

# **LAKE LAFAYETTE NEWSLETTER**

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## **City-wide Cleanup Completed**

This year's city-wide cleanup was held in late June and managed to again fill two large dumpsters with a wide array of stuff. The original plan was to only provide one dumpster, due to budget constraints, with the cost shared by the city and the Landowners Association, but due to the expected volume, the Association decided to add another container so as to not leave residents stranded with loads of stuff and no place to put it. The two containers were filled to the brim by Sunday evening, so the project was deemed to be a big success. Next year will probably provide for another collection, most likely again in June while the weather is still decent.

## **Spring Elections for City Government, Association Board**

Elections will be held next April for both organizations. The Association board has one position up for election at the association's annual meeting in late April, that being the seat currently held by Bob Heggestad. Bob has indicated he will probably seek another term. Others are welcome to file and join the race. Filing for this election takes place in January, with a deadline of February 1. Anyone filing for the Association board must be a property owner and be paid up on assessments on all lots owned at the time of filing. Contact the Association office during normal open hours for any additional information, or to pick up a filing form.

On the city side, two alderman positions (those held by Deb Thompson and Mark Thompson) will be up for vote, that election being on the first Tuesday in April. Filing for the city positions takes place at city hall offices, beginning in late December with the deadline in mid-January. Anyone filing for city office must be a city resident for at least a year and must be current on all taxes at the time of filing. Check with the city staff during office hours for additional details.

In the 2019 spring election, Don Guyer was re-elected to another term on the Landowners board, and Nancy Asbury was elected to the spot formerly held by Jeremiah Cox. On the city election, Donny Reynolds was elected mayor and Mike Betts and Carol Jeffries were elected as aldermen.

## **On-Line Info**

After several years of maintaining the Landowners Association website, the board decided last spring to discontinue that effort and convert to a Facebook page. The effort required to maintain and update the website was unreasonable, and as a result it was not kept up in a timely fashion. The Facebook listing is maintained under the name "LakeLafayetteInfo!" This will be kept current with timely news about activities in the community, so if you are a Facebook practitioner, follow it and stay up-to-date. This is open to all residents and property owners, so if you are one of those, please request to join the page and you will be accepted. Also, you may call or text office manager Carol Jeffries any time with questions, at 816-935-1623..

## Lake Privileges and Trespassers

As you know, the policy of the Association is to allow access to the lakes and parks only for eligible property owners and their family members. An eligible property owner is any owner who is paid up on assessments and carries a current owner ID card. A family member is anyone in the owner's family who has also been granted a card - - but not all family members are eligible. If an eligible owner has a family member who is also a property owner but is delinquent on assessments on his own property, that family member is NOT eligible to use the lakes. For example, let's say that John Doe is a property owner with all assessments paid up, but John has a brother or cousin Joe who owns his own lot but is behind on assessments. John will be issued an ID card as owner, but Joe will not be eligible for a card. If we find Joe on the lake, he is subject to charge for trespassing. The city police are now working with us on the problem of unauthorized use of the lakes, and will be issuing tickets for trespassing to unauthorized users.

## Volunteers Needed

From time to time we take on projects to improve the overall lot of owners and residents of the lake community. In the case of larger projects, this requires volunteers from the community to help make things happen. Board members can do some of the smaller things, but for bigger projects like the rebuilding of the dock, volunteers are needed. We sometimes hear that people would like to help, but there is no process in place to organize these folks with the work to be done. So, we are challenging anyone who would like to donate some effort to make things happen, to contact Landowners office manager Carol Jeffries or board member Renee Floyd to make your thoughts known, so they can organize the project and match the doers up with the things needing done. Either can be reached by leaving a message on the office phone or on their personal cell phones. See the contact listings below. Carol's personal number is listed under the city Board of Aldermen, since she is involved with both organizations.

## Who to Call for Services

Emergency calls (24 hours)	911
Police (non-emergency, sheriff's office)	1-660-584-2104
Fire District (non-emergency)	816-633-7182
Lake Lafayette City offices*	816-633-8783
Landowners Association office*	816-230-5976

\*(Office hours for both are Tues, Thurs & Sat 9:00 a.m. to noon)

### Landowners Association Board Members:

Jean Dyer	816-230-4489
Bob Heggstad	816-230-7615
Renee Floyd	660-525-1649
Don Guyer	816-616-2974
Nancy Asbury	816-661-4227

### City officials:

Mayor (Donny Reynolds)	816-661-5099
Board of Aldermen	
Mike Betts	816-230-8747
Carol Jeffries	816-935-1623
Deb Thompson	660-238-7256
Mark Thompson	660-633-9923