

Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes ----- October 2025

Monthly Statements Will Be Delayed

HAWL's fiscal year ends on September 30, 2025. Statements will be sent the first week of October.



Garbage Rate Increase

Beginning with the HAWL bill due October 25, 2025, (for dues from August 26, 2025, to September 30, 2025,) the garbage rate for Waste Management will increase from \$18.17 to \$19.01.



HAWL Flea Market

Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the Lodge 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

The rain date is Saturday, October 11, 2025.

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

On October 4, 2025, join Waters Edge for a breakfast buffet (served by staff) from 8:00 am - 10:30 am . The cost is \$12.99 for adults, \$6.99 for children 5 - 12, and \$1.99 for children 4 and under. Enjoy an omelet with the buffet for an additional \$1.99.

Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique

On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, the Social Committee is hosting the BBB from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Vendors will be showcasing their goods and services. Guests will enjoy a lite lunch with dessert while playing ten games of bingo for \$15.00 per person. Shopping begins at 10:00 am; bingo begins 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.
- Set up begins at 9:00 am.
- Shopping begins at 10:00 am.

Autunm Paint Party

Join the Social Committee on Sunday,
October 19, 2025, in the Lodge lower level from
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm for a Paint Party. Paint a fall
themed door hanger with Kandi Smith of
Heart 2 Art for \$40.00 per person; all supplies
included. Light snacks will be provided.
Reservations are required due to limited
availability and can be made by contacting
Tina Stockstill directly at 601-590-4262.



HAWL-oween in HAWL

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

November 8th Lodge Events

Blood Drive 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive through the Blood Center of Picayune. The donation bus will at the Lodge parking lot. **All donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer with the purchase of two entrees.** Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information.

Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager 10:00 am

Join HAWL's General Manager Bruce Devillier for a Community Meet and Greet at 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.

SPCA Microchip Event 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Pearl River County SPCA will be in the Lodge parking lot offering low cost microchips.



Holiday Cookie Exchange

Join the Social Committee for their Annual Cookie Exchange in Waters Edge

Restaurant on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm . Participants are responsible for bringing 3 - 4 dozen homemade cookies, a copy of the recipe, and a container for transporting your exchanged cookies back home. Cookies should be displayed with a card printed with the name of the cookie and the baker's name. Additionally, a small plate of cookie pieces should be placed by your cookies for everyone to sample. Prizes will be awarded in different categories. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. The cost to attend is \$10.00 per person. Space is limited to 60 participants so make your reservation early with the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

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Hours of Operation

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

Southgate Usage Hours:

Monday - Friday 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.

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 Dinner: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Sunday Lunch: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

Contact Information

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

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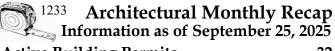
Follow the link on hawlms.com. Hit "LIKE" to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials and be involved in happenings in contact the HAWL Office directly at

your community. If you have an issue, please 601-798-1484 as concerns will not be addressed through Social Media.

HAWL Staff:

Bruce Devillier, General Manager 601-798-1484 EMERGENCY ONLY 601-273-0253 Madeline Jacobs, Administrative Manager Jennifer Hart, Bookkeeper Megan Sanchez, Office Assistant/Notary Arianne Gainey, Office Assistant Jen Karsolich, Office Assistant Keith Crawford, Restaurant Manager Bryan Blackwell, Maintenance Director Fabian Parish, Owner, PSC 601-268-2722

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Active Building Permits...... 32 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 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Please ensure that all permit application requests are completed with all supporting documents attached the Monday before the scheduled meeting by noon.

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.

Keep HAWL Family Friendly

If you see any actions that do not promote a family friendly environment such as foul/obscene language, glass containers, pets at the Lodge area, littering, etc., contact Security (601-798-1247) as the incident is taking place with as much information as possible. Please

remember that you can make a difference and with your help, we can continue to keep HAWL a safe, beautiful, and family friendly community.

Happy Fall Y'all; October is right around the corner! This is my favorite time of the year: "cooler" weather, deer season, fall colors, and capital projects for the community.

This past month there has been plenty of discussion about lake buoys and boat/lake safety. Lake owners are permitted to use a temporary buoy while swimming but it must be placed no further than 50' from shore and must be removed when swimmers exit the lake. My apologies as the buoy problem was caused by me allowing a couple of owners to have personal buoys which ultimately led to several unneeded buoys. These additional buoys caused more safety issues and detracted from the beauty of our best amenity, our lake. The lake belongs to all property owners. If you live on the main lake, you will experience wake and waves that could potentially cause erosion as part of main lake living. Our hardworking and dedicated Board of Directors has made several tough but sound decisions regarding the buoy discussion. Beginning this month you will see the metal signs being removed from the lake and the Maintenance Department will install 15 Coast Guard approved "No Wake" Buoys. These buoys were ordered from Overton's for a capital cost of \$4,622.24, which is approximately \$300.00 per buoy. After this replacement is completed, a few other areas in the lake are being reviewed by the Board of Directors for safety. I want to thank the many property owners who complied with this policy and have worked as a community to solve these safety concerns. As always, the majority of Hide-A-Way Lake property owners have the community's best interest at heart.

Boat patrol enforcement on the lake will improve, but similar to roadway safety, this requires a combined effort from Security and property owners. Please understand, the property owner will be held fully responsible for all boating activities and having full knowledge of all boating and lake rules, whether they are present or not.

If you ever notice a security issue, whether on the lake or not, please report the issue to the Main Security Gate at 601-798-1247 as the issue is happening, not through social media. The HAWL Office does not monitor social media channels for community issues. When reporting an issue, please provide Security with as must information as possible. Time, location, direction of travel, type and color of vehicle, decal number if available, etc, are extremely helpful. If you do not receive follow up communication from Security by the end of the day, please follow up with the HAWL Office by phone or email. However, please allow Security enough time to thoroughly address the issue and respond to you.

This month our big capital project that will be planned out for the first of the year is the roadwork project. Bids have been requested for 2.5 miles of roads to be milled and repaved, which is a MAJOR need. It is my prayer that the bids come in under our projected budget so the entire project may be completed. Bids were sent to Huey P. Stockstill, Barriere Construction, Lowe Bros., Warren Paving, and Gulf Pride Contractors. Next month the final plan and cost will be communicated.

Last month Stephen's Tank Service inspected and washed out the 200,000 gallon water tower. The tank is in good shape but the tank needs to be repainted (interior in about five years and exterior in about eight years) for an approximate cost of \$140,000.00 and will be planned. Also last month LA Leak Detection, LLC performed a leak test on all of the pool's pipes. This is part of the planning stages for remodeling the swimming pool in 2027 for an approximate cost of \$350,000.00. Also, a replacement washer and dryer set was purchased for the Lodge from Home Depot. The total capital cost was \$1,274.33.

If you live next to what you believe is a drainage lot, the Board of Directors has established a plan to do away with the monthly dues if you purchase that property: All lots identified as Drainage will be assessed a one-time fee of \$1,000.00 subject to approval by the Board of Directors. To qualify, the following conditions must be satisfied: proposed lot(s) must be fully adjacent with a lot with an existing home, presence of poor natural drainage, evidence of high-water table, such as persistent water pooling, and soil retains moisture to extent that hinders structural support. Additionally, the property must be determined as drainage by a licensed professional. If you have any questions, contact the HAWL Office.

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. These meetings are the perfect opportunity to have a conversation regarding community information directly from the General Manager as well as to get to know each other. The next Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant. Topics to be addressed depend on the questions brought forward from Property Owners. 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 Tuesday, September 9, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

Architectural/Variance - Jim Wells

For August 2025, the number of houses to date is 1,000. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 driveway, 1 fence (1 privacy/picket), 1 garage, 3 generators, 1 house, and 3 propane tanks.

Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$630,705.32.

Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia

Water samples were collected from four locations on August 27, 2025, prior to the Labor Day Weekend. Test results of all samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of August was measured at 5.30 inches, which was 0.91 inches below the thirty-year August average of 6.21 inches. Rainfall-to-date was 42.45 inches which was 3.93 inches below the thirty year-to-date August average of 46.38 inches.

Management has received the analytical report of pesticides, PCBs, and heavy metal concentrations in samples of flesh from Hide-A-Way Lake bass and catfish. The report is to be reviewed by the Lake Quality Committee.

Social Committee - Margaret Muller

The committee has several fun events planned for October. The Brunch, Bingo, and Boutique will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. On Sunday, October 19, 2025, there will be a paint party at the Lodge from 3:00~pm-5:00~pm. Bring the family for the Trunk-or-Treat and Family Movie Night featuring Hocus Pocus on Saturday, October 25, 2025. The restaurant will be serving a special menu to enjoy while participating in the evening's activities. If you wish to donate candy for this event, please bring it to the HAWL Office. Contact the HAWL Office for more information on these fun events.

Public Affairs - John Pigott

The community near Hide-A-Way's Southgate, The Grove, has sold one lot. Activity is expected to pick up soon.

New Business

The Board of Directors approved the policy for designating drainage lots purchased by property owners and approved the purchase of 15 "No Wake" Buoys.

Concern Time after Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held to conduct business. Property owners are invited to attend, listen, and to observe the discussion held during these meetings. Concern Time is for any property owner who wishes to address the Board and will start after the Board Meeting is adjourned. Property owners wishing to participate must sign in and complete the appropriate form to be turned in to the President. Only property owners whose accounts are current and are in good standing with the community may utilize this privilege. Concern Time may either be public or private; however, the time frame to state a concern is limited and must be done so in a professional manner. Before participating, property owners should take into consideration whether this is truly a Board matter and has the General Manager been approached with this concern yet. Additionally, if the issue is a problem with a neighbor, the Board does not assist in neighbor related issues. Lastly, if the concern is regarding a security violation, the matter should be brought to the Incident Review Panel. Property owners wishing to utilize this privilege must attend the entire meeting as late arrivals forfeit this opportunity.

Family Fun Night at the Lodge

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, join the HAWL Social Committee for family friendly events at the Lodge.

Family Friendly Dinner Specials

Waters Edge will be featuring a limited menu of family friendly dinner specials such as burgers, po'boys, and nuggets from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm to be enjoyed while attending the Trunk-or-Treat and Family Movie Night.

Trunk-or-Treat

Attention HAWL Ghosts and Goblins, Princes and Princesses: The Trunk-or-Treat, for elementary school age children who are residents' children and grandchildren, will be in the Lodge parking lot from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Costumes are highly encouraged.

If you would like to set up your vehicle or golf cart and 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 3:00 pm as children will be arriving at 4:00 pm.

Family Movie Night

Gather the family to watch Hocus Pocus at 6:30 pm on the beach. Bring your beach blankets and chairs, coolers, and snacks. Free popcorn will be provided.

Trick-or-Treating in HAWL

Trick-or-treating will be held on Friday, October 31st, regardless of weather. HAWL does not have designated times for trick-or-treating; however, dusk until 8:30 pm is a popular time. 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. Stopped 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.
- Notify law enforcement immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.
- Always walk at the far shoulder of the road facing traffic. Never cut across yards.
- 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, never between parked cars or driveways.
- Be safe and have fun!

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.



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 often are not aware of this issue, but be mindful and help control any additional guests.

If you see any actions that do not promote a family friendly environment such as obscene language, glass containers, pets at the Lodge area, littering, etc., contact Security (601-798-1247) as the incident is taking place with as much information as possible. Please remember that you

can make a difference and with your help, we can continue to keep HAWL a safe, beautiful, and family friendly community.

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

Save money by adding a second water meter "vard" 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 \$400.00 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. Contact the HAWL Office for more information.

our 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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Veterans Appreciation Lunch

In honor of Veterans Day, Waters Edge will host a Veterans Appreciation Lunch on Sunday, November 9, 2025, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. In addition to the full menu, enjoy BBQ brisket, baked beans, boiled corn, coleslaw, and bread for \$14.99. To show appreciation, veterans will receive 20% off the entire check. As a gesture of gratitude, all service members will receive a free dessert.

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





Flag Raising Ceremony

In honor of Veterans Day, a flag raising ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 8:30 am at the Lodge.

Thanksgiving Buffet

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! Join Waters Edge for a Thanksgiving Buffet (served by staff) on Thursday, November 27, 2025, with two seatings:

1st Seating: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

2nd Seating: 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

The menu will include: turkey, ham, gravy, yams with marshmallows, green bean casserole, corn, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, salad, desserts, and a drink. The cost of the buffet is \$21.99 for Adults, \$10.99 for Children 5-12, and \$1.99 for Children 4 & Under.

To-go plates are available for \$16.99 each and feature the following: turkey, combread dressing, yams with marshmallows, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, and a dessert. To-go plates may be picked up either between 10:45 am - 11:00 am or 12:45 pm - 1 pm.



Reservations are required for both dine-in and to-go and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

Host Your Upcoming Event at Waters Edge

With a capacity of 200 guests, Waters Edge is perfectly suited to host weddings, retirement parties, company events, celebration dinners, and much more. Offering a wide variety of packages and rooms for events large and small, there is definitely something to suit your needs. Restaurant Manager, Keith Crawford, and his staff look forward to being a part of your special event. For more



part of your special event. For more information call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 or view our Special Events Brochure online at hawlms.com.

Security Monthly Recap RULE VIOLATIONS: August 2025

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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.

Inform Your Delivery Drivers and Contractors

Whether you have a delivery or a contractor working on your home, please inform them that HAWL strictly enforces roadway safety. Many online systems have a comments section about the delivery or job. This provides the perfect opportunity to remind them of the 25 mile-per-hour speed limit.

Security Vehicles Upgrade

Recently all of Security's vehicles were upgraded to feature green and white lights. If HAWL security stops your vehicle, for the safety of both you and the officer, please remain in your vehicle unless otherwise requested by the officer. Safety is of the upmost importance.

Patrol officers have body worn and vehicle cameras. We have had cameras for years at both guard gate entrances. The use of the cameras is for training and objective recovery of interactions of Security, residents, and guests. The use or non-use of the cameras will not impact the validity of a citation. The cameras are owned and will remain the property of the community as well as the contents and videos.

When conducting business with HAWL security, please strive to maintain a professional and courteous manner. Our security personnel are responsible for enforcing the rules set forth by the community for the safety and well-being of all our property owners and their guests.

Should you feel a citation was unfairly issued, follow the appropriate steps to appeal the citation. Appeal decisions are made by the Incident Review Board which is made up of fellow property owners.