

Gem Lakes



Fall 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:



Hello to all of our Gem Lakes residents! This newsletter brings us to a cooler and busy time of the year for the Gem Lakes Recreation Association

(GLRA). We are fast approaching another one of our big annual events: Oktoberfest. I am pleased to report many accomplishments to date along with memories of fun times and great fellowship had by all. One of the board's priorities this year, as with most years, is to make improvements to the recreation area such that all Gem Lakes residents experience appreciation in the value of their own property.

Speaking of improvements and accomplishments for the recreation area, the following summarizes events/projects that have been a success.

▪ In early May, our annual Fishing Rodeo was held. This year's event was held on Saturday May 2nd.



▪ One of the best Memorial Day Picnics (over 500 attendees) See photos on our website www.gemlakes.org

▪ The annual July 4th, Potluck Supper was fun, safe and enjoyable for everyone. Next year we will remind everyone to bring a main entrée to share.

▪ This year's Oktoberfest has been scheduled for Saturday October 24th, starting at 5:00 pm. Please mark your calendars since we've once again reserved Rudy and his Oompa band, "The Channelheimers"

Projects Completed:

▪ Upgraded our tennis and basketball courts with new surfaces, (See more pictures on our website www.gemlakes.org) Let's get the tennis lessons and tournaments back on our new courts!!



Refurbished the playground equipment . A big thanks goes out to Caroline Kilgo for her artistic painting talent!!

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I'm hoping that the GLRA Board has given and will continue to give you and your family a reason to say, "We love living in Gem Lakes".

Sincerely,

Your President & Neighbor,

Gary Marozas



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Association Financial Report:

Through the end of July, the timing of Association revenue and expenses has been different from the forecast in the 2015-16 budget. Dues collections are essentially the same as July 2014, but are behind the budget which anticipated improved dues collection early in the year. Year to date expenses are higher than budget since the tennis & basketball court renovations and tree trimming projects were completed and paid for earlier than the budgeted dates. Budgeted and actual expenses will be back in sync in September.

Dues Collection:

To improve dues collection, residents who have not yet paid 2015-16 dues will receive a statement with this newsletter showing the amount due. Residents who have not yet paid 2015-16 dues and WHO STILL OWE DUES FROM PRIOR YEARS will receive a statement and a letter explaining their account status, and outlining the options available to the Association to collect dues that are past due.

How Dues Are Spent.

I, and other board members, have been asked "How are my annual dues spent?" To answer that, we've created a "Gem Lakes PIE CHART" showing how a dollar

of dues would be spent as broken down by the 2015-16 budget categories.

Capital :

The long term investments we're making in things like the Tennis & Basketball Courts, Playground, Tree Trimming, Stair Handrails, Dam Siphon Valve and others.

Labor :

Employees and contract labor, like the Recreation Manager, Bookkeeper, Lifeguards, Mowing and Event Helpers.

Overhead :

The costs of being an organization, like Insurance, Taxes, Utilities, Administration and Publications.

Events:

The cost of the Memorial Day Picnic, Oktoberfest, 4th of July Potluck, Fishing Rodeo, and Movie/Bingo Nights

Operating:

Day-to-day expenses, including Recreation/Lake costs (like water testing), Maintenance, Trash Removal and Security.

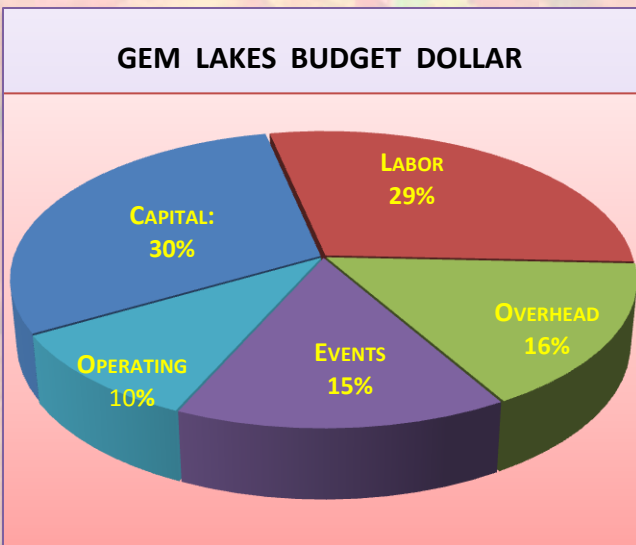
Gem Lakes Treasurer

Lloyd Copenhaver

Recreation Manager's Report:

We have had another successful season At Gem Lakes Recreation. I am happy to hear that people have enjoyed the pavilion and the swimming area once again. As we moved through the summer, I was told on many occasions of the good times people have had.

We had a successful Memorial Day Picnic to start the summer. Our July 4 Potluck continues to grow.



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Some of the things that we have done to improve the area:

- ❖ Removal of dead limbs and trees.
- ❖ Resurfacing of the tennis courts and basketball court.
- ❖ Installation of handrails down the Springwood steps.

Please remember that new signs have been posted. If there is an emergency situation, do not hesitate to call 911..... To report non-emergencies, call.... 642-7620.

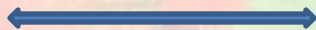
REMINDER:

Picking up after your pet isn't just a courtesy, it's the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do.

All residents who would like to help with beautifying "OUR GEM LAKES" please meet at the pavilion for a workday on Sat. Oct. 17th, aprox. 9:00AM.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Oktoberfest!

**Recreation Manager,
Johnny Spears**



GLEE : Gem Lakes Engaging Everyone

Directory Update:

Our street volunteers are continuing to verify resident information. If you have not returned the earlier form requesting your information or have not been contacted by a street volunteer, please call Joyce Stanley (649-3836), Vicki Thomas (642-6394), or Sharon Filler (648-3973) so we may include your name in the directory.

It's Spooky To Be Hungry:

This food and monetary donation drive benefiting Aiken's Golden Harvest Food will take place on Saturday, October 24. GLEE is excited to be participating in this fun neighbor-helping-neighbor food drive for the 10th year. Watch your front door for the flyer and donation bag. Please consider helping to exceed last year's goal of 1,752 lbs. and \$1,390. If you would like to help pick up food, please drop by #2 Short Court at 9 a.m. on the 24th.

GLEE Meetings:

Look for the signs at the major entrances or go to...."gemlakes.org": and click on GLEE Update.

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