Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

September 2026

Garbage Collection Guidelines

- Collection date is Monday. Carts must be out no later than 5:00 am. Carts are allowed at the street on Sunday evening and must be returned to the home no later than Monday evening.
- You are allowed to use the Coastal Waste cart that is provided and three additional personal carts. Personal carts must be similar in size to the Coast Cart and may not be round.
- If you wish to purchase an additional cart from CES for $85.00, contact them directly at 985-781-3171.
- All waste must be in a cart for collection. Waste and yard debris do not need to be separated.
- If your carts were not collected, please contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 no later than 11:00 am on Tuesday morning.
- Coastal will collect on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026.

Labor Day Weekend Activities

Saturday, September 5th

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

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

Chicken Wings - Reservations are required for the chicken wings and can be made by calling the HAWL Office. Reserved to-go orders must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

*No menu items available.

Band on the Beach featuring Autumn Ris-N (Thanks to The Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students): 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday, September 6th

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

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

Monday, September 7th

Southgate Closed

HAWL Office Closed

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

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

Reuben Sandwich Special - Full menu also available.

Board Meetings Now on Wednesdays

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2026, Board Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Lodge lower level.

Snow Crab Night with Live Music

Join Waters Edge Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and enjoy snow crab legs with corn and potatoes for $26.99. From 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, acoustic musicians will play Americana music. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.

Mediterranean Dinner at Waters Edge

Saturday, September 19, 2026, Waters Edge will feature a specialized menu of regional dishes from the Mediterranean from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.

Community, Coffee, and Cake with the Board of Directors and General Manager

Saturday, September 26, 2026, enjoy coffee and cake with the Board of Directors and General Manager at 10:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant. This will provide another avenue for property owners to talk to the Board and the General Manager and to ask any questions directly to those who work hard to run our community. Please come to discuss HAWL business with the direct sources to prevent misinformation while building a sense of community and fellowship with other property owners.

Monthly Statements Will Be Delayed

HAWL's fiscal year ends on September 30, 2026. Statements will be sent the first week of October.

Eighth Annual White Linen Night

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 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, "Counting Stars" at the Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge and Pool on October 3, 2026, 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; $60 per person at the door, if available.

Donation tickets can be obtained at Band on the Beach on September 5, 2026, or from any Scholarship Foundation member:

	Ed Ennis 601-347-2473		
Beth Ennis	601-347-6666	Terri Tomlin	504-909-3705
Tom Gibilterra	504-352-1370	Kathy Busco	601-347-9692
Sue Gibilterra	504-610-5368	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
Dr. G's Specialty Foods, LLC	US Foods

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HAWL Board of Directors:

Robin Montalbano, President	601-347-1965
Joe Battaglia, Vice President	504-494-6137
Chad Hurst, Secretary/Treasurer	601-325-4680
Kathy Busco, Director	601-347-9692
Margaret Muller, Director	504-451-2778
John Pigott, Director	601-590-0179
Jim Wells, Director	504-914-3194

Hours of Operation

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Monday, September 7, 2026, for Labor Day

Southgate Usage Hours:

Monday - Friday
5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Closed Monday, September 7, 2026, 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.

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

Visit hawlms.com for Community Information

Hawlms.com is frequently updated with information about community operations and upcoming events. Links to register a visitor in Gate Sentry and to pay your bill online (after signing up through the HAWL Office) can also be found.

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

Follow the link on hawlms.com to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials. If you have an issue, contact the HAWL Office as concerns will not be addressed on Social Media.

Low Intensity Aerobics

Stretching, Strength Training. No floor exercise.
Beginning on Monday, September 28, 2026, classes will be held at the fire station on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:15 am - 9:45 am.
Anyone interested should contact Don Rapp at 601-590-1079.

HAWL Staff:

Bruce Devillier, General Manager	601-798-1484
EMERGENCY ONLY	601-273-0253
Madeline Jacobs, Administrative Manager	
Alisa Wilson, Bookkeeper	
Brittany Goode, 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

Thank You to the Friday Afternoon Men's Group!

A special "THANK YOU!" to the Friday Afternoon Men's Group for the donation of the American flags located as you enter the community and the banners celebrating 250 years of American independence.

Conducting HAWL Business

The Hide-A-Way Lake Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Most HAWL business is able to be conducted over the phone, by email, or through mail. Contact the Office at 601-798-1484 or by email at office@hawlms.net so we may assist you.

Swimming Pool Hours

With Lifeguards

Through September 27th
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, September 5th
10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Labor Day: Monday, September 7th
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Resident Swim

Through Friday, September 25th
Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- **Residents must sign in at the HAWL Office before going to the pool each day.**
- **See the HAWL website for the complete Resident Swim Rules.**

Summer heat has been plentiful. The month of September brings the start of Fall soon and I cannot wait for the cooler fall weather. This summer was another great season in the community. I would like to thank the property owners that help to keep and maintain a family environment for everyone daily. I am so thankful that our Security Department was on point this summer with traffic. Lake patrol was needed and it definitely paid off. Yes, we still have the few folks who are not following the road traffic safety and lake rules, but I could not imagine not having Security. Please thank them when you see them. I personally thank the majority of our property owners who love and work hard to maintain our community.

This month our Board of Directors will join me at our Coffees. Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 10:00 am in Waters Edge Restaurant, enjoy coffee and cake while participating in open communication with the Board of Directors and other property owners at the Community Coffee and Cake. This is another way for property owners to ask questions and express their concerns directly to those who work hard as volunteers to run our community. Please remember, this community runs on the majority. Everyone must work together to get correct communication out so that people who purposely distribute false information will not control the narrative.

The Operational Budget for the 2026 – 2027 Fiscal Year has been completed with the Finance Committee and the HAWL Staff. Please see page 5 of this *Echoes* for details on the Operational and Capital Budgets.

The contract has been signed for both swimming pools renovation projects with Gulf Coast Pool, LLC. Work is scheduled to begin October 6, 2026. Both pools will receive new quartz replaster, completely new plumbing, new coping and tile replacement, new underwater light fixtures, and new wiring. All concrete will be refinished with sprayed cool deck. Diving board stands will be refurbished with new boards and adding a new mushroom water feature and pump for kiddie pool. The total contract is for $372,155.64. Work is scheduled to begin in October of this year. This has been in works since November of last year. Thanks to our Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, and the HAWL staff, we are ready to go come October.

Update on damages from Tropical Storm Arthur are as follows:

- Dirt has been added to the washouts on the sides of main roads. Concrete will be added this month.
- Sandbars that accumulated on the east side of the back horseshoe in the lake are scheduled to be removed September 2, 2026.

The Security Services Contract for an additional five years with Professional Security Corporation has been signed. Contract is through the year 2031 with a clause for renewal.

The owner inspection of the dam and spillway area is due to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality by September 30, 2026.

Maintenance Department staff member James “Mike” Pearce passed the Water Operator Course for a Class D System. Our water system now has three certified water operators: Bryan Blackwell, James “Mike” Pearce, and Bruce Devillier. Please join me in congratulating Mike on his accomplishment! I am very proud of him!

A new garbage contract began on August 3, 2026, with Coastal Environmental Services (CES). Property owners are permitted to use the cart proved by CES and up to three additional personal carts that are similar in size to the CES cart. Garbage and yard debris do not need to be separated; however, all waste must be in a cart. Beginning with the bill due September 25, 2026, garbage will increase from $19.01 to $23.00 per month. If you wish to purchase and additional cart from CES, contact them directly at 985-781-3171.

The final Band on the Beach event is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2026, featuring Autumn Ris-N and will be sponsored by the Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students. Two successful Band of the Beach events took place previously this summer and were greatly enjoyed by property owners. Runaway Train performed on May 23, 2026, and was sponsored by Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. Dead End performed on July 3, 2026, and was sponsored by The Jensen Companies.

Note: Effective next month in September, the monthly Board of Directors meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

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 Coffee and Cake. 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 for Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. **The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm**. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website (hawlms.com) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

Architectural/Variance - Jim Wells
For July 2026, the number of houses to date is 1,008. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 generator, 1 set of outbuildings, and 1 propane tank.

At the work session on August 5, 2026, the Board of Directors approved Greg Crain as a member of the Architectural Committee. If you are interested in joining this committee, or any other committee, please contact the HAWL Office, the committee's Board Representative, or Committee Chairperson.

Finance Committee Report - Chad Hurst
The Treasure's Report had a grand total of $458,548.60.

Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco
The committee did not meet last month. The committee with meet next week.

Lake Quality - Joe Battaglia
Water samples were collected from four locations on August 3, 2026. Test results of all samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of July 2026 was measured at 2.32 inches, which was 4.31 inches below the thirty-year July average of 6.63 inches. Rainfall to date was 40.45 inches which was 6.64 inches above the thirty year-to-date average of 33.81 inches.

The Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for October 17, 2026. For your information, the regular age categories will change as follows: 10 & under; 11 to 18; 19 & older. See the September *Echoes* for complete details of the rodeo Note: Several years have passed since we held a fishing rodeo in the Fall. So join us, call a friend, and enjoy fishing on an Autumn day in beautiful Hide-A-Way Lake. See you there!

Long Range Planning - Robin Montalbano
The first Community Coffee and Cake, which is a town hall style meeting, will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026. The goal is to have this type of meeting quarterly.

Concerning the HOA (Homeowner's Association) and POA (Property Owner's Association): Hide-A-Way Lake began in 1969. The HOA is Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc., the for profit part. This set of by-laws was chartered in 1973. Article 2 Sections 1 and 5 mandate that all affairs and properties be managed by the for profit corporation. The POA is the Property Owner's Association, that is the nonprofit part which owns 100% of the shares of stock in Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. This is where the POA gets its power due to its ownership of stock in Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. The POA Board holds its shares in trust for the property owners. The primary duty of the POA Board is to vote the shares of stock to seat the HOA Board. The election that took place in July 2026 seated Joe Battaglia and John Pigott. Therefore, the POA in turn seats the HOA Board. Comments have been made that there should be two boards instead of one, but Article 5 Section 5.1 states that any candidate running for seat shall be willing to serve on the Board of Directors of Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. while 5.10 states a resignation from one is a resignation from the other. Section 4.2 and 4.3 outline the only meetings permitted for the association are the annual meeting in July and a special meeting. A special meeting would have to be special circumstances called for one single purpose, not an open ended meeting. We understand property owners wanting to have more of a voice, so we came up with a way to do that by trying the town hall style meetings. Microphones will be provided and you will be free to speak with less structure. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and questions.

Social Committee - Margaret Muller
The committee will meet again in September. Events will pick up again in October with the BBB on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, and the kid friendly Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Contact the HAWL Office or see the monthly *Echoes* for more information on these events.

Public Affairs - John Pigott
There is a liquor petition circulating around the county. There will not be a petition at the Lodge; however, there are several locations around town. This is to have the issue put on the November ballot.

Three memorial trees were planted in memory of Sarah Jewel Wilson and were donated by Rodney Wilson and Gail Bennett. The trees were planted at the West Playground.

New Business
The Board of Directors approved the Operational Budget for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year. 1488

HIDE-A-WAY LAKE CLUB, INC.
2026 - 2027 Operating Budget
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2027

Membership dues	$972,414
Restaurant sales	$220,000
Water service	$375,500
Garbage fees	$277,380
Sewage fees	$11,328
Security fees	$277,355
Capital contributions	$218,520
Interest income	$12,000
Other income	$211,830
Total Revenue	$2,576,327
EXPENSES	
Restaurant, cost of food	$99,000
Payroll	$642,100
Payroll Taxes	$54,257
Employee Medical, Life, and LTD	$48,701
Workmen's Compensation insurance	$6,528
Restaurant supplies and expenses	$4,800
Insurance liability	$110,174
Guard service	$467,905
Garbage collection costs	$277,380
Repairs and maintenance	$109,700
Utilities	$68,600
Lodge supplies	$12,500
Office supplies and expense	$32,500
Professional services	$28,695
Taxes and licenses	$26,500
Public relations	$15,500
Social Community Events	$4,500
Fuel and oil	$27,000
Bad debt expense	$4,200
Telephone	$12,000
Employee food	$5,700
Fire protection	$4,800
Interest expenses	$8,160
Miscellaneous expenses	$17,100
Depreciation	$377,969
Total Expenses	$2,466,268
Net Income (Loss)	$110,058

- The new fiscal year's Operating Budget begins on October 1, 2026, and ends on September 30, 2027. **Please note that statements for September, due October 25, 2026, 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; 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 1,292 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 three fiscal years ago. Our business operation is broken down into different areas: restaurant, maintenance, water system, security, 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, $548,500 has been planned for the following capital improvements beginning this October.

- The largest project scheduled is our swimming pool. The contract has been signed for both pools renovation projects with Gulf Coast Pool, LLC. Work is scheduled to begin October 6, 2026. Both pools will receive new quartz replaster, completely new plumbing, new coping and tile replacement, new underwater light fixtures, and new wiring. All concrete will be refinished with sprayed cool deck. Diving board stands will be refurbished with new boards and adding a new mushroom water feature and pump for kiddie pool. The total contract is for $372,155.64. Work is scheduled to begin in October of this year.

Capital Project	Budgeted Cost
Pool Renovation	$380,000
Lake Management	$25,000
Office and Security Gates Technology	$18,500
New Deck at Pool	$90,000
Water System	$35,000
Total	$548,500

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 (hawlms.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.hawlms.com.**
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from listserver@hawlms.com shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder as well.) 0524

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

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

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

1. Homeowners should not flush "prohibited items" to the grinder system which could cause pump failure and result in expensive repair charges billed to the homeowner. Prohibited items include rags, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, feminine products, chemicals, excessive detergents/bleach, excessive fats, oils, grease, or other items designated by PRCUA.
2. The PRCUA has a 24 hour telephone number (601-799-5259 or after for after hours emergencies 228-205-4101) that the customers can call if they have trouble. The PRCUA is usually able to respond within an hour or two from the time the trouble is reported. The PRCUA keeps an inventory of spare pumps and parts and should be able to resolve most problems within a day.
3. The tank has a liquid capacity of about 146 gallons (90 flushes). Usage will determine how long the pump can be down before you have a sewage problem. In most usual cases, this should be no problem.
4. **During most power outages, the tank will have enough storage capacity to provide service during the outage. During extended outages, a portable generator between 4500 - 7000 watts equipped with a 220 capable outlet and an extension cord can be used to pump down the tank. The extension cord is a standard L14-30 twist lock configuration, with a male connector on one end, which plugs into the generator, and a female connector on the other end, which ties into grinder pump control panel. These cords are commonly available from many hardware store outlets, most commonly available in 25' lengths. Make sure to disconnect from the panel once the pump down is completed. Each grinder may need to be pumped once or twice per day, depending on usage. During an extended outage, such as we experienced after Hurricane Katrina, the PRCUA will deploy manpower and portable generators to assist HAWL residents with daily pump downs of the grinder tanks.**

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.

Kid Friendly Options at Waters Edge

In addition to the full menu, Waters Edge features a Kids Menu with options sure to impress even the pickiest eaters. Little ones can choose from chicken nuggets, fried shrimp, burger or a grilled cheese sandwich. All options include their choice of either French fries or potato chips.

WOW! Finally Friday

Waters Edge features HAWL's version of Happy Hour on Friday nights 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; however, check online under the Weekly Specials for changes.

Waters Edge Weekly Specials

Each week Waters Edge features a rotating appetizer and dessert in addition to daily specials. Be sure to stop by Waters Edge to not only enjoy mouthwatering weekly additions, but the full menu as well. Waters Edge may be reached directly during operational hours at 769-717-4133.

Contact Waters Edge Directly

Waters Edge may be reached directly instead of first contacting the HAWL Office and then being transferred. During Waters Edge operational hours, simply call 769-717-4133 to speak to the restaurant directly.

HAWL Billing FAQ

1. What does a dollar amount in parentheses mean? Parentheses indicate a credit and will appear anytime you pay more than what is actually owed.

2. I've seen "BBF" on my statement; what does that mean? BBF stands for "Balance Brought Forward" and is the amount as of a previous date.

3. I made a payment but can't find that specific dollar amount on my bill. Anytime you pay more than what is actually due, the payment will be split up and applied to the BBF. Any remaining money from the payment will be applied to new charges (thus showing how the credit was applied).

4. I paid my bill online through my bank. Why didn't it appear as a payment on my bill and why did I get a late fee? Whenever a bank sends a payment on your behalf, they send HAWL a physical check from a processing center possibly located in another state. Often times the check does not reach HAWL by the cutoff date. To avoid a late fee, allow extra time for the physical check to reach HAWL.

5. The due date for the bill fell on a weekend/ holiday. When is the bill actually due? Payments are always due in the Office on the 25th of the month, regardless if that day is on the weekend or is a holiday. On the first business day after the 25th, the Office begins to process statements. To avoid late fees, you need to allow enough time for your payment to go through the postal system. Payments left in the payment box or submitted on the HAWL website using ACH by 6:00 am prior to statement processing will be considered on-time.

6. What are the capital reserve and the operational fee? The capital reserve is a fund that is set aside for capital projects, such as road paving, bridge repairs, playground equipment, etc. The operational fee pays for HAWL to run on a day-to-day basis. zero one four nine

Receive Your Bill by Email and Avoid Late Fees

Avoid the risk of your payment arriving late or getting lost in the mail by signing up with HAWL for online ACH payments. Choose either automatic draft on one of four dates or manual payments where you initiate the payment. All property owners who utilize ACH will enjoy the extra benefit of receiving their bill by email instead of a physical copy. Property Owners wishing to pay their bills online must first complete and return an ACH Authorization Form which can be obtained from the HAWL website (hawlms.com) under the "forms" tab or from the HAWL Office.

For Your Convenience

There are locked payment boxes conveniently located in the inside lane at the main Guard House when you exit the community and at the Lodge in front of the Restaurant. This is a great way to save money on postage and to drop off correspondence for the Office.

Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: July 2026

Traffic Violations	**129**
Property	**3**
Animal Nuisance	**2**
Common Property	**2**
Lake Violations	**2**
Theft/Vandalism/Malicious Mischief	**1**
Incident Reports	**192**

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.

Interactions with Security

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 choose Safety Over Speed.

STOP at All Stop Signs

Drivers must come to a full and complete stop at all stop signs. Slowing down or rolling through stop signs does not qualify as a stop. Also, the vehicle in front of you stopping does not constitute a stop for your vehicle. Citations will be used for incomplete stops.

Don't Drive Distracted

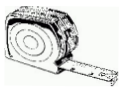
As a driver, it is vital to remain undistracted while driving (i.e. no texting, speeding, etc.). Several mailboxes over the past few months have been accidentally hit by drivers who were not paying attention to the road. This not only prevents property damage, but promotes a safer roadway for everyone.

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.

Community Safety Is a Team Effort

The Hide-A-Way Lake community strives to maintain a peaceful and safe environment for all who live and visit here. In order for this atmosphere to be maintained, all property owners and residents must work together in partnership with the Security staff in order to protect, maintain, enhance, and preserve not only the community, but your home value as well. Roadway safety is a much needed area of improvement community wide. Please be mindful that you are obeying the speed limit, stopping at all stop signs, and making focused driving a priority. By working together, community safety is a goal we can accomplish.



Architectural Monthly Recap
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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.**

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 <u>not</u> flushable and will damage the system.

HAWL Water Meter Boxes

Please be aware of the water meter box on your property. Typically, water meters are located near the street side property line. Help keep the water meter box intact by not parking on it or mowing over it. Fees will be assessed for damage due to negligence.

Don't Leave Your Trash Cart at the Street

Trash carts should not be out by the curb until Sunday evening and should be put back by the house no later than Monday 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.

Covenant #54

All Lots, whether occupied or unoccupied, and any improvements placed thereon shall at all times be maintained in such a manner as not to become dangerous to life or property by reason of decay, lack of maintenance, infestation of rodents, dead tree(s), and excessive growth (such as over grown weeds or grass). The unsightly accumulation of rubbish, debris, unused materials and furnishings is prohibited. No garbage or refuse shall be dumped, stored, or accumulated on any Lot or be thrown on any Lot or roadway or common area or into the Lake.

Cutting Dead Trees & Trimming Branches

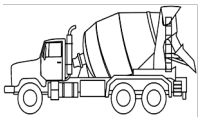
26. No sod, soil or trees shall be removed from any Lot for any commercial use. Cutting of trees larger than five (5") inches in diameter measured at breast height shall be done only upon written approval of the Club.

A permit is not needed to cut limbs or shrubbery. If a neighbor's tree has branches that come into your airspace, you are allowed to cut them. HAWL **STRONGLY** advises communicating with your neighbor prior to doing so as working together is recommended.

Concrete Inspections

Prior to concrete trucks being allowed in HAWL to pour concrete for an approved Building Permit, the HAWL Office must be contacted a minimum of one business day (24 hours) so that the forms may be inspected by HAWL per the Building Code.

4.3.3 The contractor must arrange with the Hide-A-Way Lake Club Office for the following listed inspections at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of need. Note that no concrete for foundation, driveway, sidewalk, patio or outbuilding is to be poured before inspection.



E-9-1-1 Addressing

Per Pearl River County Ordinance 97-3, you must post your address number at the end of your driveway and on your structure in four inch reflective numbers. This is for your safety so that first responders are able to locate you and/or your loved ones in case of an emergency.

Wildlife Awareness Guidelines

HAWL is full of wildlife such as raccoons, foxes, coyotes, deer, geese, feral cats, hogs, etc. Feeding wildlife is not only harmful to the animals' health, but it is also unsafe for you since many wild animals become dangerous after they are fed. We have received many reports of wild animal sightings over the last few months including coyotes. HAWL has partnered with the appropriate agencies for assistance, possible removal, and how to coexist.

If you feed your pet outdoors, remove any leftover food.

Avoid letting smaller or older pets outdoors at night, dusk, and dawn. These are the most active hunting times for most predators. Larger pets are less likely to be a target.

Keep pets leashed and under your immediate control to prevent unwanted animal interactions.

Feeding any wildlife (geese, ducks, etc.) attracts other wildlife. Bird feeders attract birds, but they also attract squirrels, rabbits, rats, and mice which are the main diet of foxes, coyotes, and other predators.

Be aware of your surroundings. If you spot a wild animal, remain calm and do not allow it to become overly confident. Find a way to keep the animal moving. Raise your arms to make yourself seem bigger, use a car horn, air horn, noisemaker, shouting, or anything to keep the animal moving. Never turn your back. Make a note of the time, location, and frequency that you spot the animal.

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Inform Security or the HAWL Office if you see any type of dangerous wildlife activity with the date, time, and location. The more information provided, the better.

Your Ad Here

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

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Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 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 scrumptious lunch with dessert while playing ten games of bingo for $15.00 per person. Shopping begins at 10:00 am followed by bingo starting at 11:00 am. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office.

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.

Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Dusk (October 16th) - 12:00 pm (October

The Fishing Rodeo will begin at dusk October 16th and end at noon October 17th. Pick up a map of fishing habitat locations at the Lodge, HAWL website, or East Marina Pavilion (when scales are open) to locate fishing spots. Weigh-in will be at the East Marina Pavilion by the Lodge. The scales open at 9:00 am and close at noon. Awards will be presented at 12:30 pm. There will be only one weigh-in per fisherman; all fish must be caught by hook and line. There will be four fish categories (bass, bream/bluegill, crappie, and catfish). Note changes in age groups: 10 and under, 11 - 18, and 19 and older. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes for the largest total weight of fish will be awarded in all age groups in each fish category. **(Entry limit for bass, bream/bluegill, and crappie is up to five fish. Unlimited catfish may be entered.)** A separate trophy open to all age groups will be presented for Largest Bass. There is no need to register for this FREE Rodeo. For more information, call the Office at 601-798-1484. **No skiing or tubing will be allowed on the lake during the fishing rodeo.**

THEY WERE DYING TO DANCE

A 1970's Prom Murder Mystery Dinner Show
UPDATED THEME

Saturday, October 17, 2026, Alexis Theatre Productions presents a Murder Mystery Dinner Show at Waters Edge. Doors open at 6:15 pm; Show at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $45.00 person and includes a three course meal, costume contest, commemorative photo, and prizes for winning sleuths. Enjoy loaded potato skins, bourbon chicken with white rice, grilled broccoli medley, and lava cake while solving this 1970's prom themed who done it! Reservations are required as space is limited and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

The Holidays Are Around the Corner - Plan Your Holiday Event at Waters Edge!

For more information, call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 or view our Event Brochure at hawlms.com.

Fall Fun at the Lodge Rescheduled

Rescheduled to Saturday, October 24, 2026, join the HAWL Social Committee for two family friendly events at the Lodge. Rain date (for Festival and Movie Night) will be on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

HAWL Fall Festival

Enjoy games, trunk-or-treat, and Touch a Truck with classic cars and utility vehicles from 9:00 am - 11:30 am for elementary school age children in the Lodge parking lot. Costumes are highly encouraged.

If you would like to participate in this event by setting up/hosting games, handing out candy from your vehicle/golf cart, or letting kids see your work vehicle or classic car up close, contact the HAWL Office. Participants are responsible for providing their own games, individually wrapped candy or treats, tables, decorations, etc. Set up begins at 8:00 am.

If you wish to donate candy for this event, bring it to the HAWL Office before October 23, 2026.

Family Dinner Night

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

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.

The Great Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 31, 2026
Lodge Parking Lot 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

- Rain date is November 7, 2026. The decision to postpone/cancel will be made at 3:00 pm the day before the Rummage Sale.
- Cost of each space (2 parking spots) is $20. (Total rented space measures 18' x 18').
- Limit of two spaces (four parking spots) per property owner.
- Non-typical rummage sale items must be 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).
- Setup is the day of the Rummage Sale; no earlier than 6:30 am and must be completed by 7:30 am and all vehicles must be removed from the area.
- Participants are required to remove all of their unsold items, boxes, and debris after the event.
- After the event, HOPE Thrift by the PRCSPCA will collect donations of unsold items (excluding clothing) for their store.
- No shows will still be charged. Call the Office for reservations.

Breakfast Buffet

On October 31, 2026, join Waters Edge for a breakfast buffet (served by staff) including an omelet station from 8:00 am - 10:30 am . The cost is $14.99 for adults, $7.99 for children 5 - 12, and free for children 4 and under.