HIDE-A-WAY LAKE ECHOES

DECEMBER 2026

Steak Night at Waters Edge

On Saturday, December 5, 2026, Waters Edge is hosting Steak Night from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. In addition to the full menu, enjoy a 14 ounce ribeye with vegetables and a baked potato for $25.99. Additionally, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.



Breakfast with Santa and Santa's Workshop

On Saturday, December 12, 2026, Waters Edge will host a breakfast buffet (served by staff) including an omelet station and a drink from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. The cost is $14.99 for adults, $7.99 for children 5 - 12, and free for children 4 and under. After breakfast, remember to visit the Lodge lower level to see Santa in his workshop from 8:00 am - 10:30 am.



Christmas Marketplace

Enjoy Christmas shopping from local vendors on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at the Christmas Marketplace in the downstairs area of the Lodge from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. Vendor set up begins at 7:30 am with shopping at 8:00 am. Tables are $10 each and only one table per vendor. To reserve a space, call the HAWL Office.



TOYS FOR TOTS

HAWL is gathering donations of toys for children who might not otherwise have a Merry Christmas. We are asking individuals to help us raise enough donations to equal 1,000 toys (equal to approximately one per household). If you have any questions or are interested in participating, call the HAWL Office. Toys for Tots can only accept new, unwrapped toys or cash donations. Boxes will be available at the HAWL Office and Waters Edge Restaurant to drop off toys.

Waters Edge Trivia Night

Grab your thinking caps! Saturday, December 19, 2026, Waters Edge will host Trivia Night. Enjoy the full menu and delicious specials from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

TRIVIA TIME

Kids Coloring Contest

Attention artists 10 years old and younger: see page 5 of this *Echoes* for the Kids Coloring Contest.

Membership Update

IMPORTANT

A Membership update was mailed to all owners in November. Review and update your information with the HAWL Office by following the instructions given. Ensuring accurate information is on file is extremely important for controlled access to the community and for your safety should an emergency arise. After reviewing and making the necessary changes to the Property Information Report, sign and date the bottom of the report and return it to the HAWL Office. If you did not make any changes, you do not need to return it. If you have any questions/concerns, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

Boiled Seafood Feast

Join Waters Edge for a Boiled Seafood Feast on Saturday, December 26, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Enjoy a snow crab cluster, half a pound of royal reds, and a cold water Maine lobster tail for $39.99. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.



New Year's Eve Dinner



Waters Edge is hosting a New Year's Eve dinner on Thursday, December 31, 2026, from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm; **orders must be placed by 7:00 pm.** The menu will include: cocktail shrimp with 10 tail on boiled shrimp served cold with cocktail sauce ($9.99), 14 oz ribeye topped with garlic butter shrimp and served with a baked potato and fresh vegetables ($25.99) or snapper topped with imperial sauce (crabmeat, shrimp, artichoke, onion, and mushroom in a cream sauce) served with roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables ($25.99), and lava cake with ice cream ($7.99). Reservations are required by Monday, December 21, 2026, and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.

New Year's Eve Party Disco after Dark: Boogie into 2027

The Social Committee will host a New Year's Eve Party themed Disco after Dark: Boogie into 2027 on Thursday, December 31, 2026. Doors open: 8:30 pm; Party: 9:00 pm - 1:00 am. This adults only event is $15 per person and includes set ups, light snacks, and DJ entertainment by David Delcambre. Call the HAWL Office for reservations.

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Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

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

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Southgate Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

Closed December 25th & January 1st

When exiting onto Cooper Rd, observe 20 mph. These times are for exit and entry only; however, only vehicles with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry, after the gate verifies.

Waters Edge Restaurant News

Waters Edge Restaurant will close January 1, 2027, and will reopen for business on January 14, 2027. The Waters Edge staff looks forward to serving you along with your family and friends in the new year. *This excludes any special events.



Contact Information

HAWL OFFICE:	601-798-1484
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Visit hawlms.com for Community Information

Hawlms.com is frequently updated with information about community operations and upcoming events. Links to register a visitor in Gate Sentry and to pay your bill online (after signing up through the HAWL Office) can also be found.



Join a HAWL Committee



Social clubs and committees are the perfect way to become involved in the community and to make new friends. Visit HAWL's website for a complete list of clubs. Contacts are listed as well as meeting times for certain groups.

HAWL Staff:

Bruce Devillier, General Manager	601-798-1484
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Madeline Jacobs, Administrative Manager	
Alisa Wilson, Bookkeeper/Notary	
Arianne Gainey, Office Assistant	
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Stacie Ponthier, 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

Conducting HAWL Business

The Hide-A-Way Lake Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Most HAWL business is able to be conducted over the phone, by email, or through mail. Contact the Office at 601-798-1484 or at office@hawlms.net so we may assist you.



Follow HAWL on Facebook

Follow the link on hawlms.com. Hit "LIKE" to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials and be to involved in happenings in your community. HAWL encourages you to share these events so more residents can participate. If you have an issue, please contact the HAWL Office directly at 601-798-1484 as concerns will not be addressed through Soical Media.

Keep HAWL Family Friendly

If you see any actions that do not promote a family friendly environment 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 HAWL a safe, beautiful, and family friendly community.



Lakeview Library Book Exchange

The Lakeview Library Book Exchange, started by the HAWL Social Committee, has been such a success due to the generosity of HAWL property owners and residents. If you are a bookworm, be sure to stop by the Lodge lower level while the Office is open to browse the wide selection of books. Please limit donations to books in good condition and no more than five books.



Lost & Found

HAWL has two lost and founds: one at the Front Main Gate and one at the Office. If you recently lost an item, contact both locations to see if it was turned in. Front Main Gate: 601-798-1247; HAWL Office: 601-798-1484.

It is hard to believe this year has come and gone so quickly. The holiday season is upon us and I would like to wish everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2027." I pray that everyone enjoys a happy and safe holiday season with family, friends, and neighbors. Please remember the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grantham Poole CPA Firm is reviewing all operations and financials for our 2025 Fiscal Year that ended on September 30, 2026. The auditors will be recapping to the staff and Board of Directors the first of the year.

The Operational Fee increase of 3%, which is $2.90 per month, will begin with statements due on January 25, 2027. 3% is based on the Social Security Index which is 3.6% for 2027. This was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

The Capital Plan Budget for this current year has been revised to the following:

- Pool Renovations $380,000
- Water System Tanks $38,896
- Security Technology and Software $10,000
- Lake Management $7,500
- **Total Plan** **$474,896**
- Pool Equipment $5,000
- Office Technology and Software $8,500
- Water Meters $25,000

Contractor Gulf Coast Pools has begun the Pool Renovation Project. During demolition, we did discover that the gunite foundation in the slope toward the deep area had structural breaks. We knew this was a possibility and it will be repaired correctly. We are working with the contractor on this additional repair. Please understand that the pool deck that we were hoping to build will be pushed back at least a year or two. We must protect the amenities the community currently has.

Bids were received last month to purchase 100 water meters as part of our replacement project. The purchase was awarded to Ferguson Water Works for a capital improvement cost of $24,549.55. This cost is for the 100 replacement water meters as well as boxes and lids.

Maintenance is scheduled for the first two weeks in December with American Tank Maintenance to clean and paint the interior of our 200,000 gallon water tower. During this time, the community will be using our pressure tanks to pressurize the system. Property owners should not experience any issues. However, if you experience an issue please call the HAWL Office.

Last month Griner Drilling Service, Inc. performed pump tests on all water wells (Well #2, Well #3, and Well #4). All tests showed good results for our system.

The next Community, Coffee, and Cake Town Hall will be on Saturday, January 30, 2027, at 10:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant at the Lodge.

The Stable Official Policy, Rules, and Regulations Agreement has been revised. All current property owners with a horse at the stable area will be given 30 days to sign the new agreement.

The Membership Update was mailed last month to all property owners. Please review and update your information with the HAWL Office. It is vital to have correct informatioin on file to assist you better.

Coast Electric is scheduled to begin cutting limbs away from power lines. The HAWL Maintenance Department is in works on side-arming wooded lots from roadways.

I would like to thank all property owners that have come to show support for and learn information about your community by attending a Community, Coffee, and Cake. 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, enhance, and preserve not only the community, but your home as well.

A Board Meeting for Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. **The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2027, at 6:30 pm.** Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

Architectural/Variance - Jim Wells 0872
For October 2026, the number of houses to date is 1,011. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 house, 1 porch, 1 portico, 1 propane tank, and 1 roof redesign.

Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst
The Treasurer's Report had a grand total of $625,508.66.

Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco
At the committee's meeting last month, stand upon scooters were discussed. Per HAWL's attorney, liability falls back on the parent and the less regulations HAWL implements, the less liability HAWL has. Hosting a Scooter Safety School was discussed again. The policy of garbage collection for handicapped residents was discussed. Those needing this service must contact the HAWL Office.

Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia
Water samples were collected from two locations on November 2, 2026. Test results of both samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of October was measured at 1.39 inches which was 2.50 inches below the 30-year October average of 3.89 inches. Rainfall to date was 59.38 inches which was 4.20 inches above the 30 year to-date October average of 55.18 inches.

Our Fall Fishing Rodeo was held on October 17, 2026. Twelve fishermen submitted entries in 16 of the thirty-seven fish categories available in our rodeo. Lake Quality sends a special thank you to all participants, family, and friends who came out and braved the windy and "cool" weather. See the December *Echoes* for rodeo winners!

The Lake Quality Committee also thanks local fishermen who provided catch data for June, July, August, and September 2026. Their data supports advice from fishery consultants to remove excess population of bass under 12 inches to reduce the competition for baitfish.

The Lake Quality Committee is again asking residents to provide discarded Christmas trees for our fish habitat project. See December *Echoes* for details.

Long Range Planning - Robin Montalbano
The Capital Expenditure Plan is in works.

Social Committee - Margaret Muller
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Festival and Family Movie Night held on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

The committee is busy planning to the decorate the Lodge at the end of November and to host Breakfast with Santa on December 12, 2026, and the New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2026. Contact the HAWL Office or see the monthly *Echoes* for more information on these events.

New Business
The Board of Directors approved awarding the purchase of water meters and approving revisions to the Hide-A-Way Lake Building Code.

The Board of Directors Invites You to Participate in Concern Time

Concern Time is held after every Board Meeting for Property Owners, who are in good standing, to address their concerns with the Board of Directors.

Concern Time Guidelines:

1. Fill out a Concern Time Form and turn it into the Board President.
2. Condense your concern to a time of two to three minutes.
3. Request Closed Concern Time with the Board if more than two to three minutes is needed to address your concern.

The Board of Directors will discuss all concerns at the next scheduled Board of Directors Work Session and will follow up with the Property Owner who brought the concern forward.

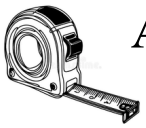
HAWL Coloring Contest

Attention all artists 10 years old and younger: Use your creativity to color the picture below and have a grown up return it to the HAWL Office by Monday, December 14, 2026, so you can participate in the HAWL Coloring Contest. Prizes will be awarded across three age groups (4 years old and younger, 5 - 7 years old, and 8 - 10 years old). All coloring pages received will be displayed in the Lodge lower level in preparation for Santa's arrival on Saturday, December 12, 2026. Adults: Complete the section with your information so we may contact you if your artist has won a prize. Only first names and ages will be displayed; phone numbers and lot numbers will be removed. Additional coloring pages are available on the Events Page on the HAWL website.

Lot # _____ Property Owner Name _____ Phone Number: _____



First Name: _____ Age: _____



Architectural Monthly Recap

Information as of November 30, 2026

Active Building Permits	**31**
Covenant Violations	**31**

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 per the HAWL Building Code
- Specifications of materials

Permit requests are reviewed by the HAWL Architectural Committee on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Please ensure that all permit application requests are submitted to the HAWL Office with all supporting documents attached by 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 Pearl River County Utility Authority (PRCUA) at 601-799-5259 or 228-205-4101 for after hours emergencies.** The PRCUA would like to remind residents they are on-call 24/7 to resolve grinder pump issues. It is important to notify the PRCUA as quickly as possible when your sewer system goes in alarm mode to prevent overflows, restore service, and minimize the chance of destroying a locked pump. This number should be called prior to contracting a plumber since most issues can be solved by the PRCUA at no cost to the property owner. The number is in service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

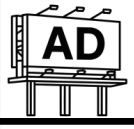
Sign up for *Happenings In HAWL* Weekly Email

Have community news and information delivered directly to your email.

- Visit the HAWL website at hawlms.com.
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You must **confirm through the email you receive from listserver@hawlms.com** shortly after registering. Email may be sent to your spam or junk folder.

Advertise in *Echoes*

Advertising in the monthly *Echoes* is a great way to spread the word about your business. Not only is it a great way to reach the entire community, but 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 (hawlms.com). This form must be signed by a HAWL property owner and billed monthly to their account.



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2026 Fishing Rodeo

The 2026 HAWL Fishing Rodeo (held on November 17, 2026) was a day filled with family friendly fun. Anglers of all ages put forth great effort to reel in their catches. In the end, everyone earned an award for their hard work!

HAWL and your Lake Quality Committee would like to thank our residents and rodeo guests for their enthusiam and support of efforts to promote family activities to enjoy fishing and help community Lake Management objectives to develop "Quality Size" fish in our lake. To reach our goal of Quality Size fish, a lake must be fished to maintain a balance between both bait fish and game fish.

Big Bass	Michael Truxillo	
	Ages 10 & Under	
Bass	Gage Herring	1st Place
Bream	Gage Herring	1st Place
	Pippa Herring	2nd Place
	Ages 11 - 18	
Bream	Hank Herring	1st Place
Catfish	Hayden Marquez	1st Place
	Ages 19 & Up	
Bass	Michael Truxillo	1st Place
	Peggy Truxillo	2nd Place
	Donald Rouyer	3rd Place
Bream	Peggy Truxillo	1st Place
	Neil Blanchard	2nd Place
	Darren Harber	3rd Place
Catfish	Neil Blanchard	1st Place
	Michael Truxillo	2nd Place
	Nicholas Sciambra	3rd Place
Crappie	Jessie Marquez	1st Place

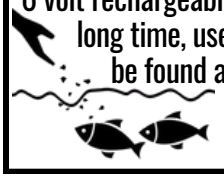
Locating Fishing Habitats by GPS

Ever wonder how to find all those spots where habitats have been placed in the lake to improve fishing? There's an easy answer! Do you have a GPS app on your cell phone? If not, download a free app, input the GPS coordinates from the Hide-A-Way Lake Fish Habitat Locations Map (available in the Office or hawlms.com), and then you can go directly to the habitat locations. Next, fish the day away!



How to Improve Fishing

Feed the Fish. Hand toss fish food around personal docks and marinas. If you want to use an automatic feeder on your personal property, you can purchase a Moultrie 6.5 gallon Feedcaster and a 6 volt rechargeable battery. If you want the battery to last a very long time, use it with a solar charger. Floating fish food can be found at any local feed store. You will be surprised at how fast you will start to see and catch fish around this simple and entertaining activity.



Help Protect Our Lake

Help protect our lake by not allowing hitchhikers. Please do not wash your boat in our lake. Stop aquatic hitchhikers by washing your boat prior to launching your boat.

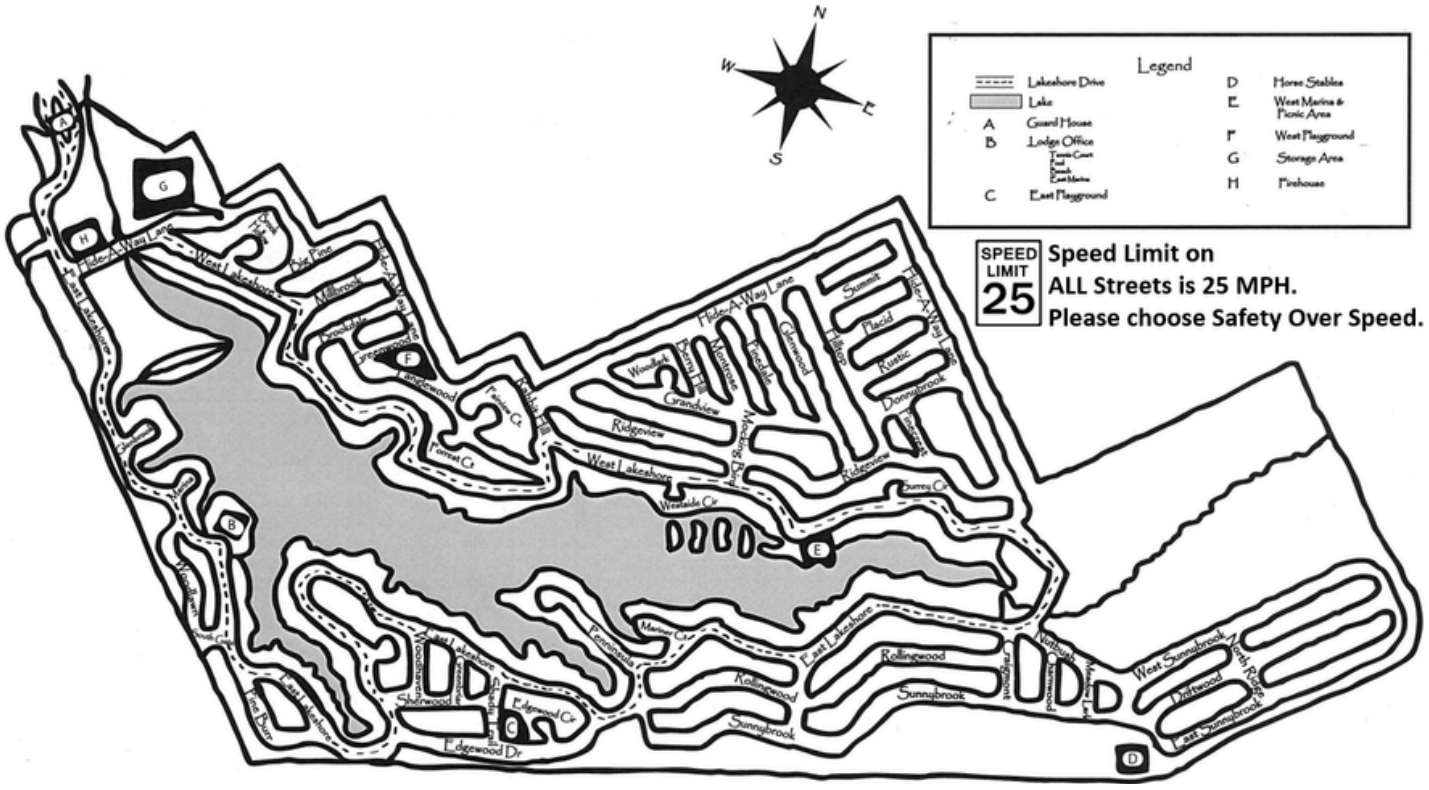
- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate any water from eqiupment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothes, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- Before launching a boat, empty bilge water and remove any vegetation from the boat/trailer.

Becoming Involved in Your Community

As a property owner, one of the easiest and most effective ways to become involved in the community is getting to know your neighbors. This not only builds a sense of community but helps make the neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live. 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 during storms. Promoting roadway safety with your residents ensures that everyone on the roadways is able to get to their destination and enjoy the community safely. HAWL as a community operates most efficiently when property owners work together toward a common goal.



HAWL offers many quiet streets for residents to walk or jog. Below is a map showing the layout of Hide-A-Way Lake. (Full size maps are available at the HAWL Office, the Front Main Gate, or hawlms.com.) The dotted line shows the path along East Lakeshore connecting to West Lakeshore. The total distance around the lake is approximately five miles.



Walking Track at the Dam

Pets on the path must be under control at all times. Please remove ALL pet waste.

The walking track at the dam is the perfect location to enjoy both exercise and wonderful views of the lake. Each lap (from the beginning of the trail to the end of the trail) is 1,185 feet. Six laps would equal 1.35 miles. Hours are from sunrise to sunset with no overnight parking. Golf carts, motorized vehicles, and bicycles are not allowed past the parking area. Motorized wheelchairs and other power driven mobility devices are allowed on the walking path. Skateboards/hoverboards/skates/roller blades are not allowed past the parking area. For safety reasons, no trespassing on the spillway. Please properly dispose of any waste. As with all common grounds, glass containers are prohibited. Use of the walking path at your risk; please stay on the path. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Walk on the right side of the path so that faster walkers can pass slower users on the left. Please be courteous and let faster walkers by. Do not stop on the path. Instead, use the available benches so the path may be utilized by other walkers.



Pick Up After Your Pet

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



Animal/Pet Regulations and Pickup Procedures

PETS - DOGS AND CATS

See Covenant 47 for Animal Control Regulations.

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 animal must be 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. 1532

Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: October 2026

Traffic Violations	**73**
Animal Nuisance	**5**
Property	**4**
Common Property	**1**
Incident Reports	**159**

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 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 violations are doubled. The goal is to create awareness, not to collect fines.

Gate Entrance/Exit for the Holidays

With the holiday season being a busy time for the Front Main Gate, please **ensure that all guests are pre-registered with the gate before they arrive.** Not to worry, Santa has already been pre-registered. 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 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

1. **Get the Free Gate Sentry App/or Access the Web Portal.** Search for Gate Sentry on Google Play or the Apple Store. For internet access, visit the Gate Sentry Resident Web Portal online at https://portal.gatesentry.com
2. **Create Your Account.** On the login screen, select Create New Account and enter your email address, password, and code issued to you. The access code is not a temporary password.
3. **Update Your Information.** Add, remove, or ban guests, track visitor history, and receive visitor notifications. Download the Gate Sentry app to get notifications on your phone/tablet. For more information, download the Quick Start Guide at: portal.gatesentry.com/quick_start_guide.pdf.

Community Safety is a Team Effort

The Hide-A-Way Lake community strives to maintain a peaceful and safe environment for all who live and visit here. In order for this atmosphere to be maintained, all property owners and residents must work together in partnership with the Security staff in order to protect, maintain, enhance, and preserve not only the community, but your home value as well. Roadway safety is a much needed area of improvement community wide. Please be mindful that you are obeying the speed limit, stopping at all stop signs, and making focused driving a priority. By working together, community safety is a goal we can accomplish.

Vacation House Checks

With the holiday season approaching, many property owners will be going out of town. As a courtesy, HAWL offers Vacation Checklists for property owners. These checklists inform security of the dates that the property owner will be out of town so that security may check on the periodically. Vacation Checklists can be picked up in the HAWL Office, at the Guard Gate, or printed from the HAWL website at hawlms.com. Once completed, the Vacation Checklists may be dropped off at the Guard Gate or the HAWL Office.



Hosting a Holiday Party?

Having a party for the holidays? Please be mindful of your neighbors in regards to both parking and noise. Pay attention to excessive vehicle parking in the easements as this can create unsafe conditions for drivers and pedestrians. Also be sure to not let the noise get too loud. Per Covenant 51 b. 1. "Loud or boisterous conduct including operation of loud motor bikes, outboard motors, vehicles, boom-boxes, etc., on any property which disturbs the peace of adjoining Lot Owners" is prohibited.



Fireworks Rules

Any property owner using fireworks must abide by the following rules:

1. The use of fireworks is permissible only on December 31st and January 1st.
2. Due to the potential of fire, the shooting of fireworks commonly referred to as "bottle" or "sky" rockets or similar projectiles that are mounted on a base that resembles a stick or rod is prohibited.



Emergency Alert System for HAWL

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



Host Your Upcoming Holiday Event at Waters Edge

The holiday season is around the corner and Waters Edge is the perfect venue to hold your upcoming event. Whether you're hosting a large company event, an intimate dinner party, a family reunion, a celebration of life, or an awards banquet, our reputation for friendly, professional service is second to none. Offering a variety of packages and rooms for events large and small, there is definitely something to suit your needs. Waters Edge can accommodate up to 200 guests and even features a covered outdoor deck with beautiful lake views.

Enjoy Pearl River County's Best Kept Secret for entertaining right here in your backyard. For more information, call the HAWL Office or view the Event Brochure online at hawlms.com.



Need the Perfect Christmas Gift?

Need the perfect Christmas gift for everyone on your list? Fill their stocking with a HAWL shirt or Waters Edge gift certificate. Items may be purchased from the HAWL Office during business hours. Contact the HAWL Office for information.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the HAWL Staff and Board of Directors

Wishing you, your family, and your friends the best this holiday season.



Christmas Fund Employee Bonus

Thank you to the generous property owners for your donations! Thank you to Mr. Danny Stockstill for managing the Christmas Bonus Fund! Donations have been received from the following as of November 18, 2026:

Al & JoAnn Lunn
Benjamin Harrison
Bill & Vickie Moesta
Carol & Glenn Mussemann
Charlotte & Jerry Mire
D&K
Dara Hooper
Dolly Kingsley
Dominick & Patricia Candebat
Ed Batcho
Eli & Karen Pavoni
Fay Davis
Frank & Alicia Verweij
Gary Hornosky
Gerald & Terri Sixkiller
Gloria Kihnemann
Jeannette Nunez
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Jody & Laurie Herring
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John & Lanelle Brucks
John & Valerie Stanley
John R. Pigott
Kat Treadway
Kathy & Danny Stockstill
Kathy & Mark Faucett
Kathy Scheuermann
Linda Riley
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Russell Wagner
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Sibyl Ramsey
Steven Englade
Sue & Tom Gibilterra
Susie & Eddie Estapa
Sylvia North
The Devillier Family
The Freeman Family
Tim & Aurea Thomas
Victor Polito

HIDE-A-WAY LAKE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND



For the past several decades, residents of HAWL have donated to a Christmas Fund dedicated to the employees of HAWL and the guard service as a gesture of gratitude. A Christmas Fund Committee has been formed to process the donations. If you wish to participate, please make your **donation payable to HAWL Employee Christmas Fund**. Donations may not be charged to the HAWL account or included with the HAWL monthly payment.

Donations may be submitted in a separate envelope (preprinted envelopes are available at the HAWL Office or either Guard Gate) to either payment box, the HAWL Office, or the following address:

HAWL Christmas Fund P.O. Box 1018 Picayune, MS 39466

I am enclosing my donation in the amount of $_____.

Name _____ **Lot #** _____

(Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear in *Echoes*.)

Waters Edge Open House

Join Restaurant Manager Keith Crawford and his staff on Sunday, January 10, 2027, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm for an Open House at Waters Edge. Enjoy tastings from the current menu as well as other delicious items. This is the perfect opportunity to experience Waters Edge, voice your ideas for the restaurant, and meet your neighbors.

Steak Night with Live Music

On Saturday, January 16, 2027, Waters Edge is hosting Steak Night from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. In addition to the full menu, enjoy a hand cut ribeye with vegetables and a loaded baked potato for $26.99. Additionally, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.



Grilled Porkchops on the Deck

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, January 23, 2027, for grilled porkchops on the deck from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. In addition to the full menu, enjoy grilled pork chops with roasted sweet potatoes and asparagus topped with a pecan praline sauce for $14.99. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.



Community, Coffee, and Cake with the Board of Directors and General Manager

Saturday, January 30, 2027, enjoy coffee and cake with the Board of Directors and General Manager at 10:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant. This will provide another avenue for property owners to talk to the Board and the General Manager and to ask any questions directly to those who work hard to run our community. Please come to discuss HAWL business with the direct sources to prevent misinformation while building a sense of community and fellowship with other property owners.



Royal Reds at Waters Edge



Saturday, January 30, 2027, Waters Edge will feature royal reds from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. In addition to the full menu, enjoy boiled royal reds served with garlic butter, corn, and potatoes for $16.99. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.

Find Your Account Number



Each month three account numbers are hidden in Echoes. If you find your number, call the HAWL Office to claim your prize!

Christmas Trees Needed for Fish Habitats

After Christmas, the Lake Quality Committee will be collecting live Christmas trees for use as fish habitats in the lake. Leave your bare tree by the edge of the roadway after the holidays and Lake Quality will collect it. **Please ensure you remove ALL decorations including tinsel, lights, ornaments, etc.** Only natural trees (non-flocked) may be utilized.



Avoid Late Fees - Pay Your Bill Online with ACH

Did you know that when you request Online Bill Pay from your bank, they send HAWL a physical check? Avoid the possibility of that check arriving late or getting lost in the mail by signing up with HAWL for online ACH payments. Property owners wishing to pay their bills online must first complete and return an ACH Authorization Form from the HAWL Office or the HAWL webiste under the Forms Tab.



HAWL Billing Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What does a dollar amount is parentheses mean?** Parentheses indicate a credit and will appear anytime you pay more than what is actually owed.
2. **What are the Capital Reserve and the Operational fees?** The Capital Reserve is a fund that is set aside for capital projects, such as road paving, bridge repairs, playground equipment, etc. The Operational Fee pays for HAWL to run on a day-to-day basis. Both fees combined make up the total operational fee for HAWL and are mandatory for every property owner.
3. **I've seen BBF on my statement; what does that mean?** BBF stands for Balance Brought Forward and is the amount as of the previous date.
4. **I made a payment but can't find that specific dollar amount on my bill.** Anytime you pay more than what is actually due, the payment will be split up and applied to the BBF. Any remaining money from the payment will be applied to new charges (thus showing how the credit was applied.)
5. **I paid my bill online through my bank. Why didn't it appear as a payment on my bill and why did I get a late fee?** Whenever a bank sends a payment on your behalf, they send HAWL a physical check from a processing center possibly located in another state. Often times the check does not reach HAWL by the cutoff date. To avoid a late fee, allow extra time for the physical check to reach HAWL.
6. **The due date for the bill fell on a weekend/holiday. When is the bill actually due?** Payments are always due in the HAWL Office on the 25th of the month, regardless if that day is on the weekend or is a holiday. On the first business day after the 25th, HAWL begins to process statements. To avoid late fees, allow enough time for your payment to go through the postal system. Payments left in one of the payment boxes or submitted on the HAWL website using ACH by 5:00 am prior to statement processing will be considered on time. zero five seven two