



Lake Lines

News From The Lake Sovereign Neighborhood

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Tis' The Season

No, I'm not talking about Christmas. I'm talking about Football. Every Red Blooded American that is passionate about the game knows where I'm coming from. There is a certain excitement in the air as each weekend arrives and we watch our favorite teams combat each other on the field of play. We celebrate their victories and suffer in their defeats. The season brings many surprises as we hope for the best out of our team.

Using this analogy, I look at the Lake Sovereign community as our team. Do we have rivalries? Sure we do, whether it be other communities, the development of Sixes road, and sometimes our own teammates (neighbors). My hope is that we all take part in the game and play hard. The only way to do that is get involved in our community and its' surroundings. We as Board members are here to serve the Lake Sovereign team. We want to hear from you. Any note worthy news of interest that you would like shared with our team would be greatly appreciated for future editions of Lake Lines.

One article of interest that I thought I would share is the following information on **the development of Sixes road**. *Center Point Development* will be developing the land parcels near I-575. In the last Holly Springs Board meeting, the final stipulations were passed out for the development. I wanted to pass these along to you. As always, Thank you for your support.

MA-04-05 Center Point Development Stipulations of Zoning (FINAL)

1. Owner/Developer shall be required to dedicate a minimum of 1.65 acres (15% of property area) towards open space, as defined by the Holly Springs Zoning Ordinance, and shall coordinate with city staff regarding location and design.
2. Owner/developer shall provide a landscape plan for development entrance and all open space. Landscape plan to be approved by the Zoning Administrator.
3. Owner/developer shall coordinate with the City of Holly Springs regarding open space, parks and possible recreation areas.
4. All mechanical and HVAC systems shall be screened by building roofline or screened by landscaping and/or fencing. Screening material shall complement primary structure in regards to color and material.
5. Owner/developer shall provide a fifty (50) foot undisturbed streambank buffer along Toonigh Creek, south of survey "call" mark 1123.20'.
6. Owner/developer shall provide a 10' landscape strip with a 4' landscaped berm along the entire road frontage of Sixes Road.

- 7.** Owner/developer shall provide a fifty (50) foot undisturbed buffer along any property adjacent to the Fall of Cherokee subdivision.
- 8.** Owner/developer shall be required to install a vegetative type fence where said development does not achieve the 75% visual protection between properties as outlined in the City of Holly Springs Zoning Ordinance. Determination of proper visual screening and the product necessary to achieve the 75% visual screening to be determined and approved by the Zoning Administrator after consultation with the President of The Falls of Cherokee (TFOC) Homeowners Association.
- 9.** Architectural styling of all structures to be controlled by the developer with the approval of the Zoning Administrator. All facade types for structures within this development shall be made of a minimum of 75% brick and/or stone only and shall adhere to the Holly Springs Parkway District design guidelines in Article 19 of the Holly Springs Zoning Ordinance.
- 10.** Signage for the proposed development shall be ground-based, monument style signage, not internally lit and shall be consistent with the architectural tenor of the section of the community/development in which said signage is located. Signage shall consist of a heavy concentration of ground-based, monument-style materials.
- 11.** Owner/developer shall provide a complete site lighting plan during the initial plan review process for land disturbance. Plan to be approved by the Zoning Administrator and shall include, but not be limited to, all lighting proposed within parking areas, on the exterior of all buildings and underneath any canopy. Required lighting plan must include a photometric study identifying how the lighting on the site will impact the adjoining properties. The lighting underneath canopies, ATM's or similar uses is restricted to no more than two 320-watt recessed lighting fixtures (including lenses) mounted flush with the bottom of the canopy. Lighting on the back of all buildings that face the Falls of Csubdivision shall be directed onto the buildings and designed for security purposes only.
- 12.** Public access to detention/retention areas shall not be permitted. Design of such facilities shall incorporate measures to ensure public safety.
- 13.** Storm water detention facilities shall provide a net zero increase in runoff to downstream areas.
- 14.** Owner/developer shall adhere to all architectural concepts as stated on the "Proposed Development Concept for Gresham Mill Village". Concepts are as follows:
 - a.** Only architectural styles typical of the Georgia Piedmont between 1820 and 1920 will be permitted.
 - b.** Building footprints shall be limited to the scale of traditional timber and brick masonry structural system.
 - c.** All building shall have pitched roofs when visible.
 - d.** All windows shall be of residential scale or else similar to 19th century shop fronts.
 - e.** All building shall have clearly defined front entrances.
 - f.** All signage and street lamps shall be in styles typical of the 19th and early 20th century.
 - g.** All trash dumpsters, transformers, and HVAC equipment shall be screened from public view and the adjacent Falls of Cherokee residents with structures or structural materials typical of the period 1820-1920. Screening material shall complement the primary structure in regards to color and materials.
- 15.** Structures located south of survey "call" mark 1123.20' shall be a maximum height of thirty-five (35) feet, measured from the lowest finished grade, and prohibited from having windows facing lot 112 (Falls of Cherokee Subdivision, 425 Morgan Falls Trace). All other buildings shall be limited to fifty (50) feet in height, measured from the lowest finished grade.
- 16.** No rear parking shall be allowed between proposed buildings and the adjacent Falls of Cherokee homeowners.
- 17.** Trash pick up and all deliveries shall be conducted no earlier than 7 am and no later than 8 P.M..
- 18.** Only one additional median cut will be allowed along Sixes road between the Gresham Mill parkway cut and the Falls of Cherokee Drive.

19. With the exception of the land area illustrated as "Proposed Building A", any amplified drive thru or outdoor public address speaker systems shall be required to minimize noise by:

a. Limiting speaker systems to a maximum sound level of 60 Db (decibels).

b. Shall angle all speaker systems away from the Falls of Cherokee Subdivision

c. Shall incorporate structural, as well, vegetative sound barriers behind or in front of any amplified speaker systems. Appropriateness, design and Cherokee location of such sound barrier structures to be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

20. The following uses shall not be permitted:

Auto/truck and boat sales and repairs

Tire sales with outdoor storage

Cellular phone towers

Amusement parks

Animal hospitals/clinics with outdoor kennels

Go-kart, motor bike track

Adult bookstores

Tattoo parlors

Thrift stores

Pawnshops

Checking cashing establishments

Lumber and building materials

Outdoor storage

Adult entertainment facilities

21. In addition to the permitted uses for MXD-1/GC, owner/developer shall be allowed to have one (1) indoor, climate controlled storage building.

Lake Sovereign Fishery Survey

Aquatic Environmental Services, Inc. recently conducted an electrofishing survey on Lake Sovereign. They performed a fish analysis and a water quality analysis. The data collected from this study was analyzed and used to describe the current conditions of the fishery. Management recommendations are based on the current fish population in the lake and are made to improve the fishery by providing insight into the proper management of the lake to achieve the desired fishing goals.

Methods

Electrofishing is the most scientifically advanced method of analyzing fish populations in freshwater lakes in the southeastern United States. A 4-stroke engine emitting little, if any, pollutants into the water powered the boat. This boat effectively shocks a range of up to 10 feet in front of the boat and to a depth of 8 feet. It is biased toward elongated species such as largemouth bass due to higher conductivity. It also shocks larger fish better than small fish, and is not as efficient shocking catfish species. We sampled all habitat types found in the lake, including open water, shallow points, wood structure, shallow covers, and deeper drop-offs. By sampling all habitats, all species present can be collected. Water conditions, such as visibility and temperature, were sufficient for the capture of fish.

An additional lake assessment we conduct is a relative weight index on adult bass. This is a comparison of the standard weight of a bass at a given length to the actual weight of the collected bass at the same length. It determines the "plumpness" of the specimens. Values over 90% indicate a healthy bass population and adequate forage base. Relative weights below this level indicate limited "ideal" food sources for bass.

The lake currently is a well balanced fishery with a few fishery issues. The lake contains desirable species such as largemouth bass, bluegill, and shellcracker. It also has potential problematic species crappie, gizzard shad, golden shiners, bullhead catfish and redbreast. The redbreast is an additional "bream" species that provides some bass forage and fun fishing. The green sunfish is not a desired "bream" and should be removed when caught. They rarely reach desirable size but compete with bluegill.

The gizzard shad is a desired forage species for clients wanting trophy bass. However it can achieve sizes in excess of 20 inches and will at some point need to be reduced. The golden shiners are an additional forage species that at this time are low in numbers but provide bass forage as well.

The white crappie in the lake are desired by many and provide excellent fishing and table fare. They have the potential to "takeover" the lake so numbers should be monitored and aggressive harvest plan in place to keep them in check. The bullhead catfish are not desired since they compete with several other species. They can successfully reproduce and recruit young unlike channel catfish. This is why trapping or fishing for them is encouraged to keep their numbers low.

Bass feed efficiently on bream 1/3 their length. When this ideal food source is unavailable the bass are forced to forage on a larger number of smaller fish. This causes the bass to expend more energy and weight gain is sacrificed. In this case, a good harvest plan will result in a better balance between the bass population and the ideal food supply. This is the common situation in many lakes but not in the case with Lake Sovereign. The average for your pond is calculated to be 99.7% with the biggest bass measuring 19.5 inches. Also the high occurrence of the intermediate bluegill indicates plenty of forage at this time. Goals should be set for an average of 100% when managing for quality bass fishing, so this is being accomplished at this time. I anticipate continued excellent bass growth rates given the current fish populations.

Goals

It is the goal of most neighborhood lakes to have a well-balanced lake. Proper fish stocking and water quality management is critical to maintaining an enjoyable lake for years to come.

Management Recommendations

It is the goal in most lakes to have a balanced condition. This does not mean a true equilibrium, but a satisfactory relationship between the predator (bass) and prey (bluegill) populations. When balanced, the prey are reproducing at high numbers providing forage for the predator, and the predator has the proper numbers to limit the number of prey. As a result, the lake produces catchable size bass and bluegill.

1. **Harvesting** – Currently the lake is well balanced. It has an adequate amount of forage and bass. With the occurrence of gizzard shad I suggest a catch and release policy on bass. Crappie should be harvested when caught. Efforts should occur to trap and catch bullhead catfish. Occasional harvest of bluegill is acceptable but no more than 30 per household per week is a good policy.
2. **Stocking** - If fishing for kids and novice fisherman is a concern you can stock a low density of channel catfish. The channel catfish will not reproduce in the lake making them easy to manage. They will grow quickly with a feeding program. They will need to be 7-9 inches to survive bass predation. If gizzard shad get ahead of bass predation additional bass stocking may be necessary. Based on the shallow shelves and occurrence of algae and aquatic weed abundance, stocking grass carp is suggested. They do a great job in controlling some of the shoreline weeds in the pond.

3. Supplemental Feeding – Being done on a limited basis by homeowners. This is fine due to the following reasons. Feeding the bluegill floating fish food creates healthier bluegill that reproduce at higher rates therefore increasing the bluegill population. More importantly, feeding bluegill increases their weight, which consequently increases the weight of the bass. This is one of the easiest and most efficient methods for improving the lake.

4. Fertilizing – I suggest not fertilizing at this time due to large water flow. Fertilizing a lake increases its productivity. Most neighborhood lakes cannot sustain high harvest levels to compensate for the increased number of smaller fish in a fertilized lake. Excessive water flow caused by storm drainage also makes fertilization difficult. The large water amounts wash away the fertilizer before it can properly fertilize a pond.

5. Pond Habitat – The overall conditions of the lake were good, but can be improved by the addition of more cover placed in strategic locations. The lake continues to harbor algae growth due to clearwater and shallow edges. We will continue to treat on each monthly visit. Cover will attract bluegill and allow bass more opportunity for ambush points when foraging, as well as concentrate fish for successful fishing.

6. Conclusion - The fishing in your pond should continue to improve when implementing the above recommendations.

*Sincerely,
Aquatic Environmental*

Common Grounds Committee Report

On August 5, the main line sewer to the Club House clogged and backed up through the Club House toilets and the icemaker drain. The sewage backup caused extensive water damage, which resulted in removing the carpet from the storeroom, the vinyl floor coverings in the toilets and more than one-third of the hardwood flooring.

Professional service providers were phoned immediately to remove the blockage in our Association sewer line. The actual blockage was located underneath our parking lot near the property line next to the private school property. We also contracted immediately with a service provider to disinfect the building and begin the process to dry out the sub-flooring in the building.

We expect replacement flooring to be installed in the month of August and we expect to resume availability of the Club House in September.

Homeowners may want to check their home insurance coverage. Many insurance companies do not cover a sewer backup in their standard coverage. This often has to be scheduled separately and some insurance companies do not offer this coverage.

Thanks to the technicians at RotoRooter in Canton who helped us avert a potential sewer backup problem for several homeowners in our neighborhood. After removing our sewer line blockage to the Club House, the RotoRooter technicians decided to check a couple of manholes just to verify they could not detect any additional blockages that might be causing the Cherokee County system to become blocked. They discovered a main blockage on East Shore Drive that had the potential of doing damage to adjacent homes, similar to the Club House damage.

We immediately phoned Cherokee County Water and Sewerage in an evening emergency need and by 11:30 P.M.. on August 5, the blockage was removed and the sewer line restored to normal usage without any resulting damage to homes.

It is important that owners be aware of the closest manhole to their property in case of an emergency. In our particular emergency, the manhole that required access had been paved over at the time the neighborhood streets were built. The manhole is being raised to street level and new asphalt will be installed adjacent to the opening to alleviate any future access issues. As a general rule, a sanitary sewer access should be about every three hundred feet. Your Association is not typically involved with oversight of the sewer system. It just happened to be a coincidence as we resolved our private property sewer problem.

Our thanks also to the rapid response we received from the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage staff.

**John Krueger,
Chairman Common Grounds Committee**



Our Featured Fine Home Community



Featured Lake Sovereign Home

This high-end private and secluded lake community feels a world away, yet is located just off Sixes Road and I-575. Lake Sovereign's uniqueness is its 120 architecturally designed and custom-built homes on a private 43-acre pristine lake. The professionally maintained lake is home to a multitude of God's beautiful creatures, including a mute swan, rare gray herons, Canadian geese, beavers, cormorants, ducks, and over 20,000 bass. This is a truly special community.



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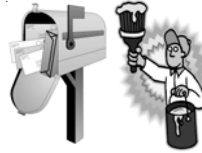
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Community Workday

Saturday, October 1st will be the date of our annual community workday. We have various jobs we would like to complete on this day. We need help with cleaning, painting and general maintenance. Please contact Peter Pauline if you are interested in participating. For those who are willing to help we will be providing lunch. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated. I personally look forward to seeing you there. A tremendous thank you goes out to those in advance who are committed to keeping our community as beautiful as it ought to be.

MAILBOXES – note from the ARC



Dear neighbors – as our subdivision has aged, for all of us to overlook the condition of our

straightening, repair, and painting. Many of the white posts are covered with a green mildew, which can be removed with a sponge and a bleach/water solution. We ask that each of you look at your own mailbox and make whatever improvements are necessary to assure an acceptable appearance. If your existing post is beyond repair, a new post can be purchased at **Denyse Signs** in Douglasville – ask for **Donna Newman**. Allow several weeks for fabrication and delivery of the post. We thank you.

so have our mailboxes. It is easy mailboxes, many of which need

Take the High / Low Quiz

This quiz is similar to the feature on the show the Price is Right, where the contestants were given a price for an object and had to guess if the price was too high or too low. In this quiz you'll be given a statement of fact that has been exaggerated either too high or too low. Decide if our quoted number is too high or too low and write down your answer. How well can you do?

1. This founding father's last name (George Washington) is the name of counties in **38** states.
2. In Japan, women were not allowed to watch a Sumo wrestling match until **16** years ago.
3. Although a turtle is slow-moving, the "box" turtle migrates **100** miles during a single year.
4. The longest recorded life span for the "Queen" ant is **7** years.
5. The Eiffel Tower is **300** feet taller than the Washington Monument.
6. In 1993, the maker's of the game "Monopoly" printed **5** times more play money than the Bureau of Engraving and Printing did real money.
7. The tallest unicycle ever mastered was **46** feet high.
8. The King of Siam had **6,500** wives and concubines.
9. Pavarotti once received a curtain call for **2 hours and 15 minutes** after performing in a Donizetti opera.
10. In 1858, on it's first day of business, the Macy's store, located in Manhattan on 6th avenue took in **\$42** in sales.
11. It takes **32** muscles to frown.
12. The contact lens was invented **51** years ago.
13. The earliest jig saw puzzle was created **188** years ago.
14. The number of M&M's in a one pound bag is **425**.
15. The least populous independent country in the world had only **1,400** people there in 1993.

Answers are posted near the end of the newsletter.

From the Sheriff's Office-

Motorized golf carts seem to be a novelty right now. Unfortunately, the streets within our subdivisions are County roads and therefore the laws of the State apply. **Which means if you own a golf cart, it cannot be driven on any area outside cart paths.** If a golf cart is riding down the middle of a subdivision road, it is considered to be a motorized vehicle. The State laws upon motor vehicles as any vehicle that is not self-propelled, which means if you are riding down the middle of the subdivision road you need a drivers license, registration, insurance, headlights and turn signals on that cart. Because insurance companies do not insure golf carts, they are not allowed on roadways. If a golf cart is in the roadway and gets hit or hits another motorized vehicle, say a car, the crash would not be covered under your car insurance policy and you would probably end up recovering damages in civil court. So the next time you or your juvenile decide to take your golf cart for a drive, please make sure that a licensed adult is the driver.

The following is an article that was forwarded to me from a concerned neighbor. I share her concerns as I have witnessed these same issues. We each have a responsibility so please let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood clean and in pristine condition.

As I walk my pet daily, I am highly aware of the beautiful yards in our Lake Sovereign. Pride of ownership is evident, and it makes me even prouder to be a part of the Lake Sovereign community; however, on the other hand... I'm painfully aware of debris, trash and animal "poop" in the common areas... especially around the pool.

It's difficult for me to believe the homeowners in our community would leave behind such litter, but I hardly believe we have as many guests as would be required to leave all of the beer bottles, food wrappers, fishing line, soft drink cans, items of clothing, and other less desirable debris as can be found most any morning. (And... as a side note... cigarette butts ARE trash and belong in the garbage can, not on the ground or in the parking lot.)

Many of the other neighbors take time to pick up this garbage, as do I, but my question is... how could this happen?

Would we all agree this is an incredibly beautiful neighborhood, and we are all blessed to be a part of it? We have worked hard and made certain accomplishments in our life that required effort and sacrifice to have these beautiful homes in such a wonderful setting. Would we all agree we can all recognize trash? If it's not the "moms & dads" in our subdivision leaving behind such a mess, then it must be our children. I would have to expect our children have been taught better...

Maybe it's our guests, or the construction workers, or strangers who wander into Lake Sovereign just to dispose of their litter.

My suggestion is, we should all be more aware of this problem. Check around your vehicle when you are leaving the pool to see if anything fell from your car. If you see someone throwing bottles, cans, food wrappers and the like from his/her car, make a note of the vehicle and give that information to a board member. If you know of anyone who so disregards our yards and common area as to let their pet "poop" without cleaning it up... give them a plastic bag to pick it up!

Whether intentional or unintentional... garbage left behind is just trashy.

Thanks,

Concerned Neighbor

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The months of June and July are past and school started in early August for Cherokee county. We hope you all have enjoyed the pool and our beautiful lake this summer. The Social Committee did not schedule any outdoor events at the pool or clubhouse this summer due to the strong possibility of thunder showers or extremely hot temperatures.

October Events

Two events are scheduled for October. First will be an **October Fest** and later will be a **Children's Halloween Party** on **October 31**. A flyer will be placed in your mailbox with information on each event.

Men's Card Night

Men's Card Night meets on the second Thursday night of each month at the clubhouse. Please contact **Coleman or Kay Stone** to participate.

Bunco

There are two *Bunco* groups that meet each month. They play in the evening at a different member's home.

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| Evening Group 1 | First Monday Evening |
| Evening Group 2 | Third Tuesday Evening |

Texas Canasta

The women have organized three *Texas Canasta* groups that meet each month in the clubhouse:

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| Day Group 1 | First Tuesday of each month |
| Evening Group | Second Monday of each month |
| Day Group 2 | Third Monday of each month |

There is also a *Couples Texas Canasta* group that meets in the evening at the clubhouse. Both men and women are invited to play.

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| Evening Group | Second Saturday of each month |
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Please contact **Becky Hudson or Judy Derr** for information about *Bunco* or *Texas Canasta*. They will email the rules to you and teach you how to play.

Taste Bud Club

The *Taste Bud Club* had a very successful start with the first party held at the home of Angi and Eric Bruton in May. The second family to host was J.R. and Cathy Merendo in June. We did not schedule any get-togethers for the months of July and August due to so many families taking vacations. Julie Murdock is the chairperson in charge of this group and will let you know the date and who will host the next meeting.

The *Taste Bud Club* host decides on the theme for the night, for example a Mexican Night. All who attend are to bring an item related to that night's theme and a drink of choice. The host will be responsible for the mailbox flyer and the use of their home for the evening.

Please contact **Julie** if you are interested in participating.

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Solutions to the High / Low Quiz

1. High. Washington is the name of counties in 30 states and 1 parish (Louisiana).
2. Low. Women in Japan were allowed to watch Sumo wrestling in 1778, 221 years ago.
3. High. Box turtles typically spend their entire live within 125 yards of their birthplace.
4. Low. An ant queen has been known to live 13 years.
5. Low. The Eiffel Tower (985') is 430 feet taller than the Washington Monument (555').
6. High. The maker's of the game "Monopoly" printed \$21.5 billion in 1993. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing printed \$104.3 billion in 1993.
7. Low. The tallest unicycle ever mastered was 101' 9" high. It was ridden a distance of 376' in Las Vegas by Steve McPeak with the aid of a safety wire suspended by a overhead crane.
8. Low. The King of Siam (King Mongkut) had 9,000 wives and concubines.
9. High. Pavarotti once received 165 curtain calls, lasting 1 hour and 7 minutes after performing at the German Opera house in Berlin.
10. High. The original Macy's took in just \$11.06 on it's first day of business.
11. Low. It takes 47 muscles to frown. To smile it only takes 17 muscles; so save energy—keep smiling.
12. Low. The first contact lens was designed in 1887 by a German glassblower 112 years ago. Plastic lenses came about 50 years later.
13. Low. The earliest written reference to jig saw puzzles was in 1763, 236 years ago.
14. Low. The average number of M&M's in a one pound bag is 521.
15. High. Vatican City, the least populous independent country in the world had a population of 800 in 1993.



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- Jeff & Debra Parker



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LSHOA President

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