

# LAKESWOOD LEDGER

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### President's Message:

It's hard to believe, but another year has gone by already. It seems like only yesterday that I was sending out my first letter and welcoming new members; now I write to you as my year as President comes to a close.

This has been a year in which we have seen many challenges. Starting in February with a huge late season snowfall that hit our budget and our community with nearly 3' of snow. Then in May we implemented a new photo ID system that tested our staff, and our resources, but in the end proved very successful and worth the effort. Then we rolled into July and August where we encountered what seemed like endless challenges with pool equipment, vendors, and influences that were outside our control. Thru it all, the board, the staff, and the community came together and it is with great pride that I am able to say that I have been a contributor to this truly outstanding community.

As I end my year in office, I want to say thank you to everyone who helps make this community what it is for the residents. Thru the efforts of the board, we have been able to maintain our assessments at the lowest level of any community around, and still offer terrific amenities to our residents. I continue to be humbled by the energy and talents that our residents continue to volunteer. Because of these selfless volunteers, we are able to execute an Easter event, a community garage sale, a summer movie night (this year combined with music in the park) and a candy cane lane event that all draw our residents together, and allow us to be a true community. It is my honor to be an active participant in this community.

As I complete my term, I feel I need to say thank you to some terrific people, who have been invaluable to this community. All of the members of the board, your efforts and commitment help make everything else possible. Jennifer Milewski and the events committee who create, and execute all of the wonderful family events. Victoria and Sarah who keep our property running and help insure that the property runs smoothly. Last but not least, Chris Caldwell and all of the pool staff who handled the largest change our community has seen, and not only made it successful, but also kept a rough pool season running smoothly. To each and everyone of you, my heartfelt "Thank You".

As my term as President draws to a close, my commitment to the community does not. I look forward to seeing you all at future events, and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Bob Jones

The Events Committee has worked diligently to make 2011 our best year ever! We have the following events left on the calendar so please come out and enjoy:

### SAT, December 10th-

We will host our annual CANDY CANE LANE event on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to Noon at the South Clubhouse. We have confirmed that both Mr. and MRS. Clause will be here and there will also be rides in a horse drawn wagon along with games, crafts and refreshments. As always, this event is free (we will be accepting voluntary donations for the Kendall County Food Bank if anyone would like to donate) and open to all so please come help celebrate the season.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Caroling!

Whether you sing professionally, or have been banned from karaoke in 47 states, we need your voice. On Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM we will be hosting our first every Christmas Caroling event. We are looking for enough brave souls to form 2 groups, and carol on both the North and South sides at the same time. We will start and end at the South Clubhouse, and you will be paid in cookies and hot cocoa. Please come out and join us for what we are certain will be a fun event.

For more information please contact Meg McGarry at: [meg\\_mcgarry@hotmail.com](mailto:meg_mcgarry@hotmail.com)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT BOB JONES  
VICE PRESIDENT BOB HYDE  
TREASURER JOHN FAWVER  
SECRETARY MEG MCGARRY  
MEMBER AT LARGE RICH AUBREY

## PROPERTY MANAGER

VICTORIA WEBB



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

### Calling all aspiring Clark Griswolds!

Lakewood Springs is proud to announce that we will be hosting our second annual holiday lights contest. There is no need to register, just light the night, and we will do the rest. Our elves (from outside the community) will be patrolling the community on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and winners will receive their hearty handshake and pat on the back (as well as a framed certificate that proclaims their illumination skills) at the Quarterly board meeting in February. Don't be a "Cousin Eddie" Light it up and make old Clark proud. We are looking for the top 12 properties in the community to light the way.

# LAKWOOD LEDGER

## NEW ESCALATING FINING SCHEDULE STARTS JANUARY 1:

One of the greatest frustrations for both the Board of Directors, and the Residents of the community are the folks who refuse to follow the rules. Not the resident that occasionally leaves a garbage can out an extra day or brings a work truck home for a special occasion, but those residents that just flat out thumb their nose at the rules of the community. Over time what we have found is that there are some individuals who do not care to follow the rules, and to whom the current \$25 fine is not a sufficient motivator. In fact, we have had residents of our community tell us that it is cheaper to pay the \$25 monthly fine, than to correctly address the issue. In an effort to clean up the community, and raise the standard of living for everyone, the Board has voted (5-0) to impose and new escalating fine schedule. The fines will escalate, and every violation will start an 18 month "probationary period". Once a resident has been fined, they will have 18 months where another violation will result in the next tier of fines, and the restart of the "probationary period". This schedule will go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 and the fines are as follow.

**1<sup>st</sup> Violation \$50 (up from \$25)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Violation \$100**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Violation \$250**

So if a resident get a fine on January 1 2012 it will be \$50, and if no more violations occur before June 30 2013, then the resident will go back to a \$50 fine on the next violation. If however the resident gets another violation on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, then the fine will be \$100 and the 18 month timer will start over from that point.

The board hopes that the net result of this new schedule will be fewer violations, and fewer fines because those folks that currently choose not to follow the rules will be more motivated now.

## NEW BOARD ELECTED

On Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Lakewood Springs HOA held their annual election meeting. There were 2 open seats up for election. For the second year in a row, there were enough proxies to allow the vote to move forward (we need 180 proxies to hold the election). At the end of the evening, the board was able to welcome 2 new members as write in candidates Cory Thomas and Denise Goyack joined existing members Bob Hyde, John Fawver and Meg McGarry. The new board would like to say thank you to exiting board members Bob Jones and Rich Aubrey for all of their hard work, and we look forward to building on the foundation that has been laid by the past boards.

## 2012 HOA BOARD

**PRESIDENT BOB HYDE**  
**VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FAWVER**  
**TREASURER DENISE GOYACK**  
**SECRETARY MEG MCGARRY**  
**MEMBER AT LARGE CORY THOMAS**



The Board and staff of the Lakewood Springs HOA would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and a wonderful and prosperous New Year in 2012.