



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## ----- May 2025 -----

### Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, with Waters Edge. The special includes: a cup of tortilla soup, Mexican rice, black beans, enchilada bake, a taco, a tamale, and cinnamon tortilla strips with vanilla ice cream for dessert with a drink for \$15.99. Reservations are required. Take out orders must be picked up between 11:00 am - 11:30 am with the time specified when ordering. For reservations, call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Touch a Truck

Bring the family to the Lodge Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:30 am - 11:00 am to meet community helpers and see their vehicles up close! This family friendly event is great for both children and children at heart! Light snacks will be provided. If you are a community helper with a vehicle and would like to participate, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Mother's Day Lunch

Join Waters Edge on Sunday, May 11, 2025, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for Mother's Day. Enjoy ham, fried chicken, sweet potato casserole, the vegetable of the day, a dinner salad, a cup of soup, a roll, dessert, and drink for \$16.99. A kid's portion will be available for \$7.99 featuring ham, fried chicken, sweet potato casserole, the vegetable of the day, a roll, dessert, and drink. Take out orders must be picked up between 11:00 am - 11:30 am with the time specified when ordering. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Father's Day Surf or Turf

Join Waters Edge on Sunday, June 15, 2025, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for Father's Day Surf or Turf. Enjoy either roasted prime rib for \$20.99 or trout (fried or grilled) for \$15.99. Both specials include a roasted potato, the vegetable of the day, and your choice of a dinner salad or a cup of soup. A kid's meal will be available for the little ones for \$6.99.

Reservations must be placed by Friday, June 13, 2025. Reservations can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Rotary Scholarship Drawdown

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Drawdown will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the HAWL Lodge.  
6:00 pm Dinner and Drawdown  
7:00 pm Autumn Rise-N Band  
Top prize - \$1,500 - Over \$2,400 in prize money  
Donation per couple - \$100  
Food - Open Bar - Live Music - Dancing  
Contact Mark Faucett at 985-707-3903 for tickets.

### Fishing Rodeo



Saturday, May 17, 2025

Dusk (May 16<sup>th</sup>) - 12:00 pm (May 17<sup>th</sup>)

The Fishing Rodeo will begin at dusk May 16<sup>th</sup> and end at noon May 17<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a map of fishing habitat locations at the Lodge, HAWL website, or East Marina Pavilion (when scales are open) to locate fishing spots. Weigh-in will be at the East Marina Pavilion by the Lodge. The scales open at 9:00 am and close promptly at noon. Awards will be presented at 12:30 pm. There will be only one weigh-in per fisherman; all fish must be caught by hook and line. There will be four fish categories (bass, bream/bluegill, crappie, and catfish) and three age groups (10 & under, 11 - 14, and 15 & older). 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the largest total weight of fish will be awarded in all age groups in each fish category. **(Entry limit for bass, bream/bluegill, and crappie is up to five fish. Unlimited catfish may be entered.)** A separate trophy open to all age groups will be presented for Largest Bass. There is no need to register for this FREE Rodeo. For more information, call the Office at 601-798-1484. **No skiing or tubing will be allowed on the lake during the fishing rodeo.**

### Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager



Saturday, June 28, 2025, join HAWL's General Manager Bruce Devillier for a Community Meet and Greet at 9:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant (upstairs of the Lodge). This face-to-face collaboration with property owners will provide the opportunity to ask questions to the General Manager directly. This is a great time to ask any questions to prevent the spread of misinformation and to meet some of your neighbors, as great neighbors make great communities. While new property owners are highly encouraged to attend, everyone in HAWL is welcome. **This meeting will also provide the opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Board of Directors, should there be an election.** If you wish to discuss individual matters such as an issue with a neighbor or a complaint, contact the General Manager directly at the Office to set up an appointment.

### Blood Drive

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive through the Blood Center of Picayune on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The donation bus will be at the Lodge parking lot. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information.



### Memorial Day Weekend Activities

See page 12 for all the fun, family friendly activities planned for Memorial Day Weekend.

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**HAWL Staff:**

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<b>EMERGENCY ONLY</b> .....	601-273-0253
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**Hours of Operation**

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (May 17<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup>)

Southgate Usage Hours:

5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Southgate closed May 26, 2025, for Memorial Day.

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.

**Personal Trash Carts**

Per Waste Management, it is highly recommended to use the large green cart issued by them. These carts are specifically designed to be used with the arm on their trucks. Personal carts, which include carts from previous companies, may be broken by this arm since they are not designed for its use. If your personal cart is broken, Waste Management will not replace it per their contract. If your Waste Management cart is broken, contact the HAWL Office.



**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
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UTILITY AUTHORITY:	601-799-5259
UTILITY AUTHORITY After Hours Emergencies	228-205-4101

**Get to Know Your Neighbor**

Not only does this build community, but neighbors keep each other and the community safe. Good neighbors make great neighborhoods.

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



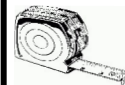
Follow the link on hawllms.com. Hit "LIKE" to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials and be involved in happenings in your community.

**Sign up for Happenings In HAWL**

Have community news and information delivered directly to your email.



- Visit the HAWL website at [hawllms.com](http://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](mailto:listserv@hawllms.com) shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder just in case.)



**Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of April 22, 2025**

Active Building Permits.....	32
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 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.**

Two CD's with BankPlus matured on March 17, 2025. Both were combined into one CD for a total of \$115,961.63 with BankPlus at 3.25% interest. The money market accounts with Southern Bancorp and First National Bank, which were making no interest, were closed. One money market account was opened with Regions earning 2% interest.

The new radar sign located in the 300 block of East Lakeshore Drive has made a big difference by showing drivers their speed and raising awareness of roadway safety. Two additional signs were purchased from Radar Sign, LLC. Traffic enforcement will be present in full force over the summer months and these radar signs will be a valuable asset. Locations for the signs are being determined. Our community is strongly encouraging everyone to help practice and promote safety on our roadways. Please obey the speed limit of 25 miles-per-hour throughout the entire community and come to a full stop at all stop signs. The HAWL and Security Staff will do their part, but participation is needed from everyone to keep our roadways safe.

New playground equipment was installed by the HAWL Maintenance Department. Bring the family to experience the upgrades to your community's common areas: parks, walking track, tennis/pickleball courts with a covered bench. The total capital purchase amount was \$42,394.00.

A 2" boring missile for water service lines that goes under the roadways for the water system was purchased. The total capital cost was \$4,627.08 from Ditch Witch Mid-south.

Boat wash areas were installed near the pavilions at both marinas. **Please do not wash off your boats in the lake as "hitchhikers" can cause damage to our lake.**

The community volunteer project with the Lake Quality Committee took place on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Over 120 Christmas trees were attached to cinder blocks to create fish habitats and were then placed in the lake. Thank you to the many property owners and residents who took the time to invest in their community. This will be an ongoing project to help our fish population.

The main pool pump/filter system was replaced by Anything Pools, Inc. last month. The total capital improvement cost was \$28,400.00.

Three Bands on the Beach events are scheduled for this year. The event on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm will feature Jacob Arnold and the Bird Dogs and will be sponsored by The Montalbano Family of City Carpets, Jason Pigott of The Pigott Agency, John Pigott of WRJW, The Traina Family of Morgan Stanley, The Herring Family of Herring Ford, The Stewart Family of Premiere Insurance and Picayune Portable Buildings, The Faucett Family of Medical Supplies, and The Penton Family of Twice the Ice of Carriere and Memorial Blvd. The event on Saturday, July 5, 2025, will be sponsored by The Jensen Companies and will feature Autumn Rise-N. The event on August 30, 2025, will be sponsored by The Scholarship Committee for Hide-A-Way Lake Students and will feature Dead End. Kona Ice will be at all three events selling shaved ice. Thank you to these generous sponsors for making these free community events possible.

Hide-A-Way Lake's Annual Fireworks Celebration is scheduled for Friday, July 4, 2025, with a rain date of Saturday, July 5, 2025. In order for the Fireworks Celebration to proceed, there must be dry weather conditions at 7:00 pm. This fireworks show depends solely on the donations from Property Owners and is 100% funded through donations. The donation goal is \$6,500.

The permit with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Canadian Goose Nest and Egg Depredation was approved and begins this month. The registration number is RG-04840A. As of April 4, 2025, there were 5 nests and 28 eggs.

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.

## Community Recognition

A big and well deserved THANK YOU! to Jim and Connie Chester for helping to collect litter in the community. While enjoying the neighborhood on their golf cart, they take time to help make HAWL a nicer place to live. Their efforts are a great example that everyone plays a vital role in achieving a common goal.



## Becoming Involved in Your Community

One of the easiest ways to become involved in the community is getting to know your neighbors. Another easy way is to actively maintain your home and property. Removing debris and clutter from the yard enhances curb appeal. Trimming dead limbs not only looks better, but prevents safety concerns. HAWL operates most efficiently when property owners work together toward a common goal.

A Board Meeting was held on April 8, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawls.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

### **Architectural/Variance – Jim Wells**

For March 2025, the number of houses to date is 993. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 deck, 1 dock, 2 houses, 1 outbuilding, and 1 pool.

### **Finance Committee Report – Chad Hurst**

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$497,372.87.

### **Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco**

Two additional radar signs have been purchased and will be displayed in the community. One sign will be placed near one of the playgrounds and the other sign's location will possibly be in the back of the community. Comments regarding these signs reflect positive feedback from the community.

Beginning, May 1, 2025, there will be an extra guard scheduled to perform traffic enforcement. This is a trial period during the community's heavier traffic times. Initially, the guard will be on duty from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm, with hours changing due to traffic flow.

These efforts are in conjunction with the Security Committee's goal to promote safety and traffic awareness. Please support the committee by reminding your residents and guests of traffic safety.

### **Lake Quality – Joe Battaglia**

The collection of water samples was rescheduled due to heavy rain over the weekend. Thus the processing is incomplete and results are not available for this report.

Rainfall for the month of March was measured at 5.12 inches which was 0.29 inches below the thirty year March average of 5.41 inches. Rainfall-to-date was 12.11 inches which was 4.09 inches below the thirty year-to-date March average of 16.20 inches.

HAWL Management and the Lake Quality Committee extend a "BIG THANK YOU!" to all volunteers in support of our Fish Habitat Community Project. Twenty-four volunteers with two private boats processed and installed 126 Christmas trees throughout the lake. With your help, we now have 21 established habitats which serve as "safe zones" for small fish.

Our Spring Fishing Rodeo is set for May 17, 2025. Gather up your family, friends and fishing tackle and enjoy a great day around our beautiful lake. See *Echoes* and the HAWL website for more information.

### **Social Committee – Margaret Muller**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025, the Social Committee prepared between 1,600 and 1,700 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt taking place on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Lodge at 10:30 am. Before the Egg Hunt, Waters Edge will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8:00 am – 10:30 am. Thank you to the generous property owners who donated plastic Easter eggs, candy, and toys for this annual event.

Also this week, the Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique is scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Nearly 120 bingo players have made reservations for this event.

### **New Business**

The Board of Directors approved two resolutions: to purchase two 13" LED solar radar signs and to purchase a 2" boring missile for water service lines.



## **Geese in HAWL**

Every March through June since 2010, Hide-A-Way Lake counts geese nests and carries out egg depredation to control the geese population. This is conducted through permit authorization from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In years past there were over 100 geese in the lake. This overpopulation created a major nuisance to the Property Owners of the community. The last few years have shown a vast improvement in this area and we continue to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to control this matter.

To help accomplish this goal, please do not feed the geese in HAWL due to the fact that geese are causing a nuisance in the community. Additionally, please notify the HAWL Office (601-798-1484) with the date, time, and location if you see geese nesting or pairing up.

## **Catch and Release**



In an effort to better manage fishing and the survey of fish stock taken on March 24, 2025, American Sportfish, our lake management company, made several recommendations:

- Catch and release bass until this fall.
- Limit the number of shellcrackers and bluegill taken. Again, take what you want to eat.
- Harvest crappie, catfish, and pickerel without restrictions.
- Continue to install and expand fish habitats.
- Encourage lakeside owners to use automatic feeders. This will improve fishing near their property.

The annual HAWL Board of Directors election is coming up soon. This year three seats on the Board of Directors will become vacant. For qualifications criteria, please reference the Property Owners Association, Inc. By-Laws (Section 5.1).

### **PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NOMINATING MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Lodge for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Board of Directors. Election nominations are due in the Office by Wednesday, May 21, 2025, with two resumes: one of 150 words for *Echoes* and one of 50 words for the ballot for the Nominating Committee to review.

## **Board of Directors Responsibilities**

Board of Directors' responsibilities shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- **It is recommended to have served on a HAWL committee for a minimum of two years.**
- **Per Section 5.1 of the Hide-A-Way Lake's Property Owners Association, Inc. By-laws**, board member must be in good standing of the Association as well as Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. and must maintain that good standing throughout the duration of their term. A candidate for the Board of Directors of the Association must be willing to serve on the Board of Directors of Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. Additionally, a board member must be a certified property owner for a period of two years; never have been convicted of a felony in Federal or State Court as provided in Section 44 of the Mississippi State Constitution; never have been convicted of a crime punishable by confinement in a Penal Institution unless such conviction resulted in a full pardon; and be without numerous issues/violations/variances.
- **Background Check:** A background check will be obtained on all Board of Directors' candidates. The candidate's social security number and copy of driver's license must be provided.
- **Knowledge.** Board member is responsible for the knowledge and compliance of the following: Property Owners Association, Inc. By-laws; Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. By-laws; HAWL's covenants/restrictions, rules, regulations, and policies; HAWL's Building Code; Policy on HAWL's Committees; and Board of Directors Policies and Procedures.
- **Participation.** Participate as a full voting member of company's Board of Directors in setting overall objectives and approving plans and programs of operations, rules, and regulations.
- **Committee Liaison.** Attend HAWL committee meetings and events. Provide board with plans, activities, and monetary requests. Provide committee with input from board regarding community needs.
- **Attendance.** Attend work sessions (held the 1st Wednesday of the month), board meetings (held the 2nd Wednesday of the month), and scheduled committee meetings. Per the Property Owners Association By-laws (Section 5.9b), a board member may be removed by a majority vote for annually failing to attend 75% of the board meetings.
- **Act as a Fiduciary.** Represent the interests of Hide-A-Way Lake as a fiduciary. This includes but is not limited to approving/monitoring the operating budget and capital expenditures/plan, monitoring the monthly P&L statements and balance sheets, reviewing all operating expenses, reviewing delinquent accounts, reviewing restaurant statistics, reviewing all bids/expenditures per bid procedures, and check signing per the check signing policy.
- **Confidentiality.** Matters pertaining to the Hide-A-Way Lake's confidential business, or the business of the property owners', are to be treated in a strictly confidential manner. Board member should not discuss these subjects with any unauthorized person, either in or out of the facility. Board Member must guard the interests of Hide-A-Way Lake and the property owners' with care at all times, this includes social media.

## **PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BY-LAWS**

Section 5.1 Number and Qualifications - The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be at least 21 years of age., All members of the Board of Directors shall also be members in good standing of the Association as well as Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc., and shall maintain that good standing throughout the duration of their term. A candidate for the Board of Directors of the Association shall be willing to serve on the Board of Directors of Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc.

In addition a Director must:

- a. Be a certified property owner for a period of two (2) years.
- b. Never have been convicted of a felony in Federal or State Court as provided in Section 44 of the Mississippi State Constitution.
- c. Never have been convicted of a crime punishable by confinement in a Penal Institution unless such conviction resulted in a full pardon.
- d. Be without numerous issues/violations/variances. Numerous is defined as two or more issues/violations/variances within the 24 months prior to the qualifying deadline (or other similar date).
- e. Members of the same family are prohibited from serving/running at the same time. Family is defined as to include the individual, spouse, children, parents or anyone living under the same roof for one year or more (this will include significant other partners and in-laws).

## Resident Swim

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.
- Only parents may bring children to the pool.
- 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.

## Swimming Pool Hours

The swimming pool will open for everyone with lifeguards on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

The pool hours are as follows:

**Tuesdays - Saturdays: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**  
**Sundays: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Pool will be open on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm for Band on the Beach and on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm for Memorial Day.

- Guests will be charged to members' lot (no cash, checks, or debit/credit card).
- Only four guests permitted per lot.
- A picture ID must be presented to sign in.
- **HAWL account must not be delinquent.**

Full list of pool rules and bad weather procedures are available at [hawls.com](http://hawls.com).



## Water Aerobics & Exercise

This is the perfect workout for overworked knees, elbows, and shoulders. Best of all, the classes are FREE! Classes are Tuesday - Friday at 7:30 am, 8:30 am, and 8:00 pm.

All classes begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. These classes are for adults only and anyone interested should contact Mary Ohrmundt (228-363-3557) concerning the 7:30 am class, Sally Edwards (601-799-2163)

concerning the 8:30 am class, and Brenda Hall (601-590-4563) concerning the 8:00 pm class.



## Swim Lessons

Each one-on-one session, taught by a certified lifeguard trained in swim instruction, will take place Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 9:45 am. These weekly lessons will run from June through July.

The cost is \$150.00 per session and there are only two spots available each week. Children must be potty trained and able to follow basic instructions. Lessons are nonrefundable and may only property owners may register swimmers.

Lessons will be charged to the HAWL account. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 to register.



## HAWL Credit Cards

HAWL credit cards can be purchased by the **property owner** in the HAWL Office and can be used by the property owner or registered resident to make charges on the account at the pool and in

Waters Edge restaurant. The cards are valid for a period of one year and cost \$5.00 each.

Please note, in order to purchase a HAWL credit card **the property owner's account can NOT be past due - no exceptions.**



## Handicap Parking at the Lodge

The Lodge offers six handicap parking spaces at the Lower Level. To access these spaces, take the road near the tennis courts. These spots are intended for vehicles with handicap plates/tags. Please be courteous by not parking in these spaces so they may be used by those who need them.



## Keep HAWL Beautiful

In order to keep Hide-A-Way Lake beautiful, all residents need to work together to prevent and dispose of litter properly (**including cigarette butts**) in hopes that the litter problem will

disappear from our community! A big **"THANKS"** to everyone who devotes their time to picking up litter and contributing to the beauty of HAWL!



## Underage Drinking and Public Intoxication

Underage drinking and public intoxication are not tolerated on any common grounds (beach, parks, walking track, etc.) in HAWL. In addition to receiving a citation, the Sheriff's Department will be contacted.

**LIFEGUARD ON DUTY IS IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF SEEING THAT ALL RULES ARE OBEYED BY ALL PERSONS.**

1. Person requesting access must be a registered resident. Picture ID must be presented in order to obtain entry into the pool area. Member must be in good standing.
2. A maximum of 4 guests per lot is allowed. Large groups of 5-15 guests must be approved in advance by the Office. Property Owner must contact the Office during normal weekday business hours to request approval. No large groups will be approved for Memorial Day Weekend, Labor Day Weekend, and the July 4<sup>th</sup> period as designated by the General Manager. Members' guests must be charged to their lot before entering the pool. Cash is not accepted. Falsifying information will result in loss of pool privileges.
3. **Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied at all times by a person (16 years or older) responsible for the child/children.** The responsible person must remain in the pool area with the children. The responsible person must be alert and accountable for the actions of their child/children at all times.
4. Swimmers with infectious diseases are not allowed in the pool. Infants in diapers must wear swim diapers in the pool at all times. Lifeguards have the discretion to prohibit anyone who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Anyone caught climbing the fence to enter the pool will be charged with trespassing.
5. Every hour there will be a ten-to-fifteen-minute break when children must leave the pool. Individuals 16 years of age and older may stay in the pool and SWIM AT THEIR OWN RISK. During this time, children are not allowed to be on the white pool edge.
6. Only children 48 inches or shorter in height are allowed in the Kiddie Pool and must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
7. No food, glass containers, smoking, large flotation devices, or pets allowed in the pool area. Beverages are allowed to be consumed at the pool chair. Music volume must be kept low and only audible at chair. Put all trash in receptacles. Do not remove furniture from the pool area. Swimmers coming from the beach must shower before entering the pool.
8. Running or rough play is not allowed. Foul/obscene language or gestures and talking back to lifeguards will not be tolerated. No public displays of affection.
9. Weak swimmers are not permitted in the deep end of the pool. Only one spring on the board. After jumping off the diving board, swimmers must swim directly to the closest ladder to exit the pool. Swimming in the area between the deep-end ladders and diving boards is prohibited. Swimming under diving boards and hanging on diving boards, ropes, or ladders is prohibited. Swimmers must jump straight out in front of the board.
10. No backflips of any sort are allowed. No jumping by stairs or diving in the shallow end.
11. Balls must be tossed, NOT thrown. Only small, water balls are allowed. Lifeguards have the authority to determine whether ball tossing is appropriate or not.
12. Swimmers in wet, dripping bathing suits are not permitted in the Lodge. Cover-ups are required to enter the Lodge and the top deck at any time. Towels are not considered cover-ups.

Failure to follow the rules may result in the following consequences:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time – Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time – 15-minute sit-down
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Time – Ban from the pool for the rest of the day

Repeated or serious offenses will result in more extensive pool banishment and an administrative fee assessment, both to be determined by the General Manager.

**Lifeguard Bad Weather Procedures**

1. When thunder/lightning or heavy rain is first observed, everyone must clear the water until 30 minutes after the last thunder/lightning occurs or heavy rain subsides, then water activities may be resumed.
2. If severe weather (wind/lightening/thunder) is present, close the entire pool area; fasten down all pool equipment until weather passes - then re-open.
3. Always update pool phone when closing and update the message again once reopened.
4. Always inform property owners/residents/guests of closure, that the Main Gate will be kept informed of re-opening time, and that they can call Main Gate to inquire if the pool has been re-opened. If open, the HAWL Office must also be informed of closure and re-opening time.
5. Pool can only be closed for the remainder of the day due to weather if it is past 6:00 pm. The only earlier exceptions can be made by the HAWL General Manager or their designee.

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## Safety on the Lake

### Wake Rules for Recreational Boaters

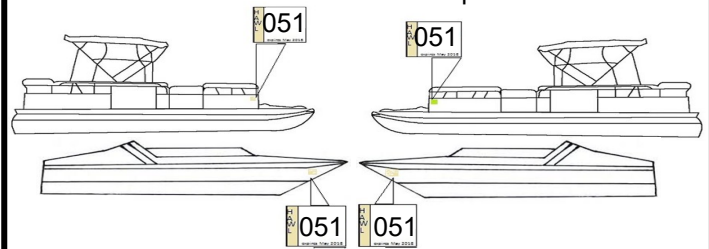
Please remember if you live on the main lake, you will experience some wake which is part of main lake living. It is imperative that your boat be tied down accordingly and all furniture must be secured.

The use of any wake enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or uneven loading of persons or gear is prohibited. (No wake surfing is allowed.)

- Property owners assume full responsibility and liability for any and all property damages or injury resulting from the operation of their vessel, regardless if property owner is present or not.
- A wake is defined as the swell, moving waves, produced by a vessel passing through water.
- The "Main Lake Wake" is described as the wave produced by a vessel operating in the common areas of the open lake.
- Speed and wake control is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure the "Main Lake Wake" being produced will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury, or damage to any surrounding person, vessel, or property. The operator must immediately suspend vessel operation if causing unsafe conditions.
- "No Wake" zones are marked areas that require low, idle speeds. "No Wake" zones are posted for all areas except the "Main Lake". Coves and canals are marked "no wake" due to they are not open lake area and their banks receive more damage and erosion from repetitive wakes.
- All vessels operating within the "no wake" areas shall be operated at idle speed. "Idle speed" shall mean the lowest speed at which a vessel can operate, maintain safe steering, and minimize the production of a wake that could unreasonably interfere with or endanger other persons, vessels, or property.
- All boat traffic must travel in a counter-clockwise direction on the open "Main Lake". This includes manual powered boats such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, trolling flat boats, and sail boats.
- A minimum of two persons are required to occupy a vessel towing a skier: one to operate the boat and a passenger to face and observe the progress and safety of the person(s) being towed.
- Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100' from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100' from shore. zero two one one

### Mandatory Placement of HAWL Boat Decals

HAWL boat decals must be attached in a location visible from each side of the vessel while the boat is on the water. Please see the example below:



\*Member is responsible for knowledge of HAWL published boat rules.

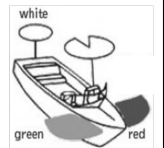
### Boats Anchored by the Dam

Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100 feet from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100 feet from shore. Moving vessels must stay out of this area of 100 feet from shore throughout the entire lake. Buoys have been placed in the water by the dam to mark 100 feet from shore. **Boats are not to be anchored on the buoys.**



### Boat Safety at Night

At night idle speed and "No Wake" must be observed. It is mandatory for lights to be lit on the boat at night. The location of the lights are as follows: green to starboard bow (front right side) and red to port bow (front left side) and all around white light on the stern (back) if operating at night. Additionally, as a courtesy to those who live on the lake, please keep loud noises to a minimum as sounds on the lake could be disturbing to others.



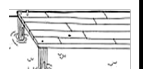
### Boating Best Practice

Kill Switch Best Practice: Use your kill switch device. In the event that you lose control of your boat or accidentally fall overboard, it will save you or one of your boaters.



### Boat Slips Available

There are two marinas located in HAWL. The East Marina (located by the Lodge) has 20 boat slips while the West Marina has 27 boat slips. The boat slips can be rented for only \$40 per month, which will be charged to the property owner's monthly account. If interested in renting a boat slip, the necessary paperwork can be obtained from the HAWL Office or the HAWL website.





## Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: March 2025

Traffic Violations .....	85
Common Property .....	6
Property .....	4
Incident Reports.....	41

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.

## Gate Entrance/Exit for the Summer

With the summer season being a busy time for the Front Main Gate, please **ensure that all guests are pre-registered with the gate before they arrive.** Use the app or the web portal for Gate Sentry to input your visitors into the system **BEFORE** they arrive at the gate. Please only use the phone call option when the app or web portal is not available to you. Phone calls must be from a phone number registered through the HAWL Office. When calling, only a maximum of two guests may be registered. Calls may only be taken 48 hours in advance. Guest Registration Forms must be used when registering three or more guests. These forms are available on the HAWL website and at the Front Main Gate and the HAWL Office. By not using the app or web portal, the gate becomes very busy and it delays dispatching urgent calls for patrol assistance to owners and causes gate entry delays.



## Accessing the Gate Sentry App/Website

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- GET THE GATE SENTRY FREE APP AND/OR ACCESS THE WEB PORTAL** Search for "Gate Sentry" on Google Play on your Android smart phone. Search for "Gate Sentry" on the Apple App Store. For internet/desktop access, visit Gate Sentry Resident Web Portal online at <https://portal.gatesentry.com>
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## Weekend Contractor Work

Contractors may work on Saturdays only with permission from the HAWL Office. Permission must be requested by noon the Friday/the day prior to the work. Per the HAWL Building Code, "4.1.2 Construction work at Hide-A-Way Lake is prohibited on Sundays, 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 his designee."

## Your Help Is Needed with Stand-Upon Scooters

Concerns have been brought forward from the community concerning stand-upon scooters. **Parents: please be aware that these stand-upon scooters are not toys. These scooters have the major potential for serious accidents to occur if they are not monitored properly.** Stand-upon scooter operators must abide by the same rules as cyclists.

### Cyclist/Stand Upon Scooter Operator Safety:

1. Wear a helmet - strongly recommended.
2. Be visible; wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
3. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
4. Slow down and watch for cars backing out of driveways.
5. Pass pedestrians/fellow cyclists/stand-upon scooter operators with care by first announcing that you are passing.
6. Do not ride more than two abreast.
7. Mississippi House Bill No. 559 requires that cyclists are subject to all provisions of traffic law subject to motorists. (Cyclists must obey all traffic rules and signs.)
9. **Property Owners and parents are fully responsible for the actions of cyclists and stand-upon scooter operators, including minors.**

### Vehicle Driver Safety:

1. Look out for cyclists/stand-upon scooter operators at all times.
2. Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
3. Yield to bicyclists/stand-upon scoot operators as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed.
4. Mississippi House Bill No. 3014 requires that while passing a cyclist, a driver shall leave a safe distance of no less than three feet between the cyclist and vehicle.

## Parking for Lawncare, Contractors, and Service Providers

For your safety and the safety of others, please park in driveways and/or off of the roadways. If temporary parking in the roadway is necessary, please place bright orange cones no less than 20' from your location in the front and rear of your vehicle. **NEVER** park in curves or within 100' of an intersection.



# Mark Your Calendars for Memorial Day Weekend

## Friday, May 23, 2025

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

**Waters Edge Open for Lunch:**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Waters Edge Open for WOW! & Dinner:**  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Family Movie Night Hosted by the HAWL Social Committee:** dusk

Enjoy a family friendly movie on the beach featuring free popcorn. Bring your beach blankets and chairs, coolers, and snacks to kick off the summer season.

## Saturday, May 24, 2025

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

**Beach Bag Special:** 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Enjoy royal reds either at the restaurant (inside or on the deck) or to-go so you may enjoy music on the beach.

The special includes royal red shrimp, potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, butter, cocktail sauce, and crackers for \$14.99. Reservations are required (for the beach bag special) 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. Also available: a Waters Edge burger for \$8.99 or cheeseburger for \$9.99, both served with chips.

**Snowballs at the Lodge:** 7:00 pm

Kona Ice will be at the Lodge lower level selling snowballs.

**Band on the Beach featuring Jacob Arnold and the Bird Dogs** 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Grab your beach chairs, coolers, and boats for this fun FREE family event! The band will be performing at the outdoor Lodge lower level at no charge for property owners and their guests. All ages are welcome. This is a free family friendly event and as always no glass containers are allowed at the beach or Lodge area. This performance is generously being sponsored by The Montalbano Family of City Carpets, Jason Pigott of The Pigott Agency, John Pigott of WRJW, The Traina Family of Morgan Stanley, The Herring Family of Herring Ford, The Stewart Family of Premiere Insurance and Picayune Portable Buildings, The Faucett Family of Medical Supplies, and The Penton Family of Twice the Ice of Carriere and Memorial Blvd.

## Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

**Waters Edge Open for Lunch:**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Monday, May 26, 2025**  
Southgate Closed

**Flag Raising Ceremony:**  
8:30 am HAWL Lodge

**HAWL Office Open:** 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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

**Memorial Day Burger and Chili Dog Special:**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy any delicious Waters Edge burger, anyway you want it, with chips for \$9.99 or two chili dogs with chips for \$7.99. Available for dine-in or take-out.

## Upcoming Band on the Beach Events

This summer, two more Band on the Beach events are planned. **Autumn Rise-N will perform Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm and will be sponsored by **The Jensen Companies**. **Dead End will perform on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm and will be sponsored by **The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students**. Thank you to these generous sponsors for making these free community events possible.



## Keep HAWL a Family Friendly Environment

Should you see any actions that do not promote an environment that is family friendly such as foul/obscene language, glass containers, pets at the Lodge area, littering, etc., contact Security (601-798-1247) as the incident is taking place with as much information as possible. Please remember that you can make a difference and with your help, we can continue to keep Hide-A-Way Lake a safe, beautiful, and family friendly community.

# HAWL FIREWORKS CELEBRATION DONATION SLIP

*The 2025 Fireworks Show is scheduled for 9:00 pm FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025, with a rain date of Saturday, July 5, 2025. (There must be dry conditions at 7:00 pm for show to proceed.)*

HAWL's 2025 Fireworks Donation Goal is \$6,500. This fireworks show depends solely on donations and is 100% funded by Property Owners. Thank you for your donation!

Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

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