



Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

----- February 2025 -----

Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14, 2025, Waters Edge is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Be sure to surprise your valentine with an evening of delicious food and dancing to LIVE MUSIC performed by David Delcambre!

The menu will include: Choice of prime rib or grilled salmon served with potato casserole, the vegetable of the day, soup, salad, and dessert.



The cost of the meal is \$25.99 per person. Reservations are required and should be made by February 10, 2025, by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party

Dress Parade Funky and Show Off Your Beads! Surprise King and Queen!!
Saturday, March 1, 2025



Doors Open: 6:00 pm Party: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Let the good times roll at the Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party! DJ entertainment will be provided by David Delcambre. Light snacks, King Cake, and set-ups will be included. The cost to attend is \$20 per guest. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for reservations.

St. Patrick's Celebration

Waters Edge is celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 16, 2025, with lunch from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage with fresh carrots, corn bread, and a dessert for \$14.99 per person and \$7.99 for the kids portion. Reservations are required for this delicious special and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. (No menus items will be available.)



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt

Waters Edge Restaurant will be hosting a breakfast buffet (served by staff) including an omelet station on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. The cost is \$11.99 for Adults, \$5.99 for Children 5 - 12, and 99¢ for Children 4 and Under. The Easter Bunny will be walking around meeting children at their tables. After breakfast, elementary school aged children will have the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am at the outside area of the Lodge. If you would like to donate wrapped candy (no bubble gum please) or plastic Easter eggs, please drop them off at the HAWL Office.



March 29th Lodge Events

Goodwill Express Donation Station

8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Located in the Lodge parking lot; Goodwill will accept the following: clothing, electronics, furniture, home decor, household items (plates, pots, utensils, etc.), jewelry, purses, shoes, etc. Your donations help employ people to work in their stores and by funding job training programs and services.

Blood Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive through the Blood Center of Picayune. The donation bus will be at the Lodge parking lot. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information. Donors may register through the link on the HAWL Event Page.

Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager

9:30 am

Join HAWL's General Manager Bruce Devillier for a Community Meet and Greet in Waters Edge Restaurant (upstairs of the Lodge). John Brucks, the Lake Quality Committee Chairperson, has been invited to speak at this event to detail the ongoing work the committee is doing to maintain one of the community's most valuable assets - our lake. 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. 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.

SPCA Microchip Event

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Pearl River County SPCA will be in the Lodge parking lot offering microchips for \$20 per pet.

HAWL Burger Special

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious burger, anyway you want it, with French fries or chips for \$9.99.

Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique

The Social Committee is hosting a Ladies Luncheon and Vendors Boutique in Waters Edge on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Vendors will be showcasing their goods and services. All guests will enjoy a light lunch and ten games of bingo for \$15.00 per person (tax and tip included). Shopping begins at 10:00 am; bingo games begin at 11:00 am. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Office at 601-798-1484.

- Spaces are \$10.
- Set up 9:00 am; Shopping 10:00 am.

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Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

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

Southgate Usage Hours:

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.

Restaurant News



Waters Edge had a wonderful 2024! "Thank You!" to the many property owners and guests who supported Waters Edge by either dining in or taking their meal to go. Restaurant Manager Ginger Gautrau and her staff served nearly 12,000 guests! Waters Edge looks forward to seeing you along with your family and friends in 2025!

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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 WEBSITE: www.hawllms.com
 UTILITY AUTHORITY: 601-799-5259
 UTILITY AUTHORITY After Hours Emergencies 228-205-4101

Find Your Account Number

Numbers may be in numerical or word format and will not appear in phone numbers, addresses, dollar amounts, times, or advertisements. Find your lot number and call the Office for a prize!

Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of January 17, 2025

Active Building Permits..... 28
 Covenant Violations 21

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

- ALL permit applications must have the following:
- Site/plot plan showing all existing and requested improvements
 - Set of building plans to code
 - Specification of materials

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

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

Follow the link on hawllms.com. Be sure to hit "LIKE" so you're in the loop about upcoming activities, weekly restaurant specials, and are able to view photos of 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.
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from listserver@hawllms.com shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder just in case.)

NO DRAWDOWN NEEDED TO INSTALL BULKHEADS - PIERS - BOAT SHELTERS

FREE ESTIMATES - NO JOB TOO SMALL

VINYL IS FINAL

**Tony Salvador 228-223-2991
 601-749-7518**

- Both the East and West Playgrounds will receive new playground equipment in the next few months. We have placed a Capital Improvement order of \$41,756 with Blue Grass Playgrounds. This order includes a replacement playground set that will replace the red and yellow set at the West Playground. The East Playground will receive an additional playground set. Both parks will receive more spring riders; school buses, fire trucks, and ambulances will be available for children to enjoy. Additional benches and upgraded swing set seats, including ADA seats, have been ordered as well. The order should be delivered in February. HAWL Maintenance will install the items once they are delivered.
- The dredging contract has been signed with American Sportfish and began last month. Four areas were selected for a total of 6,850 cubic yards of sediment to be removed. The total for this capital project is \$145,000.00. The our locations are as follows:
 - Mallard Cove/530 block of West Lakeshore Drive
 - Eagle Cove/ 900 block of East Lakeshore Drive
 - Mockingbird Cove/1730 block of East Lakeshore Drive
 - Pelican Cove/Back area of the HorseshoeAll sediment bags will be removed after drying for 45 - 60 days.
- Seventy-five water meters were purchased as part of our replacement project. \$15,696.10 was paid to Ferguson Waterworks for this capital purchase. The HAWL Maintenance Department has begun changing out meters.
- The Lake Management 2025 Spring Stocking quote has been reviewed by the Lake Quality Committee and the Board of Directors. An order of coppernose bluegill, pure northern bass, and threadfin shad will be delivered in March.
- A new Kubota L4802HST tractor has been purchased for the Maintenance Department. This is a much needed addition to our current equipment and was purchased from Lee Tractor Co. for a total capital purchase of \$39,200.00.
- This month we are performing a Security Camera System upgrade at all Common Grounds. This upgrade will include a better DVR and recording capabilities at night. The capital improvement cost of \$5,480.00 was paid to Fort Knox Security Systems, LLC.
- Roadway safety is vital to the community. Safety Over Speed is always a hot topic along with education, enforcement, and engineering. This month you will begin to see a radar speed sign with Street Smart Technology that will collect data on speeds and traffic numbers. This capital cost of \$4,123.00 was paid to RadarSign, LLC.
- The drainage improvement projects located at 1702 and 1832 East Lakeshore Drive have been completed by Dillard and Sons. \$41,180 was paid to Dillard and Sons and Sunny Sod for this capital improvement project.
- The firehouse wall and roll up door that were damaged were repaired last week 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.
- The Membership Update was mailed to all property owners in November. Having up-to-date information on file with the Hide-A-Way Lake Office is vital. Please review and update your information with the Office. This mailout is planned to be completed every November.
- 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.



Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: December 2024

Traffic Violations	67
Animal Nuisance	3
Property	1
Common Property	1
Incident Reports.....	46

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.

2024 Security Department Recap

Listed is a summary of violations for not only 2024, but the past few years as well. In 2024, over 1,300 citations and incident reports were issued and/or completed, the majority of which for speeding. Security would like for property owners to remind their residents and guests that traffic rules are strictly enforced throughout the community.

Violations	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
Speeding	601	504	354	251
Security Incident Reports	422	698	540	504
Running Stop Sign(s)	146	59	40	71
Animal Nuisance*	74	53	44	49
Lake/Boat Decal Violations	28	20	40	18
Reckless Driving	20	26	18	11
Illegal Parking	17	8	1	11
Disturbing the Peace	12	26	23	36
Fraudulent or Expired Decal/Tag	9	11	17	13
Trespassing	9	23	15	18
Gate Running	5	14	6	13
No Driver's License	4	35	7	14
Unauthorized Vehicle	3	1	2	0
Failure to Yield	2	37	6	5
Vandalism	2	2	0	0
Curfew	2	5	3	0
Illegal Burning	2	3	2	12
Verbal Harassment	2	14	8	4
Blocking Gate/Failure to Register Guest	2	2	1	2
Theft	1	1	3	0
Malicious Mischief	1	0	1	0
Discharge of Firearm	1	1	2	2
Breaking Gate Arm	0	2	1	1
Refusal to Show Driver's License	0	1	0	2
No License Plate	0	2	1	2
Littering	0	1	2	1
Violation of Playground Rules	0	0	1	1
Violation of Fireworks Rules	0	1	1	0
Other	0	2	2	5
Total Citations:	1365	1552	1141	1046

Be a Good Owner to Your Pets Animal/Pet Regulations and Pickup Procedures

PETS – DOGS AND CATS

See Covenant 47 for Animal Control Regulations.

1. To protect the health, property, and well-being of Hide-A-Way residents, no livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept on any Lot except that traditional and customary household pets shall be allowed.
2. All pets must have proof of applicable vaccinations.
3. Homeowners must call the Front Main Gate at 601-798-1247 concerning lost or found pets.
4. Any animal that engages in any of the activities defined here shall be deemed a public nuisance:
 - a. Interrupts the quiet of the neighborhood or uninterrupted barking with complaint lodged.
 - b. Leaves owners' property to harass passersby or passing vehicle.
 - c. Attacks a human being or another animal.
 - d. Encroaches on any HAWL common grounds area without a leash.
 - e. Is repeatedly at large.
5. Animals must have a collar that shows identification (phone number/address) or be chipped.
6. If the animal is picked up and has owner information, the animal will be returned to the owner with appropriate incident report or citation.
7. Any animal taken into custody by Security: If the owner cannot be determined, the animal will be taken to the Pearl River SPCA at 1700 Palestine Road in Picayune, MS after the three hour hold time at the Maintenance Barn, where they are given food and water. During this hold time, the Main Gate is to be notified. The SPCA can be contacted at 601-798-8000. The SPCA is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Upon leaving the animal at the SPCA, the Main Gate along with the Site Supervisor and HAWL Management will be notified and an incident report written.
8. If the animal is picked up after the three hour hold time and the SPCA is closed, the animal will be held at the Maintenance Barn and given food and water. When the SPCA opens or when the hold time is over, the animal will be transferred there. The Site Supervisor and/or HAWL Management must be contacted and notified that an animal is being held or transferred.
9. All animal pickups must include an incident report or a citation.
10. The SPCA rules and hold time will be followed.

Animal Nuisance Fines:

First Violation	\$ 50.00
Second Violation	\$ 100.00
Third Violation	\$ 200.00
Fourth Violation	\$ 400.00, plus recommendation of appropriate action for the situation (i.e. muzzle the animal, use bark collar, install invisible/physical fence, remove animal from HAWL).

A Board Meeting was held on January 14, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

Architectural/Variance – Jim Wells

For November and December 2024, the number of houses to date is 988. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 generator, 1 house, 1 propane tank, and 1 slab.

Finance Committee Report – Chad Hurst

The Treasurer's Report had a grand total of \$598,868.08.

Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco

A radar sign has been delivered and will be installed soon that shows drivers their rate of speed. This sign will not have a camera and citations will not be issued from this sign. However, data will be collected to inform HAWL of how many cars travel an area hourly as well as ranges of speed. The goal is for this sign to increase information so drivers will slow down.

Last month several street signs in HAWL were stolen. Security is working diligently to not only identify the individual(s) responsible, but to recover the missing signs.

Professional Security Corporation will soon be upgrading the cameras on the front of their vehicles to not only improve quality but to include sound. This is in addition to cameras at common areas being upgraded.

Lake Quality – Joe Battaglia

Water samples were collected from two locations on January 9, 2025. Test results of both samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of December was measured at 6.90 inches which was 1.20 inches above the thirty year December average of 5.70 inches. Rainfall-to-date was 66.76 inches which was 2.38 inches above the thirty year-to-date December average of 64.38 inches.

Social Committee – Margaret Muller

A big Thank You to the Social Committee for their hard work decorating the Lodge for Christmas and the New Years Eve Party.

Several fun activities happened recently. Breakfast with Santa and the New Years Eve Party were very successful.

Many great events are scheduled over the next few months. Details for the Valentine's Day Dinner, the Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party, and other great events will be featured in the upcoming Echoes. Make sure to make your reservation to be a part of the fun!

The Committee is the process of meeting to plan upcoming events for the community to enjoy.

Public Affairs - John Pigott

The City Council and County Supervisor meetings are being attended to monitor any mentions of Hide-A-Way Lake Club.

On February 1, 2025, the Krewe of the Pearl will be hosting their annual ball at the Lodge.

New Business

The Board of Directors approved three resolutions: to purchase a Kubota L4802HST tractor, to purchase of new playground equipment for both playgrounds, and to purchase of fish for 2025 for Spring Stocking.

Concern Time after Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held to conduct business. 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 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.





New Boat and Golf Cart Decals

In order to avoid the last minute rush to get your boat on the water for the summer, purple boat and golf cart decals will be on sale soon. Now is the time to ensure you have the necessary paperwork for renewal. Information may be sent to the HAWL Office by fax (601-798-0604) or email (office@hawls.net) now so that it is on file when decals arrive.

AS OF MAY 1, 2025, GREEN BOAT AND GOLF CART DECALS WILL NO LONGER BE VALID. Any boat in the water or golf cart on the road beginning May 1, 2025, with an expired decal will be issued a citation; no exceptions.

In order to purchase a Boat or Golf Cart Decal:

- Decals can only be purchased by the property owner.
- Accounts must be current to purchase decals.
- Proof of identification must be shown at time of purchase.
- Decals can only be purchased for the property owner's boat or golf cart. The property owner must complete a *Decal Registration* form at the time of registration. (Forms are available in the HAWL Office and on the HAWL website).

Proof of current boat insurance must be provided. For a decal renewal, only the insurance is needed. For a new-to-HAWL boat (nonrenewal), **a copy of the boat's title or state registration (in the property owner's name only) must also be provided.** The insurance **MUST** show the following*:

- Minimum \$300,000 Marine Liability
- Property Owner's name
- Boat serial number
- Expiration date
- Boat length (**CANNOT** exceed 24')

*If this required information does not appear on the insurance paperwork, then the property owner must have their insurance provider provide this information on their company's letterhead.

A boat decal for a motor powered boat costs \$20 and a golf cart decal costs \$10.



State Registration for Boats

A copy of either the boat title or the state registration (in the property owner's name only) is required to verify ownership in order to obtain a HAWL Boat Decal for a new (nonrenewal) motor powered boat. State registration may be applied for through the State of Mississippi by visiting mdwfp.com/license/boating/ and completing the appropriate information. one zero five three



Have Your Boat/Golf Cart Decals Mailed

Save the trip to the HAWL Office and have your boat/golf cart decals mailed to you. Once all forms, insurance, registration, etc. are received and verified by the Office, decals may be mailed for a small processing fee. (Car decals may not be mailed due to the sensitive chip inside the decal.)



Now Hiring Lifeguards

HAWL is hiring lifeguards for the 2025 pool season, running from mid-May to the end of September with flexible, part-time positions available. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and either have current lifeguard certification or complete a lifeguard certification course. Applicants must be physically fit and able to swim. HAWL is looking for individuals who demonstrate reliability, punctuality, initiative, effective communication and teamwork skills, strong work ethic, and all essential attributes of a lifeguard. As a lifeguard, assertiveness and ability to project your voice clearly in loud environments is required. HAWL welcomes applicants who can exhibit critical thinking and problem solving skills, leadership abilities, capability to follow rules and procedures, and customer service skills. Applications are available at hawls.com. For more information, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



Christmas Fund Employee Bonus

Listed below are the property owners whose donations to the Christmas Fund Employee Bonus were received after December 15, 2024. A total of \$9,535.00 was collected. Thanks again to all of the property owners for their generous donations! Also, thank you to the Christmas Fund Committee as well as Danny Stockstill for managing the employees' Christmas Bonus Fund!

Anonymous	Jim Walsdorf	Mike & Margaret Anglada	Sharon & Chris Penning
Brian & Darnel Monteverde	Joe & Debbie Mortimer	Mr. & Mrs. David Munn	Shirley Wilkinson
Carlo Colarossi	Joe & Lisa Carroll	Neil & Mary	Stephany Batcho-Roberts
Deanna & Alan Menesses	Joe & Rhonda Pascal	Norman Cochran	Stuart & Paulette Mitchell & Family
Dominick & Patricia Candebat	Linda Riley	Ramona Tucker	The Tucks
Esther Long	Marcel & Creshia Reynon	Ray & Sharon Schmidt	Wanda & Clyde Alcon
Gladys & Bonnie Hughes	Marion B. Thomson	Roger & Audrey Ruiz	Wilda L. Johnstone
Jan & Jean Selaker	Mark & Kathy Faucett	Ron & Patti Scott	
Jay & Glenda DeLeaumont	Mary Ann & Sam Joffray	Scott & Yvonne Crook	

