



Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

September 2025

Labor Day Weekend Activities

Saturday, August 30th

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

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

Chicken Wings - Six bone in chicken wings tossed in your choice of Buffalo or Garlic Parmesan sauce served with garlic bread for \$7.99. Reservations are required for the chicken wings and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Reserved to-go orders must be picked up by 6:30 pm. Also available: Waters Edge burger for \$8.99 or cheeseburger for \$9.99, both served with fries.

*No menu items available.

Snowballs at the Lodge: 6:00 pm

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

Band on the Beach featuring Jacob Arnold & the Bird Dogs (Thanks to The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students): 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday, August 31st

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

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

Monday, September 1st

Southgate Closed

HAWL Office Closed

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

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

Po'boy Special - Enjoy either a French Fry Po'boy dressed with brown gravy, mayo, and lettuce served with chips for \$5.99 (half) or \$8.99 (whole) or a Roast Beef Po'boy dressed with a side of fries for \$8.99 (half) or \$12.99 (whole) in addition to the full menu.



Seventh Annual White Linen Night

Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the
Hide-A-Way Lake Pool and Lodge

A casual evening of tastings and fun for scholarships.

The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students is proud to present the seventh annual White Linen Night, "Play Among the Stars" at the Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge and Pool on September 27, 2025, from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

(We appreciate your enthusiasm for the event, but doors won't open until 6:30 pm.) The number of tickets to the event is limited this year. Ticket costs are \$50 per person in advance or \$60 per person at the door, if available.

Donation tickets can be obtained from any Scholarship Foundation member:

Ed Ennis 601-347-2473

Beth Ennis 601-347-6666

Tom Gibilterra 504-352-1370

Sue Gibilterra 504-610-5368

Terri Tomlin 504-909-3705

Kathy Busco 601-347-9692

Allyson Penton 601-622-2423

Participating Restaurants:

HAWL: Waters Edge Restaurant

El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant Fatty's Seafood Restaurant

Italian Grill & Pizzeria Southern Char Steakhouse

Stonewall's BBQ & Catering US Foods

HAWL Flea Market

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

- Rain date will be October 11, 2025. The decision to postpone/cancel will be made at 3:00 pm the day before the Flea Market.
- Cost of each space (2 parking spots) is \$20. (Total rented space measures 18' x 18').
- Limit of 2 Flea Market spaces (4 parking spots) per property owner.
- Non-typical flea market items must be pre-approved by the General Manager before renting a space.
- Participants are required to supply their own tables and may use trailers as tables if the trailer fits in the assigned space(s).
- Participants are required to remove all of their unsold items, boxes, and debris after the event.
- Setup is the day of the Flea Market; no earlier than 6:30 am and must be completed by 7:30 am and all vehicles must be removed from the area.
- No shows will still be charged. Call the Office at 601-798-1484 for reservations.

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.

Monthly Statements Will Be Delayed

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



Mark Your Calendars

See page 12 of this *Echoes* for information about the upcoming BBB, Paint Party, Trunk-or-Treat, and Family Movie Night.

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HAWL Board of Directors:

Robin Montalbano, President	601-347-1965
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Joe Battaglia, Director	504-494-6137
Kathy Busco, Director	601-347-9692
Margaret Muller, Director	504-451-2778
Jim Wells, Director	504-914-3194

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
JoJo Delatte, Site Supervisor, PSC	601-798-1247

Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Monday, September 1, 2025, for Labor Day

Southgate Usage Hours:

Monday - Friday
5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Closed Monday, September 1, 2025, for Labor Day
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

Beginning Thursday, September 4, 2025, the restaurant's hours will be as follows:

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

Swimming Pool Hours

With Lifeguards

Until September 21st

Saturdays and Sundays Only:

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

Special Hours:

Band on the Beach: Saturday, August 30th
10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Labor Day: Monday, September 1st
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Resident Swim

- Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Residents must sign in at the HAWL Office before going to the pool each day.**
 - The Property Owner assumes full responsibility for themselves and for their residents to abide by the pool's policies.
 - A waiver must be signed and on file with the Office prior to using the pool. This waiver is available in the HAWL Office or HAWL's website.
 - Residents 16 years of age and older can use the pool.
 - No guests will be permitted.
 - In order to utilize this amenity, HAWL account CANNOT be delinquent.
 - During this time, you will be swimming at your own risk.
 - Must present a picture ID at time of sign in.
 - For bad weather procedures and complete pool rules, see the HAWL website.



Find Your Account Number

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

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



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 your community.

- The Operational Budget for the 2025 – 2026 Fiscal Year has been completed by the HAWL staff and has been approved by the Finance Committee. The new budget begins on October 1, 2025, and will end on September 30, 2026. Our Board of Directors approved the budget last month at the Work Session. See page 5 of this *Echoes* for more information.
- Last month the Corporation Taxes for last fiscal year were completed by Grantham Poole, CPA Firm.
- The water tower inspection and wash out are scheduled in September with Stephens Tank Service. The total cost of the inspection will be \$3,500.00. During this time, the tower will be offline and our water system will be operating on two hydro tanks. You should not notice any difference, but if you are experiencing low water pressure, contact the Hide-A-Way Lake Office at 601-798-1484.
- On July 24, 2025, the Mississippi Department of Health audited our water system finances and operations. Our system received a 100% score. Thank you to the HAWL Staff and Board of Directors for running and maintaining a good system.
- The planning stages for remodeling the pool in 2027 is underway. LA Leak Detection, LLC will perform a leak test on both pools for a total of \$2,500.00. This work took place in August.
- A new pool motor was ordered through Demco Motors for a total capital cost of \$1,656.00. This is to replace our backup motor, which is now in use. The plan is to always have a backup motor for emergencies.
- Specifications for the road overlay project will be drafted this month for the bid request in October. When available, more information will be communicated. The plan is to begin work in February 2026.
- Property owner owned buoys are not permitted on the lake. Requests will be reviewed if safety issues are involved in areas with major curves. Lake front property may use one small temporary buoy with swimming in front of their property. Temporary buoys may not be placed further than 50' from shore and must be removed once done. This update is being reviewed, but please comply with this regulation.
- The propane company for common areas (Lodge/firehouse/Main Gate) has been changed to Blossman Gas. All tanks will have a transmitter of level for the company to maintain. As part of this agreement, Blossman Gas is installing a new 1,000 gallon tank for the kitchen, which replaced the tank from 1980. The cost of this agreement is \$153.00 annually for the tank.
- Cyber insurance has been purchased through Higginbotham Insurance Agency for a total cost of \$1,447.88. We are working hard to keep the data on file safe. Please notify us immediately if you believe your information has been compromised.
- The final Band on the Beach event is scheduled for August 30, 2025, featuring Jacob Arnold and the Bird Dogs and will be sponsored by the Scholar Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students. Two successful Band on the Beach events took place previously this summer and were greatly enjoyed by property owners. Jacob Arnold and the Bird Dogs performed on May 24, 2025, and was sponsored by The Montalbano Family of City Carpets, Jason Pigott of The Pigott Agency, John Pigott of WRJW, The Traina Family of Morgan Stanley, The Herring Family of Herring Ford, The Stewart Family of Premiere Insurance and Picayune Portable Buildings, The Faucett Family of Capital Surgical Solutions, and The Penton Family of Twice the Ice of Carriere and Memorial Blvd. Dead End performed on July 5, 2025, and was sponsored by The Jensen Companies. Next year's events are already being planned.
- Resident Swim began the first week of August. Residents must sign in at the Office before swimming. The pool will be open with lifeguards on weekends until the end of September: Saturdays from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The last day with lifeguards is Sunday, September 21, 2025.
- On July 19, 2025, an election was held to fill three seats that were expiring on the Board of Directors. The election results were: Kathy Busco – 262, Chad Hurst – 280, Robin Montalbano – 304, and Stephen Strausbaugh – 136.
- 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 August 12, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 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 July 2025, the number of houses to date is 999. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 carport, 2 fences (1 picket, 1 rod iron), 1 house, and 1 shed.

Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$569,472.63.

Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco

The committee has been working closely with Security to address boat safety, particularly at night. Boats operating at night must have lights on the boat and observe no wake across the entire lake. The Board is looking into budgeting for more boat patrol for next summer.

Traffic violations are still being addressed. Fines for all traffic violations during June and July were doubled to bring attention to the serious matter.

All property owners are given the opportunity to appeal citations to the Appeal Board, which is made up of fellow owners. Teenage offenders will be given the opportunity to perform community service in lieu of paying security fines. This will be offered on a case-by-case basis and only with the Property Owner's consent.

Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia

Water samples were collected from four locations on August 1, 2025. Test results of three samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters. Test results of one sample collected by the Lodge launch were unreadable.

Rainfall data for the month of July was not available for this report.

Social Committee - Margaret Muller

The Teen Pizza and Pool Bash held on July 25, 2025, was a great success. Thank you to the volunteers and teens who participated.

The committee has several other fun events planned for the upcoming months. The Brunch, Bingo, and Boutique will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Bring the family for the Trunk-or-Treat and Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Sunday, November 16, 2025, will be the Holiday Cookie Exchange. Reservations for the events can be made by contacting the HAWL Office.

New Business

The Board of Directors approved the resolution to approve the 2025/2026 Operating Budget.

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 (hawlms.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.
- **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 Tuesday 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@hawlms.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.

HIDE-A-WAY LAKE CLUB, INC.**2025 - 2026 Operating Budget****Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026****REVENUES**

Membership Dues	\$968,409
Restaurant Sales	\$205,000
Water Service	\$365,000
Garbage Fees	\$216,296
Sewage Fees	\$11,088
Security Fees	\$280,959
Capital Contributions	\$217,620
Interest Income	\$10,000
Other Income	\$165,150
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,439,522

EXPENSES

Restaurant, Cost of Food	\$86,100
Payroll	\$624,073
Payroll Taxes	\$52,734
Employee Medical, Life, and LTD	\$43,695
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	\$6,625
Restaurant Supplies and Expenses	\$4,000
Insurance Liability	\$107,200
Guard Service	\$446,764
Garbage Collection Costs	\$217,452
Repairs & Maintenance	\$100,020
Utilities	\$59,300
Lodge Supplies	\$13,500
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$36,952
Professional Services	\$28,500
Taxes and Licenses	\$26,500
Public Relations	\$10,500
Social Community Events	\$4,500
Fuel and Oil	\$21,000
Bad Debt Expense	\$3,500
Telephone	\$12,000
Employee Food	\$4,500
Fire Protection	\$4,400
Interest expenses	\$9,700
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$17,100
Depreciation	\$350,426
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,291,041
NET INCOME (Loss)	\$148,481

- The new fiscal year's Operating Budget begins on October 1, 2025, and ends on September 30, 2026. **Please note that statements for September, due October 25, 2025, will be mailed the first week of October.** This budget planning process is vital to the success of this community. Every month our bookkeeper reconciles all of our accounts and bills and sends out our Profit and Loss Statements to our Finance Committee members and our Board of Directors for review and to verify our day-to-day business, since we run this community as the business that it is.
- This fall a review will be performed on all operations and finances to be reviewed with the Board of Directors. This is another avenue to verify our business operations. This review is being done with Grantham Poole, Certified Public Accounts.
- The Operating Budget for next fiscal year was approved last month will show that we now have 1,279 properties that are billable for our operational and capital reserve fees. Our water system fees will remain the same for this fiscal year, as it was increased two fiscal years ago. Our business operation is broken down into different areas: restaurant, maintenance department, water system, security department, and common grounds (pools, parks, Lodge, recreation, etc.). Expenses have definitely increased over the last few years. We work hard to watch and control expenses, but as you know, costs have gone up. Out of our Operating Budget, \$585,500.00 has been planned for the following capital improvements beginning this October.

Capital Project	Budgeted Cost
Roadway/Lake Safety	\$15,000
Water System Meters	\$20,000
Recreation (including starting the walking trail on the 120 acres)	\$35,000
Technology for Office	\$5,000
Roadwork (overlay areas/stripping/seal Lodge parking lot)	\$465,500
Lake Management	\$35,000
Gate Systems	\$10,000
Total	\$585,500



Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: July 2025

Traffic Violations	81
Animal Nuisance	3
Common Property	3
Lake/Boat Violations	2
Property	1
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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. 0761

Accessing the Gate Sentry App/Website

Control your visitors directly from your phone. With the holiday season around the corner, now is the time to ensure your permanent guests are properly registered.

- 1. GET THE GATE SENTRY FREE APP AND/OR ACCESS THE WEB PORTAL** Search for "Gate Sentry" on Google Play on your Android smart phone. Search for "Gate Sentry" on the Apple App Store. For internet/desktop access, visit Gate Sentry Resident Web Portal online at <https://portal.gatesentry.com>
- 2. CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT** On the login screen, select "Create New Account" and enter your email address, password, and the issued code from the email you received. PLEASE NOTE: this access code is not a temporary password.
- 3. UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION** Add or remove guests, track visitor history, and receive visitor notifications. Download the Gate Sentry app to get notifications on your smart phone/tablet. For more information, download the Quick Start Guide at: portal.gatesentry.com/quick_start_guide.pdf

Important Security Information

Security would like to remind all residents to please keep your vehicles and homes locked and all valuables tucked away. Immediately report any suspicious activity as it is taking place to HAWL Security at 601-798-1247. When reporting an incident, provide as much information as possible. If you can, in addition to contacting Security, take a picture with your phone and email it to the HAWL Office at office@hawlms.net.



Driver's Licenses Are Required

All drivers who use the inside lane must present their driver's license upon every entry, regardless if the vehicle has a HAWL decal. It is imperative that the driver's license be presented to the Security Officer and verified when requested, including during traffic stops. Facial recognition is not acceptable. Our security personnel are responsible for enforcing the rules set forth by the Board of Directors for the safety and well-being of all our property owners and their guests. Use of the streets in Hide-A-Way Lake requires that operators of motor vehicles have a valid driver's license per Mississippi Code 63-1-5 which states that no person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle without an operator's license.

Cyclist/Stand-Up Scooter 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.
6. Do not ride more than two abreast.
7. 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.)
8. **9. Property Owners and parents are fully responsible for the actions of cyclists and stand-up scooter operators, including minors.**

Citation Appeal Process

All property owners are given the opportunity to appeal citations issued to themselves, their residents and their guests to the Appeal Board, which is made up of fellow owners. The Appeal Form included with the letter regarding the citation must be completed by the Property Owner and returned within the timeline outlined in the letter. Teenage offenders will be given the opportunity to perform community service in lieu of paying security fines. This will be offered on a case-by-case basis and only with the Property Owner's consent.

Speed Limit at Gates

The speed limit on ALL streets in HAWL is 25 MPH and is strictly radar enforced. When entering and exiting the community, at both the Main Front Gate and Southgate, please maintain a speed of no more than **15 MPH**. Please remind your residents and guests to always choose Safety Over Speed.

SPEED
LIMIT
AT GATE

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Safety on the Lake

Wake Rules for Recreational Boaters

Please remember if you live on the main lake, you will experience some wake which is part of main lake living. It is imperative that your boat be tied down accordingly and all furniture must be secured.

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.)

- Property owners assume full responsibility and liability for any and all property damages or injury resulting from the operation of their vessel, regardless if property owner is present or not.
- A wake is defined as the swell, moving waves, produced by a vessel passing through water.
- **All vessels operating within the "no wake" areas shall be operated at idle speed. "Idle speed" shall mean the lowest speed at which a vessel can operate, maintain safe steerage, and minimize the production of a wake that could unreasonably interfere with or endanger other persons, vessels, or property.**
- The "Main Lake Wake" is described as the wave produced by a vessel operating in the common areas of the open lake.
- Speed and wake control is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure the "Main Lake Wake" being produced will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury, or damage to any surrounding person, vessel, or property. The operator must immediately suspend vessel operation if causing unsafe conditions.
- "No Wake" zones are marked areas that require low, idle speeds. "No Wake" zones are posted for all areas except the "Main Lake". Coves and canals are marked "no wake" due to they are not open lake area and their banks receive more damage and erosion from repetitive wakes.
- All boat traffic must travel in a counter-clockwise direction on the open "Main Lake". This includes manual powered boats such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, trolling flat boats, and sail boats.
- A minimum of two persons is required to occupy a vessel towing a skier: one to operate the boat and a passenger to face and observe the progress and safety of the person(s) being towed.
- 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.

Reporting Lake Violations

Your assistance is needed to promote and enforce safety on the lake. Property owners and HAWL Security have witnessed boats on the lake not following the safety guidelines. **Please understand that as a property owner, you are fully responsible, whether you are present or not, for the actions of your residents and guests at all times while they are in the community. This includes having full knowledge of all boating and lake rules.**

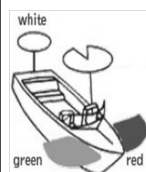
If you see anyone violating these rules, contact Security at the Main Gate at 601-798-1247 while the incident is taking place with as much information as possible. Helpful information includes a description of the boat such as type, color, and HAWL decal number. Location and direction the boat was traveling is also useful.



Boat Safety at Night

At night idle speed and "No Wake" must be observed. It is mandatory for lights to be lit on the boat at night.

The location of the lights are as follows: green to starboard bow (front right side) and red to port bow (front left side) and all around white light on the stern (back) if operating at night. Additionally, as a courtesy to those who live on the lake, please keep loud noises to a minimum as sounds on the lake could be disturbing to others.



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.**



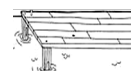
Boating Best Practice

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.



Boat Slips Available

There are two marinas located in HAWL. The East Marina (located by the Lodge) has 20 boat slips while the West Marina has 27 boat slips. The boat slips can be rented for only \$40 per month, which will be charged to the property owner's monthly account. If interested in renting a boat slip, the necessary paperwork can be obtained from the HAWL Office or the HAWL website.





Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of August 21, 2025

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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

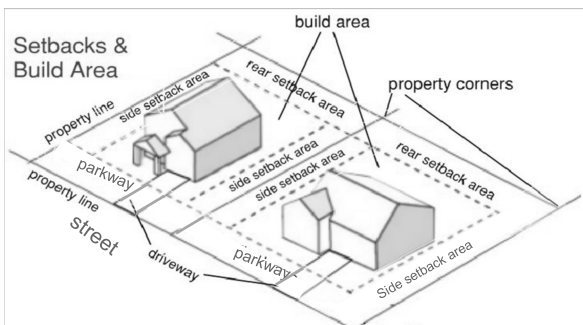
Permit requests are reviewed by the Architectural Committee on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. **Please ensure that all permit application requests are completed with all supporting documents attached the Monday before the scheduled meeting by noon.**

Use of Parkways

A parkway is the area of land between the roadway and the street facing property line(s).

37. Use of Parkway

- a. Parkway shall not be used for permanently parking vehicles or storing materials.
 - 1) Exception can be made for temporary use during construction; and, in all other instances only upon special permit issued by the Board at the request of the Lot Owner. Unless such special permit is obtained, provision for permanent parking of vehicles must be provided within an owner's property.
 - 2) Unless such special permit is obtained, parking of vehicles on parkways for an extended period is prohibited, and for this purpose vehicle shall include but not limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, bus, motor home, boats, other watercraft, trailers of all types, and recreational vehicles including but not limited to golf carts.
 - 3) An extended period of time shall be defined as parking on any part of the prohibited area for more than forty-eight (48) hours in any seven (7) day period, whether the forty-eight (48) hours be continuous or interrupted.



HAWL Building Code

Several codes are in place to help preserve an aesthetically satisfying and safe environment for all residents. In order for this atmosphere to be maintained, all property owners and residents must work together in order to protect, maintain, and enhance not only the community, but your home value as well.

The Architectural Committee meets twice a month to review submitted building permit applications for approval as well as to periodically revise the HAWL Building Code. **Recently the committee approved the Hide-A-Way Lake's 1,000th house!** Thank you to the Architectural Committee for helping to maintain the growth of the community.

1.2 Purpose of the HAWL Building Code.

The purpose of the HAWL Building Code is to control construction for the benefit and safety of the property owner and to ensure quality and orderly construction that supports the general welfare of the entire Hide-A-Way Lake community to include but not limited to home values, visual harmony, diversity, etc. The HAWL Building Code is intended to support the view that Hide-A-Way Lake is a controlled access community for single family quality dwellings where each house is significantly different and/or visibly unique from any other house within their unit or neighborhood. The code also preserves and promotes the wooded, green nature of the area with space separation of dwellings for privacy and control of structures for pleasing views both from its streets and the lake.

Issue With Your Sewer System?

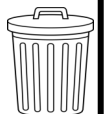
Should an issue arise with your sewer system (such as your sewer alarm sounding), contact the PRCUA (**601-799-5259** or **228-205-4101** for after hours emergencies). The PRCUA would like to remind residents they are on-call 24/7 to resolve grinder pump issues. It is important to notify the PRCUA as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



Don't Leave Your Trash Cart at the Street

Trash carts should not be out by the curb until Tuesday evening and should be put back by the house no later than Wednesday evening. Trash carts left out for an extended time detract from HAWL's natural beauty and have a negative impact on property values. Removing trash carts from near the curb promotes a safer roadway environment for drivers and pedestrians alike.

Should you be out of town, please arrange with a neighbor to have the cart brought in from the curb. one zero zero six



Hurricane Season Preparation

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



HAWL Property Owner Hurricane Preparation

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

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



Communication During Storms

Pending electricity and cable outages, HAWL will update the website (hawllms.com) with necessary information as well as send out alerts through the IRIS Alert System, pending severity. (See below for information on the IRIS Alert System.)

Residents who signed up for the HAWL email newsletter will receive emails with information pertaining to the community. (See below for information on signing up for *Happenings in HAWL*.) Should phone service become inoperable, community-wide communication will be made through bulletins at our main guard house entrance gate.



Emergency Alert System for HAWL

HAWL has an alert system for the community called IRIS (Immediate Response Information System). This system will send a voice message, text, and email simultaneously to our homeowners. The alert will come from one of the following phone numbers: 281-207-4891, 281-207-4892, 281-207-4893, and 888-210-0091. Program these numbers into your phone to quickly receive these alerts. Email alerts will be sent from HAWL@alerts.com or alerts@irisalert.com. We will be using this system for emergencies only. Contact the HAWL Office to ensure you have up-to-date information on file.



Sign up for *Happenings In HAWL*

The *Happenings In HAWL* email is a fast and easy way to stay up-to-date on what is happening in your community.

- Visit the HAWL website at www.hawllms.com.
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from listserver@hawllms.com shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder as well.)

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



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

With hurricane season upon us, several property owners have expressed concern regarding the function of their sewer system should an interruption in electrical service occur. The following is pertinent information regarding the sewer system that will be of assistance if an issue arises.

1. Homeowners should not flush "prohibited items" to the grinder system which could cause pump failure and result in expensive repair charges billed to the homeowner. Prohibited items include rags, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, feminine products, chemicals, excessive detergents/bleach, excessive fats, oils, grease, or other items designated by PRCUA.
2. The PRCUA may be reached at 601-799-5259 (after for after hours emergencies 228-205-4101) that the customers can call if they have trouble. The PRCUA is usually able to respond within an hour or two from the time the trouble is reported. The PRCUA keeps an inventory of spare pumps and parts and should be able to resolve most problems within a day.
3. The tank has a liquid capacity of about 146 gallons (90 flushes). Usage will determine how long the pump can be down before you have a sewage problem. In most usual cases, this should be no problem.
4. During most power outages, the tank will have enough storage capacity to provide service during the outage. During extended outages, a portable generator between 4500 - 7000 watts equipped with a 220 capable outlet and an extension cord can be used to pump down the tank. The extension cord is a standard L14-30 twist lock configuration, with a male connector on one end, which plugs into the generator, and a female connector on the other end, which ties into grinder pump control panel. These cords are commonly available from many hardware store outlets, most commonly available in 25' lengths. Make sure to disconnect from the panel once the pump down is completed. Each grinder may need to be pumped once or twice per day, depending on usage. During an extended outage, such as we experienced after Hurricane Katrina, the PRCUA will deploy manpower and portable generators to assist HAWL residents with daily pump downs of the grinder tanks.



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 \$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.

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Your Ad Here

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

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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 for 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.

Autumn 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 \$25.00 per person; all supplies included.

Light snacks will be provided. Reservations are required due to limited availability and can be made by contacting Kandi Smith directly at 228-861-9234.



HAWL-oween at the Lodge

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

Family Friendly Dinner Specials

In addition to the full menu, Waters Edge will be featuring family friendly dinner specials from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm to be enjoyed while attending the Trunk-or-Treat and Family Movie Night. Gather the family for an evening filled with no tricks, all treats.

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.

If you wish to donate candy for this event, bring it to the HAWL Office before October 24, 2025.

Family Movie Night

After enjoying Trunk-or-Treat, 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.

November 8th Lodge Events

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.

Blood Drive 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive through the Blood Center of Picayune. The donation bus will 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.

WOW! Finally Friday

On Friday nights, Waters Edge features HAWL's version of Happy Hour from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Choose from tasty appetizers or the full menu. Everyone and their guests are welcome, whether you have lived in HAWL for years or are new to the community. Enjoy wonderful food and company as you meet your neighbors. Pending special events, WOW will take place every Friday.



Host Your Upcoming Event at Waters Edge

Waters Edge is the perfect venue to host your upcoming event and is conveniently located. 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 information call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 or view our Special Events Brochure online at hawlms.com.

