



Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

August 2026

Congratulations & Thank You to HAWL's New Board Members!

On July 18, 2026, an election was held to fill two seats on the Board of Directors that were due to expire this year. A big "Thank You!" to the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for their time and efforts given to this election.

Below are the results of the election:

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you!**

Joe Battaglia:	177
Tom Gibilterra:	149
John Pigott:	159
Stephen Strausbaugh:	87

Congratulations to

Joe Battaglia and John Pigott!

These new Board Members will be seated at the August 2026 Board Meeting for the 2026 - 2029 term.

Garbage Contract Change

HAWL's garbage contract will be changing from Waste Management (WM) to Coastal Environmental Services (CES) beginning Monday, August 3, 2026.

A new garbage collection schedule will begin the first Monday of August. Carts must be out by the roadway no later than 5:00 am, preferably the night before.

Beginning in August with CES, Property Owners may use the provided CES cart, plus up to three additional personal carts similar in size to the CES cart with a lid. Garbage and yard debris do not need to be separated, however; all waste must be in a cart.

If you wish to purchase an additional cart from CES for \$85.00, contact them directly at 985-781-3171.

WM will collect their carts with their final pick up on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Do not return your WM cart to your home; leave it at the roadway. The last week of July, CES will be delivering their cart to your home.

This contract change is the result of the WM contract expiring at the end of July. Both WM and CES bid for this contract and offered the same monthly price. CES offered a better service option to the community with Monday collection and not having to separate waste. **Beginning with the bill due September 25, 2026, garbage will increase from \$19.01 to \$23.00 per month.**

Snow Crab Night with Live Music

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and enjoy snow crab legs with corn and potatoes for \$27.99. Additionally, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



Family Dinner Night

Saturday, August 8, 2026, Waters Edge will host Family Dinner Night from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. With the purchase of an adult entrée, **kids 13 years and younger eat free from the Kids Menu.** Along with the full menu, family friendly specials will be offered. In addition to dinner, movies will be on in the Lakeview Room as well as coloring sheets and table games for families to enjoy. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.



Asian Dinner at Waters Edge

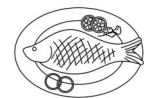
Saturday, August 15, 2026, Waters Edge will only feature a specialized menu highlighting Asian dishes both traditional and with a twist from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Enjoy a limited menu featuring egg rolls, gyoza, Korean beef BBQ, faux BBQ eel, and fresh tuna.



Grilled Redfish on the Waters Edge Deck

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, August 22, 2026, and enjoy redfish grilled on the deck served with a side of asparagus and roasted potatoes for \$15.99.

While the special is only available from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, the full menu will be available from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



Karaoke Night

Saturday, August 29, 2026, Waters Edge will host Karaoke Night run by David Delcambre. Enjoy the full menu and delicious specials from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm; mic opens at 6:00 pm for your enjoyment.



2026 Boat Parade Winners

This year several property owners decked their boats out from bow to stern to show their patriotism. **1st place was awarded to The Berlier Family and they will have the honor of leading the 2027 Boat Parade! 2nd place was awarded to The Grieshaber Family and 3rd place was awarded to The Graham Family.** A big "Thank You!" to all of this year's participants for your community support and patriotism!



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JoJo Delatte, Site Supervisor, PSC	601-798-1247

Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Southgate Usage Hours:

Monday - Friday

5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm

When exiting onto Cooper Rd., observe 20 mph.

These times are for exit and entry; however, only vehicles with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry, after the gate verifies.

Swimming Pool Hours

With Lifeguards

Through August 2nd:

Tuesdays - Saturdays: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sundays: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

August 8th - September 27th

Saturdays and Sundays Only:

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sundays: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Special Hours:

Band on the Beach: Saturday, September 5th
10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Labor Day: Monday, September 7th
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Resident Swim

Beginning Tuesday, August 4th

Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- **Residents must sign in at the HAWL Office before going to the pool each day.**
- The Property Owner assumes full responsibility for themselves and for their residents to abide by the pool's policies.
- A waiver must be signed and on file with the Office prior to using the pool. This waiver is available in the HAWL Office or HAWL's website.
- Residents 16 years of age and older can use the pool.
- No guests will be permitted.
- In order to utilize this amenity, HAWL account CANNOT be delinquent.
- During this time, you will be swimming at your own risk.
- Must present a picture ID at time of sign in.
- For bad weather procedures and complete pool rules, see the HAWL website.



Contact Information

HAWL OFFICE:	601-798-1484
HAWL FAX:	601-798-0604
GUARD GATE:	601-798-1247
WATERS EDGE (during operational hours):	769-717-4133
HAWL Pool (during operational hours):	601-229-0935
HAWL EMAIL ADDRESS:	office@hawls.net
WEBSITE:	www.hawls.com
UTILITY AUTHORITY:	601-799-5259
UTILITY AUTHORITY After Hours Emergencies	228-205-4101

Visit hawls.com for Community Information

Hawls.com is frequently updated with information about community operations and upcoming events on the Events page. The most recent versions of the HAWL Property Owners Manual and Building Code are available for reference. Visit the Restaurant tab for weekly specials as well as the full Waters Edge menu.

Links to register a visitor in Gate Sentry and to pay your bill online (after signing up through the HAWL Office) can also be found.



Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. Is on Facebook

Follow the link on hawls.com to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials. HAWL encourages you to share these events so more residents can participate. If you have an issue, contact the HAWL Office as concerns will not be addressed on Social Media.



Happy August to everyone! I know its been hot, but a great summer time is in effect for our community. I want to personally thank the Security, Pool, Waters Edge Restaurant, Office, and Maintenance staffs for making the community enjoyable for the property owners. A special thank you to the many property owners who take pride and ownership in their community that they love.

Lots of important business items have been taking place in the community recently. The Operational Budget for the 2026 – 2027 Fiscal Year is in works with the HAWL Staff and the Finance Committee for the Board of Directors to review next month.

The Business Resource CD with BankPlus matured last month. The CD was renewed with BankPlus for 13 months at 4.05%; it was previously at 3.25%.

The contract has been signed for both swimming pools renovation projects with Gulf Coast Pool, LLC. Work is planned to begin in October 2026. The total planned renovation is planned at \$380,000.00.

The exterior kitchen cooler unit was replaced last month by CRE Refrigeration. The total capital improvement cost was \$8,608.69.

Replacement tablets for Security to utilize Gate Sentry were purchased last month form E-Squared Communication Consulting. The total capital improvement cost was \$1,749.85.

The security services contract for an additional five year contract is in works with Professional Security Corporation.

Damages from Tropical Storm Arthur are as follows:

- Two water system fire hydrants had main line repairs completed.

- The washouts at the main spillway at the dam were repaired.

- Over 20 washouts on the sides of main roads. Dirt has been replaced and concrete is in works.

- Sandbars that accumulated on the East side of the horseshoe are scheduled to be removed in August by EFT Sediment Removal.

The July 4th Fireworks Show took place on Saturday, July 4, 2026. Thank you to the many generous property owners who donated \$8,528.00. \$7,500.00 was paid to Eagle Fireworks for this year's show. \$1,028.00 will be rolled over to next year's show which will be scheduled for Saturday, July 3, 2027, as the 4th of July falls on a Sunday. This is normally moved when the 4th falls on a Sunday. Let us know your thoughts.

The final Band on the Beach event is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2026, featuring Autumn Ris-N and will be sponsored by the Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students. Two successful Band on the Beach events took place previously this summer and were greatly enjoyed by property owners. Runaway Train performed on May 23, 2026, and was sponsored by Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. Dead End performed on July 3, 2026, and was sponsored by The Jensen Companies.

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On July 21, 2026, the Mississippi Department of Health audited our water system finances and operations. Our system received a 100% score. Thank you to the HAWL Staff and Board of Directors for running and maintaining a good system.

The majority of property owners have told me how pleased they are with all of the HAWL staff including the Security personnel with Professional Security Corporation (PSC), which is part of the HAWL family. It baffles me when a person (property owner, resident, guest, etc.) is rude and disrespectful to the HAWL staff, particularly the Security and Pool staffs, who are paid to enforce HAWL's policies and rules which are implemented by the property owners. Please comply with our open door process to address any issues and concerns when receiving a security violation. Do not confront the Security and Pool staff; always contact the HAWL Office so follow up and appropriate steps may be taken for further understanding of community policies. Policies, rules, and traffic control are essential in our large community, which has a larger population than the city of Poplarville. Consider the chaos that would occur if we did not have rule enforcement.

I would like to thank all of the property owners that have come to show support for and learn information about your community by attending a Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager. In addition to these meetings, my door is always open to you. I encourage your suggestions and/or concerns regarding the improvement of the community. Community members working together is essential to protect, maintain, enhance, and preserve not only the community but your home as well.

A Board Meeting for Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

Architectural/Variance - Jim Wells

For June 2026, the number of houses to date is 1,008. No permits were submitted for approval in June 2026.

Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$429,410.59.

Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco

The committee met last month to address boats on the lake and exploring the feasibility of having a Security boat out full time. Lake usage is being monitored to help make this decision.

Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia

Lake Quality met to assemble fish habitats for the lake.

Water samples were collected from multiple locations. Test results of all samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters. The test from the inlet was higher than normal due to recent rain.

The committee was asked to look into property owners who live on the lake being allowed to have sand beaches at their lakeside property line. Lake Quality was not able to find information on this subject in available documents. Committee members considered the positive effects contradictory to the suggested negative effects of sand and sand runoff. Specifically, positive impacts to our management of fisheries resources include: increased effects of spawning events as fish prefer sandy or rocky bottom sediments and thus avoid large areas of the lake that are muddy; gritty sand particulates present far less turbidity than the colloidal material in mud; HAWL promotes the growth of noninvasive vegetation that provides food and safe habitats for early life stages of fish.

Lake Quality Recommendation and Suggestion: As a private lakeside community small areas of sand beaches on waterfront lots were considered a HAWL responsibility which does not involve, concern, or violate government regulation. Therefore, the Committee suggests there is no need for immediate concern required to address this ambiguous issue. However, if this activity is allowed to continue a document should be developed to identify and establish limits on that size, shape, and location for placement of sand in the water and in play areas on lakeside lawns. Directives in this authorized document should clarify HAWL's procedures and hopefully prevent disputes among neighbors with adjoining lots.

Long Range Planning - Robin Montalbano

The pool contract has been signed and work will begin in October. Tile colors are in the process of being selected and will provide a new look to the pool area. The Operational Budget is in works in coordination with the Finance Committee. A new link will be available on the HAWL website on the Board Minutes page regarding Concern Time responses when concerns are brought forward at Board Meetings. This in addition to these concerns and responses being published in the monthly *Echoes*.

Social Committee - Margaret Muller

The next event around the corner is the Teen Pizza and Pool Bash on Friday, July 24, 2026. This event will feature plenty of free entertainment for teens. Events will pick up again in October with the BBB on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Contact the HAWL Office or see the monthly *Echoes* for more information on these events.

Public Affairs - John Pigott

The purpose of the Public Affairs Committee is to act as a liaison between HAWL and the local governments. HAWL has not come up recently in their discussions.

There is a liquor petition circulating around the county. There will not be a petition at the Lodge; however, there are several locations around town.

New Business

The Board of Directors approved the resolutions to approve a new contract to Professional Security Corporation.

Hurricane Season Preparation

Hurricane season is upon us. HAWL has a storm preparation policy that is followed during these times, which covers items such as the opening of the lake valve, preparing the amenities, readying our water system generators, and having a heavy equipment operator/contractor on standby to help us remove damaged trees from roadways. The HAWL Hurricane Emergency Plan can be found in the Property Owners Manual.



HAWL Property Owner Hurricane Preparation

While HAWL has a storm preparation policy in place, there are several things that you as a property owner can do on your property to assist the community in preparation.

- **Prepare your property.** Trim away branches from your home as well as cut all dead or weak branches on your property. To promote quick and efficient drainage, ensure culverts and ditches are unobstructed. Also, secure or remove loose items throughout the property that could become projectiles.
- **Secure your home.** Close and/or board your windows. Permanent shutters or 1/2 inch plywood (marine plywood is ideal) may be used.
- **Make arrangements for your pets.** Whether you elect to evacuate or stay for the duration of the storm, consider your pets' needs and make the proper accommodations.
- **Develop an emergency plan with the residents of your home.** Teach family members how and when to turn off propane, electricity, and water. If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce a power surge when electricity is restored.
- **Plan ahead.** Ensure that you have the necessary items and equipment to be properly prepared for a storm.
- **Work together.** Hide-A-Way Lake as a community operates most efficiently when property owners work together toward a common goal. Assist your neighbors in preparation and communicate with them to ensure that everyone weathers the storm safely.



Communication During Storms

Pending electricity and cable outages, HAWL will update the website (hawllms.com) with necessary information as well as send out alerts through the IRIS Alert System, pending severity. (See below for information on the IRIS Alert System.)

Residents who signed up for the HAWL email newsletter will receive emails with information pertaining to the community. (See below for information on signing up for *Happenings in HAWL*.) Should phone service become inoperable, community-wide communication will be made through bulletins at our main guard house entrance gate.



Emergency Alert System for HAWL

HAWL has an alert system for the community called IRIS (Immediate Response Information System). This system will send a voice message, text, and email simultaneously to our homeowners. The alert will come from one of the following phone numbers: 281-207-4891, 281-207-4892, 281-207-4893, and 888-210-0091. Program these numbers into your phone to quickly receive these alerts. Email alerts will be sent from HAWL@alerts.com or alerts@irisalert.com. We will be using this system for emergencies only. Contact the HAWL Office to ensure you have up-to-date information on file.



Sign up for *Happenings In HAWL*

The *Happenings In HAWL* email is a fast and easy way to stay up-to-date on what is happening in your community.

- Visit the HAWL website at www.hawllms.com.
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from listserv@hawllms.com shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder as well.) 0524

Contact the HAWL Office if you need help signing up for *Happenings In HAWL*.



Hot Topics from Pearl River County Utility Authority on Your Sewer System

With hurricane season upon us, several property owners have expressed concern regarding the function of their sewer system should an interruption in electrical service occur. The following is pertinent information regarding the sewer system that will be of assistance if an issue arises.

1. Homeowners should not flush "prohibited items" to the grinder system which could cause pump failure and result in expensive repair charges billed to the homeowner. Prohibited items include rags, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, feminine products, chemicals, excessive detergents/bleach, excessive fats, oils, grease, or other items designated by PRCUA.
2. The PRCUA has a 24 hour telephone number (601-799-5259 or after for after hours emergencies 228-205-4101) that the customers can call if they have trouble. The PRCUA is usually able to respond within an hour or two from the time the trouble is reported. The PRCUA keeps an inventory of spare pumps and parts and should be able to resolve most problems within a day.
3. The tank has a liquid capacity of about 146 gallons (90 flushes). Usage will determine how long the pump can be down before you have a sewage problem. In most usual cases, this should be no problem.
4. During most power outages, the tank will have enough storage capacity to provide service during the outage. During extended outages, a portable generator between 4500 - 7000 watts equipped with a 220 capable outlet and an extension cord can be used to pump down the tank. The extension cord is a standard L14-30 twist lock configuration, with a male connector on one end, which plugs into the generator, and a female connector on the other end, which ties into grinder pump control panel. These cords are commonly available from many hardware store outlets, most commonly available in 25' lengths. Make sure to disconnect from the panel once the pump down is completed. Each grinder may need to be pumped once or twice per day, depending on usage. During an extended outage, such as we experienced after Hurricane Katrina, the PRCUA will deploy manpower and portable generators to assist HAWL residents with daily pump downs of the grinder tanks.



Another year has gone by and Hide-A-Way Lake continues to make a number of positive changes and improvements. The following are some of the major improvements that were made this past fiscal year.

Many improvements took place with our water system, which is owned and operated by Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. The knuckle valves on the pressure tanks at Wells #2 and #3 that are set at 75 PSI were replaced in July. This capital purchase cost \$1,812.88 from Ferguson Water Works.

Also in July, Mississippi Department of Health audited our water system finances and operations. Our system received a 100% score. Thank you to the HAWL Staff and Board of Directors for running and maintaining a good system.

In October, the Water Tower Inspection and washout was completed by Stephen's Tank Service. The total cost of the inspection was \$3,500.00. The inspection showed that interior painting is needed in the next four to six years and exterior painting is needed in the next seven to ten years. These jobs will be planned out.

Surveyor Jeremy Tynes was hired in October to survey lots #1339 and #1340 for the water system main lines and valves located on these lots for the water tower area. All information shows these lines and valves are in the easement areas of both properties. No purchase of land is needed. Surveyor cost was \$700.00.

An emergency repair was done at Well #3 generator in November. A new water pump and heater were replaced for a capital cost of \$3,808.07.

All fire hydrants were painted in January to indicate the amount of water flow they produce. They were also tested and their locations were marked on our roadways.

All main line water valves were serviced and marked in March.

Many of the common grounds areas (Lodge area, parks, playgrounds, etc.) also had many needed improvements and updates this year.

A new pool motor was ordered in August through Demco Motors for a total capital cost of \$1,656.00. This is to replace our backup motor, which is now in use.

Replacement street sign poles were ordered from Brandon Industries in October. The total capital cost for ten sets was \$2,696.00.

Our big project for fiscal year was the "Repaving Roads 2026" project. Bid requests were sent out on September 3, 2025, to Huey P. Stockstill, Barriere Construction, Lowe Bros., Warren Paving, and Gulf Pride Contractors. Bids were opened on September 30, 2025, and the project was awarded to Contractor Huey P. Stockstill, LLC. Two miles of paving was completed in November. The total capital improvement cost was \$501,554.00.

Road striping bid requests were sent to Lane Line, LLC., Traffic Control Products, McCraney Striping, and Pavement Marking, LLC. Road striping bids were received on November 13, 2025. Contractor Lane Line, LLC completed this project in December. The total capital improvement cost was \$21,723.00.

Dungan Engineering performed our bridge inspection in December. The inspection showed that all is in good condition. This inspection is scheduled to take place every two years.

In December, HAWL Maintenance Department cut trails on the east and west side of the back 120 acres. These wooded areas will be another beautiful place for you to walk and enjoy your community.

In January, Lot #0317 (1401 Hide-A-Way Lane) was purchased for the community to have access to our North Hill easement and for exit in case of an emergency. This will be ready by the end of this year.

A camera system was installed by the Maintenance Department in February at the stable/barn area for a total capital purchase cost of \$700.84.

In March, column lights and fans were purchased for the exterior lower level of the Lodge that faces the lake. The total capital purchase from Amazon totaled \$1,876.38. The Hide-A-Way Lake Maintenance Department completed installation. This is a great improvement to this highly used area.

William C. Smith Professional Engineering was hired to perform inspections on the deck at the Lodge in March. The report showed the deck is in overall good condition. No emergency repairs were needed. Recommendations were completed over the following months. The total cost of the engineering inspection was \$2,646.00.

Both swimming pools' Renovation Projects are being planned. LA Leak Detection, LLC performed a leak test on our pool in August. The total cost was \$2,500.00. The overall project is slated to begin on October 12, 2026. Over 11 companies were invited to bid/make a proposal. Three bids were received: Baldo's Pools for \$421,516.49, Gulf Coast Pool Remodeling and Construction, LLC for \$372,155.64, and Pleasure Pools for \$549,275.00. The Board of Directors approved to move forward with Gulf Coast Pool Remodeling and Construction, LLC. A new potential deck with a cover at the pool is being proposed with a budget of \$75,000.00. The deck size will be 75' by 25' and will be placed on the beach side of the pool. Final bid requests will be sent out this fall to plan this deck for completion with the pool renovation.

Many projects took place over the past year to preserve and maintain Hide-A-Way Lake's largest amenity: our lake.

A fish analysis on bass and catfish was completed in September with Eurofins Analytical Laboratories for a total cost of \$928.94. All tests showed no concerns with our fish.

The Owner DEQ Inspection of the dam and spillway was completed in September and was sent to the DEQ. The spillway was cleaned and all debris from both the main and valve channels was removed by Dillard & Sons for a total cost of \$2,500.00. The major rainfall that occurred in June showed the importance of continuing the maintenance program on our dam and having regular inspections by MS DEQ. The rainfall caused some erosion on the spillway and 20 main roadway culverts had washouts. All issues are in works to be repaired by the HAWL Maintenance Department.

A pontoon boat frame was purchased from Blue Dot Marine for Lake Quality projects. The capital purchase of this boat frame totaled \$1,500.00. The pontoon boat was redecked only and will be pulled by our regular security boat when in use.

On March 18, 2026, American Sportfish delivered herbicides for a total of \$2,201.10. These herbicides were used by the HAWL Staff to spray the salvinia growing in the lake. On March 25, 2026, American Sportfish delivered approximately 6,000 threadfin shad for a total capital cost of \$6,600. American Sportfish made another delivery on April 16, 2026, of approximately 1,000 pounds of adult copper nose bluegill for a capital cost of \$15,600.

All "No Wake" buoys in the coves are placed at 100' from shore. Two additional safety buoys were added in April in tight areas for owners to see the 100' area from shore. Owners who live on the main lake will still have waves. Boats operating within the 100' area from shore must be at No Wake speed.

Equipment purchases and upgrades were a large area of focus for the community as well over this past year.

In August, the propane company for common areas was changed to Blossman Gas. All tanks now have a transmitter of level for the company to maintain. As part of this agreement, Blossman Gas installed a new 1,000 gallon tank for the kitchen, which replaced the tank from 1980. The cost of this agreement is \$153.00 annually for the tank.

In December, our copier lease with Xerox expired. We signed a new lease with Bell Office Machines for 60 months. This will be a savings of approximately \$4,000.00 per year.

A replacement 3" trash pump was purchased for our water system from Consolidated Pipe and Supply in January. The total capital cost was \$2,166.75.

All insurance policies were reviewed by multiple agents: Eagan Insurance (our current agent), Stewart Insurance, and TWFG Insurance. All policies were kept with Eagan Insurance. The opinion of both of the other agents who provided bids was that Eagan provided the best cost/coverage. The following were renewed and paid in June:

Property: \$68,955.02 D&O: \$12,733.00* Auto: \$10,591.00 Crime: \$1,127.00 Tower: \$13,942.50 Boat: \$2,825.00

Workmen's Compensation will remain at Luba for \$6,532.00 yearly.

*D&O was increased from \$1 million in coverage to \$3 million.

While the projects I have mentioned were all necessary, they are only a fraction of what goes on in HAWL. The community continues to grow and we, the Board of Directors, will continue to focus on the improvements necessary to keep HAWL the wonderful place that it is. Thank you so much for taking part in your community.

HAWL's 2026 Fireworks Celebration

The 2026 fireworks donation totaled \$8,528.00. **Eagle Fireworks was paid \$7,500. All additional donations will go towards next year's show. "THANK YOU!" to all of the generous property owners for your donations. A special THANK YOU! to The Jensen and Jones Families for donating a combined \$2,600.00 which helped with the Grand Finale! The names listed below are the property owners who donated. The 2027 show will be on Saturday, July 3, 2026, as the 4th falls on a Sunday. Please let the Office know your thoughts.**

AJ & Jennifer Herbert	George Lods	Keith & Debbie Dean	Rose Misuraca Scott
Alex & Melissa Shafirovich	Gerald & Terianne Sixkiller	Ken & Ronnie Sonnier	Russ Wagner & Helen Little
Andy & Luann Watkins	Glorioso Family	Kroeper Family	Sandra Haylock
Ann & Bubba Graham	Greg & Marion Hebbler	Lorraine Harper	Scott Vinson
Anonymous	Greg Crain	Lynn & Buddy Kaul	Sean & Ginger Erp
Barbara & Meryl Jackson	Heidi & Donald Puckett	Marge & Richard Sandy	Sibyl Ramsey
Benjamin Harmon, Sr.	Jackie Kucinski & Myle Donker	Mark & Barbara Schommer	Stephany & Todd Roberts
Bill & Vickie Moesta	Janice G Meyer	Mark & Kathy Faucet	Steve & Keenan Romig
Brenda & Ron Thibodaux	Jay & Glenda Delaumont	Mary O'Chery	Stuart & Paulette Mitchell
Charles & Ina O'Chery	Jay & Nina Martony	Michael & Margaret Anglada	Sue & Tom Giblittera
Chris & Dana Suchand	Jeannien Gladhart	Michael & Tamara Bloom	Sylvia & Frank North
Cindy Hanning	Jerry & Charlotte Mire	Michael & Bonnie Hemstad	Tammy Varea
Danny & Jeannette Albert	Jessie & Tara Autin	Mike & Jennifer Hambrice	The Ambrozewski Family
David & Carrie Berlier	Jim & Angela Puklavetz	Miriam LaNasa	The Devillier Family
David & Renee Baumy	Jody & Laurie Herring	Mitchell & Susan Allen	The Jambon Family
Derrick & Kellie Martin	Joe & Debbie Mortimer	Mr & Mrs David W Munn	The Jensen Family
Diana Janet	Joe & Rhonda Pascal	Nancy & Randy Brunet	The Jones Family
Diane Viglianco & Allen Parker	Joe & Shelly Battaglia	Neil & Mary Blanchard	The Whites
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Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: June 2026

Traffic Violations	90
Property	7
Animal Nuisance	4
Common Property	3
Lake Violations	3
Incident Reports	229

Fines for citations are based upon the type of offense, such as rate of speed as well as the number of times the specific offense has occurred within a two year time period for the particular offender. Citations are not reported to insurance companies unless the offense is deemed significant enough, such as property damage or bodily injury. **During the months of June and July, all traffic violation fines are doubled.** The goal is to create awareness of roadway safety, not to collect fines.

School Bus Safety

Children in the community will be returning to school this month. Allow yourself a few extra minutes in the morning when driving and ensure that you are not driving distracted.

The following are school bus traffic safety rules that must be followed:

1. By law, when a school bus stops to drop off or pick up students, motorists must stop at a distance of at least 25 feet from the school bus.
2. It is **illegal** to pass a bus that has stopped and has on its flashing red lights with the stop sign extended.
3. Be aware of your surroundings while driving by not being distracted. Monitor your speed, obey stop signs, and do not text while driving.
4. Parents, please remind children to look both ways before crossing the street to and from the bus.

Important Security Information

Security would like to remind all residents to please keep your vehicles and homes locked and all valuables tucked away. Immediately report any suspicious activity as it is taking place to HAWL Security at 601-798-1247. When reporting an incident, provide as much information as possible. If

you can, in addition to contacting Security,

take a picture with your phone and email it to the HAWL Office at office@hawlms.net.



Please ID Your Pets

For the safety of your pets, please ensure that they have proper identification such as ID tags. Should your pet get out of your yard, neighbors or HAWL Security will be able to quickly identify and return your fluffy family member.



Pet Microchip Scanner

HAWL Security now has a pet microchip scanner. In the unlikely event your pet gets out and does not have identification tags, Security will have the technology to scan for a microchip. If you are interested in microchipping your pet, consult your vet. The PRCSPCA hosts low cost microchipping events and may be contacted at 601-798-8000 for their next event.



Pick Up After Your Pet

Picking up after your dog is not only the neighborly thing to do but it can also promote a healthier environment since dog waste can transmit diseases. When walking your dog in the community, please ensure that you have the necessary supplies to clean up after your pet. Take advantage of the pet waste stations placed in the community at the following locations: the walking path on the dam and both the East and West playgrounds.

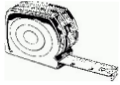


Pet Owner Responsibility

As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure that your pet is well cared for and not causing a nuisance.

47. To protect the health, property and well being of Hide-A-Way residents, no animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be kept on any Lot, except that traditional and customary household pets shall be allowed.

- a. All household pets must have proof of applicable vaccination.
- b. Animals which interrupt the quiet of the neighborhood are prohibited.
- c. Animals which, due to their aggressive behavior or otherwise, cause reasonable concern for the safety of persons, pets, or property are prohibited.
- d. It shall be a violation of the covenants for any Lot Owner to allow a pet to run at large within the Subdivision. When exercising or walking pets, the owner must keep the animal restrained by a leash at all times.
- e. Any pet found running at large in violation of Section 47 (d) may be caught and detained by a person designated by the Club as the Animal Control Officer. Pets so impounded shall be dealt with in the manner specified in the Hide-A-Way Club, Animal Control Regulations.
- f. All Lot Owners maintaining pets in Hide-A-Way Lake shall comply with the Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Animal Control Regulations, which may be amended and revised from time to time by the Board.



Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of July 23, 2026

Active Building Permits..... 23

Covenant Violations 30

Nothing shall be erected on any lot without an approved building permit in writing by the HAWL Office.

ALL permit applications must have the following:

- Site/plot plan showing all existing and requested improvements
- Set of building plans to code
- Specification of materials

Permit requests are reviewed by the Architectural Committee on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. **Please ensure that all permit application requests are completed with all supporting documents attached the Monday before the scheduled meeting by noon.**

When Can Contractors Work?

Contractors may work from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday with restrictions noted below.

Construction work at Hide-A-Way Lake is prohibited on Sundays and normally recognized holidays such as Good Friday, Christmas, New Years Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Memorial Day as well as any holiday the HAWL office is closed (Mardi Gras, etc.). Construction work on

Saturday is only permitted if prior arrangements are made with the Hide-A-Way Lake Club Manager or their designee before noon on Friday.



Covenant #54

A much needed area of improvement throughout the community is the amount of mildew and dirt on homes. Pressure washing will not only resolve the issue, but will greatly increase curb appeal.

All Lots, whether occupied or unoccupied, and any improvements placed thereon shall at all times be maintained in such a manner as not to become dangerous to life or property by reason of decay, lack of maintenance, infestation of rodents, dead tree(s), and excessive growth (such as over grown weeds or grass). The unsightly accumulation of rubbish, debris, unused materials and furnishings is prohibited.

No garbage or refuse shall be dumped, stored, or accumulated on any Lot or be thrown on any Lot or roadway or common area or into the Lake.



Cutting Dead Trees & Trimming Branches

26. No sod, soil or trees shall be removed from any Lot for any commercial use. Cutting of trees larger than five (5") inches in diameter measured at breast height shall be done only upon written approval of the Club.

A tree permit is not needed to cut limbs or trim shrubbery. If a neighbor's tree has branches that come into your airspace, you are allowed to cut them. **HAWL STRONGLY** advises communicating with your neighbor prior to doing so as working together is recommended. 0800



Call 811 Before You Dig

Most of the utility companies that supply your home are delivering services via underground service lines. It is possible that these buried service lines are close to the surface, making digging dangerous. Fortunately, you can find out where utility owned lines are buried on your property with one **FREE** call to Mississippi 8-1-1 or 1-800-227-6477. Locate requests may also be made through the website ms811.org. After contacting 811, local utility companies will locate their buried lines. Located lines will be marked with paint and/or flags of varying colors.

Issue With Your Sewer System?



Should an issue arise with your sewer system (such as your sewer alarm sounding), contact the PRCUA (601-799-5259 or 228-205-4101 for after hours emergencies). The PRCUA would like to remind residents they are on-call 24/7 to resolve grinder pump issues. It is important to notify the PRCUA as quickly as possible when your system goes in alarm mode to prevent overflows, restore service, and minimize the chance of destroying a locked pump. This number should be called prior to contacting a plumber since most issues can be handled by the PRCUA at no cost to the property owner. The number is in service 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Please understand: Flushable wipes are not flushable and will damage the system.

Think at the Sink

Section 4.4.5(d) of the PRCUA Rules and Regulations states that the cost of the grinder pump repair or replacement will be charged to the property owner if the damage is found to be the result of flushing prohibited items into the system. Under the Rules and Regulations, "Prohibited Items" include rags, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, tampons or sanitary pads, applicators, condoms, condom wrappers, large food particles, chemicals, excessive detergents or bleach, and excessive fats, oils, or grease.

Save money by adding a second water meter "yard" option to your home for outside use. If your monthly water usage is typically over 3,000 gallons due to outdoor use, a second outside meter for watering plants, running a sprinkler system, pressure washing, etc. would pay for itself in as little as one summer.

The second meter "yard" option allows property owners to use water outside of their homes **WITHOUT INCURRING ADDITIONAL SEWAGE CHARGES**, meaning property owners are only billed for the actual water used. The meter will essentially pay for itself in as little as one summer due to the amount saved by not paying additional sewage charges. If you water your lawn and plants, fill up your swimming pool, pressure wash frequently, or even wash your vehicles often, this is a great option for your home. The yard meter is only available to homes that have a first meter and is pro-rated with no minimum charge. Property owners are responsible for installing pipes from the meter as well as a faucet. The cost for the second meter is currently \$400.00 plus tax. If desired, for an additional fee of \$50.00, HAWL will install a faucet/hose bib to the second meter for hose hookup. Contact the HAWL Office for more information.

Every Drop Counts

Even one leaking faucet can waste a great deal of water. If you suspect a water leak, the best course of action is to contact a plumber locate the leak.

Below is the average loss of water from a leaking faucet over a period of just one month.

30 Drops per Minute = 54 Gallons per Month

60 Drops per Minute = 113 Gallons per Month

120 Drops per Minute = 237 Gallons per Month

HAWL Water Meter Boxes

Please be aware of the water meter box on your property. Typically, water meters are located near the street side property line. Help keep the water meter box intact by not parking on it or mowing over it. Fees will be assessed for damage due to negligence.



Your Ad Here

Advertising in the HAWL monthly newsletter is a great way to spread the word about your business or items for sale. Not only is Echoes a great way to reach the entire community of HAWL, but it is also inexpensive! If interested in advertising in the Echoes, you may pick up a form in the HAWL Office or print a form from the HAWL website (www.hawlms.com). This form must be signed by a HAWL Property Owner.

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Labor Day Weekend Activities

Saturday, September 5th

Pool Open: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Waters Edge Open: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Chicken Wings - Six bone in chicken wings tossed in your choice of Buffalo, Lemon Pepper, or Garlic Parmesan sauce served with chips for \$8.99. Reservations are required for the chicken wings and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Reserved to-go orders must be picked up by 6:30 pm. A burger special will also be available: a Waters Edge burger or cheeseburger for \$11.99, both served with chips, both served with chips. *No menu items available.

Band on the Beach featuring Autumn Ris-N
(Thanks to The Scholarship Foundation for
Hide-A-Way Lake Students): 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 6th

Pool Open: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Waters Edge Open: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday, September 7th

Southgate Closed

HAWL Office Closed

Pool Open: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Waters Edge Open: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Reuben Special - Enjoy thin sliced, cooked in house corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss, and 1,000 island on marbled rye with chips for \$13.99 in addition to the full menu.

Snow Crab Night with Live Music

Join Waters Edge Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and enjoy snow crab legs with corn and potatoes for \$26.99. Additionally, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



Mediterranean Dinner at Waters Edge

Saturday, September 19, 2026, Waters Edge will only feature a specialized menu highlighting regional dishes and flavors from the Mediterranean from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



Donate Your Claiborne Hill Receipts

As a way of supporting our Fire Department, HAWL has a donation box in the Lodge Lower Level to collect Claiborne Hill receipts. A portion of the proceeds from the collected receipts is generously donated by Claiborne Hill to our Fire Department.

Information Sources for Residents

Social media is a great way to share information between members that may be difficult to find elsewhere. If you're looking for information about Hide-A-Way Lake, listed below are several outlets:

- **Visit HAWL's website (hawlms.com).** It contains information about the community such as informational links, the Property Owner's Manual, the Building Code, Newsletters, and Photo Albums.
- **Subscribe to the weekly email newsletter (*Happenings In HAWL*).** The newsletter contains information about upcoming events in the community, current information, and delicious restaurants specials. (See page 5 for how to subscribe.)
- **Read the *Echoes*.** This monthly newsletter contains current news, a monthly update from the General Manager, and upcoming community events. Both digital and physical copies of the *Echoes* are available. Digital copies are on HAWL's website. Physical copies may be picked up from Waters Edge, the Office, the Front Gate, or the Southgate.
- **Attend monthly Board of Director Meetings.** On the second Tuesday of each month, the Board of Directors meets in the lower level of the Lodge at 6:30 pm. Current HAWL information and committee reports are provided.
- **Call the HAWL Office.** HAWL's staff is available Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.
- **Attend a "Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager" meeting or schedule to meet with the General Manager.** Periodically throughout the year, HAWL's General Manager, Bruce Devillier, hosts informal question and answer meetings to address residents' concerns regarding the community. You may also contact the HAWL Office to set up a meeting. 1127

Host Your Event at Waters Edge!

Whether you're hosting a large company party or a more intimate dinner party, Waters Edge offers a variety of packages and rooms for events large and small, there is definitely something to suit your needs. Waters Edge can comfortably accommodate up to 200 guests and even features a covered outdoor deck with beautiful lake views. This is the perfect event space for your next family reunion, birthday party, company training event, anniversary party, etc. Regardless of the celebration, Waters Edge is here to make your event memorable.

Only need an event space? HAWL offers the downstairs area of the Lodge for rental. HAWL provides the room and you provide everything else. This area is perfect for more casual gatherings.

It's never too early to start planning your upcoming event. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 or view our Event Brochure at hawlms.com for more information.