

March 2026

Lake Heritage **breeze**

2026 Board Candidates
Vote for 3



Steven Dwyer



Danielle Garber



Everett Bayliss



Blair Thomas



Doug Rudisill



Kurt Harrison



Alan Kwiatkowski

Return ballots by 5pm, March 15

Ballot Counting begins 5pm, Monday, March 16, 2026

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DATES TO REMEMBER

BOARD MEETING -Thursday, March 12, 7PM	
Executive Committee:	Steven Dwyer, President
Phyllis French, Vice-President	Jacob Plank, Vice-President
Matt Verdirame, Secretary	Dan Sanders, Treasurer
Board Members:	
Richard Ginnever	Jacob Schindel
Alan Kwiatkowski	Mike Waller
ACCESS & PATROL	
Monday, March 16, 3pm	Jacob Schindel, Chair
FINANCE	
Wednesday, March 25, 5pm	Steven Dwyer, Chair
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Tuesday, March 24, 5pm	Alan Kwiatkowski, Chair
LAKE & DAM	
Wednesday, March 25, 6pm	Matt Verdirame, Chair
MAINTENANCE	
Thursday, March 26, 4pm	Jacob Plank, Chair
NEWSLETTER	
Wednesday, March 4, 11am	Phyllis French, Chair
POOL	
Tuesday, March 3, 6pm	Richard Ginnever, Chair
BALLOTS DUE	
Ballots due by 5pm March 15	

Notary Services Available



**Monday-Friday
8AM-4:30PM
LHPOA Office**

It's always wise to call first to make sure Katie is available.

On the Cover: *Think spring!* Rainbow photo by Lori Lupolt
Candidate photos submitted by individual candidates.

Leadership Reports

President's Message



Steven Dwyer
LHPOA Board President

As we move forward this year, I want to briefly address concerns that have been raised regarding the Association's transition to professional management.

Over the years, this Board and prior Boards have approved significant expenditures to address complex and long-term challenges facing our community. These included lake aeration systems, alum treatment to address algae concerns, and most recently a substantial engineering contract related to the dam and spillway. In several of these cases, costs reached into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and there was no absolute certainty at the time that each solution would fully achieve its intended outcome.

Those decisions were made because taking informed action was preferable to inaction — even in the face of uncertainty.

The decision to engage professional management should be viewed in that same context. The management contract is valued at just under \$90,000 annually and consolidates services the Association is already paying for. This is not an expansion of spending. It is a structural improvement in coordination, oversight, and administrative support.

Administrative decisions often generate stronger reactions than capital projects, particularly when they affect how the Association operates day to day. That is understandable. However, the Board's responsibility is to evaluate decisions based on risk, cost, operational efficiency, and long-term stability — not volume of reaction.

The contract has been executed. Our focus now is on implementation, performance, and accountability. We will monitor the transition closely and evaluate results based on measurable outcomes.

Our objective remains unchanged: to act prudently, protect Association assets, strengthen operations, and position Lake Heritage for long-term stability and success



Full moon over the lake, Photo by John Doerr

Notes from the Office



*Katlyn Eshelman
Administrative Assistant*

The office has been busy processing payments for the 2026 dues, and we truly appreciate your patience during this time. If you call and we are unable to answer right away, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

Dues payments may be made in the office by check only. We do not accept cash payments for dues. If you would like to prepare your check ahead of time, please make it payable to LHPOA. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As we move into a new season, the office staff would like to wish everyone a very happy spring! Spring officially begins on March 20, and we are looking forward to the warmer weather just as much as you are. With spring right around the corner, pool season will be here before we know it. We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards for the 2026 pool season. If you or your child is interested, applications are available at the Lake office.

We are also excited to share that pool resurfacing is tentatively scheduled to begin on March 9, weather permitting. This start date will allow adequate time for the project to be completed and keep us on track for opening the pool by Memorial Day Weekend. Check out the pool report on page 23.

LHPOA Departments (717) 334-7242

Community Manager	Jennifer Stokes	M-F 8:00am-5:00pm	communitymanager@lakeheritage.org
Administrative Assistant	Katie Eshelman	M-F 8:00am-5:00pm	admin@lakeheritage.org
Maintenance	Tom Shorb	M-F 7:00am-3:00pm	
Gatehouse		24/7	

Access & Patrol Report – January 15, 2026 – February 12, 2026					
Animal Related	3	Grass Growth Violation	0	Suspicious Activity	0
Boat/Lake Incidents & Violations	0	Law, Fire, Ambulance Calls	7	Radar/Traffic Details	56
Boat Inspections	0	Miscellaneous Incidents	1	Total Patrol Mileage	1546

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Maintenance



*Tom Shorb
Maintenance Supervisor*

Our Maintenance team worked long hours during the recent snowstorm to ensure the roads remained clear and safe for everyone. They continue to work diligently throughout the winter months to monitor conditions and prevent icy roadways. The Maintenance team would also like to thank all homeowners for their cooperation in keeping snow from being pushed into the roadway. Your help truly makes a difference and allows plowing to be done more efficiently.

In addition to winter road maintenance, our team has begun painting the Community Center. Jake Plank, the Maintenance team, and Katlyn have selected a new color scheme featuring a light gray on the upper portion of the walls and a darker gray on the lower portion. This update is designed to brighten the space, create a more welcoming atmosphere, and give the Community Center a fresh, modern look.

This will be an ongoing project over the next couple of weeks. If you're curious to see the progress, feel free to stop by the small room and take a look. We hope everyone enjoys the new look as much as we do!



LHPOA's hardworking maintenance team, Tom Shorb, Zeek Nipassa, and Keith Majeczky, give the Community Center a fresh, new look!

Photos by Katlyn Eshelman

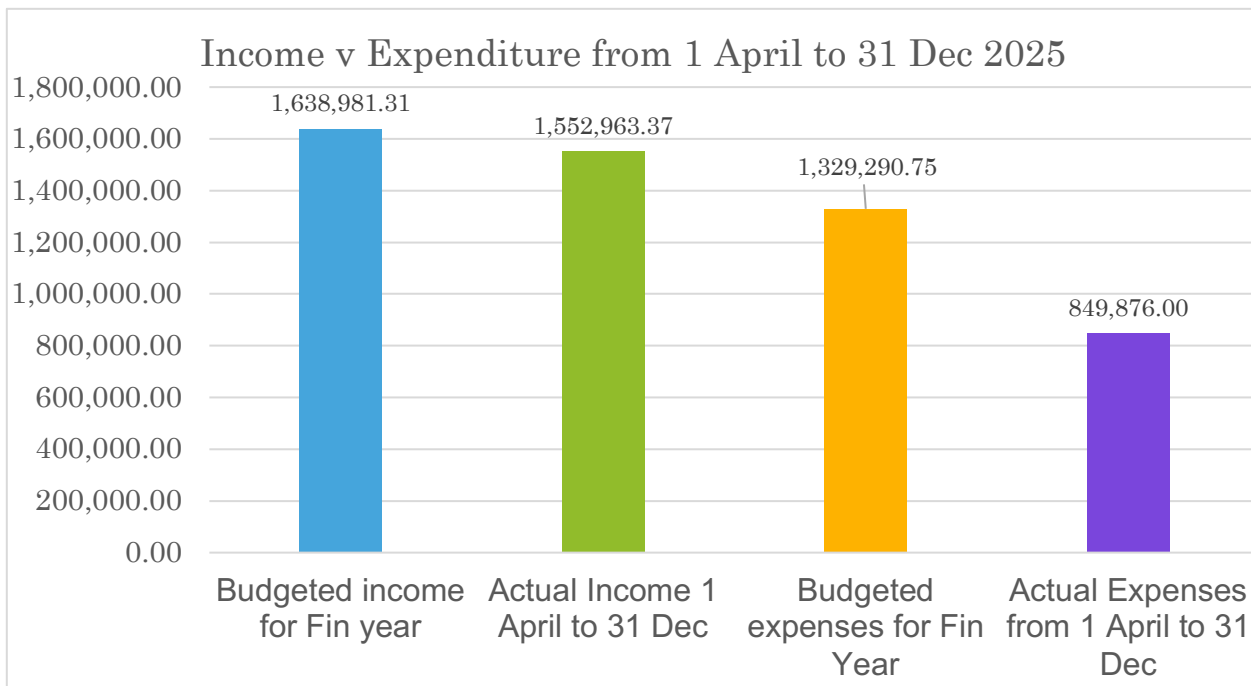
Treasurer's Report

Financial report as of December 31, 2025

Total Income for the year to date as of 31 December is just \$86,000 under its total budgeted amount for the year. This is Total income, not just member's dues & assessments.

One initiation fee was received in December. The total amount to date is \$110,000.

Expenditure is just under 64% of the budgeted expenditure amount with 3 months left of the financial year. The lower-than-expected expenditure can be attributed to staff departures during the financial year, which has reduced the wage account. The treasurer is currently assessing the funds in the operating investment account to determine an approximate amount that will move to the capital reserve at the end of the year.



The graph on the next page highlights Delinquencies. These are members who owe the association significant funds.

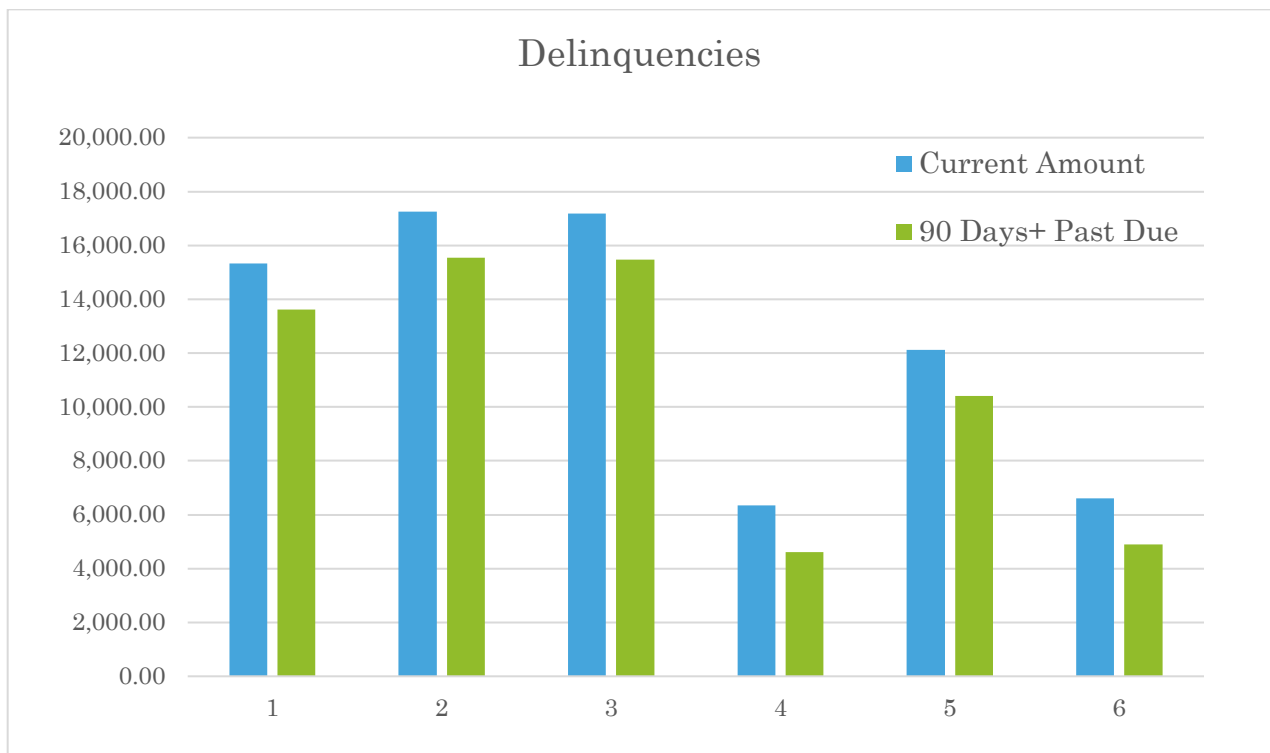
Delinquencies

The top 6 members owing the Association a total of just under \$75,000. This is accumulated debt over some years. While liens have been placed on properties, these require updating regularly and only return funds to the association if the property is sold.

As can be seen from the graph some members owe in excess of \$17,000. This is not a case of a member forgetting to pay their dues. This is repeated failures to pay what the Association is owed. The Association is pursuing with vigor the recovery of these monies from the members.

If you owe money to the association, be assured the association will make every effort to collect what it is owed.

The Current columns indicate the past due amounts with the current Member Dues & Lot Assessments added to the total.



The next Finance Committee meeting will be held 25th March at 4pm in the Community Center

Submitted by Mike Waller, Treasurer

Dam and Spillway Status Update

This monthly update summarizes LHPOA's progress in addressing the current **conditions and requirements** associated with our dam and spillway, as well as the next steps ahead.

Recent PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Communications

On February 6, 2026, LHPOA received a Notice of Violation (NOV) letter from the DEP, which provided us with formal notification of the existing deficiencies in our dam and spillway infrastructure. As you are aware, we have been working with the DEP over the past several months to establish a plan and timeline to address each of these deficiencies, and we have already established a positive working relationship with them in this regard. This NOV does not impact any of the remediation work we already have underway or planned going forward, but essentially provides the Department with documentation for potentially imposing future remedies or penalties on us if we do not continue to work to remediate all the identified deficiencies in a timely manner. To date the Department is satisfied with the actions we have taken over the past several months and our plans going forward, and at this time we do not anticipate any new or negative impacts as a result of their issuance of this NOV.

On February 10, 2026, LHPOA received approval from the DEP on a study that our consultant, KPI, submitted in mid-January that reanalyzed the impact on our lake from the Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) "worst case" rainfall event that is the basis for our spillway being deemed undersized. This new study reflects a noticeably lower flow into the lake than what was estimated from the prior 2021 study, and as a result that means our spillway is not as undersized as had been previously indicated. Over the next several months our design team, led by Apex Engineering, will evaluate these results and start preparing alternative, conceptual designs to remedy this issue for our consideration, but at this point it is clear that this change will result in a less costly remedy than previously anticipated (savings TBD). A huge special thanks goes to Board member Daniel Sanders for recognizing the potential for the alternate analysis method, and for actually running most of the analysis that led to the revised report.

Will the Lake Be Filled This Season?

The DEP has advised that there are two preconditions that must be satisfied before they would consider allowing the lake to be filled this season:

1. Address the broken section of the spillway floor
2. Execution of a Consent Order & Agreement (COA)

A brief description, status, and next steps regarding each of these follows on the next page:

Spillway Floor:

As mentioned in last month's update, an initial investigation by our design engineer, Apex Engineering (Apex), identified five areas of concern (i.e., broken spillway floor sections) that may need to be addressed. Since then, Apex has prepared a draft Interim Repair Plan (IRP) and submitted that draft to the DEP for review and comment. This proposed fix would derisk the current situation while the long term, permanent design solution, which likely requires additional investigation and study, can be finalized. We have reviewed the proposed plan with the DEP and they are supportive of the interim repair approach, but indicated they have comments to the draft design approach in several areas. As of this writing we are awaiting those comments. Once received, Apex will incorporate the comments into a final IRP and submit to DEP for approval. In parallel, we have contacted several construction firms to obtain preliminary estimates for this work so that we will be prepared to move quickly to obtain final bids and implement the fix once we have DEP approval to do so, assuming the LHPOA Board approves the interim repair expense.

Consent Order & Agreement (COA):

The COA is a formal agreement between LHPOA and the DEP establishing a binding schedule for bringing all our dam-related infrastructure into compliance with existing regulations. These are the items addressed in the NOV letter we received from the DEP that was mentioned earlier, the most significant being the undersized spillway. The COA will include penalties (i.e., fines) if the schedule is not met and is the DEP's way of assuring that the permittee continues to diligently work on resolving the violations on a timely basis. We have been advised by both the DEP and our environmental counsel that this is not an optional offer, as failure to move forward and enter into the COA would likely result in severe near-term penalties, up to and including draining the lake.

We have received a sample COA from the DEP which our environmental counsel has begun reviewing. The COA schedule will include all work from conceptual design through construction and project closeout, which we expect will require several years to completion.

Our intent is to negotiate the COA in parallel with performing the interim repairs to the spillway floor, such that both preconditions to allowing the lake to be filled this season are satisfied within the next few months.

If We Meet These Requirements, When Will We Fill the Lake?

As you are aware, we don't "fill the lake", we close the valve and hope it rains. So the real question is, when will the valve be closed for the season based on our pursuing the above plan? Typically, we close the valve for the season in mid-February. Given the preconditions the DEP have stated for allowing the lake to fill this season, we expect to have to open the valve from time to time over the next several months to maintain a drawdown condition while we pursue completion of these items. Once both preconditions are satisfied, and the DEP approves, we would leave the valve closed and allow the lake to fill the remaining way as nature supports.

Submitted by Dam & Spillway Task Force

Now Hiring: Lake Heritage Pool Supervisor



Position: Seasonal Pool Supervisor
Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day
Hours: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM daily
Reports to: Community Manager

Position Overview

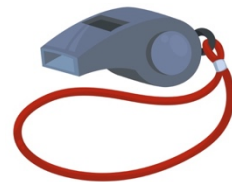
We're looking for a responsible, energetic Pool Supervisor to lead daily operations at the Lake Heritage pool. This full-time, temporary (8-hour shifts) position oversees staff scheduling and management, enforces safety standards, and ensures a fun and safe environment for all residents and guests.

Responsibilities

- Supervise and support lifeguard and concession staff
- Create and manage employee schedules
- Enforce pool rules and safety procedures
- Maintain accurate records of attendance, guest and snack sales, and incidents
- Oversee pool budget, concessions, and inventory
- Ensure water quality and pool cleanliness through regular testing
- Organize pool events and swimming lessons

Requirements

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Current First Aid/CPR/AED Certification
- PA Pesticide License
- Reliable transportation
- Must pass background check
- Ability to enforce pool rules courteously and effectively



Preferred Qualifications

- Advanced Lifeguard or Water Safety Instructor Certification
- Strong communication and organizational skills

Interested? Send resume to Katlyn Eshelman at admin@lakeheritage.org

Election '26 Voting Instructions

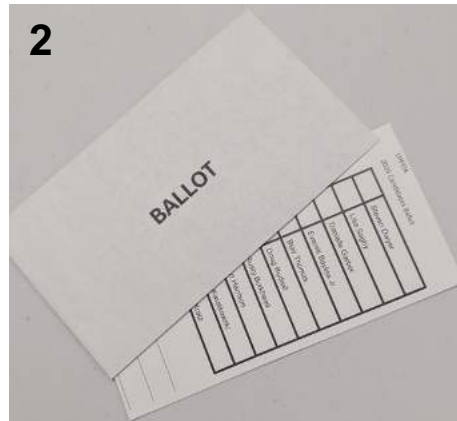
1 - Fill out the ballot – You can vote for a maximum of 3 candidates

1 LHPOA
2026 Candidates Ballot

	Steven Dwyer
	Lisa Saghy
	Danielle Garber
	Everett Bayliss Jr.
	Blair Thomas
	Doug Rudisill
	Rusty Burkhead
	Kurt Harrison
	Alan Kwiatkowski
	Daniel Kratz

Write-in

2 - Put the marked ballot into the envelope marked **BALLOT** and seal it. Do **not** put anything else in the ballot envelope.



3 - Fill in the green Member ID Card. Don't forget to sign the card.

3 LHPOA Member Information Card

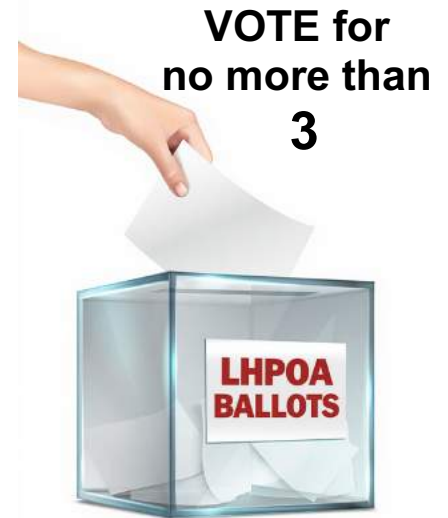
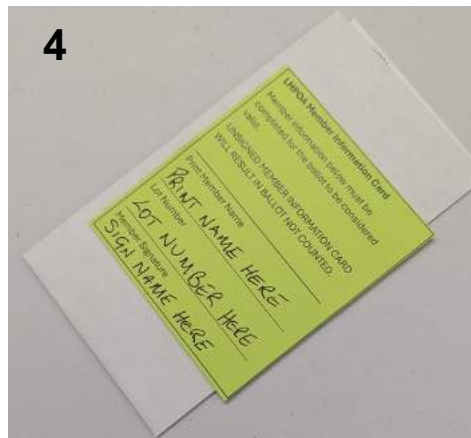
Member information below must be completed for the ballot to be considered valid.
UNSIGNING MEMBER INFORMATION CARD WILL RESULT IN BALLOT NOT COUNTED.

Print Member Name
PRINT NAME HERE

Lot Number
LOT NUMBER HERE

Member Signature
SIGN NAME HERE

4 -Put the green card AND the **BALLOT ENVELOPE** into the return envelope and seal it



Your vote matters!

5- Drop it into the box at the office or gatehouse **or** put a stamp on it and mail it to the Association.

All votes must be received by 5pm 15th March.
The Count will take place on 16th March 2026

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Lake Heritage Property Owners Association
1000 Heritage Drive
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Steven Dwyer, Lot # 72
Sdwyer@lakeheritage.org

Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

I am seeking re-election to continue the work I have been involved in during my current term. Since becoming Board President in April, I have gained valuable insight into our operations, projects, and organizational needs. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue contributing to this work and to provide continuity as the Association moves forward.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

I have gained meaningful experience in leadership, decision making, and organizational management through both my professional work and my volunteer service within the community. I have managed budgets, coordinated teams, and handled complex projects that required organization and accountability.

Serving on the Board has also given me a strong understanding of our governing documents, our operational needs. These experiences have strengthened my ability to evaluate information objectively, work constructively with others, and make informed decisions that support the community's long-term stability.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any part of our governing documents what would it be and why.

If I could champion one change to our governing documents, it would be a comprehensive review of our bylaws to ensure they reflect current law and best practices. Pennsylvania's Title 68 has undergone updates over the years, and incorporating those changes would strengthen the clarity, consistency, and authority of our governing framework.

Updating the bylaws would help reduce ambiguity, improve the alignment between policy and practice, and support smoother operations for both the Board and the community. Modern, well-structured bylaws give every member a clear understanding of how the Association functions and help future boards govern with confidence.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

As one of nine board members, I work toward consensus by focusing on accurate information, listening to different views, and keeping discussions aligned with the Association's responsibilities. This approach has served well during my current term, and I would continue it if re-elected.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

Lake Heritage is an important place to me, and I care about contributing in a meaningful way. I take my responsibilities seriously and try to approach every issue with fairness, consistency, and respect for our governing documents. I want to continue serving in a way that supports a stable and well-functioning community.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Danielle Garber, Lot# 642

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717-856-3648

Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

I have decided to run for the board because I believe that most of our community just wants to live peaceably and be left alone. Things have gotten overcomplicated and I believe we need to bring some common sense back into the community.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

I have been a retail manager for over 20 years. I am experienced dealing with a wide array of people and opinions, mitigating disputes and getting things done in a timely and efficient manner.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any part of our governing documents what would it be and why.

I'm not sure I can say that I want to champion one thing. I think there is a lot that needs to be looked at. The by-laws were established long ago, and I think it makes sense to review them periodically to see if they are still pertinent or applicable. One thing that does bother me is that our dues automatically increase by 2% every year regardless of our expenses or money in the bank. I don't believe that just because something has always been done the same way necessarily makes it the best way. I will champion clear, concise communication.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

I believe that the best way to persuade anyone on any issue is to use data and logic. Beyond that, I can have strong opinions and still maintaining a respectful manner toward others which is something I feel has been lacking in our community lately.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

I'm not running to gain favor, I'm running because the more things have seemed to spiral in the community, the more I feel the need to get involved. I think we need different representation that we have right now. I think we need to re-evaluate and simplify and not get caught up in minutia that doesn't really matter. While I am respectful to others, I also do not get pushed around easily and will not succumb to the bullying that has plagued previous and current board members.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Everett Bayliss Jr, Lot 402

HeritageDream@proton.me 614-507-9604

Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

I've been a part of the LH Community since 2003 & have a vested interest in its well-being. If one would like to have an input into the decision-making process, being involved is important. As a BM I'll have the opportunity to hear everyone's input, which will enable me to make informed decisions.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

I've worked in various stressful situations. I listen, clarify, understand & compromise. There's no perfect answer. Exp's incl US Army Res, safety & security, finance, real estate, insurance, education, and healthcare, incl w/ Spec Needs & Family Nurse Practitioner. I've vol in EMS & the fire depart. Previously, I was a part of the LHPOA safety committee. I'll bring a wide range of experiences to the board.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any part of our governing documents what would it be and why

I don't have any opinions about our gov doc's, presently. If concerns arise, I'll present them to the board. Keeping these these docs current and in compliance with regulations and laws is important. Ultimately, my concern is for the well-being and safety of the community and being fiscally responsible.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

As a BM, my role is to listen to community members. I don't have an agenda. It's NOT my role to push an agenda. If an issue arises, I'll present my case to the board and community. Life is complicated. EVERY household has numerous & complex challenges. With AI, it may get more challenging. I'm not interested in creating hardship. I want transparency, fairness, and fiscal responsibility.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

I'm on the board to listen & represent the community. I research & understand the details. I know my strengths & weaknesses & when to seek outside expertise. For ex, with respect to the services of an HOA Mgt Co or an HOA Consulting Co, I don't have enough info to make a final decision. This decision will require time to understand all of the issues and get community input.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Blair Thomas, Lot 910

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717-451-0669

Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

Time for a change.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

Former business owner and educator; served on numerous boards (business, Rotary, non-profit, civic); corporate trainer/human resources manager; consultant (LHPOA etc.) former Chief of Security (LHPOA) and all-around good guy.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any of our governing documents what would it be and why?

Rewrite and amend by-laws so they are relevant to changes needed in the community.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

Build a coalition with board members and community members to create a long-range strategic plan for the community improvement.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

Lake Heritage resident for 20 plus years.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Doug Rudisill, Lot 819

drr819@hotmail.com 717-357-4152

Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

We need proper accounting and budgeting, better availability of financial reports, and improvements to funds investment.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

Was elected to BOD twice about 27 years ago. Involved with various committees and was assistant treasurer.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any of our governing documents what would it be and why?

Definitely the Fiscal Policy. Members should have more control over dues increases and spending.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

Make sure all understands the issue and investigate all possible solutions. Should use more membership input, especially through open committees.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

When I ran in 90's, dues were too high then to pay for \$700,000 debt on Community Center and Roads. Through a sensible fiscal plan, we paid down debt and continued an increasing operations budget, yet do not need any dues increases or special assessment.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Kurt Harrison, Lot 313

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Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

Currently there are two major issues in our community. Our dam needs repaired and there is conflict regarding the possibility of hiring a community management company. I believe this is the time to step up and work towards good outcomes for our community.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

I have years of experience in leadership positions, sometimes I was answerable to others and sometimes I was the boss. That gave me understanding about behaviors which can improve communication between parties and the will to reduce conflict.

If you could champion on change, addition, modification or amendment to any part of our governing documents what would it be and why.

I would like to clarify and strengthen guidelines regarding ethical behaviors as well as transparency of BOD agendas.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

A consensus should be achieved because of date and facts – not opinions or personal agendas. I have both training and experience doing research of date and separating facts from fiction.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

I don't have a personal agenda. I do want to work for the good of the community.

Election '26 - Meet the Candidates



Alan Kwiatkowski, Lot # 733

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Why have you decided to run to be elected as a board member?

To allow the members to have a stable choice. While my last 3 years on LHPOA have not been what I expected, I believe I brought a sense of balance and was an advocate for the lake. If re-elected I will continue to strive to be a voice of reason.

What experience have you gained in a leadership role, which if you are elected, will be an asset to the Board and Association?

With a BS/MS in Computer Science and 37 years of experience as a self-employed professional, I have developed strong skills in strategic planning, financial management, and problem-solving. Running my own business required me to adapt to changing markets, build lasting client relationships, and make sound decisions that balanced innovation with sustainability. In addition, I previously served on this Board for three years, where I gained valuable governance experience and contributed to advancing the Association's mission.

Together, these experiences demonstrate my ability to think analytically, act decisively, and collaborate effectively. If re-elected, I will bring both entrepreneurial insight and proven board service to strengthen the Association's impact and ensure its continued success.

If you could champion one change, addition, modification or amendment to any part of our governing documents what would it be and why.

I would institute a "Level Term" association fees option. Much like Level Term life insurance, this option would allow for 5 or 10 year terms where our owners would know their fees. The association will use statistics to determine the fee and the length of term. At the end of the term, a correction will be applied and the owner can then choose another term or to utilize the normal schedule. If the property is sold, a correction will also be applied.

As a board member (if elected), you will be one of nine. How will you work to achieve a consensus for issues that you feel strongly about?

My goal would not be to "win" an argument but to help the board reach decisions that are well-reasoned and aligned with our mission. If a consensus is not immediately possible, I am willing to alter my approach, explore alternatives, and work toward a solution the board can stand behind.

What else (if anything) would you like the community to know about you?

My wife Susan and I have two grown children and one grandson. We purchased our home at Lake Heritage in 2011 as a vacation home. We loved the lake so much we moved here permanently in 2016. I have a BS/MS in Computer Science and a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) certification. I have been self-employed as a Department of Defense IT consultant for the past 37 years. Susan taught middle school for 30 years and has recently retired. We are members of the Ski Club where I served as club President from 2017-2021. I have previously been a member of the Lake & Dam, Technology, IT and Strategic Planning Committees.

I believe we owe a debt of gratitude to all previous board members for donating their time and energy to the betterment of Lake Heritage. I'm now offering my time and energy to do the same.

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Wild Neighbor Spotlight



Red Foxes on the ice at Lake Heritage. Photo taken on January 19, 2026, by Beth Kump

Red foxes are adaptable, intelligent mammals commonly found in fields, forests, and even suburban areas. In late winter, foxes mate, and by March you can expect to see their babies, called kits. They are born in underground dens. During this time, adult foxes are often more visible in the daytime than usual, as nursing parents must hunt frequently to feed their growing young.

Submitted by Beth Kump



Photo by Dawn Levickas

Spring Cover-Photo Search

WANTED: Spring lake photos

We'd love to feature your photography on the cover of The Breeze!

Email photo, a brief description, and name of photographer to newsletter@lakeheritage.org by **March 15th**.



2026 Lake Heritage Scholarship Competition

Sponsored by Lake Heritage
Fishing Club
Women's Club
Ski Club

Open to all Lake Heritage high school seniors, home schoolers, and GED graduates who will attend a college or technical school during the 2026-2027 school year

Pick up applications:
High School Guidance Office or
Lake Heritage Office.

Applications must be submitted to LH Office
by 5pm on April 13, 2026

Around the Lake

Lifeguards Wanted for the 2026 Season! **Make a splash this summer as a Lake Heritage Lifeguard!**

LH Lifeguard Requirements

Candidates must

- Be 15 years of age or older
- Hold a current Red Cross Advanced Lifesaving Certificate, including First Aid/CPR/AED certification
- Have a work permit on file in the LHPOA Office (if under 18)
- Be able to supervise both children and adults in a friendly and professional manner
- Be familiar with and enforce LHPOA Pool Rules and Procedures



For more information, contact the Lake Heritage Office Staff during office hours (Monday–Friday), or email Katie @ admin@lakeheritage.org

Jump in and join the team for the 2026 pool season!

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Around the Lake

Crying on the Camino with Celeste Mancinelli



When an outstanding off-Broadway performance comes your way, you don't say no! The LH Women's Club is excited to bring *Crying on the Camino* to the lake on **Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 7pm** in the Community Center.

AWARD WINNING stage performer Celeste Mancinelli has an extremely funny and deeply moving story to tell in this ONE WOMAN SHOW as she **recounts her 200-mile walk from Porto in Portugal to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.** *"In sharing this piece my goal is to inspire others to take their own journey – to fully live their own Caminos.*

About Celeste Mancinelli

During the COVID outbreak, Celeste began writing, developing and performing her original one-woman show, [*Crying on the Camino*](#), based on her journey. *Broadway World* named Mancinelli's production "Best New Play" and "Best Performer in a Play." "[it] culminated in a tearful audience and a standing ovation" said Lisa Well, *Harper's Magazine*.

Since the 1980s, Celeste Mancinelli has performed in many popular productions, including *Nunsense*, *A Girl's Guide to Chaos*, *My Big Fat Gay Italian Wedding*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

About The Camino

Based on ancient Roman roads, modern day "pilgrims" travel along a historic trade and religious route that left a legacy of wayside shrines, stone crosses, and chapels, taking hikers and cyclists through beautiful scenery and historic towns. The path has been recognized as a place for spiritual growth and personal discovery since the 800s.



Follow along with Celeste on her journey of self-discovery and wonder.

BUY A TICKET (\$20) HELP A STUDENT Limited Seating

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 16, 2026

Ticket order form and ticket sale schedule on page 33

For more information contact Martha Boyd at mbgettyburg@gmail.com

Refreshments will be served. (We know you love our cookies!)

*Article submitted by Liz Habermann, Women's Club Vice President
Photos courtesy Celeste Mancinelli*

Around the Lake

2026 LH Vehicle and Boat Stickers are available!

When payment for 2026 LH dues is received and vehicle and boat/watercraft registrations are brought to the office for verification, new 2026 stickers will be issued. You will need to apply the stickers to your vehicle or boat/watercraft as soon as possible.

Follow these steps:

- 1) Remove the old sticker(s) - ensure all remnants of the previous sticker are completely removed.
- 2) Clean the surface - thoroughly clean and completely dry the area where the new sticker(s) are to be applied on the vehicle and/or boat/watercraft.
- 3) Apply the new sticker(s) - carefully place the sticker(s) onto the vehicle or boat/watercraft, ensuring proper alignment and adhesion.

Position of stickers:

- 1) Vehicle - Driver's side of the front bumper.
- 2) Boat/Watercraft - Two stickers are given. A sticker is to be applied on each side of the boat/watercraft affixed anywhere from center to stern. Lot number must appear beside both stickers.

Stickers are non-transferable for LHPOA members in good standing.



Pool Resurfacing Project Set to Begin March 9th

Pool Committee Prepares for a Busy Spring with Improvements and New Resources



Exciting news is making waves in our community: the long-anticipated pool resurfacing project is scheduled to commence on March 9th, with a projected completion date at the end of April. Once resurfacing is complete, the process of filling the pool will begin, bringing us one step closer to enjoying a refreshed and revitalized swimming area just in time for the warmer months.

The Pool Committee has been hard at work during the winter, ensuring that the upcoming pool season will be safe, enjoyable, and well-organized. Over the past few months, the committee has actively reviewed the Pool Party Contract, clarifying important guidelines for residents wishing to host private events. These revisions aim to provide greater clarity and flexibility for everyone involved and with the goal of having a good time with safety in mind.

We appreciate the community's patience and enthusiasm as we work to complete these important improvements. Further updates on the resurfacing progress and reopening date will be provided as the project advances. Stay tuned for more information as we move closer to welcoming everyone back to a beautiful, upgraded pool this summer!

Submitted by Don and Robin Robertson, Community Chairs

Around the Lake

January's Blood Drive a Successful Start for the Year!

Thirty-one people came to give blood. Of the twenty-six people who donated, three of them donated Power Reds, so we are credited with **29 units of blood donated.**

This is a fantastic number for any January blood drive (It usually has lower attendance), but it is especially amazing considering the cold and snow.



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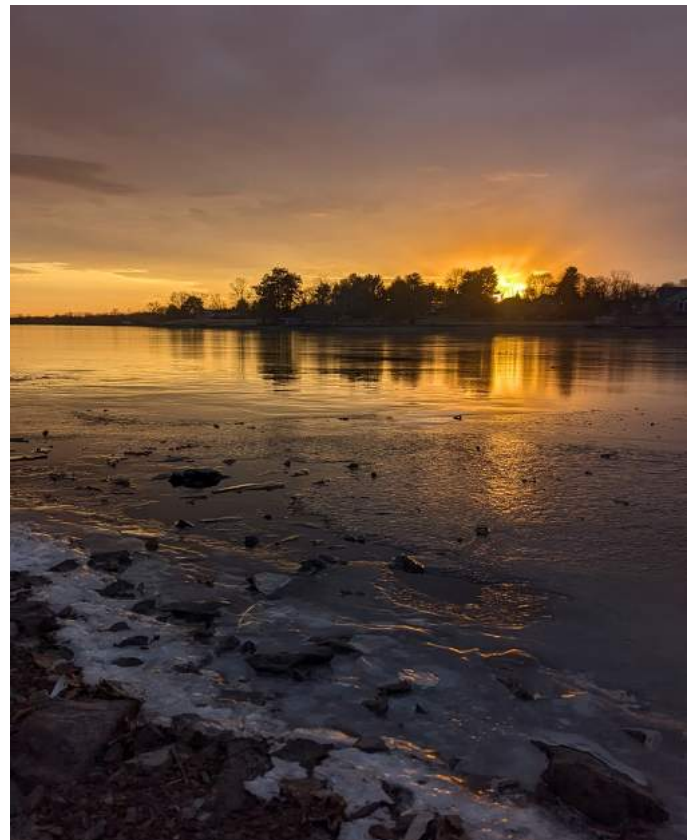


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Club Activities

Creativity Club

Samantha Richards (703) 999-5130 baskets217@gmail.com

February 17th, the Creativity Club met at 6:30pm to create simmer pot bags and bath soaks in honor of Random Acts of Kindness week. We can't give you pictures of that fun because there's an early deadline for the newsletter this month, but we can tell you that a drove of compassionate women will be leaving surprises for unsuspecting folks the week after Valentine's Day. I've practiced Random Acts of Kindness for a few decades now and tools for children or adults to join the fun are at <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>



RANDOM acts of
 kindness

Give a compliment	Make someone laugh	Clear up a mess you didn't make	Hug someone	Tell someone you love them
Smile at everyone you see today	Hold the door open for someone	Read to someone else	Include someone new in your games	Let someone in front in the queue
Leave a friendly note for someone	Introduce yourself to someone new	Give some loose change to charity	Sort out some old clothes to donate	Get someone else a drink
Pick up some litter that isn't yours	Tell someone reasons why you like them	Share something with someone	Say thank you to someone	Offer help to someone
Tidy up without being asked	Encourage Someone	Thank an adult for something they do for you	Make someone a card	Help cook dinner



Join us March 17th, at 6:30 PM to make Shrink Flowers. Stephanie will be visiting to teach this class for us. As always, your guests are welcome at a cost of \$10 per person.

Please call/email Samantha with questions:(703) 999-5130 or baskets217@gmail.com

Submitted by Trista McAleavy

Fun N Fitness

Kathy Miller

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Movement is the oil for your body's machine! Regardless of intensity, every amount of time you can devote to moving your body is vital to your overall health. Fun N Fitness Exercise combines both aerobic (movement) exercise at your own pace with beneficial seated exercise that focuses on strengthening specific areas to help with agility and flexibility.

Come to the Community Center any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 - 11AM to observe what we do and see if you would like to join us. There is no charge to participate in our club. We are a friendly, nonjudgmental, and supportive group and would love to meet you!!

Submitted by Dawn Levickas

Kids Club

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Lake Heritage Kids Club Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 3/28

at 1pm

Shady Grove Pavilion

We will have a craft,
egg hunt, and visit
with the Easter Bunny!

Fishing Club

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The Lake Heritage Fishing Club - Come and Enjoy!

As [bad] luck would have it, our February Meeting on Friday the 13th took place, but the “Breeze” publication schedule could not accommodate a report in this newsletter. Instead, our membership would like to take this opportunity to remind all lake members of what the Fishing Club is all about.

The Club has it all: Good people, good food, and a good purpose. We’re not anglers who meet to trade fishing stories. We’re essentially a social group that meets monthly to share some time, food, and ideas to support our community. The Club is open to all ages and interests and usually has around one hundred dues-paying members.

The Club meets the second Friday of the month in the main room of the Community Center, starting at 6:00 PM and usually over by 8:00 PM. Each meeting has a theme (Italian Night, Oktoberfest, etc.) and Club members enjoy a potluck dinner, complete with appetizers, desserts and refreshments. A short business meeting follows, and the gathering is topped off with a 50-50 drawing for those who play.

The Fishing Club has two main purposes: foster friendships and help meet Lake Heritage and local community needs. Dues are currently \$15 per year, which, along with three fund-raisers the Club sponsors each year, provide funds to help stock the lake with fish, award scholarships (partnered with the Women’s and Ski Clubs), and contribute to several other Club initiatives. We also support a Veterans Initiative, which looks for opportunities to financially assist Adams County Veterans in need.

If you're looking for something new or fun to do, the Fishing Club has it all. We are a “no-pressure” group - informal and voluntary. Our goals are to socialize and do good for our community. Come for a meeting - maybe you’ll “get hooked” on us (pun intended . . .). Our next meeting is **Friday, March 13th**. Hosts will be the Brown and Matthews families.

Submitted by John Spinelli



Photo by John Doerr



Photo by Jennifer Smith

Women's Club

Jennifer Smith

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Greetings! The February meeting was very sweet! We enjoyed a great presentation by Becky Bellinger, owner of Gettysburg's [Kilwins Candy and Ice Cream](#) shop on Steinwehr Avenue. Since its founding in 1947 by Don and Katy Kilwin of Michigan, Kilwins has earned a reputation for providing high-quality chocolates, ice cream, & confections combined with excellent service. Kilwins now has over 160 franchisees with stores in 28 states. After her presentation, Becky shared samples of chocolate, caramel, fudge, and ice cream!!!



After the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved. The members with birthdays in February were recognized.

Beth Bauer and Martha Boyd presented information about an exciting event coming to Lake Heritage on April 18th. A one woman show, *Crying on the Camino*, written and performed by Celeste Mancinelli will be performed live at the Lake Heritage Community Center. Check out the details and ticket information on pages 22 and 33!



Liz Habermann reported that she would represent the club at a gathering on February 11, 2026, hosted by the Adams County Library System to recognize our Giving Spree contribution. Susan Hill, the guest speaker for the event will talk about Elsie Singmaster, a 1934 Newbery Honor recipient known for her account of the Battle of Gettysburg. Singmaster was the primary force in founding the Adams County Library System in 1945.



The next blood drive is scheduled for April 2, 12:30-6:00pm in the Community Center. [Click here](#) to schedule your life saving appointment!

Our next Women's Club meeting will be held on **March 10, 2026, at 10am** in the Community Center. Our guest speaker will be Taylor Knash, Pennsylvania Game Warden. Hope to see you there!!

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Community Happenings



Blood Drive Dates for 2026



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Walking on ice - Photo by Lori Lupolt

Community Happenings

Celebrate Women's History at the World War II American Experience Museum



On March 7, 2026, the World War II American Experience museum will be hosting a special day to celebrate Women's History. All events will be included with admission into the museum. The museum will be open regular hours of 10:00am-5:00pm

The speakers for the day will be Julie Decker doing a presentation on US Navy nurses who were POWs in Japan. Antigoni Ladd will be giving a presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt. Finally, Valerie Tripp, author of the American Girl's

Molly books, will be giving a presentation and signing books! Speakers will be at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Tentatively, the schedule is Decker at 11, Tripp at 1 and Ladd at 3. But if you are particularly interested in one, I recommend checking the museum web site or calling to verify times.

At this time, there will be at least one female WWII veteran present.

There will also be other special displays and activities available. Girl Scouts will be there selling cookies and talking about their organization.

Food will be available in the museum's pub, so plan to come and spend the day!



Submitted by Linda Savoie

Lake Heritage Kids Club Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 3/28

at 1pm

Shady Grove Pavilion

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COMING SOON...

THE LH WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

A LIVE PERFORMANCE OF

CRYING ON THE CAMINO

Celeste Mancinelli's One Woman Show

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 7pm

LH Community Center



"In sharing this piece my goal is to inspire others to take their own journey - to fully live their own Caminos."

***Crying on the Camino* Ticket Order Form**

Name _____ phone # _____

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Please make checks payable to Lake Heritage Women's Club.
For more information contact Martha Boyd at mbgettyburg@gmail.com

Purchase tickets starting Monday, March 16th, at the Community Center

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Submission deadline is the 15th of the month
April 2026 newsletter deadline is March 15

Questions and ideas

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March 2026

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