



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## June 2025

### 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.



### Ginger's Retirement Celebration

After nearly 15 years with Waters Edge, Restaurant Manager Ginger Gautrau is retiring. Join us in celebrating Ginger with refreshments upstairs in the restaurant on Sunday, June 8, 2025, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

### HAWL Scholarships Presentation

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students will be presenting scholarship awards for 2025 at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Congratulations to the graduates!

### Father's Day Surf or Turf

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

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



### Chargrilled Oysters on the Deck

On June 21, 2025, meet the new Restaurant Manager Keith Crawford from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, while enjoying chargrilled oysters with bread and lemons: \$19.99 for a dozen or \$9.99 for a half dozen. Due to popularity, reservations are required. While the special is only available from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Waters Edge will be open with a limited menu from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm.



### June 28th Lodge Events

#### 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 on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The donation bus will be at the Lodge parking lot. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information.

#### Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager

9:00 am

Join HAWL's General Manager Bruce Devillier for a Community Meet and Greet at Waters Edge Restaurant (upstairs of the Lodge). This face-to-face collaboration with property owners will provide the opportunity to ask questions to the General Manager directly. This is a great time to ask any questions to prevent the spread of misinformation and to meet some of your neighbors, as great neighbors make great communities. While new property owners are highly encouraged to attend, everyone in HAWL is welcome.

**This meeting will also provide the opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Board of Directors, should there be an election.**

If you wish to discuss individual matters such as an issue with a neighbor or a complaint, contact the General Manager directly at the Office to set up an appointment.

#### Waters Edge Open

2:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Enjoy for the full menu along with the day's special: Shrimp Remoulade Salad - Grilled shrimp, tomatoes, onions, and peppers tossed in remoulade sauce and served cold over a bed of mixed greens for \$10.99.

### Teen Pizza and Pool Bash

Attention HAWL teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17: on Friday, July 25, 2025, 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 23, 2025, 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.



### 2024 Drinking Water Report

The **2024 Drinking Water Report** (CCR 2024) for HAWL's water system is now available. This report is on the HAWL website under the "Water System" tab and can be located directly at: <https://www.hawlms.com/f/CCR24.pdf>.

Copies are also available in the HAWL Office. Additionally, you may also call the Office (601-798-1484) to request that a copy be sent to you.



### July 4th Weekend Activities

See page 12 for all the fun, family friendly activities planned for July 4th Weekend.

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Jim Wells, Director	504-914-3194

### **HAWL Staff:**

Bruce Devillier, General Manager	601-798-1484
<b>EMERGENCY ONLY</b> .....	601-273-0253
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Jennifer Hart, Bookkeeper	
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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 17<sup>th</sup> - July 19<sup>th</sup>)

### **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.

## **Welcome to the New Restaurant Manager**

Welcome to the new Restaurant Manager of Waters Edge, Keith Crawford. Keith has many years of restaurant experience and has already brought many great ideas to Waters Edge. Please join us in welcoming Keith to HAWL.

Welcome



## **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
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HAWL EMAIL ADDRESS:	office@hawllms.net
WEBSITE:	www.hawllms.com
UTILITY AUTHORITY:	601-799-5259
UTILITY AUTHORITY After Hours Emergencies	228-205-4101

## **Summer Restaurant Hours**

During June and July, Waters Edge will be open on Saturdays from 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm, with the exception of Band on the Beach and special events. Enjoy the full menu, daily specials, and the new Decksides Menu.

## **Get to Know Your Neighbor**

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

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



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

## **Sign up for Happenings In HAWL**

Have community news and information delivered directly to your email.



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

## **New Menu Items at Waters Edge**

Beginning in June, several new menu items will be featured at Waters Edge. Along with your favorites, you can now enjoy a Creole pasta with your choice of chicken, shrimp, or Italian sausage, a smash burger, fried mushrooms, or banana pudding along with other items. During the summer, be sure to enjoy the new Decksides Menu on Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm featuring delivery to the outdoor lower level. Waters Edge looks forward to serving you as well as your family and friends.



## **Kid Friendly Options at Waters Edge**

In addition to the full menu, Waters Edge features a Kids Menu with options sure to impress even the pickiest eaters. Little ones can choose from a variety of options that all include their choice of either French fries or potato chips.



Two additional radar signs were purchased from RadarSign, LLC for a total cost of \$7,950.00. These signs are currently installed at the 300 block of East Lakeshore Drive as well as the 200 and 800 block of Hide-A-Way Lane. Extra security staffing for the Summer season has started for common grounds and the lake. Extra radar details for roadway safety have been added. The Pearl River County Sheriff's Office has been scheduled for details on holidays.

The main pool pump/filter system has been replaced by Anything Pools, Inc.. The total capital improvement cost was \$28,400.00. The pool opens with lifeguards on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Swimming pool hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

The Capital Budget for next year and the 10 year plan is being worked on this month by staff, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Directors. This will be published next month.

The permit with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Canadian Goose Nest and Egg Depredation is underway. The registration number is RG-04840A. As of May 9, 2025, there were 5 nests and 28 eggs.

The Water Systems Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2024 has been updated and will be published next month for review.

All generators (Water Well #3, Water Well #4, the Main Gate, and Lodge) received major maintenance from Taylor Generators for the total cost of \$4,070.00.

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students will be awarding scholarships after the concern time portion of the Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. I want to thank the Foundation for all of the hard work they have done for kids in this community.

All insurance policies were renewed last month for a total of \$107,170.50 with Eagan Insurance for the period of April 30, 2025, through April 30, 2026:

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|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Property/General Liability: \$71,083.00 | • Crime: \$1,127.00 | • Directors and Officers: \$9,840.00 |
| • Tower: \$13,942.50                      | • Auto: \$8,478.00  | • Hull/Boat: \$2,700.00              |

On June 8, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, there will be a retirement celebration at Waters Edge for our Restaurant Manager Ginger Gautrau who has been with Hide-A-Way for nearly 15 years. The community is invited to attend. Ginger has been a blessing to me and to this community during her time with us. Waters Edge and Hide-A-Way Lake has definitely changed for the better under her leadership. We will truly miss Jennifer "Ginger" Gautrau. I am so proud and thankful to have worked together with her over the years. She has taught me so much and HAWL will continue to keep this great amenity growing.

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.

A Board Meeting was held on May 13, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website ([hawllms.com](http://hawllms.com)) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

**Architectural/Variance – Jim Wells**

For April 2025, the number of houses to date is 993. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 addition, 2 fences (2 privacy); 2 patios, 1 screened in porch, and 1 shed.

**Finance Committee Report – Chad Hurst**

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$432,567.04.

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

Property owners have voiced their concerns and measures are in place to address roadway safety in the community. Two additional radar signs were purchased and have been displayed in the community in the 200 and 800 block of Hide-A-Way Lane. Comments regarding these signs reflect positive feedback from the community. Also, there is an extra guard scheduled to perform traffic enforcement. This is a trial period during the community's heavier traffic times. Additionally, to address the concern of roadway safety, all traffic fines in June and July will be doubled. Lastly, scooter and bicycle safety is of the upmost importance. These efforts are in conjunction with the Security Committee's goal to promote safety and traffic awareness. Please support the committee by reminding your residents and guests of traffic safety.

**Lake Quality – Joe Battaglia**

Water samples were collected from four locations on May 5, 2025. The test results of all samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of April was measured at 5.04 inches, which was 0.50 inches below the thirty-year April average of 5.54 inches. Rainfall to-date was 17.15 inches which was 4.59 inches below the thirty year-to-date April average of 21.74 inches.

The Lake Quality Committee received the third automatic directional fish feeder on April 29, 2025. The total cost of the feeder plus shipping was \$1,664.63. The feeder will be installed on the dock by the tennis courts.

The Spring Fishing Rodeo is to be held Saturday, May 17, 2025. Weather prediction is great, so invite your friends, check your fishing gear, and join us at this popular annual event. For details see the May *Echoes*.

**Social Committee – Margaret Muller**

On Saturday, May 10, 2025, the Social Committee hosted a Touch-A-Truck event in the Lodge parking lot. The event was very successful with participation from first responders and businesses as well as the children (and children at heart) of HAWL.

On May 23, 2025, the Social Committee is hosting a Family Movie Night at the lower level of the Lodge at dusk. Enjoy free popcorn while watching a family friendly movie.

Families with teenagers, mark your calendars for Friday, July 25, 2025, for the Teen Pizza and Pool Bash. See *Echoes*, Facebook, and the HAWL website for more information.

## Wanted for Relocation: Otters

Although otters may be cute, they are actually voracious fish predators.

Hide-A-Way Lake spends budgeted money to stock our lake with fish every year. We hope to safely relocate this otter to a better living environment. If you spot an otter, contact the HAWL Office with date, time, and location so we may catch and release it.

## Become Involved in Your Community

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

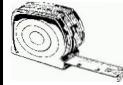


## Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: April 2025

Traffic Violations .....	47
Animal Nuisance .....	3
Common Property .....	2
Property .....	1
Incident Reports.....	60

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. zero eight one zero



## Architectural Monthly Recap

Information as of May 22, 2025

Active Building Permits.....	23
Covenant Violations .....	17

**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.**

## Gate Entrance/Exit for the Summer

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



## Personal Trash Carts

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



## Issue With Your Sewer System?

Should an issue arise with your sewer system (such as your sewer alarm sounding), contact the PRCUA (601-799-5259 or 228-205-4101 for after hours emergencies). The PRCUA would like to remind residents they are on-call 24/7 to resolve grinder pump issues. It is important to notify the PRCUA as quickly as possible. The number is in service 24 hours a day/7 days a week.



**Please understand: Flushable wipes are not flushable and will damage the system.**

## Do Not Feed the Animals

Please do not feed any wild animals, such as raccoons, geese, ducks, etc. This also includes feral cats. This is dangerous not only for the community, but for the animals as well. These actions can lead to several consequences, such as the animals not developing essential foraging skills, losing fear of humans which leaves the animals susceptible to harm, and causing health problems for the animals since they are eating food that is not nutritionally complete.



## 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.

## Call 811 Before You Dig

Most of the utility companies that supply your home are delivering services via underground service lines. It is possible that these buried service lines are close to the surface, making digging dangerous. Fortunately, you can find out where utility owned lines are buried on your property with one FREE call to Mississippi 8-1-1 or 1-800-227-6477. Locate requests may also be made through the website ms811.org. After contacting 811, local utility companies will be notified of your project and will locate their buried lines. Located lines will be marked with paint and/or flags of varying colors.



## HAWL FIREWORKS CELEBRATION DONATION SLIP

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

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

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

**Circle one:** CASH CHECK (Issued separately from monthly payment.) CHARGE TO HAWL ACCOUNT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**For Office Use Only (Date and Initial):**

**CASH:**

Donations Log Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Deposit Made: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK:**

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations Log Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Deposit Made: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARGE:**

Donations Log Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Charge Form Ticket #: 2025FW \_\_\_\_\_

## HAWL's 2025 Fireworks Celebration



HAWL's Annual Fireworks Celebration will be held at 9:00 pm on Friday, July 4, 2025, with a rain date of Saturday, July 5, 2025. (For the Fireworks Celebration to proceed, there must be dry weather conditions at 7:00 pm.) HAWL's Fireworks Donation Goal is \$6,500. **This fireworks show depends solely on donations and is 100% funded by Property Owners.** If you watch the show, please donate!

## HAWL's 2025 Fireworks Celebration

HAWL's fireworks donation goal is \$6,500. As of May 21, 2025, a total of \$1,193.00 has been donated, which includes \$123.00 carried over from the 2024 donations. "Thank You!" to all of the property owners for your donations. The names listed below are the property owners whose donations were received as of May 21, 2025.

A.J. & Jennifer Herbert	Danny & Jeannette Albert	Kathy & Danny Stockstill	Regina & Tommy Culotta
Andy & Luann Watkins	Dolly Kingsley	Keith & Debbie Dean	Stacy Sargent
Ann & Bubba Graham	Dolores G. Caso	Linda Delle & Tony Milner	Sylvia & Frank
Barbara & Meryl Jackson	Ed & Evelyn Batcho	Lorraine Harper	The Ambrozewskis
Benjamin Harrison, Sr.	Gary Hornosky	Marge & Richard Sandy	Tom & Sue Gibilterra
Carol & Lynn Jambon	John & Lanelle Brucks	Nancy & Randy Brunet	Tommy & Stacey Gibilterra
Chet & Jackie Kucinski	John & Valerie Stanley	Paul Dresser	Treva Rae Larson

## 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. The registration requires the correct spelling of the visitor's first and last names for quick entry.





## Fly Your American Flag!

In honor of Independence Day, all residents are encouraged to display their American flag outside of their homes, whether on the lake or not. Let's see how many flags we can show off in HAWL!

## 4th of July Weekend Activities

### Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

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

HAWL Office Closed

Pool Open: 10:00 am - 8:30 pm

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

**Rib Plate** - Half rack of ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and a roll for \$17.99. \*Limited menu available.

**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.)

### Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Waters Edge Open: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Royal Reds** - Royal red shrimp, corn-on-the-cob, potatoes, butter, crackers, and cocktail sauce for \$14.99. Reservations are required for the royal reds and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Reserved to-go orders must be picked up by 6:30 pm. A burger special will also be available: a Waters Edge burger for \$8.99 or cheeseburger for \$9.99, both served with chips.  
\*No menu items available.

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

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

**Band on the Beach featuring Dead End**  
(Thanks to The Jensen Companies):

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Waters Edge Open: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Southgate Hours

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Southgate will be open from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm to ease the traffic on the Main Gate. These times can be utilized for exit and entry; however, only property owners with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry, after gate verifies.

## 2025 Boat Parade



July 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm

Want to participate in the Boat Parade? **You must register with the Office by June 27<sup>th</sup>.** To be considered for judging, all participating boats will be issued a number at line-up to be displayed during the parade. **Boats must be decorated appropriately to show off your patriotism and lined up with their number no later than 5:30 pm at the West Marina with the parade beginning at 6:00 pm.** The 2024 Boat Parade Winner, The North Family, will have the honor of leading the parade! **Boats should remain on the entire course so all residents may enjoy the parade and should travel slowly in order to maintain a safe distance between other boats. No tubes or other devices outside of the boat may be towed.** Once the judges' scores are totaled, the winner will receive a trophy, a \$40 gift certificate to Waters Edge, and will lead the 2026 Boat Parade! **Any boat, whether registered or not, that disrupts the parade by cutting in, driving through, or harassing the parading boats, will be cited by Security.** To register or for more information, call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

## No Glass Containers on Common Grounds

Glass containers are not allowed on common grounds: the beach, pool, parks, roads, etc. If you see anyone with glass containers in these areas, call Security at 601-798-1247.



## For Your Safety...

When grilling on common grounds, ensure that all grills are at least 50 feet away from structures to prevent fire safety issues.



## 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.

## Boats Anchored by the Dam

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



## Swimming Pool Hours

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

The pool hours are as follows:

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

Pool will be open on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 8:30 pm for 4<sup>th</sup> of July and on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm Band on the Beach.

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

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



## Water Aerobics & Exercise

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

All classes begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

These classes are for adults only and anyone interested should contact Mary Ohrmundt

(228-363-3557) concerning the 7:30 am class, Sally Edwards (601-799-2163) concerning the 8:30 am class, and Brenda Hall (601-590-4563) concerning the 8:00 pm class.



## Parental Responsibility

It shall be a violation of the rule for a parent having legal custody of a minor normally to permit or, by inefficient control, to allow such minor to be or remain upon any subdivision street under circumstances not constituting an exception to, or otherwise beyond the scope of, the curfew rule. The term "knowingly"

includes knowledge which a parent should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that parent's custody.

It is intended to continue to keep neglectful or careless parents up to a reasonable community standard of parental responsibility through an objective test. It shall be no defense that a parent was completely indifferent to the activities or conduct or whereabouts of such minor child.



## Swim Lessons

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

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

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



## HAWL Credit Cards

HAWL credit cards can be purchased by the **property owner** in the HAWL Office and can be used by the property owner or registered resident to make charges on the account at the pool and in Waters Edge restaurant. The cards are valid for a period of one year and cost \$5.00 each.

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



## Handicap Parking at the Lodge

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



## Keep HAWL Beautiful

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



## No Glass Containers on Common Grounds

Glass containers are not allowed on common grounds: the beach, pool, parks, roads, etc.) If you see anyone with glass containers in these areas, call Security at 601-798-1247.



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

1. Observe all Mississippi Boating Laws with respect to safety.
2. Obey all traffic signs on the Lake.
3. Property Owners are responsible for the actions of their residents and guests at all times.
4. If launching boat from community launching area by the Lodge, park vehicle and trailer behind tennis courts. Avoid using Lodge parking lot if possible. Do not park vehicle in boat launching area or pavilion area. Loading/unloading only permitted. If launching at Westside Marina, do not park so as to block traffic or access to the launching ramp.
5. Docking of boats in the boat launch area or at the launch pier in order to use adjacent facilities is prohibited.
6. Boats which are not registered with HAWL and guest boats will not be allowed on the lake at any time. Current decals must be attached in a location visible from each side of the vessel while the boat is on the water. Excluding manual powered vessels, all boats on the lake must have proof of \$300,000 minimum marine liability insurance in order to purchase a boat decal and either a copy of the boat title or state registration in the Property Owner's name only.
7. Speed Limit: 40 MPH on open lake during daylight hours and "No Wake" speed at night or during periods of limited visibility.
8. There is to be no skiing or PWC boats on the lake during nighttime, during periods of limited visibility, or when the light is flashing on the roof of the Lodge. All boats will then be limited to "No Wake" speed.
9. Do not operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. All boat traffic must travel in a **counter-clockwise** direction on the open lake.
11. Boats are not to exceed 24 feet in length. Original owners of larger boats registered prior to June 1, 1994, are exempt from this ruling.
12. All watercraft shall operate at idle speed in marked "No Wake" areas including marinas, bays, coves, and within 100 feet adjacent to the shoreline in the open lake.
13. Swimming in the vicinity of the marina launch areas shall be in the designated beach area only. For safety reasons, swimmers should not be farther than 50 feet from shore in the open lake. Swim at your own risk.
14. Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100' from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100' from shore. **BOATS MAY NOT ANCHOR TO THE BUOYS.**
15. When any motorboat, sailboat or PWC is under power, all persons riding therein shall remain within the watercraft; no person shall hang over the bow, stern or gunwales (side).
16. There shall be at least two persons in any boat which is towing a water skier, ski board, knee board, tube, or any other flotation device/vehicle; one to operate the boat and the other to face and observe the progress and safety of the person being towed. The boat operator of the towing vessel must be at least 15 years of age. The observer must be at least 10 years of age. It is mandatory that the person being towed wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).
17. A tow boat must not enter into the "No Wake" area with a skier; however, the skier may swing in to the 100 foot area to drop skis. All water craft and skiers must stay 75 feet from any other watercraft or person. No boat shall follow closer than 150 feet behind a person being towed.
18. The basic requirements for all water craft defined in DEFINITIONS 1, 2, and 3, operating on HAWL waters are as follows:
  - I. A USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board.
  - II. Every person 12 years of age or younger is required to wear a USCG approved PFD while underway in the open lake in any watercraft defined in DEFINITIONS 1, 2, and 3, or in any canoe or kayak.
  - III. Red and green running lights mounted on the bow. Green to starboard (right side) and red to port (left side) and all around white light on the stern if operating at night.
  - IV. Fire extinguisher if inboard engine or enclosed fuel compartments.
19. All operators born after June 30, 1980, must have successfully completed a boater education course approved by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to legally operate a vessel. Anyone under the age of 12 years while operating a vessel must be accompanied by a person 21 years or older.
20. At no time shall any unauthorized person move or tamper with any marker or buoy on HAWL waters.
21. Follow all safety rules for your own protection as well as others. All accidents must be reported to the HAWL office as soon as possible.
22. Citations will be issued for violations of the General Boat Rules. Property Owners are responsible for the actions of their residents and guests. Property Owner's boat decal privileges on all their boats will be revoked for the remainder of the boating season should their lot incur three lake violations in one boat decal season.
23. Before launching a boat, empty bilge water and remove any vegetation from the boat/trailer.
24. Trot lines, jug fishing, and fish traps are not allowed.
25. Kill Switch Best Practice: Use your kill switch device. In the event that you lose control of your boat or accidentally fall overboard, it will save you or one of your boaters.

## Your Ad Here

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## Community Assistance Is Needed to Maintain Roadway Safety

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.

### Safety Actions in Place

Property Owners voiced their concerns and actions are now in place:

- All fines for traffic citations are doubled in June and July.
- An extra patrolman is on duty to enforce traffic.
- Three radar signs are installed in the community to show drivers speeds.

**The biggest difference maker in roadway safety is YOU. Help keep your community roadways safe.**

### Your Help Is Needed with Stand-Up Scooters

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

#### Cyclist/Stand Upon Scooter Operator Safety:

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

#### Vehicle Driver Safety:

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

### Walkers, Joggers, & Runners in HAWL

The walking path on the dam/spillway is an ideal place to walk or jog as it provides breathtaking views of the lake. While these types of activities are encouraged, it is also important to keep safety in mind. Anyone walking, jogging, and/or running should wear bright or reflective clothing to ensure they are visible to drivers. According to the rules of the road, walkers, joggers, and runners must walk or jog on the shoulder of the road facing traffic.

Additionally, it is also the responsibility of drivers to watch out for these individuals. As a driver, it is vital to remain undistracted while driving (i.e. no texting, speeding, etc.) in order to ensure the safety of everyone involved.



### HAWL Golf Cart Rules

1. All golf carts must be registered in the Office and the Hide-A-Way Lake decal must be visible on the carts. Placement of the decal should be on the front driver's side of the golf cart.
2. Decals must be renewed each year.
3. Owners assume liability and operational responsibility by signing decal application form.
4. **Driver must be a licensed automobile driver.**
5. Driver must follow all traffic rules that apply to motor vehicles including stop signs, etc.
6. All riders must be seated.
7. All riders must keep arms and legs within the cart.
8. Driver will yield to traffic behind the cart by pulling over as soon as safely possible so not to create a rolling roadblock.
9. If a golf cart is driven after dark, it must have headlights and rear reflectors.

### Stay in Your Lane

Whether you are in a vehicle, on a bike/scooter, or on foot, know your assigned location on the roadways. If we all follow the rules of the road, the chance of an accident occurring is greatly reduced.

