Twin Lakes Sports Club



## <u>Newsletter</u>

**Booster Club**: Some of the upcoming events are the Tree Lighting, Kids Christmas Party with Santa & the Grinch, Community Christmas Luncheon, Light Up Your Home Competition Judging, and New Years Eve Party!! See the enclosed flyers. Their monthly meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**: It is evident that the cleanup was successful! The 2 roll-offs were overflowing with all the bulky and unwanted items from within our community.

**<u>Restaurant Inquiries Wanted</u>**: If you have any ideas or interest in working in the café or operating it, reach out to us. Please call 405-969-2577 or come by the office in person and let us know.

<u>New Members (November 2024)</u>: Please welcome our newest members, David, Esther and Jonathan Catron, of lot 133.

<u>Chapel News</u>: The Annual Hanging of the Greens will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am. The 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm will be the time to meet for Caroling. Christmas Cookie Exchange will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm. The Christmas Eve Service will be the 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All are welcome to attend any of the activities!!

<u>Veterans Day Activity</u>: Thank you to all who attended the luncheon!! The hard work to recognize those who served is appreciated. Thank you on behalf of the Twin Lakes Veterans.

SAFETY CORNER: A monthly reminder of some of the rules that are important for the safety of our community.

Section 13. RESPONSIBILITY, e. states that Leaseholders are required to mow and maintain to graded road.

The Board of Directors voted at the November 2024 regular meeting to include some additional wording to further clarify what this means for our members. To be presented to the Stockholders at the July 2025 meeting will be the following change/addition:

NEW: Leaseholders are required to mow and maintain to graded road; to cut back vegetation to a reasonable height along the roadside shoulders to prevent excessive plant growth that could create a safety hazard, obstruct traffic view and/or damage the road base.

Holiday Office Hours: Reminders of the upcoming closures.

For Christmas we will be closed the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> (Monday through Wednesday) and be open the rest of the week, Thursday through Saturday.

We will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>, which falls on a Wednesday.

Twin Lakes Volunteer Fire Department – EMERGENCY NUMBER is 911

Christmas



## 12-1-2024 6:00 PM

JOIN YOUR FELLOW TWIN LAKES MEMBERS FOR A SHORT CEREMONY, CHRISTMAS MUSIC, COOKIES AND HOT COCOA

## CHRISTMAS IN TWIN LAKES

Sunday December 1st 6PM - VETERANS MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY WITH HOT COCOA AND COOKIES

> Sunday December 1st HANGING OF THE GREENS CHAPEL- 11AM

Saturday December 14th KIDS OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES WITH SANTA AND THE GRINCH, GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND SWEETS, AND GET YOUR ATV READY FOR A LIGHT PARADE

> Sunday December 15th COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CLUBHOUSE 12:30PM FREE MEAL TO ALL TWIN LAKES MEMBERS

> > Sunday December 15th CHRISTMAS CAROLING 6PM MEET AT THE CHAPEL

Saturday December 21st LIGHT UP YOUR HOME COMPETITION- BE READY AT 6PM

> Saturday December 21st CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE CHAPEL 2PM BRING 3 DOZEN OF COOKIES TO SHARE

Tuesday December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SPM CHAPEL

Tuesday December 31st NYE DANCE 9PM

### Twin Lakes Memorial Chapel

#### "All we, like Sheep ... "

Britain's so-called "loneliest sheep," which was stuck at the foot of a remote cliff in Scotland for at least two years, has been rescued. Cam Wilson, who led the rescue mission, said it was a risky one. That's why, despite past attempts by others, the sheep, named Fiona had been stuck for so long. The sheep was first discovered in 2021, on the shore of the cliff in Brora by kayaker Jillian Turner. Photos show the sheep at the base of the cliff surrounded by steep rock on one side and water on the other. After two years of trying Wilson then had an exciting update. He and four others used a winch, a mechanical device that can act like a pulley, to get to Fiona. One person stayed at the top of the cliff, while the others traveled about 820 feet down the cliff to get to her.

The Bible says we are the sheep: "All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth." -Isaiah 53:6-7 NLT

Imagine that lost sheep. How did it happen? The same way it always happens. It happens one step at a time. Nobody gets lost all at once. You take a step or two in the wrong direction, take a turn for the worse. Sometimes you don't even know you're doing it. Until you find yourself lost.

If you're a child, maybe you were holding Dad's hand in the Christmas crush. Then you see something interesting, tempting, and you head toward it. You're making your own way now. You just do your own thing. Then you're lost.

You're out driving. You don't need GPS. You can rely on yourself. No need to ask for directions, that's a sign of weakness to do so. Then, and you never exactly know where or when it happens; and you don't want to admit it. You're pretty sure if you keep going, the wrong way, it's going to become, somehow, soon the right way. You're lost.

An old hymn writer put it this way: "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love. "We all know what this is like.

The Bible says, "We all like sheep ..." If we stopped there, I'm sure you'd agree. Sheep are cute. But it doesn't stop there. A prophet called Isaiah said (53:6) "We all like sheep, have gone astray, every one of us has turned to his or her own way.". 700 years before Jesus Christ was born that first Christmas, Isaiah was receiving revelations. A virgin would conceive! A child was going to be born. To us. A Son would be given. People would call him Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God.

Sheep are not smart. They go off and get lost in bad places. Often that lostness doesn't just affect them, it leads to hurt and heartache for us and everyone involved. Sometimes we even get lost deliberately. We turn away from God, turn our backs on what we know to be right.

Anyone watching would want to say, "Hey, turn around! If you keep going that way, you're going to end up lost." But we never think we will be. We think it'll work out okay for us. We all have an inbuilt tendency to make our own way instead of following God's way. But the good news is, God wants us back. So he became the Lamb of God, to save us.

"The Lord comes looking for the lost ones. He goes after them. To save them." (Isa. 53:7).

This Christmas season, Think About it! He's coming after you!

For the Twin Lakes Chapel this is Sheldon Tucker.

Twin Lakes Memorial Chapel

Sunday Morning Fellowship – 10:30 Worship Service – 11:00 Children's Church – 11:00







## December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chapel Hanging of the Greens 11am/ Tree Lighting 6pm	ging of Bright Greens thru Dec n/ 24, Myriad Gardens ting		OKC Zoo Safari Lights thru Jan 1			The Polar Express thru Dec 27 <sup>th</sup> OK Railway Museum
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Dinosaur Adventure OK State Fair Park		TLFD Meeting 7:00 pm	A Territorial Xmas Carol thru Dec 22, Pollard Theater, Guthrie			Kids Xmas Party with Santa & Grinch 5-7:30pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Community Luncheon 12:30 pm/ Caroling 6pm @Chapel	Festival of Lights thru Dec 30 <sup>th</sup> Ardmore Reg Park		Downs Family Xmas Lights thru Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Norman	Booster Club Meeting 6:30 pm	Board Meeting 7:00 pm	Cookie Exchange 2pm @Chapel Xmas Lights Judging 6pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Xmas Eve Service 5pm @ Chapel	Christmas Day			
29	30	31				
		NYE Party 9 pm				





## December 15th 2024 12:30PM

Please come and celebrate the holiday with your friends and neighbors and enjoy a meal provided by Twin Lakes.



### DECEMBER 21st 2024 BRAGGING RIGHTS ARE ON THE LINE! LIGHTS NEED TO BE READY FOR JUDGING BY 6PM ON THE 21st!

\* New this year- If you win 1st place, you will be unable to win the next year. Please still continue to help make our community look beautiful on Christmas!

#### <u>Minutes of the Board of Directors</u> Twin Lakes Sports Club Meeting Date: October 18, 2024

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Twin Lakes Board of Directors was held in the Community Center on October 18, 2024. The meeting convened at 7:00pm. Vice President, Nick Sharp will preside with Scarlet Miller as Secretary.

Flag Salute: All led by Scarlet Miller	<b><u>Prayer</u></b> : Nick Sharp				
<u> </u>	<u>P</u> Mike Gilliam <u>E</u> Jamie Green	<u> </u>			
<u>E</u> Chris Buck	<u> </u>	<u>P</u> Nick Sharp			
P Brooks DeMunbrun	E Brendan Horn	E Jessica Smith			
P Nanci Donaldson	P Daniel Ingram	<u>P</u> Larry Ziegler			

Roll Call (P=Present, E=Excused, U=Unexcused) Motion to Approve Roll Call: Moved: <u>Brook DeMunbrun</u> Second: <u>Denice Baldwin</u> Carried Unanimous

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Monthly Meeting held <u>September 20, 2024</u>, sent via email to the board members prior to the meeting. (Include/ADD that Pol & Proc needs to define Excused & Unexcused for the BOD) Moved: <u>Denice</u> <u>Baldwin</u> Second: <u>Larry Ziegler Carried</u> Unanimous Motion to Amend September Minutes to include FD reporting that the well is running dry on West Lake by: <u>Denice Baldwin</u> Second: <u>Brooks DeMunbrun</u> Carried Unanimous Motion to accept Amended Minutes by: <u>Brooks</u> <u>DeMunbrun</u> Second: <u>Larry Ziegler</u> Carried Unanimous

<u>President's Comments</u>: Be nice to your neighbors; your neighbors in need, especially during the holidays. That is the purpose of living in a community; to be near to one another, reach out.

#### **NEW Business:**

- 1. Lake Committee Discussion: Mike is working on getting a committee in place that will be having regular meetings. He has talked to Les Thompson about the possible effect that added pressure from an increase in lake water levels could have on the Palisades. It was suggested that an engineer be consulted. Daniel Coker spoke about a quote from Redman for a 8", 50 ft deep well by the archery area that is \$11-15,000. He felt a committee was really needed instead of having 1 person make decisions. He has looked at a backhoe that Dolese is selling for \$22K that runs well and is 15 ft wide. It is not a long reach. He also mentioned the possibility of using the \$50K from the River project mentioned at Stockholders to use on the lakes. Mike stated that he had 3 other people with information on wells and a couple with dredging information that he was waiting on. A committee will be formed.
- 2. Temporary Membership Review: Send proposed changes/revision to current form to the BOD. Motion to table discussion to November by: <u>Nanci Donaldson</u> Second: <u>Brooks DeMunbrun</u> Carried Unanimous
- 3. Carol Neel Want to have tree taken out from the middle of median and bring dirt down. Roots of tree hampering growth of vegetation. Need to be careful of any electrical lines. She has volunteers offering to help with removing landscaping timbers and some bricks offered up for use. Have lines located before removing or digging. **Tabled**

#### **OLD Business:**

- Mow & Maintain to the Graded Road Fire/Safety Violations Pol & Proc Update. Motion made to table decisions until November by: <u>Nanci Donaldson</u> Second: <u>Scarlet Miller</u> Carried Unanimous
- 2. Restaurant Committee Nanci Donaldson Update

#### <u>Committee Reports</u> – See separate sheet emailed.

FD-On war days until the end of the month. They will be responding to wildland fires. ISO rating went down to 7 and will be effective Jan 1, 2025. High fire danger so please avoid outside burning. Someone is messing with the well.

#### Motion to Enter Executive Session: Moved: Mike Gilliam Second: Brooks DeMunbrun Carried Unanimous

#### Lot Lease Transfers, Additions or Changes – Membership Committee

- Lots 1830,1832 Elton & Linda Agee Selling to Jerry & Vicki Spivey New Members Approved
- Lot 133 Darrell & Elizabeth Stetler adding Daniel & Mary Coker to the Lease Add to Lease Approved

#### **Building Permits**

• 1000, 1002 Ervin John Fence w/ropes on North boundary – New Fence – Approved with Contingency – Nick & Brooks to assess

♦ 226, 327 Mark & Kathy Hiatt Extension of past permit for New Fence – Permit Extension - Approved

#### **Agenda Requests/Special Invitations**

• Collections – Robert Bloom & Kara Nelms

Motion to Exit Executive Session: Moved: Mike Gilliam Second: Brooks DeMunbrun Carried Unanimous

<u>Other</u>: Booster Club lease – Motion to approve the OLD lease, have them sign/submit, & they will bring forth additional requests at a later date by: <u>Daniel Ingram</u> Second: <u>Scarlet Miller</u> Carried Unanimous The pool needs tarp put over it.

Motion to Adjourn made by: Brooks DeMunbrun Seconded by: Daniel Ingram Carried Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Remember the Reason for the Season!

I don't know why I struggle so much with writing this letter. Maybe because it's *every dang month*. CEOs only do quarterly earnings reports, and a lot of people send out YEARLY Christmas letters about what has been going on in their family, but monthly? Sometimes I write one and then don't send it out because it was written during a time of frustration, which means some months I write two. Thank God I have a couple of great proofreaders to make sure I don't come across as too much of a butthead, etc.

In preparation for writing this letter every month, I read a few of my previous letters. As I did that, it dawned on me how incredibly blessed we really are. So many of the things we get perplexed about are pretty dang trivial. One of my sons like to call them "first world problems". A lot of them aren't really problems at all. I tend to agree with one of my old colleagues who insisted we call them challenges and not problems as they seemed less daunting. A lot of them we actually created or are our fault.

<u>A not so quick example</u>: A few days ago, I was knee deep in getting some REQUIRED continuing education classes done which of course I waited until the last minute to do. My neighbors' dogs were barking and going crazy, and it was becoming increasingly hard to concentrate. I had no idea how I was going to get it done in time and of course Helen was "pressuring me" to get this letter done. In my frustration I flunked a couple of quizzes more than once and I was furious. THOSE D\*\*\* DOGS!!!

I decided I was going to propose a noise rule for those godforsaken animals as no one should have to go through this in their own home. I get up to go yell at them or something and as I get outside and start yelling, MY DOG, who *is always* on her 100 foot lead or in her pen, comes running up to me. She had gotten out and was causing my neighbors dogs to bark. I have no idea how she did as I distinctly remember closing the gate. (It has now been determined that she knows how to open it unless you put a lock on it.)

Friends! I don't really like the taste of crow.

It is so easy to get caught up in the trap of judging others. Judge not least you be judged. People in glass houses should not throw rocks. It's so easy to be so busy trying to make everything perfect that you forget to enjoy the moment. Slow down and smell the roses, which are beautiful but have thorns. It's so easy to be working for more while at the same time you forget to be thankful for all you do have.

I am so thankful I grew up in a small town where if you were mad at someone, you had to make up or you didn't have anyone to play with. It taught me that people weren't "throw aways" and we should work through disagreements with respect. Everyone makes mistakes and thank God we are forgiven. We should strive to forgive others as Christ forgives us. It sure is a lot easier said than done. God Bless You All!!!

As always, please pray for us, all of Twin Lakes, & the world. Mark

#### November 2024 Monthly Board Meeting Notes

Monthly BOD meeting was conducted on Nov 18, 2024 at Community Center at 7:00 PM with a flag salute and prayer.

Twelve (12) of fifteen (15) BOD members attended. Three BOD members were excused.

President's Comments: Thanks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Veterans Lunch, and Booster Club. Community events can hopefully can be held monthly or quarterly to promote community unity.

A discussion concerning members removing other members from their lease concluded this is not within boards authority.

FD report concerning additional access road to riverbed from TL property. In progress.

Offer for lot 1735 discussed. A December 2023 board decision that lots 1733 & 1735 will only be sold as pair.

Raccoon Road project to create an access road with a turn-around was discussed. Discussed removal of large tree preventing road redesign. Still in planning.

BOD members attendance policy concerning excused or unexcused will remain as stated in bylaws.

Mowing to graded road policy changed & approved. New policy will be in Dec newsletter.

The policy concerning gate open or closed is unclear to me. Therefore, this section of notes will defer to official minutes.

Discussion on when & who is responsible for opening gates during emergency events. Hopefully decision on this will be in Dec newsletter.

Gate damage / outside fence condition discussed.

Property break-in on Murphy Rd. discussed.

Restaurant committee looking to open restaurant as soon as possible. Committee meets bi weekly.

Bunco moving to Saturday evening. Time TBD.

Turning school bus building at package drop off for Amazon discussed without a decision. Some objections presented. No decision.

Change to Temporary Residency policy approved. Change will be explained in Dec newsletter.

Discussion concerning why executive session is at end of agenda rather than at beginning. This was / is BOD Presidents decision.

Entered and Exited Executive Session.

Two quit claims approved. Three new members with one lease sale approved. Two Temp Residency's for one year approved. One building permit approved contingent of board member review.

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:00 PM. Next meeting Dec 20, 2024 at Community Center at 7:00PM.

This article is not official minutes. It is my personal recollections of events in open session. Notes are intended to provide information of discussion at Nov 2024 meeting.

Comments are always welcome. Larry Ziegler BOD member. Contact <u>ljziegler@hotmail.com</u>, <u>405-969-2043</u>

## COOKIE EXCHANGE Party

HOSTED BY

Chapel The TL'

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 2:00PM BRING 3 DOZEN OF COOKIES TO

SHARE

## New year's Eve Party

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE BRING IN THE NEW YEAR



TUESDAY DECEMBER 31st, 2024 \$10.00 PER PERSON 8 PM TO 1 AM DANCING BALLOON DROP CHAMPAGNE TOAST DRINK CONCESSION AVAILABLE BYOB TL CLUB HOUSE

# Ney YEAR OUTRADITIONS

## JOIN US FOR A **FREE** NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH WITH FOOD, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

(black eyed peas, ham, fried potatoes, cornbread, salad and dessert)

HOPEFULLY THERE'S A GOOD FOOTBALL GAME ON!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 @ 11:30AM TWIN LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER

TWIN LAKES RESIDENTS ONLY

RSVP by 12/30 to Kelli 405.274.1291 call or text

If you find your plans have changed and you can join us, please swing by! We will be there until all food is gone!

Hosted by the Adams & Green Families If you are interested in an available property or listing your lease with the office, please reach out to us. There are very limited properties available. Also, Twin Lakes rarely has multiple lot sections for lease.

Lot Lease Committee: Please contact the office if you would like us to put your information in the upcoming newsletter.

#### PROPERTY LISTINGS BY TWIN LAKES Please contact the office at 405-969-2577

- ✤ 429 Murphy-\$5000.00
- ✤ 1559-(s1/2) Turkey Trail-\$4000.00
- ✤ 1733, 1735 Quail Trail-\$10,000.00

Twin Lakes Sports Club Association is not a real estate agent; therefore, are released from any and all liability arising from the sale or purchase of these properties. Buyers will be responsible for any and all inspections including septic, well, etc.

All properties are sold "AS IS". Single lots will need additional types of approvals.

#### PROPERTY LISTINGS BY OWNER

Please contact the listed owners or for additional information contact the office at 405-969-2577

*	463 e1/2, 465, 467 n1/2, 364 se1/4 Lemon - available lots with out	tbuildings	Call/Text Nita	580-716-3441
*	215, 217 Squirrel – 1 bedroom, 1 bath	-	Call Patricia	405-514-5357
*	1403, 1405 Whippoorwill – 2 lots, 3 buildings as is		Call Charlene	405-834-6961
*	132, 134 Mockingbird – 2 unimproved lots	Call Mary 405-88	1-9744 or <u>Kristi</u>	405-595-7073
*	421, 423 Murphy – 2 beautiful cleared lots		<u>Call Shelly</u>	479-414-9241
*	1840, 1841, 1842 Raccoon Road - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, newly ren	ovated	Call Jessica	405-969-3357
*	309,311,313 Thunderbird – 1 bedroom, 2 living rooms, 1 bath		<u>Call Angel</u>	405-471-3999