



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## October 2023

### Monthly Statements Will Be Delayed

HAWL's fiscal year ends on September 30, 2023. Statements will be sent the first week of October.

### Fifth Annual White Linen Night

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students (not a part of Hide-A-Way Lake Club) is proud to present the fifth annual White Linen Night at the Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge and Pool on September 30, 2023, from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Contact a Foundation member to purchase tickets to the event.

### Southgate Extended Hours Trial Period

Beginning Monday, October 2, 2023, Monday through Friday, Southgate will be open for a **TRIAL PERIOD** **ONLY** continually from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. Pending usage, the trial period is planned to be from 60 - 90 days. **Using this trial period, traffic usage will be evaluated to determine the feasibility of extending Southgate's hours.** These times are for exit and entry; however, only vehicles with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry, after verification. **Every additional hour that is added to Southgate's schedule will cost you/the community \$5,200.00 more per year.**



### Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Dusk (October 13<sup>th</sup>) - 12:00 pm (October 14<sup>th</sup>)



Pick up a map of fishing habitat at the Lodge, HAWL website, or East Marina (when scales are open) to locate fishing spots. Weigh-in will be at the East Marina Pavilion by the Lodge. Scales open at 9:00 am and close at noon. Awards are presented at 12:30 pm. There will be only one weigh-in per fisherman; all fish must be caught by hook and line. There are four fish categories (bass, bream/bluegill, crappie, and catfish) and three age groups (10 & under, 11 - 14, and 15 & older). 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the largest total weight of fish will be awarded in all age groups in each category. **(Entry limit for bass, bream/bluegill, and crappie is up to five fish; no limit for catfish.)** A separate trophy open to all ages awarded for Largest Bass. There is no need to register for this **FREE** Rodeo. For more information, call the Office. **No skiing or tubing allowed on the lake during the fishing rodeo.**



### HAWL Flea Market

The Flea Market will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Lodge from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The rain date is Saturday, October 28, 2023. A decision to postpone/cancel will be made at 3:00 pm the day before the Flea Market. Contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 to reserve a space.

### Breakfast Buffet

Waters Edge will host a breakfast buffet (served by staff) from 8:00 am - 10:30 am on October 21, 2023. The cost is \$11.99 for adults, \$6.99 for children 5 - 12, and 99¢ for children 4 and under.



### HAWLoween in HAWL

See page 5 of this *Echoes* for information about the fun HAWLoween activities in HAWL.

### Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique

The HAWL Social Committee is hosting a Ladies Luncheon and Vendors Boutique in Waters Edge Restaurant on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 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 and the 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 to reserve your space.

- Spaces are \$10.
- Shopping begins at 10:00 am.



### November 4th Lodge Events

#### Goodwill Express Donation Station

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Located in the Lodge parking lot; Goodwill will accept the following: clothing, electronics, furniture, home decor, household items (plate, 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.

#### 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). 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.

#### HAWL Burger Special

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Waters Edge will feature a Burger Special - Enjoy a delicious burger, anyway you want it, with French fries or chips for \$8.99.

#### Blood Drive

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive. You can receive credit for your family through your donation. Donors will receive a \$15.00 gift card. Mississippi Blood Services will be at the Lodge parking lot.

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

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Jim Wells, Director	504-914-3194
Kathy Busco, Director	601-347-9692
Elizabeth Ennis, Director	601-347-6666
Chad Hurst, Director	601-325-4680

## **Hours of Operation**

### **Office Hours:**

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

### **Southgate Usage Hours:**

Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)

### **September:**

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

### **Beginning Monday, October 2, 2023:**

5:00 am - 9:00 pm\*

\*Trial period only. See page 1 of this *Echoes* for more information.

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.

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

Have community news and information delivered directly to your email.

- Visit the HAWL website at [hawls.com](http://hawls.com).
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from [listserv@hawls.com](mailto:listserv@hawls.com) shortly after registering. (Be sure to check your spam folder as well.)

Contact the HAWL Office if you need help signing up for *Happenings In HAWL*.



## **Security Monthly Recap**

**RULE VIOLATIONS Month: August 2023**

Traffic Violations .....	32
Animal Nuisance .....	2
Property.....	1
Lake/Boat Decal Violations .....	1
Incident Reports.....	55
<b>Total Location Scans/Vacation Checks .....</b>	<b>1593</b>

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.

### **HAWL Staff:**

Bruce Devillier, General Manager	601-798-1484
<b>EMERGENCY ONLY .....</b>	<b>601-273-0253</b>
Elizabeth Rancatore, Assistant General Manager	
Madeline F. Jacobs, Administrative Assistant	
Brandi Lemeunier, Bookkeeper/Notary	
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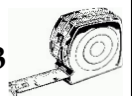
## **Contact Information**

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GUARD GATE:	601-798-1247
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WEBSITE:	<a href="http://www.hawls.com">www.hawls.com</a>
UTILITY AUTHORITY:	601-799-5259
UTILITY AUTHORITY After Hours Emergencies	228-205-4101

## **Architectural Monthly Recap**

Information as of September 22, 2023

Total homes in HAWL: 978



Active Building Permits..... 19

Covenant Violations ..... 24

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.**

- Our community purchased the 119.59 acres above the back spillway for \$275,000.00. This is a big win for the community. Our main water flow that comes through Mill Creek travels the entire 119.59 acres. If this area was to belong to others and developed, it would have created major issues for this community such as more traffic, more use of the amenities, increased water flow, erosion, flooding, loss of fish, increased silt, and decreased property values. The 119.59 acres is now owned by this community and not by others.
- On August 10, 2023, the petition to raise our water system water rate was filed with the Mississippi Public Service Commission. The Notice to Customers was sent out on August 28, 2023, with the monthly billing statements. The base rate of 3,000 gallons will change to \$19.00 (previously \$16.25) and \$6.00 (previously \$3.50) per 1,000 gallons after the initial 3,000 base gallons.
- The HAWL Office signed an engagement letter of services for the fiscal year of operations of October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, for CPA review/financial statements/tax returns with Angela Hertzog of Grantham Poole Certified Public Accountants. Kent Whitfield's CPA Firm can no longer perform our audits/reviews. I want to personally thank Kent and his staff for his wealth of knowledge over the years.
- Stephen's Tank Service was hired last month to paint the interior and exterior of both our water system pressure tanks (13,000 gallon and 20,000 gallon tanks) and to pressure wash the outside with an inspection of the 200,000 gallon water tower. The total capital improvement cost was \$45,000.00 for the tanks. We also had to change two 8" valves at the 20,000 gallon tank which were 32 years old. The total capital cost of this capital repair was \$6,972.63. All of these projects are normal upkeep of these assets.
- VIF, LLC. will begin this month on improvements at both marinas. The Lodge area will receive 350 feet of replacement bulkhead with vinyl. The West Marina will receive 144 feet of vinyl bulkhead. The older section of boat docks at the West Marina will be replaced/rebuilt going from 13 slips to 18 slips. During this time, the boats parked in this older section will have to be moved. The HAWL Office will communicate and plan with those owners. This project is definitely needed for safety and improvement in these areas. The total cost of this capital improvement is \$90,290.00.
- Beginning Monday, October 2, 2023, Monday through Friday, Southgate will be open for a TRIAL PERIOD ONLY continually from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. Pending usage, the trial period is planned to be from 60 - 90 days. Using this trial period, traffic usage will be evaluated to determine the feasibility of extending Southgate's hours. These times are for exit and entry; however, only vehicles with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry, after verification. Every additional hour that is added to Southgate's schedule will cost you/the community \$5,200.00 more per year.
- My door is always open to you and I encourage your suggestions and/or concerns regarding the future 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.

**Save money by adding a second water meter "yard" option to your home for outside use. If your monthly water usage is typically over 3,000 gallons due to outdoor use, a second outside meter for use such as watering plants, running a sprinkler system, pressure washing, etc. would pay for itself in as little as one summer.**

The second meter "yard" option allows property owners to use water outside of their homes **WITHOUT INCURRING ADDITIONAL SEWAGE CHARGES**, meaning property owners are only billed for the actual water used. The meter will essentially pay for itself in as little as one summer due to the amount saved by not paying additional sewage charges. If you water your lawn and plants, fill up your swimming pool, pressure wash frequently, or even wash your vehicles often, this is a great option for your home.

The yard meter is only available to homes that have a first meter and is pro-rated with no minimum charge. Property owners are responsible for installing pipes from the meter as well as a faucet. The cost for the second meter is currently \$350.00 plus tax. If desired, for an additional fee of \$50.00, HAWL will install a faucet/hose bib to the second meter for hose hookup. Once the water rate increase is approved by the Mississippi Public Service Commission, the cost will increase to \$400.00 plus tax due to the cost increase of materials. Contact the HAWL Office for more information.

A Board Meeting was held on September 13, 2023. The next Board Meeting is October 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website under the Board of Directors tab.

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

For August 2023 the number of houses to date is 978. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 concrete patio, 2 decks, 1 dock, 1 pool, 1 roof extension, and 1 shed.

#### **Finance Committee - Tom Gibilterra**

The Treasurer's Report had a grand total of \$676,659.61.

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

Beginning October 2, 2023, Southgate will be open for a trial period Monday through Friday continually from 5:00 am – 9:00 pm. Data will be collected from vehicle usage data to determine if the hours of operation will be adjusted. This trial period is scheduled for 60 – 90 days.

The Security Committee is working on a marketing campaign to inform property owners to have their addresses clearly displayed and visible from the street. This will assist first responders in quickly locating your home in case there is an emergency.

#### **Lake Quality - Chad Hurst**

Water samples were collected from four locations on September 6, 2023. Test results of all four samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for August 2023 was measured at 1.66 inches which was 4.69 inches below the 30 year August average of 6.35 inches. Rainfall to-date was 40.57 inches which was 6.29 inches below the 30 year-to-date August average of 46.86 inches.

Our Fall Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for October 14, 2023. So gather your family and fishing buddies and spend a delightful day cruising around Hide-A-Way Lake!

#### **Social Committee - Elizabeth Ennis**

The Social Committee has several fun events planned for the community.

On October 28, 2023, two fun events are scheduled. The Children's Trick-or-Treat Stroll for elementary school age children who are residents' children and grandchildren is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm outside at the Lodge lower level. Children are encouraged to dress in costume as the Social Committee will also be in costume. The Halloween Bash is also on October 28, 2023, with doors opening at 6:00 pm and the party will be from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. DJ entertainment will be provided by the Blue Phoenix. The Brunch, Bingo, and Boutique in Waters Edge Restaurant is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Contact the Office for more information or to make reservations for these fun events.

#### **New Business -**

The Board of Directors approved four resolutions: the contract for the bulkheads and rebuilding boat slips, the purchase of the 119.59 acres, the contract for the water system pressure tanks and tower maintenance, and the emergency repair for two 8" gate valves for the 20,000 gallon pressure tank. zero zero eight seven

## **Information Sources for Hide-A-Way Lake Residents**

Social media is a great way to share information between members that may be difficult to find elsewhere. If you're looking for information about Hide-A-Way Lake, listed below are several outlets:

- **Visit HAWL's website ([hawls.com](http://hawls.com)).** It contains information about the community such as informational links, the Property Owner's Manual, the Building Code, Newsletters, and Photo Albums.
- **Subscribe to the weekly email newsletter (*Happenings In HAWL*).** The newsletter contains information about upcoming events in the community, current information, and delicious restaurants specials. (See page 2 for how to subscribe.)
- **Read the *Echoes*.** This monthly newsletter contains current news, a monthly update from the General Manager, and upcoming community events. Both digital and physical copies of the *Echoes* are available. Digital copies are on HAWL's website. Property owners may pick up physical copies in Waters Edge, the Office, the Front Main Gate, or the Southgate.
- **Read the Front Entrance Boards.** Current events and other important information are posted at both gates.
- **Attend monthly Board of Director Meetings.** On the second Wednesday of each month, the Board of Directors meets in the lower level of the Lodge at 6:30 pm. Current HAWL information and committee reports are provided.
- **Call the HAWL Office.** HAWL's staff is available on weekdays Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. They may be reached at 601-798-1484 or at [office@hawls.net](mailto:office@hawls.net).
- **Attend a "Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager" meeting or schedule to meet with the General Manager.** Periodically throughout the year, HAWL's General Manager, Bruce Devillier, hosts informal question and answer meetings to address residents' concerns regarding the community. You may also contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 to set up a meeting.



## Children's Trick-or-Treat Stroll

Attention HAWL Ghosts and Goblins, Princes and Princesses: the HAWL Social Committee will be hosting a Children's Trick-or-Treat Stroll for elementary school age children who are residents' children and grandchildren from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 28, 2023, outside at the Lodge lower level. Children are encouraged to dress in costume as the Social Committee will also be in costume.

If you would like to set up a table to hand out candy at this event, please contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Participants are responsible for providing their own individually wrapped candy or treats, tables, decorations, etc. Set up is available as early as 12:00 pm as children will be arriving at 1:00 pm.

**If you wish to donate candy for this event, bring it to the HAWL Office before October 20, 2023.**

## HAWLoween Dance Bash

**October 28, 2023**

**Doors Open: 6:30 pm Party: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

The HAWL Social Committee will be hosting a Halloween Bash on October 28, 2023. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the party will be from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

DJ entertainment will be provided by the Blue Phoenix. The cost to attend is \$15 per person which includes set-ups, light snacks, and a photo booth. Though costumes are optional, be sure to wear yours! Keep in mind that this event is for adults only. Call the Office at 601-798-1484 to make reservations.



## Gate Entrance/Exit on Halloween

With Halloween being a busy evening for the Front Main Gate, it is important to **ensure that all guests are pre-registered with the gate before they arrive**, whether travelling by car or broomstick.

Please 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, 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. The Office staff is available to help all owners with

the app and web portal or inputting visitors into the system. Please call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 so we may assist you.



## Trick-or-Treating in HAWL

Trick-or-treating will be held on **Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, regardless of weather. HAWL does not have designated times for trick-or-treating; however, dusk until 8:30 pm is generally acceptable. Tractors with functioning headlights are allowed; **ATVS and side-by-sides are not allowed**, even with working headlights. **Stopping in the middle of the road is prohibited.** When stopping, vehicles must pull over in order to prevent a roadblock. **Roads must remain open to traffic at all times.**

**Please Remind Trick-or-Treaters:**

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for communication.
- Notify law enforcement immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always walk at the far shoulder of the road facing traffic. Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Don't assume the right-of-way. Drivers may not see Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks, never between driveways or parked cars.
- **Most importantly, be safe and have fun!**



## Property Owner Responsibility

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 authorize 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.



## HAWL Curfew

Juveniles under 18 must be home by the curfew hour as follows:



Sunday through Thursday.....	11:00 pm - 5:00 am
Friday and Saturday.....	12:00 am - 5:00 am



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## Flag Raising Ceremony

In honor of Veterans Day, a flag raising ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 8:00 am at the Lodge.

## Veterans Appreciation Dinner

In honor of Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Waters Edge would like to show appreciation to our veterans by offering 20% off the entire check to all veterans dining with Waters Edge! The special for the evening will feature Prime Rib with loaded potato casserole, the vegetable of the day, and a choice of a dinner salad or a cup of soup for \$26.99. A kids meal will be available for the little ones for \$5.99. As a gesture of gratitude, all service members will receive a free dessert. The full menu will not be available. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



## Thanksgiving Buffet

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Join Waters Edge for a Thanksgiving Buffet (served by staff) on November 23, 2023, with two seatings:

1<sup>st</sup> Seating: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Seating: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

The menu will include: Ham, Turkey and Dressing, Fried Chicken, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert, and Beverages! The cost of the dinner is \$21.99 for Adults, \$10.99 for Children 5-12, and 99¢ for Children 4 & Under. To-go plates are available for \$16.99 each and feature the following: ham, turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, 1 piece of fried chicken (your choice of white or dark meat), a cup of soup, a dinner salad, a dinner roll, and a slice of pie.

To-go plates may be picked up either between 10:45 am - 11:00 am or 12:45 pm - 1 pm.



**Reservations are required** and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

## 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 disappear from our community! A big **"THANKS"** to everyone who devotes their time to picking up litter and contributing to the beauty of the HAWL!



## Visit 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.



## Need a Venue for Your Next Event? Host It at Waters Edge!

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

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