New USSA Security Chief Now on the Job

by Ruth Hood, Publications Editor

Shift Captain Gary Brown of USSA has a brand new title. As of January 15, he stepped into the job of Security Chief, replacing former Chief Kelly Clark. As Chief, he has set out several goals he wishes to achieve. His first goal is to spend time getting out into the community to let members know that he wants to hear their concerns. He would like to follow Chief Dodson’s example, admittedly a hard act to follow, to establish good relationships in the community, and he plans to be available to members at board meetings, by phone, and in person.

Timeliness in reporting problems is very important. Chief Brown encourages members to contact Security as soon as possible when they notice a problem and provide as much information as possible: time and location of the problem, details, such as description of car, license number, etc. It is hard to resolve issues when too much time has passed.

His second goal is to add five or six new officers to his department. He is currently in the interviewing process. New hires will receive training in the Security office and will spend 90 days on access control at the front gate before they go out on patrol. His department does patrol the entire LOW area night and day, including the main LOWA facilities and the 40-some miles of roads in our community. Congratulations on your promotion, Chief Brown! We wish you great success in this new job.

On page 17 of this issue is an article about the new Smart911 system that is in place in Orange County, the first one in Virginia. You are encouraged to provide information to that service if you have family members who may need special assistance. The information you enter into that system provides a wealth of information about you and your family which will be available only to officers when a problem arises.

Top Ten Environmental Resources Violations

by Jessie Graves, Environmental Resources Manager

This is an ongoing addition to Lake Currents to educate members of the most often cited violations. In each issue we will highlight one of the top ten violations and give the Regulation information as it relates to the violation. If you have any questions, please call Jessie Graves at 972-5548.

1. Placing leaves and debris into LOWA right-of-ways
2. Littering in LOWA right-of-ways
3. Improper use of phosphate lawn fertilizer
4. Failure to obtain approved permit for right-of-way improvements
5. Failure to maintain shoreline stabilization
6. Improper downspout runoff
7. Failure to use proper Erosion & Sediment controls during new construction
8. Uncontrolled downspout runoff
9. Uncontrolled outfall runoff
10. Improper use of phosphate lawn fertilizer

REMINDERS

Holcomb Building open Saturdays, 9 AM to 1 PM

Presentation of Proposed FY2013 Budget January 26 at 10 AM in Community Center

Quarterly Assessment Payments Due February 1

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Speeding in Lake of the Woods
by Jim Walsh, President, LOWA Board of Directors

Speeding on our roads is one of the most frequent member complaints. Because we now have more children living in Lake of the Woods who walk to and from the school bus, it is essential that residents check their speed to keep children safe. As a reminder for parents, your children walk on the roads when it is dark, so please make sure they wear reflective clothing.

**Speed Limits**

We have two speed limits in Lake of the Woods. The speed limit on Lakeview Parkway is twenty-five miles an hour and fifteen miles an hour on some of our secondary roads. If you are caught speeding, we have two categories: non-flagrant which is 19 miles an hour over the speed limit and flagrant which is 20 miles or more over the speed limit. For both non-flagrant and flagrant violations you have the right to appear before the Legal and Compliance Committee (LCC) hearing which is held the third Wednesday of every month at 8 PM in the Holcomb Building. It is open to the public. If you are a chronic speeder or have one in the family, I encourage you to attend a hearing to see how we handle violations in our community.

**Flagrant Violations**

We have a total of ten flagrant violations in Lake of the Woods. For the sake of brevity I will deal with the above-mentioned speeding, along with reckless driving, causing an accident, and accumulating three moving violations within any 12-month period. If you are found guilty of these offenses by LCC, the maximum fine they can assess, set by state law, is $50. LCC will then send a letter to your Board of Directors informing us that you have been found guilty of committing a flagrant violation. A hearing will be scheduled before the Board, and you have the right to appear and plead your case. The Board can either exonerate you, uphold the fine imposed by LCC, or issue additional punishment by suspending your bar code for up to ninety days. The bar code suspension can apply to all residents of the household, and in the case of a tenant-occupied home, the homeowner. Can you imagine losing access to the back gate or, perhaps worse yet, having to use the visitor’s lane every time you enter our wonderful community? What an inconvenience. If you speed, slow down. If you have family members who speed, tell them to slow down.

**Referral to OC Sheriff’s Office**

A new tool available to your Board deals with habitual offenders. We now can direct our attorney to take a member to court in Orange County and have the case adjudicated before a Judge. This option can be used if all else fails. If that person is found guilty they will be subject to state law. Think of the potential time and expense that might involve.

**You can help**

In addition to slowing down to reduce your own speed, you can allow security to park a patrol car in your driveway for speed enforcement. If speeding is a problem on your street, please contact your neighborhood watch captain and send them an email with your name, lot, and section number stating that you authorize security to use your driveway to park their vehicles for speed enforcement.
ASSOCIATION NEWS

General Manager’s Report
by Phil Rodenberg, General Manager, LOWA

Security Contract Town Hall Results - Two big takeaways from the January 9 Security Contract Town Hall meeting hosted by the Safety and Security Committee are helping LOWA prepare to negotiate a new three-year contract for security services. In considering all the duties that the security force performs, LOWA members responded to the question, “If you had one more dollar to spend on security, where would you spend it?” by saying it should be spent on (1) the back gate or (2) road patrol. While I believe security’s first duty is to handle visitor management at the front gate effectively, I agree that each of these need more attention. Manning the back gate got the most member comments. The back gate has some real constraints to overcome before we can provide a security guard there. The drive lane is too short to allow good vehicle stacking, and the space between the entrance and exit is too narrow to set a guard house. The ongoing expense of posting a guard must also be weighed. Still, once we hire the new security contractor, we will explore the benefits and costs of increasing security’s presence at the back gate.

New Security Chief
A warm welcome goes out to Chief Gary Brown, our new security chief as of January 15. Chief Brown served previously as the morning shift captain and is quite familiar with our community. Thanks go out to Chief Kelly Clark for his service. Kelly has been reassigned by U.S. Security Associates, and we wish him success in his new post.

GPS for Deliveries
Members are encouraged to tell stores making deliveries and contractors sending workers to use Lake of the Woods Parkway at the front gate and not to rely on GPS. Delivery and contractor trucks arriving at the back gate are redirected to the front gate by security. This often results in frustration and delay. GPS companies use the fastest route to a location and unfortunately, that is by way of the restricted access back gate for much of LOW. We reported to Google Maps that the correct central address for LOW is the Holcomb Building (102 Lakeview Parkway) in an effort to influence GPS routing. To see change, we count on Google accepting our change and on drivers updating their GPS maps. Meanwhile, please urge stores and contractors to aim toward Lake of the Woods Parkway, which is the short roadway connecting Route 3 to the Clubhouse.

Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
January 5, 2013, 9 AM, Community Center

Present
Dave McKee, Vice President
Olive Kelly, Treasurer
Jon Anderson
Ernie Meier
Jim Walsh

Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager
Linda Brooks, Recorder (from 10 AM)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Vice President McKee called the meeting to order at 9 AM in the Community Center.

1. Executive Session
Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 9:01 AM for the purpose of discussing matters involving violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants and guests or other invitees are responsible; and to discuss pending or probable litigation.

2. Open Session
2.1 Call to Order
Motion by Meier, passed unanimously, to enter into Open Session at 10:03 AM, and to affirm that the Board met earlier today in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters involving violations of the Declaration of Restrictions and Regulations for which a member, his family members, tenants, guests or other invitees are responsible, and to discuss pending or probable litigation; and also met in Executive Session on Friday, December 28, for the purpose of discussing and considering contracts.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2.3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.

2.4. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2012, and December 21, 2012
Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting.
Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of December 21, 2012, Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

3. Reports
3.1. Report from Orange County District Supervisor Lee Frame reported that the Board continues to look for ways to reduce a possible 19% increase in the real estate tax. They are keeping an eye on the

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LOW MARKET STATS (through 1/21/2013) as reported in Metropolitan Regional Information Systems: 82 active listings 18 homes under contract 13 homes sold since 1/1/2013

It’s another beautiful day at the Lake!

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Board Minutes, from p. 3

next Virginia General Assembly relative to proposals to turn road funding over to the counties, unfunded mandates, and other areas where new legislation could affect our county budget. Relocation of the LOWA compactor site remains in the Comprehensive Improvement program for 2015; any improvements at the current site, such as asphalt replacement and handling erosion and contamination issues will be addressed, if necessary.

3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff

Sheriff Mark Amos reported that in the month of December there were 2273 calls for service in Orange County, 48 of those from LOW. They served 729 civil papers, 114 warrants, performed 22 transports, and issued 88 summonses. In LOW, 63 civil papers were served and 20 traffic tickets written on Route 3 for a total of 381 traffic tickets for the year.

The Sheriff reported a quiet December. A man was arrested for vehicular vandalism on December 22. A new policy was established to provide additional patrols in and around Orange County schools in response to the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, last month.

The Department has been low on manpower since last May, but recently hired staff is expected to fill that gap. The Department will need to ask the County for additional funding for increased staff this coming year when the new Walmart store opens.

3.3 Report from USSA Security

Security Chief Kelly Clark reported that in December they had 113 calls for service as follows: 23 complaints (14 of those were animal complaints), two domestic disputes, six auto accidents, six trespassing reports, two assaults, three thefts, ten vandalism incidents and eight welfare checks, with the remainder being of a miscellaneous nature. There were no lake incidents. Ninety traffic summonses were issued and 48 cars registered. Staff completed 97% of their tour positive schedule.

3.4 Report from LOW Fire & Rescue

President Tim Bettendorf reported that in 2012 LOW Volunteer Fire & Rescue received 1544 calls, 912 of those for service inside LOW. Rescue’s share was 1068 calls, with the remaining 376 calls for the Fire Department. He mentioned that volunteer staffing is going down at a time when staffing needs will increase in this area of the County. Fire and Rescue has applied for a FEMA grant to help pay for replacement of an engine, a very expensive item for which local funding is not available.

3.5 Report from Orange County School Board

Representative Jim Hopkins noted that there are no newly-elected members to the School Board this year, and that the regular joint meetings with the Board of Supervisors has resulted in better communication between the groups.

3.6 Reports of Officers

Vice President’s Report

Vice President McKee reported that in addition to President Shope, Secretary Brown resigned from the Board on December 29, 2012. The Board will be electing two new Board members today.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Kelly had no report at this time.

3.6.1 Committee Changes

Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, to approve the following Committee changes as listed in the memo dated January 5, 2013:

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3.6.2 Executive Session Actions

The Board voted unanimously to bar entry to LOW of two individuals and one family, restrict access of three people, and deactivate the barcodes of two individuals. They accepted the request of one person, and denied the appeal in the case of another person.

3.6.3 Acceptance of Director Brown’s Resignation

Motion by Anderson to accept Director Brown’s resignation. Yea: Anderson, Meier and Walsh. Nay: Kelly. Motion passed 3 to 1.

3.6.4 Selection of Directors to Fill Vacant Seats

Vice President McKee explained the election process that would be used to fill the two vacant Board seats and asked for nominations.

The names of the following individuals were placed in nomination:

- Richard Delio, nominated by Director Olive Kelly
- Dan Greene, nominated by Director Ernie Meier
- Jim Hutchinson, nominated by Director Dave McKee
- Louisa Ruckch, nominated by Director Jim Walsh
- Mike Rugless, nominated by Director Jon Anderson

3.6.5 Election of President

Vice President McKee asked for nominations from the Board to fill the office of President.

- Director Meier nominated Jim Walsh.
- Director Kelly nominated Jon Anderson.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

- Director Walsh was elected to the office of President of the Board.

3.6.6 Election Results

Vice President McKee then handed the gavel over to President Walsh, who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

3.6.7 Election of Secretary

President Walsh asked for nominations from the Board to fill the office of Secretary.

- Director Anderson nominated Louisa Rucker.
- There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

- Votes for Director Rucker: Yea: 4, Nay: 1.
- Director Rucker was elected to the office of Secretary of the Board.

3.7 Report of the General Manager

November Financials

Mr. Rodenberg reported that the net year-to-date budget was $148,074 at the end of November, 2012, with all operation centers showing a positive variance except Golf Operations (-$30k) and the Equestrian Center (-$13k).

Finance Policies Related to the Annual Independent Audit

The Finance Director has developed written policies regarding Journal Entry Approval, Reconciliation of Fixed Assets, Payroll Segregation of Duties and A/R Access and Cash Collections.

Lakes Management Plan Update

The bathymetric survey of our lakes is complete and comparison with the 2003 survey will be completed this winter. The Green Street ditch reconstruction project has been completed and has entered the monitoring phase. Algal blooms in the coves and along the shoreline of Keatons lake are being monitored and will be treated for control purposes in the spring as conditions indicate. The annual engineering inspection of Veteran’s Memorial Dam took place on December 19, resulting in a clean report.

3.8 Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch program leader Jim Hutchinson reported that after 15 months the program is proving successful with a 50% reduction in incidents within LOW. There are currently 53 watch captains. The group is now registered with state and local law enforcement programs.

Maintenance and Ecology Committee Chair Jeff Flynn asked the Board to consider approving a purchase of a wash rack to help reduce contamination.

Finance Committee Chair R. C. Haring said that signs of recession conditions continue, which could have an impact on assessments. Although the November financials were quite favorable, LOWA is still experiencing substantial subsidies in some operation centers.

Dan Greene, Fitness Center Chair, reported that they now have 612 family members and have issued 1500 facility access cards. On average, about 55 people a day are using the Fitness Center.

4. Member Comments on Business Agenda

Two members spoke in favor of moving the design phase of the golf course irrigation system replacement into the FY-2013 budget.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Consideration of Approving Amendments to Regulation IV.B: Animal Control, Regarding Leash Requirements, Nuisance Dogs and Vicious Dogs.

Motion by McKee, that the Board adopt Policy Resolution 2012-9 which amends Regulation IV.B: Animal Control, regarding leash requirements, nuisance dogs, and vicious dogs, effective immediately.

See Board Minutes, p. 5
Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, to amend Policy Resolution 2012-9 to include Amendments to Regulation VII.D.3: Use of the Campgrounds by changing the word “or” to “and” in the first sentence so it now reads: “Pets must be on leashes and under positive control of the owner at all times.” This amendment is consistent with the other changes we are making and does not warrant sending the amendment back to the Rules Committee.

Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, to amend Policy Resolution 2012-9 to add the words “private” and “LOWA” after the word “other” to the phrase “All animals must be kept leashed and under the handler’s immediate control when on the common areas or other private LOWA lots.”

5.2 Consideration of Approving Amendments to Regulations IV.B: Animal Control; VII.E.4: Use of the Campgrounds; VIII.B.7: Use of the Clubhouse; X.K.C: Beaches; and XVII.D.6: Use of the Community Center regarding Service Dogs (Policy Resolution 2013-1)

Motion by Meier, passed unanimously, that the Board amend Policy Resolution 2013-1 which amends Regulations IV.B: Animal Control; VII.E.4: Use of the Campgrounds; VIII.B.7: Use of the Clubhouse; X.K.C: Beaches; and XVII.D.6: Use of the Community Center regarding service dogs, effective immediately. (Policy Resolution 2012-9)

5.3 Consideration of Sending to the Rules Committee Proposed Amendments to Bylaw Article V: Organization.

Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, that the Board direct the Rules Committee to prepare a resolution to amend the LOWA Bylaws Article V: Organization.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Consideration of Approving Lot Owner File Records Retention Policy. (Administrative Resolution 2013-1)

Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, that the Board approve Administrative Resolution 2013-1 regarding lot owner files records Retention Policy.

6.2 Consideration of Moving the Golf Course Irrigation System Project to the FY-2013 Capital Spending Plan, and Authorizing $150,000 in funding from the Replacement Reserves for Design Work.

Motion by Meier that the Board direct the General Manager to move the Golf Course Irrigation System Project to the FY-2013 Capital Spending Plan; and, further move the Board authorize $15,000 from the Replacement Reserves for design work to be completed by May 2013.

Motion by Kelly to postpone consideration of this motion to the February 2, 2013, Board meeting when other budget issues will be discussed. Vote: Yea: Kelly and McKee. Nay: Rugless, Meier, Anderson and Rucker. Motion failed 2 to 4. Vote on the original motion: Yea: Rugless, Meier, Anderson and Rucker. Nay: Kelly Abstain: McKee. Motion passed 4 to 1, with 1 abstention.

6.3 Consideration of Authorizing the Security Services Request for Proposals. (Policy Resolution 2013-1)

Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, that the Board authorize issuance of the Security Services Request for Proposal (RFP).

6.4 Consideration of Sending to Rules Proposed Amendments to Regulation XVIII: Use of the Fitness Center, Regarding Employee Use of the Fitness Center.

Motion by Anderson, passed unanimously, that the Board send the draft regulation amendment allowing LOWA employees to use the Fitness Center to the Rules Committee for a recommendation.

Motion by Anderson, that the Board direct the Rules Committee to make a recommendation on employee access to the Clubhouse and Golf Course.

Motion by McKee, passed unanimously, to amend the motion to include the Fareways facility.

Vote on the original motion as amended passed unanimously.

6.5 Consideration of Approving $7,200 in Insurance Proceeds and Contingency Reserve Funds to Upgrade the Electrical System at the Equestrian Center Upper Barn.

Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, that the Board authorize $7,200 to upgrade the electrical system at the Equestrian Center upper barn, $4,224 to come from already authorized insurance proceeds and the remaining $2,976 to come from the Contingency Reserve.

7. Scheduled Meetings:

• Board Workshop: Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 2 PM in the Community Center.
• Regular Board Meeting: Saturday, February 2, 2013, at 10 AM in the Community Center.

8. Member General Comments: There were no comments.

9. Adjournment: There being no further business, motion by Meier, passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 AM.

Jim Walsh, LOWA President
Tips from the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA Professional and Woods Center Manager

During the winter months, we will be changing the color of our tee markers. Presently, we have the blue, white, gold, and red tee markers. Our new colors will be black, white, gold and silver. The course yardage will remain the same as previously measured. Our new tee markers will be in place by March 1.

If you have a group of golfers, and have an interested in starting an afternoon league, or you want to have an event at our golf course, please contact Rea Hargraves, PGA at 972-2230.

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Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

The LOWdown on Real Estate at the Lake 2012 in Review

WOW; what a difference a year makes! 2012 was a substantially better year than 2011 for real estate at the Lake. According to MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Systems), our local MLS, 205 sales were reported in LOW in 2012; in 2011, the reported number was 142. This means that we experienced a whopping 44% increase in home sales!

Here’s a breakdown of # of sales per specific price ranges for both 2012 and 2011:

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Good News in 2012:
As the MLS shows, in Lake of the Woods, the percentage of homes selling as “distressed” (short sales or foreclosures) showed a decline for the second year in a row, and within the distressed category, the % of short sales rose while foreclosures fell. 30% of our 2012 total sales were distressed (18.5% foreclosures and 11.7% short sales), while 39% were distressed (30.5% foreclosures and 8.5% short sales) in 2011, and 42.6% were distressed sales in 2010. Since foreclosures often suffer from lack of maintenance and sell for less than market value, this is a great trend for our community!

LOWA reports that 29 lots transferred in 2012 compared to only 3 in 2011. In addition, 6 building permits were issued for new home construction in 2012, while only 3 were issued in 2011.

Using December year-over-year statistics, in Orange County (including LOW), the “average days on the market” decreased from 174 to 142.

The number of waterfront homes sold in the higher price ranges rose in 2012: 6 homes sold above $650,000, while only 2 sold above $600,000 in 2011. We are expecting 2013 to be a strong year for waterfront sales if there are homes on the market. I am currently working with several waterfront buyers in all price ranges who are impatiently waiting for their “perfect place at the lake” to become available.

According to the National Association of Realtors and many other sources, all indications are that 2013 will realize even greater, welcomed improvement! If you are considering selling, let your home soon to take advantage of early buyers!

Thank you for the continued opportunity to be a trusted resource! Is the time right for you to buy or sell?

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County Supervisor to Provide Update on All Things Orange County
by Boggs Wright, President, Civic Club of LOW

District 5 Supervisor Lee Frame will be the featured speaker for the Tuesday, February 19, meeting of the Civic Club at 7:30 PM in the Woods Center. Frame will outline the process and current progress in the development of the FY 2014 Orange County budget.

Lee will also report on the County’s Comprehensive Plan and the Gateway Study. He also serves on the board of the Rapidan Service Authority (RSA), the local sewer and water utility, and has extensive knowledge of its operation. Property owners and tenants interested in learning more about any of these topics are encouraged to attend. There will be time for audience questions.

The Civic Club of LOW is a membership organization whose meetings are open to all of the LOW community.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD

Presentation of GM’s Proposed FY13 Budget: January 26, 10 AM, Community Center

Board Meeting: Saturday, February 2, 10 AM, Community Center.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
January 25 through February 19
Members are encouraged to attend.

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CR Conference Room
EQ Equestrian Center
LLCH Lower Level Clubhouse
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RR Reading Room
TC Teen Center
WC Woods Center

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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CHANNEL 18 PROGRAMS

Please check Channel 18 for a list of show times.
Watch for new Amenity infomercials at the end of most programming.

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Serving Breakfast All Day
along with sandwiches, soup, salads and burgers.
Call your order in at 972-2216

Dinner Specials at the Clubhouse

The Clubhouse is now open for dinner.
Please contact the Clubhouse for the dinner specials.

The Clubhouse regular hours are as follows:
Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM
Dinner: Wed & Sun 5-9 PM
Thurs, Fri & Sat, 5-10 PM
Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM

To make reservations, call the Clubhouse at 972-2221.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Friday, January 25
9 AM Yoga Class (call for location). Fee. Info: Phyllis -1457.
10:30 AM Civil War Study Group (WC). “Patterson and His Medal of Honor.” Open to the public. Info: Craig -2844.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
7:30 PM-9:30 PM Square Dancers (LLCH). Info: Darby -7690 or Boyd -0674.

Saturday, January 26
10 AM General Manager presents proposed FY2013 Budget to the community. (CC) Info: -2214.

Sunday, January 27
6:30 PM-8 PM Choreographed Ballroom Beginner Class (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.
7 PM-9 PM Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -8211.
8 PM-9:30 PM Choreographed Ballroom Class, Phase III-IV (LLCH), Free. Info: Ron -2586.

Monday, January 28
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.

Tuesday, January 29
9 AM Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
12 PM-3 PM Closet Quilters (LLCH). Info: Marie -4358.
7 PM-9 PM TOPS weigh-in/meeting (LGMS). Info: Carla -3436.
7 PM Tae Kwon Do class for ages 8-12 (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.
7:45 PM Tae Kwon Do class for ages 13-Adult (CC). Fee. Info: Mike -2058.

Wednesday, January 30
9:30 AM-2 PM Wednesday Ladies’ Bridge (WC). Info: Jo Ellen -760-9004.
12:30 PM-1:30 PM Beginner Pickleball lessons (CC). Info: Shirley -5958.
1:30 PM-3:30 PM Open Tennis (Hollyfield). Intermediate/above players welcome. Info: Charles -5858.
4 PM Weight Watchers meetings (LGMS, Rm. A156). Info: Briana 530-646-7194.

Orange County Free Clinic (OCFC) will host its fourth annual “Share Your Heart for Health Care Valentine Dinner/Dance” at StoneFire Station in Barboursville on Saturday, February 9. Reception begins at 5:30 PM, dinner at 6:15 PM. The dinner-dance helps to raise funds required to provide primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in Orange County. Tickets are $75/person. Info/reservations: 540-672-3530.

LOW Lioness Book Sale. Used books will be sold every 4th Saturday of the month from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Ferris Building, except in December and January when we will be closed. Profits go to the benevolence fund. Info: Pat -5727.

Car & Boat Donations: We accept car, boat, canoe, or other large equipment donations that are in working, safe condition. Info: Lion Bob -0783.

Bargains, Bargains, Bargains! The Lions/Velona Bldg. will be open for sales and drop offs on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to Noon. For pickup, call Norm, 540-205-5529.

The 2012 LOW Directories are on sale for $9 at the Holcomb Building. Sales benefit F&R.
AARP Year-End Success
by Charlotte Baker, Publicity, AARP Chapter 5239

AARP members wrapped up 2012 with a fun potluck luncheon on December 17 that featured a mouth-watering array of dishes, a special guest to install new officers, Gil Churchill’s fun way of awarding door prizes, and as usual, good camaraderie.

Everyone was especially pleased to hear President Dick Bradie announce that the success of our activities throughout the year made it possible to donate a total of $7500 to a number of benevolent organizations. Donations were sent to the LOW Fire and Rescue Company; LOW Lions Wilderness Food Pantry; Lake Youth Foundation; LOW Fun Bunch; Orange County’s Citizens Police Academy, TRIAD, Nutrition Center, Free Clinic, Animal Shelter, Head Start at Locust Grove Primary; the AARP Foundation, and the Culpeper SAFE House.

Would you like to attend AARP meetings? Are you concerned that there will not be space in the handicapped parking area of the Clubhouse? Help is now available. Drive your car to the parking area near the Fitness Center, where you will find volunteers who will shuttle you to and from the door! Contact Larry Ervin at 972-0652 or Dick Bradie at 308-5507 if you would like to use this service.

Nurses United Network
by Karen Woods, Co-Publicity Chair, NUN

Mark your calendar for 1 PM on February 11, at the LOW Community Center. It’s the Nurses United Network’s Annual Business Meeting. If you are an active or retired RN, LPN, Nursing Assistant, or a nursing student, this would be a great time to drop in for a visit and consider joining our group.

Throughout the year we invite local professionals to speak on various topics related to the health care needs and services available in the area. Last year’s speakers included Kelli Mitchell, Director of the Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic, who provided us with an update on the dental services provided to uninsured children and adult residents of Orange, Greene, and Madison counties. Retired Navy Nurse, Pat Tackett, entertained us with stories of her exciting career and the early days of Navy Nursing. Nurses United Network member Norma Ervin, winner of the 2012 Florence Nightingale Award shared her thoughts on her life-long mission of caring for others and the volunteer work she does with the Alzheimer and Dementia Support Group and the Stephen Ministry. Our last meeting for 2012 featured Valerie Diamond, a local nurse who is working for the Connections Program, which “teaches caregiving families how to facilitate interesting, meaningful activities for people with Alzheimer’s or other dementia.” For more information on this program contact Ellen Phipps at 540-825-3100 or ephipps@alz.org.

On February 11 we will be electing officers and planning our activities for 2013 and we invite past, present, and potential new members to join us.

For more information about the Nurses United Network, please contact Barbara Stain at 972-0815 or Glennah Moy at 972-4347, the group’s Co-Presidents.
LOW COMMUNITY

LGA News
by Karen Woods, Publicity Co-Chair

The Ladies Golf Association has a few more 2012 “Thanks” to share. Once again, a special thanks to Dottie and Jim Lohr. Their dedication to the Low Lions Wilderness Food Bank is to be commended. Please mark your calendar for the first Tuesday of each golf season month as Food Bank Tuesday as Dottie and Jim will continue to collect our food donations throughout 2013.

At our Christmas luncheon LGA Treasurer Judy Ludvigson, presented a special award to Ginny Thoms for her outstanding work in keeping our financial books in order. Ginny has been an LGA member for more years than she wishes to share and for a number of years she has conducted the annual audit for the LGA. We appreciate her guidance and support. Thanks to Nancy King for creating and maintaining our order. Ginny has been an LGA member for more years than she wishes to share and will continue to collect our food donations throughout 2013.

Winter may be the “off” season for the LGA, but that hasn’t stopped our Board of Directors, led by President Pat Shrader, as well as the Committee Chairs, from working on plans for another exciting and fun golf season. Now all we have to do over the next two months is get that drive straightened out, perfect the short game, and work on shaving off one or two of those putts.

LOW Garden Club: A Musical Valentine
by Karen Kovarik, Publicity Chairman

The Garden Club’s Valentine’s Day luncheon features the perfect musical tribute to Cupid’s day—Frank Sinatra, arguably the most important popular music figure of the 20th Century. The Garden Club is excited that Cliff Richards, also known as “Mr. Sinatra,” will sing 15 of his love songs. Cliff is well known locally and not an artist to be missed.

The LOW Garden Club invites you to the Valentine’s Day luncheon on February 13. This annual affair is a cupid’s delight. A cash bar opens at 11:30 AM, the luncheon starts at 12:30 PM. The menu options are Lemon Thyme Chicken, Honey Bourbon Salmon, or Vegetable Lasagna.

For reservations make your check for $23 p/p payable to “Joyce Haring” and mail to Joyce Haring, 220 Beachside Cove, Locust Grove, by February 6, or phone 972-1924. As Frank would croon “Let’s Do It!”

LOW Christmas Bird Count Results
by Bev Smith, LOW Resident, and CCBC Compiler

On a chilly, windy Sunday, December 30, 2012, six LOW residents took part in the annual Chancellor- lorvile Christmas Bird Count. Alicia Payne offered her yard and feeders for counting, Bob Johnson counted the birds at his feeders and yard, and Geral Schrage, Debbie Egbert, and Gail Harper joined me in the field. Our team primarily covered the west side of the lake from the main to the rear entrances. Thirty-seven species were counted in LOW from 7:30 AM to Noon. We counted Canada Goose, Ruddy Duck and Bufflehead at the Clubhouse; Mute Swan, Bald Eagle, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Cedar Waxwing and Ruby-crowned Kinglet at the Main Marina; Pied-billed Grebe at Harper’s Ferry and Ramsay Beaches; and a big surprise group of at least 140 Turkey Vultures circling the sky above the Clubhouse around 4:30 PM when we were returning to our cars.

And those are just the highlights! Throughout our search, LOW abounded with American Crow, Ring-billed Gull, American Robin, European Starling, Eastern Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Mourning Dove, Black Vulture, White-throated Sparrow, Carolina Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, American Goldfinch, Downy Woodpecker, Mallard, Northern Mockingbird, Northern Cardinal and Carolina Wren. Whew!! Quite a list! So those of us hardy bird watchers remaining at the end of the day treated ourselves to a nice hot toddy at the Clubhouse! Despite the chill, we thoroughly enjoyed the treats that a winter day in LOW can provide. We hope you can join in the fun on the next Christmas Bird Count in LOW!
My My My Relaxing Ride
by Pat Licata, Licata on the Lake

Unless it involves an animal rescue of some sort, I am not much of the adventurous type. Unlike some gusto-filled, brave residents who “plunge” into the new year by plunging into the lake, I ease into it gradually. If I want to accomplish something, I have learned to make it a goal rather than a new year’s resolution.

As you may recall from a previous article, the last time I rode a horse did not end well. So one of my 2012 goals was to “get back up on the horse” and take a trail ride. Thanks to the persistence of Carolyn McFarland, LOW Equestrian Center Manager, Fred’s gentle nature, and my resolve, I reached my goal!

After my public declaration in Lake Currents that I would take the ride, I had received encouragement from Carolyn periodically. So, I finally mustered up my strength and made an afternoon reservation for a day in the fall. I must admit that, although quite anxious, I was determined to face my fear. I must also admit that, on a few occasions, I thought about cancelling.

The morning of the ride, I awoke earlier than usual with the impending event on my mind. It didn’t matter in which activity I participated that morning, the ride pervaded my thoughts. When I arrived at the Equestrian Center, palms sweating, Carolyn was awaiting me. She introduced me to Fred, my host for the ride. With trepidation, I looked deeply into his brown eyes and attempted to communicate that he had the power to change the ending and that I was counting on him to do so.

Then it was show-time! I took a deep breath and mounted Fred. I exhaled a sigh of relief as Carolyn took the reins and began leading us to the trail. Within a few moments, we were joined by Teresa Critchfield on her horse, Applejack. A long-time resident and frequent barn visitor, Teresa boards Applejack at the Equestrian Center.

We alternated between friendly conversation and enjoying the scenery with the melodic clip-clopping of the hooves as they touched the ground. I had never been through the Wilderness National Battlefield Park, on which the trail is located. While on the trail, I felt as though I truly was in the wilderness: there was no sound or indication of human-life other than our presence.

As a matter-of-fact, I had forgotten that I was on a horse at all! It was actually so relaxing! If you have a resolution or goal for 2013 that involves relaxation, please allow me to suggest a trail ride. If I were able to enjoy it, surely you can too!

Until next time...It’s another beautiful day at the lake!

Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

After all of the holiday festivities are over, some “liquid libations” may be in order! The holidays can be stressful, so a few luxuries in life, like a “treat” to a better quality wine, may help. Here are some suggestions:

Chateau Fere-Lambert, Bordeaux Superieur, France, Vintage 2010—This red dinner wine, rated at an astonishing 92 points, really reflects the classic 2010 vintage extremely well and it’s ready to drink now! Many Bordeaux must be “laid down” in order for their tannins to develop, but many can be drunk after they are released. Made from a blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, this well-rounded wine has classic cassis, blackberry and toasty oak aromas. It possesses rich flavors of black cherry, and a hint of vanilla and is an ideal wine to serve with any red meat or while sitting in front of the fire! It must be aerated in order to experience its wonderful aromas and flavors. Price: About $17 a bottle.

Fattoria Monte, Chianti Rufina Riserva, Tuscany, Italy, Vintage 2008—The Bellini family winery makes several Sangiovese-based, blended red wines. This beauty consistently has demonstrated outstanding quality over the years, and as a reserve wine, is an exceptional value. Beautiful berry and floral aromas abound followed by black fruit, violet, and toasty oak flavors, with a creamy mouth feel. This is not just “another Chianti” — it is powerful enough to take on any red meats or heavy cheeses! Price: About $16 a bottle.

Milbrandt Cabernet Sauvignon, Tradition, Columbia Valley, Washington State, Vintage 2010—This “Cab” was a bit of a surprise. After about an hour of aeration, the aroma of very prominent, rich black cherry really blossomed, with a hint of vanilla. The flavors of black cherry, blackberry, with touches of spice and chocolate started to show as soon as I first tasted the wine. The surprise came when, after about 15 seconds in the mouth, a large rush of intense flavors kicked in. What a “sleeper”? Try it with prominently flavored foods, including Beef Wellington, standing rib roast, prime rib, or heartier cheeses. It’s a true bargain for a dinner wine. Price: About $16 a bottle.

Thorn-Clarke Winery, Terra Barossa Shiraz, Winemakers Selection, Barossa Valley, Australia, Vintage 2011—Barossa Valley is a great location in Australia for making great Shiraz-based wines. What a pleasant surprise this red wine turned out to be! First, it’s sold in a one-liter bottle! It’s not as heavily peppered and spicy as many Shirazes, but loaded with great dark plum aromas and intense flavors. This wine is very rich on the palate and very creamy in texture. Try this wonderful wine with any grilled foods. Price: About $18 a bottle.

The Lake Youth Foundation will be awarding a limited number of $1,000 and $500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applicants must reside in Lake of the Woods, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, and plan to attend a four-year college, community college, or trade school in the fall. Qualifying seniors can be from a public school (Orange, Spotsylvania, and Fredericksburg), a private school, a Christian school or a home-schooler right here in Lake of the Woods. We are looking for seniors who have volunteered their time and talents to better their community in and out of LOW. Scholarship finalists will be required to complete an interview with the LYF Scholarship Committee.

The application deadline is Monday, April 1, 2013. Applications are available at the Orange County High school guidance department or from our website www.lakeyouth.org. Scholarships will be awarded in May during a brunch sponsored by the Lake Youth Foundation at the LOW clubhouse.

For more information, please contact Tim Barr by email at info@lakeyouth.org or by phone at 540-972-4230.
LOW Sailing Club Celebrates at Annual Awards Brunch

by Curtis Abel, Member LOW Sailing Club

The Hospitality Flag was flying at the Clubhouse when sailors from the Lake of the Woods Sailing Club (LOWSC), their spouses and friends, gathered for its Annual Awards Brunch. This marked another successful year for the Club with new members, the LOWSC’s 31st Annual Regatta, a successful spring and fall racing season, and the ever-grueling Race around the Turtle. The Annual Awards Brunch is that time of the year when we gather together to celebrate and recognize either outstanding racing or service to the LOWSC.

In 2012 the following individuals were recognized:

**Spring Racing Series:**
- **First Place:** Jean Westholt, Sunfish
- **Second Place:** Ed Hoffman, Sunfish
- **Third Place:** Jimmy Lee, Flying Scot

**Fall Racing Series:**
- **First Place:** Jimmy Lee, Flying Scot
- **Second Place:** Jean Westholt, Sunfish
- **Third Place:** Ed Hoffman, Sunfish

**31st Annual Lake of the Woods Invitational Regatta:**
- Flying Scot: First Place, Jean Westholt (LOWSC); Second Place, Chris Cookson; Third Place, Tracy Schwarzhild.
- Sunfish: First Place, Jean Westholt (LOWSC); Second Place, Ed Hoffman (LOWSC); Third Place, Jacob Donkerslot.
- Handicap (Laser): First Place, Bruce Gosse; Second Place, Pat Dawson (LOWSC)

**The Turtle Island Challenge:** Dwight Westholt/Jimmy Lee, Flying Scot

LOWSC Annual Awards:
- **2012 Club Champion:** Jean Westholt
- **Wilderness Cup:** Jimmy Lee
- **Most Improved Sailor:** John Carley
- **Bob Scatchard Sportsmanship Award:** Curtis Abel

As noted by the categories listed above, we are an active club…both sailing and socially. LOWSC is proud to have within its ranks some very experienced sailors who love sailing and like all within the club, are happy to share with you the pure joy of sailing. Until you have experienced the pleasure of moving through the water with only the sound being that of the water moving past your boat, you have missed one of life’s glorious experiences…and you don’t have to worry about the price of gasoline or whether it contains ethanol. The LOWSC Commodore, Jimmy Lee at 972-8920, will be happy to speak with you about sailing here at LOW.

LOW Players Open Auditions for June Play

Auditions for the June production of Hallelujah Girls will be held on Sunday, February 3, from 1 – 3 PM at the Community Center and, if needed, on Saturday, February 9, from 1 – 3 PM.

If you have any questions please call Sandie Frame at 972-6385.

Presentation of Proposed FY2013 Budget
January 26 at 10 AM in Community Center
Thursday, January 31
9 AM Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
7 PM Tee Kwon Do class for ages 8-12 (CC). Fee: Info: Mike -2058.
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Friday, February 1
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7:30 PM-10 PM Choreographed Ballroom (WC). Info: Ron/Melissa -2586.

Saturday, February 2
10 AM LOWA Board Meeting (CC). Info: -2214.

Sunday, February 3
7 PM-9 PM Duplicate Bridge (WC). Info: Bob -2111.

Monday, February 4
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Tuesday, February 5
9 AM Horseshoes for Fun (HF Park). All levels. Info: Ron 412-2872.
9:30 AM-2 PM Wednesday Ladies’ Bridge (WC). Info: Joan 7548.
12:30 PM-2 PM Lake Authors Club (Clearwater Rest.). Info: -734.
2 PM-4 PM Movement Disorders Support Group. The group meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM. Interested individuals should contact Curtis -5751 or Paul -2320.
Tuesdays, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). First fl, LG Middle School. Weigh-in: 5-5:30 PM, mtg: 5:30-6:30 PM. Sponsored by Locust Grove Chapter 734. Info: Carla -3436.
Wednesdays, Weight Watchers. Meetings are now being held at the LG Middle School, room A156 at 4 PM. Info: Briana 530-646-7194.

Hearing Aids Recycled: Place unused hearing aids and eyeglasses in LOW Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.

LOW Lions Furniture Pick Up: For furniture and special pick-up items, or to view/buy furniture at the Velona Bldg., call Norm, 540-205-5529.
The Lions Club is seeking wheelchairs and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Contact Noel -0018 or Vinnie -3721 to donate items.
The Cultural Awareness Circle embraces cultural diversity. Info: Charles -1340 and Lita, 301-928-4023.
Blood Pressure Screening. The LOW Lions and Nurses United Network do screenings on the 1st Wed. of the month in the CH Presidents Rm, 5:30-6:30 PM, and in Room 216 at LOW Church on 3rd Sun., 9:30-11 AM. Free! LOW Lions Wilderness Food Pantry located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20. 1st and 3rd Thurs from 9 AM to Noon; second Wed. from 6-8 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to Noon. Info: Betty -1872.

Lions Sick Room Equipment for loan. Call Noel -0018 or Vinnie -3721 for items. We have wheelchairs, crutches, potty seats, shower seats, etc.

The Woods Cares: an AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caretakers. Free service. Call Jeannette -0726, Marion -4085, or Gail -7436.

Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group. 3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church -9060.

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church Founders Room. Info: Holly -8807.


Red Cross Blood Drive. 4th Tues. every other month. LLCH from 1-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, 17 years of age or more, and weigh at least 110 lbs. The next blood drive is March 26. Info: Joe -8403.

Seeking Counseling? The LOW Church offers free counseling, by appointment. Info/referral: Church -9060 or Pastor. We care.

Diabetes Support Group of MW Hospital meets 2nd Thurs. of the month from 7-8 PM, LOW Church Founders Room. Free. Info: Suzanne Amoruso, RD, CDE, 741-2219 or suzanne.amoruso@mwhc.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Every Mon. (Rm 505) and Wed. (cabins) and Fri. (cabins) at LOW Church, 7 PM daily. Info: LOW Church -9060.

Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Info: Lynn -7714.

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Thinking 'About Quitting'. Free, individualized stop-smoking program.

Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4190.

Orange County Free Clinic offers primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in OC. Medical care available Mon., Wed., and Fri. by appt and on Tues. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: 672-0793.

Free Medication Assistance for OC residents on limited incomes with no prescription coverage, 18 yrs and older, takingbrandnamemedicationslongterm. Info: Pat Luczy, 825-3100 ext. 3012. Monthly Nutrition/Wellness Talks with Registered Dietitian. Various topics discussed. Info: Suzanne, 760-5337 or suzyrd87@yahoo.com.

Cause 4 Paws Raffle Winners!

On November 20 at the Greenock Bistro in Orange, the drawing was held for our 2012 Queen-size Cat Quilt raffle and other items that helped us raise money for our feline rescue organization. Linda Iszkraz of Burke was the Grand Prize winner of the “2012 Queen-size Cat Quilt Raffle!” The quilt was made for and donated to Cause 4 Paws by Don and Donna Mongeon of Rhoadesville.

The other generous donors were as follows: Don Varner, Wood That Walks, Charlottesville; Lakewood Animal Clinic; LOW Hair Studio; Meadows Farms Nursery; It’s About Thyme, Culpeper; Pinkadilly Tea, Fredericksburg; Elmwood at Sparks, Orange; Bella J. Cucina, Locust Grove; Pomme, Gordonsville; Meadows Farms Golf; Eugene Triplett, Wilderness Pharmacy; Mary Kay’s Crafts, Locust Grove; Laurie Miller, Locust Grove; and Dave and Darlene Agsten, Locust Grove.

The officers and members of Cause 4 Paws, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization supporting feline rescue operations want to congratulation the winners, the generous donors, and everyone from Lake of the Woods and their friends for their continued support these past few months.

The money raised through this raffle will be and has already been used to secure veterinary medical care for our sponsored cats and kittens. Our special thanks to Moose Lodge 1655, Fredericksburg for furnishing the tickets and to the lovely facility Greenock Bistro in Orange for their donation arising from the luncheon.

Please continue to support us as we continue our mission in 2013. For further information you can call Trish at 972-8951, Lois at 972-0155 or Mary Kay at 972-5467 or look us up on Face book at “Cause for Paws” in Locust Grove and view our most recent newsletter.
The Dr. Yum Project Comes to Lake of the Woods
by Karen Hutchind, Member, MOPS

Mothers of Pre-Schoolers (MOPS) will be hosting Dr. Nimali Fernando, founder of The Dr. Yum Project, at The Lake of the Woods Church on February 9 from 9 AM to 11 AM. The Dr. Yum Project is dedicated to lowering childhood obesity and diet-related illness by partnering with families to raise children who eat a healthy, whole food diet. Dr. Fernando will be discussing the program and answering questions from the audience; the event is open to all, particularly Moms with young and school age children. For more information on The Dr. Yum Project visit www.doctoryum.com. You may also contact Stacey McKee at smmckee4@gmail.com for more information regarding the event.

Making Joyful Noise Concert Series
by Marthellen Hoffman, Coordinator, Concert Series

Saturday, February 16, will be an evening celebrating Valentine’s Day at The Lake of the Woods Church when the Making Joyful Noise Concert Series hosts a concert of songs about Love, both Christian and secular. The concert will begin at 7 PM, but come early and enjoy a fundraising dinner hosted by the Girl Scouts in Friendship Hall from 5 PM to 6:45 PM.

When we think of Valentine’s Day, we generally think of the ones we love. As Christians when we think of love, we often think of our God, our family, and our close friends. Kathy Pellegreen will lead off our concert with special love songs played on the church’s wonderful Steinway piano. Rose Tuminaro, with her distinctive style on the Steinway, will follow leading the audience in a sing-along of hymns celebrating our love of God and his love for us. Finally, Irene Robinson and The Lakers will wrap up the concert with love songs from the past, including “Love Me Tender,” “I Love Those Dear Hearts and Gentle People,” “Hello Mary Lou Goodbye Heart,” and “Elvira.”

The evening will close with a “Cookie Concerto Reception” to meet and greet the pianists and singers.

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Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

Just as Orange County is in the midst of its budgeting process for the 2013-2014 fiscal year it was nice to receive the Virginia Coalition for Open Government study results on how effective local governments are at providing easy online access to their annual budgets. The coalition examined the website of every independent city and county in Virginia. Orange County was one of eighteen localities in the Commonwealth to receive an A(+/-). The study measured a number of variables related to transparency with budgets, which the Coalition calls “the most literal way a government can be held accountable.”

At the retreat that was held early last year, the Board of Supervisors established Effective, Reflective Government as one of the guiding principles for Orange County governing. We consider transparency in our work as a means to remain accountable to our citizens. Providing online access to the budget is part of this effort. Orange County has a direct link on its homepage titled “budget,” which displays not only the current adopted fiscal year’s budget but also the past four years of completed budgets.

As we work on the next year’s budget, the working stages of the proposed budget will be found on the Orange County website by going to the Board of Supervisor agendas for recent or upcoming meetings and clicking on the appropriate agenda item. For instance, if you go to the agenda for the January 8 meeting, you will find a recent version of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). It has been changed as a result of that meeting and the changes should show up in the next meeting where we discuss the CIP. The County Administrator’s recommended budget will show up on the agenda sometime in late February. On the February 12 meeting the School Board budget will be presented and should be available on that agenda. By reviewing proposed budget documents as they are developed, residents have the opportunity to make their views known early in the process. Residents also have the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget as it is published for the formal public hearing on the budget, the CIP, and the proposed tax rates.

In addition to the Smart 911 system that is described on page 17 in this issue, there is an emergency notification service that county residents can participate in to keep advised of emergency conditions that could affect them. You can sign up for this emergency notification system, known as Deltalert, by going to the Orange County website and clicking on the Deltalert link on the website front page. It takes only a few minutes, and you can sign up to be contacted by voice or text message on more than one phone. I encourage each family member to take advantage of this emergency notification system, known as Deltalert, by going to the Orange County website and clicking on the Deltalert link on the website front page. It takes only a few minutes, and you can sign up to be contacted by voice or text message on more than one phone. I encourage each family member to take advantage of this service.

If you have questions about county government or want to let me know your feelings on specific issues, you can contact me at lee.frame@orangecountyva.gov.

OC LEO Clubs Continue to Provide Community Service
by Selven Powell, Member, LOW Lions Club

On December 14, 2012, Leo Club members at the Locust Grove Middle School celebrated Leo Club Members Recognition Day, which was December 5, 2012. The students enjoyed pizza while they worked to complete a community service project packaging gloves, scarfs, hats, and coats they had collected for needy individuals in our community. These items were taken to the LOW Lions Club Wilderness Food Pantry where they were distributed by Lion and Lioness Club Members who operate the center on a regular basis. The Leo club members under the supervision of Mr. Bradley Toombs, teacher advisor, were excited to be able to help members of their community in need.

The LGMS Leos also collected used eyeglasses for the Lions Club recycling center to be processed for distribution to needy individuals around the world. The Leo Club at the Orange County High School is kicking into high gear as they currently have sixteen members and are ready to elect their officers for the year. Under the supervision of Assistant Principal, Mr. Eugene Williams, the High School Leos met on January 10 to discuss activities for the year and begin projects to assist the needy in their community.

Students who are interested and have not signed up for the Leo Club in the Middle School or High School may do so by contacting Mr. Bradley Toombs, Eighth Grade Civics Teacher in the Middle School, or Mr. Eugene Williams, Assistant Principal at the Orange County High School.

Soil & Water Conservation District Camps and Programs
by Stephanie DeNicola, Education/Information Coordinator

On behalf of the Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District, I wish you a Happy New Year! Below are a few annual notices from the District. See details on our website www.culpeperswcd.org for information and applications for:

- Summer Camp applications for Holiday Lake Forestry Camp and Youth Conservation Camp. Forestry Camp is open to students ages 13-16 and YCC is open to students currently enrolled in grades 9-12. See website for all Application deadlines
- College Scholarship applications are also available on our website. These are available to high school seniors, current undergraduate, and graduate students.
- The annual Woods and Wildlife conference, which targets small landowners, is February 23 at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper. Details can be found in the calendar portion of our website, www.culpeperswcd.org.
- Our partner the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal has several paid internship positions available for recent college graduates. Contact me and I’ll send you details.

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For individuals with special needs or disabilities, getting critical information into the hands of 9-1-1 Emergency personnel can make a real difference. The right information, delivered at the right time, can assist in making appropriate decisions in the field, and can even save lives. Many 9-1-1 systems today don’t support providing this type of information, but you can help change that. The Smart911 System is still in the process of being fully implemented nationally, but through your support and that of local officials and politicians, it will eventually become a full, national service program!

When you call 9-1-1 today, the operator receives very little information about you – basically, just your phone number and your general location. In a situation where seconds count, being able to provide the operator with other critical information about you and your family the instant your call is made can be the difference between life and death. Smart911 was created by leaders in the fields of privacy and information management with the firm belief that providing 9-1-1 with additional timely information about you when you call, can help speed and enhance the effectiveness of an emergency response.

Smart911 is brought to supported communities by the local public safety and 9-1-1 officials to help improve their ability to respond to emergencies. Rave Mobile Systems (the National Contractor for Smart911) works closely with local law enforcement, fire and EMS as well as national public safety organizations to insure Smart911 meets their stringent requirements while protecting the security and privacy of your information.

Information you provide is kept in the National Contractor’s facility (Rave Mobile Systems) secure facilities and only made available to 9-1-1 operators and responders in the event you call 9-1-1. Should you have an emergency anywhere in the United States, your information will be available to local first responders thru the 9-1-1 local network! Smart911 is paid for by existing 9-1-1 fees, so there is no cost to register at https://www.smart911.com

There is an excellent interview on the Smart911 System that was implemented in Jonesboro, Arkansas, which will answer all your questions concerning how the Smart911 program works and protects your privacy; please go to this link on YouTube to see the interview: www.youtube.com/user/RaveMobileSafety#p/

Persons who would benefit from registering include those with the following conditions: limited mobility; hard of hearing; blind; seniors living alone; persons who have caretakers; autism, developmental disabilities, epilepsy; diabetes, Alzheimer’s, and allergies. In case there is a house fire or a weather-related emergency requiring you to evacuate your home, your pets can be included in the list of family members, including notes about an emergency contact person or a protective pet.

We owe our thanks to the Orange County Board of Supervisors and to Nicola Tidey, Director of the Orange County Emergency Communications Center for having the foresight to lead the way in establishing this critical emergency response capability to the residents of Orange County and our community, Lake of the Woods!

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106 Boxwood

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613 Harrison Circle $194,900

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Features: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, updated kitchen, large living room, new flooring, large deck, 2 car garage, nice location minutes from front gate. $194,900

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818 Eastover Pkwy $164,900

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