

Lake Lorman Newsletter July/August 2017
*A bi-monthly publication to provide general news
to the Lake Lorman Membership.*

4th of July, Break Ins, Neighborhood Watch Program, Board Nominations, Fishing, Book Club, and Mailboxes

The 4th of July 2017 at Lake Lorman did not disappoint! With near perfect weather all day, festivities kicked off mid morning with our annual boat parade. Boats decorated with red, white, and blue flags, streamers, and even beads circled the lake waving to bystanders on the water's edge. Afterwards, neighbors gathered at the clubhouse for a hot dog lunch topped off with a slice of watermelon. The paddleboard races for children and adults afterward were so much fun to watch too. (We hope to include Kayak races next year so that even more people will participate!) Thank you, Kathy Warren for organizing such a fun day of events. Of course, the day ended with the best firework display around! Tommy Draughn and Tony Huffman are the master designers -laying out huge lots of fireworks on their back lawn. The beginning of the show is signaled by the explosion of hundreds and hundreds of firecrackers followed by a light show like no other. The fireworks can be seen from all around the lake and has quickly become a "do not miss" event. Thanks so much Tommy and Tony for your hard work producing an amazing show.

Neighborhood Watch - Mark Sandridge with the Madison County Sheriff's Department will speak at the Community Meeting held after the board meeting on September 18th at the clubhouse. He will discuss how to start the Neighborhood Watch Program as well as tips for neighborhood safety. We want to encourage all residents to attend the community meeting to hear him speak. In

the meantime, residents need to be thinking about their top safety concerns for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch Program Meeting - The initial meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Program was held Thursday, August 24th after several thefts in the neighborhood. Gate captains were selected for each gate and Coker Road, with the exception of Gate 1. Any resident in Gate 1 who wishes to be a gate captain, please contact Karen deKock at karen@proteadekor.com. Gate captains are:

Gate 1 - ??

Gate 2- Kay Watts

Gates 3 & 4 -Mandy Robertson

Gates 5 & 6 - Kimberly Thigpen and Sue Watts

Gate 7 - Allen White, Dave Dear, Ben Hawthorne

Lorman Lane - Kay French

Coker Road - Jason Ramsey and Clint Brantley.

The duties of a gate captain include being the contact point for the Neighborhood Watch Program Coordinator, which is Karen deKock, coordinating a “gate party” where each gate will gather to get to know each other (this will be held after the community meeting in September), and gathering contact info for everyone in their respective gate. Once we get all the contact information, we will make a master list for emergency communication as well as mapping out everyone’s address for emergencies.

Fishing Guests must be with Members - Because of the break-ins, neighbors are more alert for strangers in the area. There have been reports of people who are not residents fishing from the dam and at the clubhouse. Please be aware that our lakes are private and anyone who fishes or boats in/on our lakes needs to

have a member present with them. Please report any trespassers to the police.

Board Members We are currently looking for members to serve on our 2018-2019 board. We have 3 members rolling off this December and will have 3 positions open for members in good standing. This is a two year commitment. Anyone interested in running should contact Rebecca Broom - becbroom@bellsouth.net. Reminder that your name has be turned in 30 days prior to our December voting in order for your name to be printed on the ballot. The floor will also be open for nominations the night of the vote.

Book Club This is a reminder to readers to take advantage of our Book Club swap box. It's located outside the door of the clubhouse. Simply take as many books as you want and leave an equal number of books in their place. The more people who participate, the better the turnover and mix of books will be. Happy Reading!

Mailbox Locations – As we prepare for phase one of road overlay, we have noticed that there are several mailboxes encroaching on the roads. Please check your mailbox and make sure it meets US Postal Mailbox regulations for placement

https://www.usps.com/assets/images/manage/usps_mailbox_guidelines_modal.gif

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when installing your mailbox:

Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.

Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.

Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.

If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.

If you are attaching the box to your house, make sure the postal carrier can reach it easily from your sidewalk, steps, or porch.

Board Meetings are the 3rd Monday in each month and are held at the clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. Our next board meeting will be **Monday September 18th.**

Community Meetings are held every quarter, immediately after the regular board meeting. It is the board's desire to (respectfully) interact with community member's questions and concerns. We look forward to seeing you there. The next community meeting will be **Monday, September 18th**. Mark Sandridge of the Madison County Sheriff's Department will attend and speak about implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Meet Your Board of Directors:



Rebecca Broom - Rebecca is currently serving her first year on the Lake Lorman Board of Directors. A graduate of USM in Interior Design, Rebecca worked the first part of her career as a buyer of furnishings and antiques for several furniture stores. The last 12 years has circled her career to the new construction end of design where she helps clients make selections and stay on track during the building process. Lake Lorman is the second homeowners' board she has served in addition to serving on Reunion's Architectural Review Committee.



Rebecca has been married to Danny Broom for almost 30 years. They have lived in 14

different homes around the Jackson/Madison area but in 2012 they set down roots after finding “home” at Lake Lorman. When



asked her favorite thing about living at Lake Lorman, Rebecca says, “The people we have met at Lake Lorman have become like family. We have amazing neighbors and friends all around the lake that we love spending time with. Whether it is an evening firepit, watching a ballgame or beautiful sunset, we are pulled like a magnet to be “home” every day before the sun starts setting. I don’t think we will ever move from this place.”



Rebecca’s mother, Ruth Dement, also lives in an adjacent “lock off” apartment with them (along with their 2 rescued Basset Hounds, Deuce and Stryker). Rebecca says, “Mom loves being at the lake too. She knows more people than we do through Twin Lakes Baptist Church and daily walks in the neighborhood.”

Danny, an avid lover of the SEC and the Ole Miss Rebels, owns a second generation house painting business started by his dad in the 70’s. Danny also works part time with Special Olympics of Mississippi and is a seasonal High School Fast Pitch softball coach at Hillcrest Christian School.

Thank you for your continued support,
Karen, Mandy, Tommy, Myra, Kathy and Rebecca

A note from a neighbor:

Lake Lorman Residents

Be Aware!

I am simply amazed at the total disrespect of the speed limits and stop signs on Coker Road. It is not the residents of Lake Lorman, it is the through-traffic to and from Pocahontas and Highway 49. The stop signs were installed several years ago to slow down traffic on this narrow, and in some sections, rough road. I believe the situation is worse now as vehicles simply roll through the stop signs and in many cases never attempt to slow down. Yes, I have called the Sheriff's department a few times and I guess they made an effort but nothing changes.

To our Lake Lorman neighbors be aware of this danger especially around the stop sign at Gate 1 and Gate 3 on Coker Road. I believe the greatest danger is between 6:30 and 7:30 AM and again 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Be SAFE on and off the water!

Bill and Jeannie