommunitynews@lakelormanms.com.