



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## July 2026

### 4th of July Weekend Activities

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Southgate & Office Open Regular Hours**

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

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

**Chicken Wings & Burger Special:**

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 chips for \$8.99. Reservations are required for the chicken wings and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Reserved to-go orders must be picked up by 6:30 pm. Also available: Waters Edge burger or cheeseburger for \$11.99, both served with chips.

\*No menu items available.

**Band on the Beach featuring Dead End**

(Thanks to The Jensen Companies):

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Pickleball Tournament:** 8:00 am

To sign up and for more information, contact Chad Hurst at 601-325-4680.

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

**Waters Edge Open:** 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**BBQ Plate Special** - Ribs, pulled pork, and smoked sausage served with baked beans, potato salad, and coleslaw for \$21.99.

**Southgate Open:** 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Live Music:** 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music.

**Boat Parade:** Line Up: 5:30 pm; Parade: 6:00 pm

**Fireworks Show:** 9:00 pm

(In order for the Firework's Celebration to proceed, there must be dry weather conditions at 7:00 pm.)

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

### Important Security Information: Traffic Fines Doubled

**During the months of June and July, all traffic violation fines will be doubled.**

The goal is to create awareness of roadway safety, not to collect fines. Please help control speeding, stop sign violations, and distracted driving for the safety of all our property owners, residents, and guests.



### Election Information

To view candidates' full resumes as well as information regarding the election, see page 5 of this *Echoes*.

### Garbage Contract Change

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

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

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

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

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

### Fireworks Rules



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

1. The use of fireworks is permissible only on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>.
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.

Please abide by the Fireworks Rules and respect your neighbors. Security will be issuing citations to violators who do not comply.

### Mississippi Night at Waters Edge

Saturday, July 11, 2026, Waters Edge will only feature a specialized menu highlighting regional dishes and flavors from our home state from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Enjoy a limited menu featuring fried pickles, mermaids on horseback, bone-in fried catfish, stuffed shrimp Florentine po'boy, and Mississippi mud pie.



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 Margaret Muller, Director 504-451-2778  
 Jim Wells, Director 504-914-3194

**HAWL Staff:**

Bruce Devillier, General Manager 601-798-1484  
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 Madeline Jacobs, Administrative Manager  
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 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  
 Saturday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (May 16<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>)  
 Closed Saturday, July 4, 2026.

**Southgate Usage Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
 5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Saturday, July 4, 2026: 4:00 pm - 10:00 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.

**Waters Edge Restaurant Hours**

Thursday Lunch: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Friday Lunch: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Friday Dinner: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Saturday Lunch/Dinner: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm\*  
 Sunday Lunch: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

\*Open July 11, 2026 - July 25, 2026, from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm, unless advertised.

Please note, restaurant hours are subject to change due to special events, holidays, etc.

**Swim Lessons**

Each one-on-one session, taught by a certified lifeguard trained in swim instruction, will take place Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 9:45 am. These weekly lessons will run from June through July. The cost is \$150.00 per session and there are only two spots available each week. Children must be potty trained and able to follow basic instructions. Lessons are nonrefundable and only property owners may register swimmers. Lessons will be charged to the HAWL account.

Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 to register.



**Contact Information**

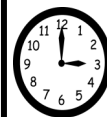
HAWL OFFICE: 601-798-1484  
 HAWL FAX: 601-798-0604  
 GUARD GATE: 601-798-1247  
 WATERS EDGE (during operational hours): 769-717-4133  
 HAWL Pool (during operational hours): 601-229-0935  
 HAWL EMAIL ADDRESS: office@hawllms.net  
 WEBSITE: www.hawllms.com  
 UTILITY AUTHORITY: 601-799-5259  
 UTILITY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

**Swimming Pool Hours**

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

**Special Hours:**

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
 for Band on the Beach



Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm  
 for Teen Pizza and Pool Bash

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

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



**Keep HAWL Beautiful**

In order to keep Hide-A-Way Lake beautiful, all residents need to work together to prevent and dispose of litter properly (**including cigarette butts**) in hopes that the litter problem will disappear from our community! A big **"THANKS"** to everyone who devotes their time to picking up litter and contributing to the beauty of HAWL!



Summer is in full effect across the community and it is now without a doubt HOT! It has been a wonderful sight seeing so many of you using and enjoying your amenities. My staff and I have received so much positive feedback across many areas. If you see anything that is not family environment orientated, call Security or my office with as much information as possible while the situation is occurring so that it may be handled.

Last month, the rainfall was major and I pray that we do not see that much again, especially not in such a short period of time. Our community had two flash floods within three days. Our community faired very well and I am very thankful for that. **Our biggest area of damage was to 20 road culverts that experienced side washout erosion.** These areas are in works to be repaired. Our bridge, dam, and spillways all worked as designed. These areas have been inspected by HAWL staff and Maintenance as well. We will have a licensed professional inspect these areas for a second opinion. Funds must always be allocated to protect our lake, spillway, dam, and bridge.

The following are some business items from last month:

The 2026/2027 Capital Expenditure Plan was presented and approved with the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. These totals are just a budget/plan. All items will go to bid then to the Board of Directors for final approval. We will always keep you in the loop as these happen. The total plan is \$548,500 which goes to the following:

Pool Renovation	\$380,000	New Deck at Pool	\$90,000
Lake Management	\$25,000	Water System	\$35,000
Office and Security Gates Technology	\$18,500		

We have signed a contract with Gulf Coast Pool Remodeling and Construction, LLC for the major renovation to both our Junior Olympic pool and Kiddie pool. Both pools will receive new quartz replaster, completely new plumbing, new coping and tile replacement, new underwater light fixtures, and new wiring. All concrete will be refinished with sprayed cool deck. Diving board stands will be refurbished with new boards and adding a new mushroom water feature and pump for kiddie pool. The total contract is for \$372,155.64. Work is scheduled to begin in October of this year. This has been in works since November of last year. Thanks to our Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, and the HAWL staff, we are ready to go come October.

If all goes well with no surprises with the pools with unforeseen issues, we will be getting quotes this fall for a 75' x 25' covered deck in the pool area on the beach side. We will keep you posted on this possible project added to this great community amenity.

Our current garbage contract with Waste Management is set to expire on July 31, 2026. Based on our current usage/tonnage, homes are currently charged \$19.01 per month. The initial proposed rate from Waste Management was \$24.88 per household for the same service. Bids were received and reviewed last month:

**Coastal Environmental Services: \$23.00 monthly**

Monday pickup

New 95 gallon cart, plus owners may use up to three additional personal carts similar in size to CES cart with a lid

Owner option to purchase additional cart for \$85.00 from CES

All carts can be used for household waste and yard debris (no separation)

**Waste Management: \$23.00 monthly (\$24.88 originally)**

Monday or Wednesday pickup

Keep current 95 gallon WM cart for only household waste and up to three additional personal carts for yard debris only

Owner option to lease additional cart for household waste for \$130.00 yearly paid to WM

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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 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.

A Board Meeting for Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes. 0369

#### **Architectural/Variance - Jim Wells**

For April 2026, the number of houses to date is 1,008. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 carport, 1 fence (wrought iron), 1 gable, 1 patio cover, and 1 shed (permit extension).

#### **Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst**

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$420,719.17.

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

Information has been sent out to the community that HAWL is a Shared Road Community. Scooters, e-bikes, bicycles, and driver safety requires a team effort and roadway awareness from everyone. Security has been handing out flashing lights to scooter, bicycle, and e-bike operators so they are more visible at night. Signs promoting a Shared Road Community are being ordered and then will be placed in the community. The Security Committee is pushing for a safe summer for everyone.

#### **Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia**

Water samples were collected from four locations on June 1, 2026. Test results of all samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of May 2026 was measured at 20.88 inches which was 14.81 inches above the thirty-year May average of 6.07 inches. Rainfall to-date was 38.17 inches which was 10.98 inches above the thirty year to-date average of 27.19 inches.

The Spring fishing rodeo was cancelled due to heavy rainfall that created unstable lake conditions. The rodeo is now rescheduled to be held this Fall on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

The pontoon barge is getting close to being ready for use by the committee. Two additional sites are being explored for more fish habitats.

#### **Social Committee - Margaret Muller**

Family Movie night was a great success. Thank you to the families who participated.

The next event around the corner is the Teen Pizza and Pool Bash on Friday, July 24, 2026. This event will feature plenty of free entertainment for teens. Events will pick up again in October with the BBB on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18, 2026. Contact the HAWL Office or see the monthly *Echoes* for more information on these events.

#### **Public Affairs - John Pigott**

The following people donated money for the planting of four crepe myrtle trees in memory of Mrs. Anna Manger: Sharon and Ray Schmidt, Uslie Silva, Sonia Falcon, Eloise and Charlie Marquette, Robert Manger, Jennifer Stoldt, and Bill and Dianne Manger.

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

## **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 2 - 3 minutes.
3. Request Closed Concern Time with the Board if more than 2 - 3 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.



This year two seats on the Board of Directors will become vacant. You will receive in a separate mailing the official ballot along with instructions and the candidates' resumes. Be sure to carefully read and follow all of the instructions listed. A sample ballot is available on the HAWL website.

### Ballot Instructions

- Select two (2) candidates.
- Detach ballot at indicated line.
- Insert ballot into Envelope "A" and seal envelope.
- Insert Envelope "A" into Envelope "B".
- Sign your name and write your lot number(s) on the upper left corner of Envelope "B".
- Mail Envelope "B" with appropriate postage. **Ballots must be received in the specified PO Box by July 18, 2026.**

### Your Vote Makes a Difference

Your vote in this election is very important to the future of this community.

Members of the Board of Directors are instrumental in decision making for the growth and development of Hide-A-Way Lake.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES' RESUMES

### Joe Battaglia

Please consider me when voting in this year's election for Director. My background is in finance and banking, having an accounting degree and managing a credit union for 30 years. My wife and I have lived in Hide-A-Way for 9 years and are very active both inside and outside of the HAWL community. I currently am the Board liaison for the Lake Quality Committee. In addition, I have previously served on both the Security and Finance Committees in Hide-A-Way. I will continue to look for ways to improve HAWL from both a financial aspect and the amenities we enjoy. Thank you for your consideration on my desire to continue serving on the HAWL Board of Directors. I feel I bring a common sense, open-minded approach to the board. I look forward to continuing to work for the betterment of the entire community.

### Tom Gibilterra

I'm running for a seat on the Board because our community deserves leadership that is transparent in the decision making process, fair, and accountable to the people who live here.

My wife and I have been homeowners in Hide-A-Way Lake since 1998. I have served as president of professional, church, and social organizations. I am a founding member and current vice president of the Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Students, which through fundraising has provided 52 awards to HAWL students.

I will work to ensure that our covenants and policies are fair to all residents, and that budgets, expenditures, and fees remain necessary, prudent, and focused on protecting property values and quality of life. I will encourage open voting, public discussion/input, and even dissenting viewpoints, because I believe the best decisions come from an environment where people are encouraged to share their views.

### John Pigott

I am a lifelong resident of Pearl River County. I retired from The Pigott Agency in 2021. I still own and operate Pearl River Communications, Inc., which is the home of WRJW and the Swap Shop Newspaper. Past community service includes positions with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, United Way, and other organizations. I currently serve on the Mississippi Community College Board and am an active member of the Picayune Church of Christ. It is my desire to continue serving on the Board at HAWL to ensure that HAWL remains sound financially, protects property values, and provides a safe environment for all HAWL families. I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and integrity of the current Board and its ability to work together for the common good. It is important that HAWL continues to be the premier private residential community that we all desire.

### Stephen Strausbaugh

Greetings Hide-A-Way residents.

I am a military retiree after 33 years. I'm currently a Security Manager for the Federal Government. Board Members should serve the residents. I believe in honesty, integrity, and service before self.

In my years with the government, I've been responsible for the budget of an entire organization. I was responsible for the maintenance of a squadron of planes. I can run an organization, manage its budget, care for its resources, organize and lead its people, and be responsive to their needs. In security matters, I know how a quality security force is run. That force must be people oriented, protect person and property and deal with people in a humane, courteous, and caring manner. I have been a Building Official. I want to bring fairness to HAWL residents. As a board member, I have many great skills to use serving our community with humility.

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students is proud to announce the graduating seniors and winners of \$2,000 scholarships for the 2026 class. The presentation was held at the Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge on June 9, 2026. The winners are:

**Olivia Cardona** At Pearl River Central High School, Olivia maintained a balance of excellent academic achievement while being an active member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Math Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society. She was a member of PRCHS varsity cheer team. Away from school, she volunteered at the White Oaks Care Center and at the RE/Max Premier Group. She has been accepted at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to study in the fall of 2026.

**Reese Carson** Reese has been consistently on the Pearl River Central High School's Honor Roll for her very high academic performance while being a member of National Technical Honor Society as well as Mu Alpha Theta and the National Math Honor Society. Her volunteer work at the Special Olympics, ECE Preschool, and helping mothers with babysitting is a credit to her initiative. Reese has accomplished all this while working at three local businesses. She has been accepted in the fall to study Cosmetology at the Pearl River Community College.

**Abby Collier** Abby's resume is one to be admired. While at Picayune Memorial High School she has achieved membership in the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Technical Honor Society. She was elected by her peers to be their Student Council Representative. For the last five years, she has been a part of the Civic Women's Club and Juniorette Diamonds and has volunteered on multiple civic projects. Her volunteerism is an exceptionally long list – At PMHS she advised Freshman Orientation, was the dance coach for two years at PMHS Little Pride Camp, and the New Orleans Mission Giving Hope Retreat. Pearl River Community College has accepted her to continue her studies.

**Jalynn Delatte** Not only does Jalynn have excellent academic performance, but she has accomplished it while graduating in only three years at Pearl River Central High School. Graduating early is a wonderful indication of her willingness to stay focused on her goals. She has volunteered to place new fish habitats in Hide-A-Way Lake to improve the quality of the lake experience for its residents. She will be pursuing a career in the biomedical field when she attends Pearl River Community College.

**Ella Hanson** Currently, Ella has been accepted at the South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette to study this fall. At Pearl River Central High School, she was on the Superintendent's list and has been an active volunteer with both PRCHS Special Education and Special Needs programs and assisted with Picnic in the Park. To round out a very impressive list of achievements, she is a member of the Blue Maskers Theatre group and Illuminations Show Choir.

**Jaiden McAndrew** Jaiden has achieved her high school diploma by getting her GED at the GED- HiSet program locally. She will be attending Pearl River Community College in the fall of 2026. "Volunteer" is the perfect description of Jaiden's accomplishments. She volunteers at World Outreach Revival Center's children's ministry and child care every summer. She has done several fundraisers to help others attend the Christian Summer Camp. For the last three years, Jaiden has been heavily involved at our local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). She does everything from bathing to transporting animals who have been adopted.

**Christopher Stricker** He is a graduate of Jesuit High School in New Orleans with exceptional academics. He has been an anchor on Jesuit's wrestling team throughout high school. His list of academic achievements: National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Leader of the Sodality of Mary, President of the St. Joseph's Club, A Jesuit Big Brother, and Retreat Leader at the Kairos Retreat. Christopher has been a volunteer going to Belize to help the villagers, worked at Hams to Fams delivering food to 300 families, worked 5 years on the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and at Grace at the Green Light serving breakfasts to local homeless. Auburn University has accepted him for their fall semester as he is pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

**Noah Toft** At Pearl River Central High School in its Career Technical Education Program, Noah has been inspired to pursue a degree in Information Technology. In high school he was an active member of the Beta Club beautifying our community, National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Math Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society. His academics are excellent. He volunteered at the Pearl River Central Elementary School helping during the Christmas holidays. He has a strong conviction to serve his local community. The University of Southern Mississippi has accepted him in computer science (Applied Computer Science) for the fall semester.

## Upcoming Events Benefiting the Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Lake Students

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students uses two main events and the generosity of sponsors to fund scholarships. This fall it has scheduled on October 3, 2026, its eighth anniversary White Linen Night around the HAWL pool. Included in the ticket or sponsorship are tastings from several local restaurants, refreshments, music, along with a fabulous silent auction. If you are a golfer, the Foundation's 2027 spring event will be a golf tournament in New Orleans. Both events are open to the public.



If you are interested in attending or sponsoring either event, please contact  
Beth Ennis at 601-347-6666.

## 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 your home 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. HAWL as a community operates most efficiently when property owners work together toward a common goal.

## 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.

## Community Assistance Needed to Keep Roads Safe

Community assistance is needed to maintain a safe environment for everyone who enjoys outdoor activities. Walkers, joggers, runners, bikers, golf cart drivers, and stand-up scooter operators must exercise safety when on the roadways to not only maintain their safety, but the safety of others. Safety is a team effort and all of the following will be enforced by HAWL Security, but should also be enforced by property owners.

## Join a Club or Committee

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



## Visit [hawls.com](http://hawls.com) for Community Information

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



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

## Your Assistance is Needed This Summer

Summer is here which means there will be a lot going on within the community and plenty of amenities available for your enjoyment. However, it is that the summer months often bring inappropriate behaviors and actions. Security is here but parents and property owners must help in this regard so everyone can enjoy the amenities. **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. Please note that if you call in one guest and they bring additional people with them, you are still responsible for their actions. Property owners most of the time are not aware of this issue, but please be mindful and help control any additional guests.** Please ensure that all residents and guests are made aware of the fact that HAWL proudly boasts a **family environment on all common grounds** (beach, pool, parks, roads etc.) and as such will not tolerate inappropriate behavior/ actions such as cursing, crude actions, violence, and so forth. This is an area of concern for some and a needed improvement for others. Please keep your eyes and ears open and report any suspicious activity rather than ignore it as HAWL will not. Additionally, the HAWL staff and Security have been instructed to do the same. In order for this to no longer be an issue, everyone's cooperation is needed. This community is here for your enjoyment. **Participation from everyone is needed concerning roadway safety, amenity control, guest control, and promoting a family environment. Security is a beneficial amenity but they need continued support from the community to achieve and enforce our policies and procedures. Remember during the months of June and July, all traffic violation fines will be doubled. Please note, our goal is to create awareness, not to collect fines.**

## Scholarship Foundation For Hide-A-Way Lake Students



Yes!!! I would like to donate to the Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students is a non-profit organization of HAWL residents. **This organization is not a part of Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc.** but is a separate entity and has no affiliation with the Club. Therefore, accounting of checks must be separate from HAWL dues payment and mailed in a separate envelope addressed to:

**Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students, PO Box 53, Carriere, MS 39426**

# HAWL's 2026 Fireworks Celebration

HAWL's fireworks donation goal is \$7,500. As of June 23, 2026, a total of \$7,418.00 has been donated, which includes \$78.00 carried over from the 2025 donations. "Thank You!" to all of the property owners for your donations. **A special THANK YOU! to The Jensen and Jones Families for donating a combined \$2,600.00!** The names listed below are the property owners whose donations were received as of June 23, 2026.

AJ & Jennifer Herbert	Janice G Meyer	Nancy & Randy Brunet
Andy & Luann Watkins	Jay & Nina Martory	Pamela Brown
Ann & Bubba Graham	Jeannien Gladhart	Patricia & Jesse Martin
Barbara & Meryl Jackson	Jerry & Charlotte Mire	Ralph L Stricker Sr
Benjamin Harmon, Sr.	Jessie & Tara Autin	Ramona Tucker
Bill & Vickie Moesta	Jim & Angela Puklavetz	Regina & Tommy Culotta
Brenda & Ron Thibodaux	Jody & Laurie Herring	Renee Candebat
Charles & Ina O'Chery	Joe & Debbie Mortimer	Rick & Sandra Hayley
Chris & Dana Suchand	Joe & Rhonda Pascal	Rickey Abbott
Cindy Hanning	Joe & Shelly Battaglia	Ron & Patti Scott
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David & Carrie Berlier	John & Lanelle Brucks	Rose Misuraca Scott
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## HAWL Guest Policy

Property owners are completely responsible for the actions of their residents and guests during the duration of their time in the community. Property owners need to understand that if they register one guest and that guest brings in additional people with them, the property owner is also responsible for their actions as well while they are in the community. Please ensure that all residents and guests are made aware of the fact that HAWL proudly boasts a family environment on all common grounds (i.e. beach, pool, parks, roads etc.) and as such will not tolerate inappropriate behavior/actions such as cursing, crude actions, violence, and so forth. **Property owners/residents should remain with their guests during the duration of their visit if on any common grounds.** Guests who are not with the property owner/resident while entering the community must be preregistered prior to their arrival in order to gain entry into HAWL. The inside lane must be used and the guest that is driving must present their driver's license upon arrival. 1076

## Keep HAWL Family Friendly

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



## Underage Drinking and Public Intoxication

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

## Hurricane Season Preparation

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



## HAWL Property Owner Hurricane Preparation

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

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



## Communication During Storms

Pending electricity and cable outages, HAWL will update the website ([hawllms.com](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 [listserv@hawllms.com](mailto:listserv@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*.

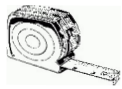


## Hot Topics from Pearl River County Utility Authority on Your Sewer System

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.**





**Architectural Monthly Recap**  
Information as of June 23, 2026

- Active Building Permits..... 22
  - Covenant Violations ..... 29
- 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 when your system goes in alarm mode to prevent overflows, restore service, and minimize the chance of destroying a locked pump. This number should be called prior to contacting a plumber since most issues can be handled by the PRCUA at no cost to the property owner. The number is in service 24 hours a day/7 days a week. **Please understand: Flushable wipes are not flushable and will damage the system.**



**Security Monthly Recap**

**RULE VIOLATIONS: May 2026**

Traffic Violations .....	106
Lake/Boat Decal Violations .....	41
Animal Nuisance .....	9
Common Property .....	2
Property .....	1
Incident Reports .....	137

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.

**Your Ad Here**

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

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### President's Annual Association Address

The President's Annual Association Address will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 10:00 am at the HAWL Lodge.



### Oyster Night - Rescheduled

On Saturday, July 18, 2026, enjoy charbroiled oysters with bread and lemons. \$19.99 for a dozen or \$9.99 for a half dozen. While the special is available from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Waters Edge will feature the full menu until 8:00 pm. For ordering purposes, reservations are required for oysters no later than Wednesday, July 15, 2026, by calling the HAWL Office.



### Teen Pizza and Pool Bash

Attention HAWL teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17: on Friday, July 24, 2026, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, join the Social Committee for a Teen Pizza and Pool Bash at the downstairs Lodge/pool area. Pizza and refreshments will be served at no cost; however, Property Owners are required to make reservations for their teen by July 22, 2026, by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Teens are permitted to bring one additional guest. When making reservations, please alert the HAWL Office of any food allergies.



### Deck Grill at Waters Edge

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, July 25, 2026, and enjoy a Crab Boiled Wings Platter grilled on the deck featuring party wings crab boiled and grilled, served with a side of roasted potatoes, and fresh vegetables for \$10.99. While the special is only available from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, the full menu will be available from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Snow Crab Night with Live Music

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and enjoy snow crab legs with corn and potatoes for \$27.99. Additionally, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Hide-A-Way Lake presents a showcase of acoustic musicians playing a mix of Americana music. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Visit [hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com) for Community Information

Hawlms.com is frequently updated with information about community operations and upcoming events. Visit the Restaurant tab for weekly specials as well as the full Waters Edge menu.

### Family Dinner Night

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



### Asian Dinner at Waters Edge

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



### Grilled Redfish on the Waters Edge Deck

Join Waters Edge on Saturday, August 22, 2026, and enjoy redfish grilled on the deck served with a side of asparagus and roasted potatoes for \$15.99. While the special is only available from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, the full menu will be available from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



### Karaoke Night

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



### Host Your Upcoming Event at Waters Edge

Whether you're hosting a large company party or a more intimate dinner party, our reputation for friendly, professional service is second to none. Waters Edge can comfortably accommodate up to 200 guests and even features a covered outdoor deck with beautiful lake views. Only need an event space? HAWL offers the downstairs area of the Lodge for rental. HAWL provides the room and you provide everything else. For more information on either option, call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 or view the Event Brochure online at [hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com).

