



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## August 2025

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

On July 19, 2025, an election was held to fill three 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:

**thank  
you!**

Kathy Busco:	262
Chad Hurst:	280
Robin Montalbano:	304
Stephen Strausbaugh:	136

**Congratulations to Kathy Busco, Chad Hurst,  
and Robin Montalbano!**

These new Board Members will be seated at the August 2025 Board Meeting for the 2025 - 2028 term.

### Labor Day Weekend Activities

**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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 or Garlic Parmesan sauce served with garlic bread for \$7.99. 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 for \$8.99 or cheeseburger for \$9.99, both served with fries. \*No menu items available.

**Snowballs at the Lodge:** 6:00 pm

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

**Band on the Beach featuring Jacob Arnold & the Bird Dogs (Thanks to The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students):** 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Southgate Closed**

**HAWL Office Closed**

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

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

**Po'boy Special** - Enjoy either a French Fry Po'boy dressed with brown gravy, mayo, and lettuce served with chips for \$5.99 (half) or \$8.99 (whole) or a Roast Beef Po'boy dressed with a side of fries for \$8.99 (half) or \$12.99 (whole) in addition to the full menu.

### Seventh Annual White Linen Night

Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the  
Hide-A-Way Lake Pool and Lodge

A casual evening of tastings and fun for scholarships.

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students is proud to present the seventh annual White Linen Night, "Play Among the Stars" at the Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge and Pool on September 27, 2025, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. (We appreciate your enthusiasm for the event, but doors won't open until 6:30 pm.) The number of tickets to the event is limited this year. Ticket costs are \$50 per person in advance or \$60 per person at the door.

Donation tickets can be obtained from any Scholarship Foundation member:

Beth Ennis	601-347-6666
Tom Gibilterra	504-352-1370
Sue Gibilterra	504-610-5368
Terri Tomlin	504-909-3705
Ed Ennis	601-347-2473
Kathy Busco	601-347-9692
Alyson Penton	601-622-2423



### HAWL Flea Market

Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Lodge  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Rain date will be October 11, 2025. The decision to postpone/cancel will be made at 3:00 pm the day before the Flea Market.
- Cost of each space (2 parking spots) is \$20. (Total rented space measures 18' x 18').
- Limit of 2 Flea Market spaces (4 parking spots) per property owner.
- Non-typical flea market items must be pre-approved by the General Manager before renting a space.
- Participants are required to supply their own tables and may use trailers as tables if the trailer fits in the assigned space(s).
- Participants are required to remove all of their unsold items, boxes, and debris after the event.
- Setup is the day of the Flea Market; no earlier than 6:30 am and must be completed by 7:30 am and all vehicles must be removed from the area.
- No shows will still be charged. Call the Office at 601-798-1484 for reservations.



### 2025 Boat Parade Winners

This year several property owners decked their boats out from bow to stern to show their patriotism. **1<sup>st</sup> place was awarded to The Berlier Family and they will have the honor of leading the 2026 Boat Parade!** **2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to The Grieshaber Family and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was awarded to The Rouyer Family.** A big "Thank You!" to all of this year's participants for your community support and patriotism!

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### **HAWL Board of Directors:**

Robin Montalbano, President	601-347-1965
John Pigott, Vice President	601-590-0179
Chad Hurst, Secretary/Treasurer	601-325-4680
Joe Battaglia, Director	504-494-6137
Kathy Busco, Director	601-347-9692
Margaret Muller, Director	504-451-2778
Jim Wells, Director	504-914-3194

### **HAWL Staff:**

Bruce Devillier, General Manager	601-798-1484
<b>EMERGENCY ONLY</b> .....	601-273-0253
Madeline Jacobs, Administrative Manager	
Jennifer Hart, Bookkeeper	
Megan Sanchez, Office Assistant/Notary	
Arianne Gainey, Office Assistant	
Jen Karsolich, Office Assistant	
Keith Crawford, Restaurant Manager	
Bryan Blackwell, Maintenance Director	
Fabian Parish, Owner, PSC	601-268-2722
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.



## **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

## **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 hawls.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 [hawls.com](http://hawls.com).
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from [listserv@hawls.com](mailto:listserv@hawls.com) shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder just in case.)



## **Swimming Pool Hours**

### **With Lifeguards**

Through August 3<sup>rd</sup>:

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

Sundays: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

August 9<sup>th</sup> - September 21<sup>st</sup>

**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, August 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Labor Day: Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am - 8:00 pm

## **Resident Swim**

Beginning Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

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.

Happy August everyone. Our summer heat is here. Please be safe and enjoy the shade at the common grounds, of course the lake and pool are for your enjoyment. Plenty of noteworthy activity has been going on as always in this wonderful community you live in.

I would like to thank all of our current and past Board Members that have served this community and for all they have taught me. A good Board Member is a crucial part of running a good business minded community. Our Board Members receive zero compensation and work diligently addressing the interests of this community. Board Members do have the satisfaction of knowing that they have addressed the community's needs which equates to increasing property values as well as knowing that they have had a hand in maintaining the community for generations to come. Each Board Member further volunteers their time by being over a particular committee that concentrates on one area. Board Members meet a minimum of three times a month: once in an executive session with the General Manager, once at the open Board Meeting, and once at their committee's meeting. Remember, a Hide-A-Way Lake Board of Directors decision is determined by a majority vote, which is the proper way to conduct community business. A majority vote for the Board is four votes, since it is comprised of seven members. Some tough decisions have come down to a four to three vote.

This past month, our Election Committee was very busy with the election to fill the three open seats on the Board of Directors. Most importantly, I would like to thank the chairman of the Election Committee, Mr. Ron Dearmin, along with the Election Committee for their time preparing and tabulating the ballots. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors next year when two seats become open, I strongly suggest attending a Board Meeting which takes place the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Lodge lower level as well as joining a committee to fully understand the business of running our large scale community. For a full list of committees, see Page 6 of this *Echoes*.

As you may or may not know, HAWL Club, Inc. owns and operates the water system for the community, which is another business all together. The Mississippi State Department of Health performed their annual inspection last month. The inspection includes reviewing water testing, equipment, procedures, and the financial responsibility of taking care of and maintaining the system. It pleases me greatly to announce that we came out on the top side of this audit and received a perfect score for the 21<sup>st</sup> year in a row! This rating is something to be extremely proud of as it takes a combined effort from the HAWL Office, Maintenance staff, water operators, and Board of Directors in order to maintain a successful water operation system. You can view all water testing in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on our website under the Water System tab or copies are available in the HAWL Office.

Another aspect of maintaining our water system is proper routine maintenance. This month the water tower will be taken off line for a scheduled inspection of its interior and exterior as well as a washout. While the tower system is offline, the community will be using our two pressure tanks. You should not notice any difference. We will notify property owners when the tower is offline. Stephens Tank Service has been hired as the contractor to perform this work for a total capital cost of \$3,500.00.

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. It is in my daily prayers that everyone is healthy and working together. Another opportunity to address concerns regarding the community with the Board is after Board Meetings. Property owners are invited to attend, listen, and to observe the discussion held during these meetings. Concern Time is for any Property Owner who wishes to address the Board and will start after the Board Meeting is adjourned. Property Owners wishing to participate must sign in and complete the appropriate form to be turned in to the Board President. Only property owners whose accounts are current and are in good standing with the community may utilize this privilege. Concern Time may either be public or private; however, the time frame to state a concern is limited and must be done so in a professional manner. Before participating, Property Owners should take into consideration whether this is truly a Board matter and has the General Manager been approached with this concern yet. Additionally, if the issue is a problem with a neighbor, the Board does not assist in neighbor related issues. Lastly, if the concern is regarding a security violation, the matter should be brought to the Incident Review Panel. Property Owners wishing to utilize this privilege must attend the entire meeting as late arrivals forfeit this opportunity.

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.

Several projects took place throughout the community to improve drainage. Engineer David Hattaway submitted drainage improvement plans for the areas of 1702 and 1832 East Lakeshore Drive. Both locations had drainage culverts installed to the lake including crossing underneath East Lakeshore Dr. to improve drainage on both sides of the street. I would like to personally thank the property owners in these areas for their cooperation and understanding to improve drainage in this area for their neighbors and community. \$41,180 was paid to Dillard and Sons and Sunny Sod for this capital improvement project.

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

The Office server upgrade and purchase of three replacement computers were completed last month by NVI technologies. The total for this capital improvement was \$7,466.72.

A replacement zero-turn mower was purchased and delivered from Underwood Outdoor Power. The total capital purchase of \$12,871.03 was paid for the Lazer Series 60” mower.

The Security Camera System Upgrade at all common areas was completed, which included a better DVR and recording capabilities at night. The areas that were upgraded were at West Marina, the Lodge, the East Marina, the dam, and both Security gates. The total cost of this capital project was \$5,756.60 and was paid to Fort Knox Security Systems, LLC.

An initial radar sign was installed in the 300 block of East Lakeshore Drive. After seeing the success of this sign, two additional signs were purchased and placed in the 200 and 800 block of Hide-A-Way Lane. These signs have been beneficial in showing drivers their speed and reminding them of the speed limit: 25 miles-per-hour. The total capital purchase cost for all three signs was \$12,436.00 and was paid to Radar Sign, LLC.

A new Kubota L4802HST tractor has been purchased for the Maintenance Department from Lee Tractor Co. for a total capital purchase of \$39,200.00.

The main pool pump/filter system was replaced by Anything Pools, Inc.. Additionally, all of the valves and pipes were replaced and the filters updated. The total capital improvement cost was \$28,400.00.

A cooking oil filtration machine was purchased from Gulf Coast Equipment Care, LLC for a total capital purchase of \$2,675.00. This purchase will save approximately \$7,000.00 yearly in oil costs.

Many improvements took place with our water system, which is owned and operated by Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc.

All water service lines connected to homes in the community were inventoried and submitted to the MSDH ahead the EPA’s required deadline. Also our water system’s assets were inventoried, and we created an asset management plan to have information regarding the equipment’s age.

The Mississippi State Heath Department audited our water system’s operations, finances, testing, and compliance on August 15, 2024. HAWL received a 5 out of 5 rating for the 20th year in row! These two decades of perfect ratings are contributed to the HAWL’s water operators and well as the Maintenance and Office staffs.

Seventy-five water meters and valves were purchased as part of our replacement project. \$15,696.10 was paid to Ferguson Waterworks for this capital purchase. The HAWL Maintenance Department replaced these meters throughout the community.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on our water system was completed. Notice was sent out on all statements informing property owners that the CCR may be reviewed on the HAWL website or in the HAWL Office.

The 2” boring missile for water service lines that goes underneath roadways was purchased from Ditchwitch Midsouth. The total capital purchase cost was \$4,627.08.

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

The spillway chute was repaired as required by DEQ. The materials cost a total of \$10,197.40. Concrete and riprap work, pump truck operation, and labor were completed by the HAWL Maintenance Department.

An order of coppernose bluegill, pure northern bass, and threadfin shad was delivered in March. The total cost of this capital purchase was \$30,500.00.

Boat wash areas were installed near the pavilions at both marinas.

New ropes and buoys for the swimming area at the beach were installed. The total capital improvement cost was \$1,299.96.

An additional fish feeder for our lake was purchased through Texas Hunter Products. The total capital purchase was \$1,664.63. Feeders are located at the West Marina, the dam/walking track, and now at the Lodge/East Marina.

American Sportfish was contracted to dredge and remove sediment from four areas of the lake. I would like to personally thank the property owners in these areas for their cooperation and involvement in this improvement that will better the lake for the entire community. I would also like to express my gratitude to the Lake Quality Committee and the Board of Directors for their guidance and input to make this project a reality. A total of 7,318 cubic yards of sediment were removed from the following four locations: Mallard Cove/530 block of West Lakeshore Drive, Eagle Cove/ 900 block of East Lakeshore Drive, Mockingbird Cove/1730 block of East Lakeshore Drive, and Pelican Cove/Back area of the Horseshoe. The total cost of this capital improvement cost was \$145,000.00.

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

The firehouse wall and roll up door that were damaged were repaired by Picayune Door Sales, Inc. The total capital improvement cost of \$6,102.96 was paid by Pearl River County through an insurance claim. Additionally, two new commercial openers were installed on each firehouse roll up door for a total capital cost of \$3,259.38.

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**President's Address Continued**

The Main Gate entrance wall fence between the brick columns was installed by Randy Taylor Fence Company. The total capital cost was \$1,780.00.

All new playground equipment was installed by the HAWL Maintenance Department at both playgrounds. Items installed included a playground set, spring riders, benches, and upgraded swing sets that included ADA seats. The total capital purchase amount was \$42,394.00.

Waters Edge Restaurant was redecorated. The ceiling was painted, new curtains were hung, and the chairs were covered. The painting was completed by B&B Painting and Elite Hardwood Floors put down a new top coat on the Main Dining Room's wood floor. The total capital improvement cost was \$11,816.78. Another major change that happened with the restaurant was the retirement of Restaurant Manager Ginger Gautrau. Ginger retired on June 1, 2025, and were are grateful for her 15 years of service to our community. Please make plans to visit this great amenity and to meet the new Restaurant Manager Keith Crawford.

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, as 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.

## Committee Briefs

A Board Meeting was held on July 8, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website ([hawllms.com](http://hawllms.com)) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

**Architectural/Variance – Jim Wells**

For June 2025, the number of houses to date is 998. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 2 boat lifts, 1 bulkhead, 1 deck, 3 houses, 5 fences (4 privacy, 1 wrought iron), 1 pier, and 1 pool.

**Finance Committee Report – Chad Hurst**

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$530,386.77.

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

July will be the last month that an extra guard will be on duty for the sole purpose of traffic enforcement. Based on the number of citations issued, this additional guard has proved effective in making the community aware of roadway safety.

As mentioned previously, two additional radar signs were purchased and have been displayed in the community in the 200 and 800 block of Hide-A-Way Lane on the west side of the community. These signs show drivers their rate of speed as well as collect traffic data.

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**

Water samples were collected from four locations on June 30, 2025. Test results were indeterminate for samples collected at the Inlet and the West Marina. Test results of water samples collected in the open lake (at the Outlet and Lodge launch) were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of June was measured at 6.19 inches, which was 0.14 inches below the thirty-year June average of 6.33 inches. Rainfall to-date was 33.19 inches which was 0.19 inches below the thirty year-to-date June average of 33.38 inches.

The Lake Quality Committee respectfully asks residents to notify the HAWL Office with concerns regarding the appearance/growth of potentially invasive water lilies. Please do not try to remove or destroy the plants as this action will allow the plants to spread to other areas of our lake. Water lilies can multiply and spread by seeds, chopped portions or cuttings of the plant, or separated roots. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Social Committee – Margaret Muller**

Families with teenagers, mark your calendars for Friday, July 25, 2025, for the Teen Pizza and Pool Bash. Pizza and refreshments will be served at no cost; however, Property Owners must make reservations for their teen by July 23, 2025, by calling the HAWL Office. Teens are permitted to bring one additional guest. See *Echoes*, Facebook, and the HAWL website for more information.

**Public Affairs – John Pigott**

Members have been attending the Picayune City Council and Pearl River County Board of Supervisors meetings with no significant information to report.

The new development taking place outside of Southgate will be called The Grove. This subdivision is currently in Phase 1, which will consist of 14 homes facing Cooper Road and 2 roads. Board members have been communicating regarding the drainage plan for the development. Preliminary plans show drainage heading away from Hide-A-Way Lake.

## Join a HAWL Committee - Become Involved in Your Community and Make a Difference!

Joining a Committee is a great way to have a hand in shaping the way of life we value in the community. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information.

**Architectural Committee** - Reviews Building Permit Applications to insure compliance with the Building Code.

**Finance Committee** - Reviews, analyzes, and critiques the Annual Operating Budget.

**Social Committee** - Organizes and implements social activities and events for the residents of HAWL.

**Security, Safety, & Fire Committee** - Conducts periodic review of Security Procedures and makes procedural recommendations.

**Incident Review Board** - A sub-committee of the Security, Safety, and Fire Committee, responsible for conducting hearings for property owners appealing sanctions levied against them for violating the Rules and Restrictions.

**Lake Quality Committee** - Collects lake water samples at various locations for in house testing to assure lake water quality is within recommended regulatory limits.

**Long Range Planning** - Formulates and implements the capital budget and approves capital expenditures.

**Election & Nominating Committee** - Appointed by the President of the Property Owner's Association to perform duties as outlined in the By-Laws of the Property Owners Association.

## 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 (hawls.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 2 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.

## Donate Your Claiborne Hill Receipts

As a way of supporting our Fire Department, Hide-A-Way Lake 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.

Receipts may also be placed in an envelope and dropped off in the payment box at the Front Gate or in front of the Restaurant.



## Now Is The Time to Start Planning - Host Your Special 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 hawls.com for more information.

# HAWL's 2025 Fireworks Celebration

The 2025 fireworks donations totaled \$6,578.00. Eagle Fireworks was paid \$6,500.00. All additional donations will go towards next year's show. "THANK YOU!" to all of the generous property owners for your donations. The names listed below are the property owners who donated.

A.J. & Jennifer Herbert	Jerry & Terrianne Sixkiller	Ramona Tucker
Alyson Lacey	Jesse & Tricia Martin	Randy & JoAnn Hall
Andy & Luann Watkins	Jessica LaCour	Rebecca & Anthony Rabito
Ann & Bubba Graham	Jessie & Tari Autin	Regina & Tommy Culotta
Anonymous	Jim & Angela Puklavetz	Renee Candebat
Barbara & Meryl Jackson	Jim & Nita Martory	Richard Teague
Benjamin Harrison, Sr.	Jody & Laurie Herring	Rick & Amanda Caruso
Bill & Sally Edwards	Joe & Debbie Mortimer	Rick & Sandra Hayley
Bill & Vickie Moesta	Joe & Rhonda Pascal	Ronald & Colleen Connell
Bobby & Sandy Haylock	John & Kimber Zimmerman	Ronald & Patti Scott
Brenda & Ronnie	John & Lanelle Brucks	Rose Misuraca Scott
Brian LeBoeuf	John & Valerie Stanley	Russ & Helen
Carol & Glenn Mussemann	John Pigott	Sam & Mary Ann Joffray
Carol & Lynn Jambon	Joyce & Jim Wells	Scott & Sofia Vinson
Cathie Rollo	Karen Devillier	Scott & Yvonne Crook
Chet & Jackie Kucinski	Kat & Calvin Treadway	Stacy Sargent
Chris & Dana Suchand	Kathy & Danny Stockstill	Stephen R. Walker
Corrie Berlier	Kathy Busco	Stepheny & Todd Roberts
Danny & Jeannette Albert	Keith & Debbie Dean	Stuart & Paulette Mitchell
David & Renee Baummy	Ken & Ronnie Sonnier	Suzette Ledet
Diana Janet	Linda & Arland Daniels	Sylvia & Frank
Diane Viglianco	Linda Delle & Tony Milner	Tammy Croney
Dolly Kingsley	Lorraine Harper	Tammy Varea
Dolores G. Caso	Lynn & Buddy Kaul	Terral O'Meara
Don & Liz Escher	Lynn Gatewood	The Ambrozewskis
Don Rapp	M. A. Ohrmundt	The Beben Family
Ed & Beth Ennis	Marcel & Creshia Reynon	The Glorioso Family
Ed & Evelyn Batcho	Margaret Muller	The Hartdegen Family
Eddie & Jaime Hornosky	Marge & Richard Sandy	The Hecker Family
Elizabeth White	Mary & Ron Dearmin	The Lestelle Family
Emily & Jeff Stricker	Micahel L. Hemstad	The McAndrew Family
Evelyn & Terry Shelby	Mike & Margaret Anglada	The Tire Guy & Auto Care
Fay Davis	Mike & Tammy Bloom	The Winn Family
Gary Hornosky	Miriam LaNasa	Tom & Sue Gibilterra
George Lods	Mitchell & Susan Allen	Tommy & Stacey Gibilterra
Greg & Marion Hebbler	Mr. & Mrs. David W. Munn	Treva Rae Larson
Greg Crain	Nancy & Randy Brunet	Turk & Cheryl Walton
Harold & Elaine Voss	Neil Blanchard	Victor Polito & Charon Windham
James Coullard & Leigh Carrier	Paul Angleson	Ward & Beverly Griffing
Jay & Glenda DeLeaumont	Paul Dresser	Wayne Traina Family
Jerry & Charlotte Mire	Professional Security Corporation	Yvonne & Mike Sleger

## Thank You Property Owners

**As a property owner you are completely responsible for the actions of your residents and guests during the duration of their time in the community.** Thank you to the community, visitors, and staff for a fun and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend. This was the result of a combined effort of so many people. We look forward to next year!





## Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of July 24, 2025

Active Building Permits..... 30  
Covenant Violations ..... 22

**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.**

## 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.



## Concrete Inspections

Prior to concrete trucks being allowed in Hide-A-Way Lake to pour concrete, the HAWL Office must be contacted a minimum of one business day (24 hours) so that the forms may be inspected by HAWL per the Building Code.

4.3.3 The contractor must arrange with the Hide-A-Way Lake Club Office for the following listed inspections at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of need. Note that no concrete for foundation, driveway, sidewalk, patio or outbuilding is to be poured before inspection.

## Signs in HAWL

This covenant applies to real estate signs, school signs, political signs, etc.

### 48. Signage.

All signs, billboards, or advertising structures of any kind are prohibited on all Lots except for the following:

- Hide-A-Way Lake Club may display such sign on Lots owned by the Club, or upon common property as may be necessary to inform Lot Owners of danger, restricted access, activities, events, meetings, or such other purposes as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- A sign measuring 8" x 24" inches may be displayed by Lot Owner on his Lot showing the name of the Lot Owner and address of the property.
- In addition, a separate sign measuring 8" x 24" inches may be displayed by Lot Owner on his Lot stating his telephone number.
- No other signs are permitted on Lots within Hide-A-Way Lake Subdivisions, including but not limited to "For Sale" signs.

## Covenant #54

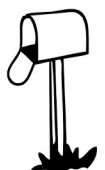
A much needed area of improvement throughout the community is the amount of mildew and dirt on homes. Pressure washing will not only resolve the issue, but will greatly increase curb appeal.

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.



## E-9-1-1 Addressing

Per Pearl River County Ordinance 97-3, you must post your address number at the end of your driveway and on your structure in four inch reflective numbers. This is for your safety so that first responders are able to locate you and/or your loved ones in case of an emergency.





## 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. zero eight three two



## Communication During Storms

Pending electricity and cable outages, HAWL will update the website ([hawllms.com](http://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](mailto:HAWL@alerts.com) or [alerts@irisalert.com](mailto: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](http://www.hawllms.com).
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from [listserver@hawllms.com](mailto:listserver@hawllms.com) shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder as well.)

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.



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 use such as 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.

## 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.hawllms.com](http://www.hawllms.com)). This form must be signed by a HAWL Property Owner.

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## Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: June 2025

Traffic Violations .....	116
Animal Nuisance .....	4
Common Property .....	3
Property .....	3
Incident Reports.....	55

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](mailto: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.