



# Hide-A-Way Lake Echoes

## ----- March 2025 -----

### Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party

Dress Parade Funky and Show Off Your Beads! Surprise King and Queen!!  
Saturday, March 1, 2025



Doors Open: 6:00 pm Party: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Let the good times roll at the Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party! DJ entertainment will be provided by David Delcambre. Light snacks, King Cake, and set-ups will be included. The cost to attend is \$20 per guest. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for reservations.

### March 29th Lodge Events

#### Blood Drive

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

In response to a nationwide critical blood supply shortage, HAWL is sponsoring a blood drive through the Blood Center of Picayune. The donation bus will be at the Lodge parking lot. Call the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 for more information. Donors may register through the link on the HAWL website.

#### Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager

9:30 am

Join HAWL's General Manager Bruce Devillier for a Community Meet and Greet in Waters Edge Restaurant (upstairs of the Lodge). Everyone who attends this event will receive a coupon for \$5.00 off a future purchase at Waters Edge. John Brucks, the Lake Quality Committee Chairperson, has been invited to speak at this event to detail the ongoing work the committee is doing to maintain one of the community's most valuable assets - our lake. This face-to-face collaboration with property owners will provide the opportunity to ask questions to the General Manager directly. This is a great time to ask any questions to prevent the spread of misinformation and to meet some of your neighbors as great neighbors make great communities. While new property owners are highly encouraged to attend, everyone in HAWL is welcome. If you wish to discuss individual matters such as an issue with a neighbor or a complaint, contact the General Manager directly at the Office to set up an appointment.

#### SPCA Microchip Event

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Pearl River County SPCA will be in the Lodge parking lot offering microchips for \$20 per pet.

#### HAWL Burger Special

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious burger, anyway you want it, with French fries or chips for \$9.99.

### Volunteers Need for Community Project

Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 9:00 am, the Lake Quality Committee is requesting much needed assistance with assembling old Christmas trees and cinder blocks to create fish habitats to place in the lake. If you need service hours or just want to help your community, we need you; all ages welcome. If you are interested in participating and want to sign up, please contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. Lunch and beverages will be provided. The rain date will be Saturday, March 15, 2025.



### St. Patrick's Celebration



Waters Edge is celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 16, 2025, with lunch from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage with fresh carrots, corn bread, and a dessert for \$14.99 per person and \$7.99 for the kids portion. Reservations are required for this delicious special and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. (No menu items will be available.)

### Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique

The Social Committee is hosting a Ladies Luncheon and Vendors Boutique in Waters Edge on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Vendors will be showcasing their goods and services. All guests will enjoy a light lunch and ten games of bingo for \$15.00 per person (tax and tip included). Shopping begins at 10:00 am; bingo games begin at 11:00 am.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

If you are interested in being a vendor, call the Office at 601-798-1484.

- Spaces are \$10.
- Set up 9:00 am; Shopping 10:00 am.

### Scholarships Available for 2025 Graduates

If you live in Hide-A-Way and are a graduating high school or homeschool student or will be completing your GED this spring, there are scholarships available to you through the **Scholarship Foundation for Hide-A-Way Lake Students. Applications are due April 14, 2025.** Scholarship applications and information are available in the HAWL Office and at hawlms.com.



### Boat/Golf Cart Decals

Boat and golf cart decals are now on sale. Green decals expire April 30, 2025.

See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

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**Hours of Operation**

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Office closed March 4, 2025, for Mardi Gras.

Southgate Usage Hours:

5:00 am - 9:30 am & 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Southgate open March 4, 2025, for Mardi Gras.

When exiting onto Cooper Rd., observe 20 mph.

These times are for exit and entry; however, only vehicles with a valid HAWL decal will be allowed entry,

**Lakeview Library Book Exchange**

The Lakeview Library Book Exchange, started by the Social Committee, has been such a success due to the generosity of HAWL property owners and residents. If you are a reader, be sure to stop by the Lodge lower level while the Office is open to browse the wide selection of books. Donations of gently used books are always welcome.



**Contact Information**

HAWL OFFICE: 601-798-1484  
 HAWL FAX: 601-798-0604  
 GUARD GATE: 601-798-1247  
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**Get to Know Your Neighbor**

Not only does this build community, but neighbors keep each other and the community safe. Good neighbors make great neighborhoods.

**HAWL Memorial Trees**

Trees, shrubbery, or seasonal plants can be planted by contributing to the Memorial Tree Fund to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. Since 2005, the Committee has planted over 100 trees in HAWL along the roadside and in the parks. Applications are available on the HAWL website or in the Office.



**Handicap Parking at the Lodge**

The Lodge offers six handicap parking spaces at the Lower Level. To access these spaces, take the road near the tennis courts. The spots are intended for vehicles with handicap plates/tags. Please be courteous by not parking in these spaces so they may be used by those who need them.



**Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. Is on Facebook**



Follow the link on hawllms.com. Hit "LIKE" to stay in the loop about upcoming activities and restaurant specials and be involved in happenings in your community.

**Sign up for Happenings In HAWL**

Have community news and information delivered directly to your email.



- Visit the HAWL website at [hawllms.com](http://hawllms.com).
- Select the "Happenings In HAWL Email" tab and follow the instructions given.
- You **must confirm** through the email you receive from listserver@hawllms.com shortly after registering. (Check your spam folder just in case.)

**Visit hawllms.com for Community Information**

Hawllms.com is frequently updated with information about community operations and upcoming events on the Events page. Visit the Restaurant tab for weekly specials as well as the full Waters Edge menu. Links to register a visitor in Gate Sentry and to pay your bill online (after signing up through the HAWL Office) are also available.



A vital component of running Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc. as a business is to have our financials audited by an outside source. Last year's fiscal year, which ran from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024, is being fully audited by the CPA firm Grantham Poole. A complete audit review is planned to be completed this month. The auditor company will recap with the Board of Directors and a copy of the audit will be available on HAWL's website and in the HAWL Office for property owner review once it is completed.

A large amount of work is being done on our lake. The Lake Quality Committee works very hard to maintain our lake for both fishing and recreation. On March 8, 2025, at 9:00 am, the committee is asking for volunteers to help them and the HAWL staff assemble fish habitats by attaching roughly 100 Christmas trees to cinder blocks to be placed in the lake. These habitats will provide shelter to fish to grow the population and increase fishing. If you are interested in helping, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. This is a great opportunity to learn more about this committee's work and what the lake has to offer the community.

American Sportfish has been quite busy on the lake lately. The dredging contract was completed last month and a total of 7,318 cubic yards of sediment was removed from the from the following areas:

- Mallard Cove/530 block of West Lakeshore Drive (1568 cubic yards removed)
- Eagle Cove/900 block of East Lakeshore Drive (1677 cubic yards removed)
- Mockingbird Cove/1730 block of East Lakeshore Drive (1815 cubic yards removed)
- Pelican Cove/back area of the Horseshoe (2258 cubic yards removed)

The total capital improvement cost of this project was \$145,000.00. We have learned a great deal during our research of this project including using the bag method for the removed sediment. The bags are planned to be removed after they have had time to dry, which will take approximately 30 days.

A delivery of fish was made last month from American Sportfish Hatchery. This is much needed as our lake requires more habitats to protect the smaller fish as well as support the growing population of fish. The total capital cost of this project is \$30,500.00 which includes the following:

- 25,000 3-4" Coopernose Blue Gill \$20,000.00
- 650 6-7" Pure Northern Bass \$3,900.00
- 18,000 6-7" Threadfin Shad \$6,000.00
- Delivery \$600.00

This month our Maintenance Department will begin installing some new playground equipment at both the East and West playgrounds. The total capital improvement cost is \$42,394.00, which was paid to Bluegrass Playgrounds. This order includes a replacement playground set that will replace the red and yellow set at the West Playground. The East Playground will receive an additional playground set. Both parks will receive more spring riders; school buses, fire trucks, and ambulances will be available for children to enjoy. Additional benches and upgraded swing set seats, including ADA seats.

Waters Edge Restaurant has recently been redecorated; come see the new look! The ceiling was painted, new curtains were hung, and the chairs were covered. The menu has also been reworked with Friday and Saturday night specials listed on the back of the menu and on the HAWL website. Appetizers and desserts change weekly and will be advertised at the table. This is a wonderful amenity located in the upper level of the Lodge; come check it out and enjoy a meal. The painting was completed by B&B Painting and Elite Hardwood Floors put down a new top coat on the Main Dining Room's wood floor. The total capital improvement cost was \$11,816.78.

A radar sign was installed last month in the 300 block of East Lakeshore Drive. This sign will be moved around the community throughout the year and placed in high traffic locations. The information from the data collected is very useful to show traffic counts by day broken down into 15 minute increments. It also shows speeds broken down into five mile increments. Most importantly, the sign shows drivers' speed making our roadways safer. An example of the information provided: In one day, 701 vehicles passed the sign and 49 were going over the 25 mile-per-hour speed limit. After registering their speed with the sign, 30 slowed their speed within the speed limit and 19 continued to speed. The capital cost of this sign was \$4,100.00 and so far has been very useful in keeping our roadways safe. Please help us achieve this goal by reminding your residents and guests that the speed limit in the entire community is 25 miles-per-hour.

I would like to thank all of the property owners that have come to show support for and learn information about your community by attending a Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager. In addition to these meetings, my door is always open to you. I encourage your suggestions and/or concerns regarding the improvement of the community. Community members working together is essential to protect, maintain, enhance, and preserve not only the community but your home as well.

A Board Meeting was held on February 11, 2025. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Full copies of the minutes from Board Meetings are on HAWL's website ([hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com)) under the Board of Directors tab. The Manager's Report is included in the minutes.

#### **Architectural/Variance – Jim Wells**

For January 2025, the number of houses to date is 988. The Architectural Committee approved the following: 1 deck and 1 shed.

#### **Finance Committee Report – Chad Hurst**

The Treasure's Report had a grand total of \$590,793.58.

#### **Security, Safety, & Fire Committee - Kathy Busco**

A radar sign has been installed soon that shows drivers their rate of speed. This sign does not have a camera and citations will not be issued from this sign. However, data will be collected to inform HAWL of how many cars travel an area hourly as well as ranges of speed. The goal is for this sign to increase information so drivers will slow down.

Professional Security Corporation will soon be upgrading the cameras on the front of their vehicles to not only improve quality but to include sound. This is in addition to cameras at common areas being upgraded.

#### **Lake Quality – Joe Battaglia**

Water samples were collected from two locations on February 3, 2025. Test results of both samples were within the Mississippi Standard for Recreational Waters.

Rainfall for the month of January was measured at 2.98 inches which was 2.57 inches below the thirty year January average of 5.55 inches. Rainfall-to-date was 2.98 inches which was 2.57 inches below the thirty year-to-date January average of 5.55 inches.

Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 9:00 am the Lake Quality Committee is asking for help with a community project. The committee needs assistance assembling fish habitats and placing them in the lake. If you interested in helping, please contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. This is a great opportunity for anyone, especially students, who are in need of community service hours.

The Spring Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025. More information will be available in the monthly *Echoes* and on HAWL's website.

#### **Social Committee – Margaret Muller**

The Social Committee met last month and many great events are scheduled over the next few months. The Mardi (Gaudy) Gras Party is scheduled for March 1, 2025, and the Brunch, Bingo, & Boutique is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Make sure to make your reservation to be a part of the fun!

The Social Committee is looking for new members to join and be part of planning upcoming events for the community to enjoy.

#### **Public Affairs - John Pigott**

The primary election for the city of Picayune is April 1, 2025. A political forum will take place at the library on March 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

A memorial tree will be planted in memory of Mr. BJ LaCour.

## **Information Sources for Hide-A-Way Lake Residents**

Social media is a great way to share information between members that may be difficult to find elsewhere. If you're looking for information about Hide-A-Way Lake, listed below are several outlets:

- **Visit HAWL's website ([hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com)).** It contains information about the community such as informational links, the Property Owner's Manual, the Building Code, Newsletters, and Photo Albums.
- **Subscribe to the weekly email newsletter (*Happenings In HAWL*).** The newsletter contains information about upcoming events in the community, current information, and delicious restaurants specials. (See page 2 for how to subscribe.)
- **Read the *Echoes*.** This monthly newsletter contains current news, a monthly update from the General Manager, and upcoming community events. Both digital and physical copies of the *Echoes* are available. Digital copies are on HAWL's website. Property owners may pick up physical copies in Waters Edge, the Office, the Front Main Gate, or the Southgate.
- **Read the Front Entrance Boards.** Current events and other important information are posted at both gates.
- **Attend monthly Board of Director Meetings.** On the second Tuesday of each month, the Board of Directors meets in the lower level of the Lodge at 6:30 pm. Current HAWL information and committee reports are provided.
- **Call the HAWL Office.** HAWL's staff is available on weekdays Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. They may be reached at 601-798-1484 or at [office@hawlms.net](mailto:office@hawlms.net).
- **Attend a "Community Meet and Greet with the General Manager" meeting or schedule to meet with the General Manager.** Periodically throughout the year, HAWL's General Manager, Bruce Devillier, hosts informal question and answer meetings to address residents' concerns regarding the community. You may also contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 to set up a meeting.



### Architectural Monthly Recap Information as of February 18, 2025

Active Building Permits..... 18  
Covenant Violations ..... 17

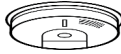
**Nothing shall be erected on any lot without an approved building permit in writing by the HAWL Office.**

ALL permit applications must have the following:

- Site/plot plan showing all existing and requested improvements
- Set of building plans to code
- Specification of materials

Permit requests are reviewed by the Architectural Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. **Please ensure that all permit application requests are completed with all supporting documents attached the Monday before the scheduled meeting by noon.**

### Check Your Smoke Alarms



Be sure to change your smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. (This year it falls on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.) Ensure that alarms are placed in every bedroom, outside of every interior door, and on every floor of your home.



### Issue With Your Sewer System?

Should an issue arise with your sewer system (such as your sewer alarm sounding), contact the PRCUA (601-799-5259 or 228-205-4101 for after hours emergencies). The PRCUA would like to remind residents they are on-call 24/7 to resolve grinder pump issues. It is important to notify the PRCUA as quickly as possible when your system goes in alarm mode to prevent overflows, restore service, and minimize the chance of destroying a locked pump. This number should be called prior to contacting a plumber since most issues can be handled by the PRCUA at no cost to the property owner. The number is in service 24 hours a day/7 days a week. **Please understand: Flushable wipes are not flushable and will damage the system.**

## Waste Management Trash Collection Guidelines

- Carts must be placed by the roadway no later than 5:00 am the day of collection with the street side of the Waste Management cart facing outward as labeled. Keep carts away from any mailboxes, vehicles, etc.
- **If you only use the Waste Management cart, nothing has changed; place all items for collection in the cart.**
- All household waste must be placed in the Waste Management cart. Other debris may be placed in the Waste Management cart but **do not place any household waste in the personal carts.**
- Two separate trucks are collecting carts: one for Waste Management carts and another for all personal carts. **You are allowed a maximum of three personal carts for other debris (cardboard and yard waste such as limbs, pine straw, and leaves), not household waste.** A cart from another company even if it is the same size, shape, etc., is considered a personal cart.
- After collection, remove all carts from the roadway.
- **If your carts were missed for collection, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 no later than 8:30 am the following day, otherwise carts must wait for the next collection date.** **0055**

## Lot Maintenance

54. All Lots, whether occupied or unoccupied, and any improvements placed thereon shall at all times be maintained in such a manner as not to become dangerous to life or property by reason of decay, lack of maintenance, infestation of rodents, dead tree(s), and excessive growth (such as over grown weeds or grass). The unsightly accumulation of rubbish, debris, unused materials and furnishings is prohibited. No garbage or refuse shall be dumped, stored, or accumulated on any Lot or be thrown on any Lot or roadway or common area or into the Lake.

**In preparation for summer, save money by adding a second water meter “yard” option to your home for outside use. If your monthly water usage is typically over 3,000 gallons due to outdoor use, a second outside meter for use such as watering plants, running a sprinkler system, pressure washing, filling a swimming pool, etc. would pay for itself in as little as one summer.**

The second meter “yard” option allows property owners to use water outside of their homes **WITHOUT INCURRING ADDITIONAL SEWAGE CHARGES**, meaning property owners are only billed for the actual water used. The meter will essentially pay for itself in as little as one summer due to the amount saved by not paying additional sewage charges. If you water your lawn and plants, fill up your swimming pool, pressure wash frequently, or even wash your vehicles often, this is a great option for your home. The yard meter is only available to homes that have a first meter and is pro-rated with no minimum charge. Property owners are responsible for installing pipes from the meter as well as a faucet. The cost for the second meter is currently \$400.00 plus tax. If desired, for an additional fee of \$50.00, HAWL will install a faucet/hose bib to the second meter for hose hookup. Contact the HAWL Office for more information.

## HAWL Golf Cart Rules

1. All golf carts must be registered in the Office and the Hide-A-Way Lake decal must be visible on the carts. Placement of the decal should be on the front driver's side of the golf cart.
2. Decals must be renewed each year at the same time as boat decals.
3. Owners assume liability and operational responsibility by signing decal application form.
4. **Driver must be a licensed automobile driver.**
5. Driver must follow all traffic rules that apply to motor vehicles including stop signs, etc.
6. All riders must be seated.
7. All riders must keep arms and legs within the cart.
8. Driver will yield to traffic behind the cart by pulling over as soon as safely possible so not to create a rolling roadblock.
9. If a golf cart is driven after dark, it must have headlights and rear reflectors.

**Parents: Please understand that unlicensed drivers are not permitted to operate golf carts, even if an adult is present. Citations will be issued for violation of golf cart rules and the property owner will be contacted to come and pick up the child.**

## HAWL Credit Cards

HAWL credit cards can be purchased by the **property owner** in the HAWL Office and can be used by the property owner or registered resident to make charges on the account at the pool and in Waters Edge restaurant. The cards are valid for a period of one year and cost \$5.00 each. Please note, in order to purchase a HAWL credit card **the property owner's account can NOT be past due – no exceptions.**



## Safety on the Lake Wake Rules for Recreational Boaters

Please remember if you live on the main lake, you will experience some wake which is part of main lake living. It is imperative that your boat be tied down accordingly and all furniture must be secured.

The use of any wake enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or uneven loading of persons or gear is prohibited. (No wake surfing is allowed.)

- Property owners assume full responsibility and liability for any and all property damages or injury resulting from the operation of their vessel, regardless if property owner is present or not.
- A wake is defined as the swell, moving waves, produced by a vessel passing through water.
- The "Main Lake Wake" is described as the wave produced by a vessel operating in the common areas of the open lake.
- Speed and wake control is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure the "Main Lake Wake" being produced will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury, or damage to any surrounding person, vessel, or property. The operator must immediately suspend vessel operation if causing unsafe conditions.
- "No Wake" zones are marked areas that require low, idle speeds. "No Wake" zones are posted for all areas except the "Main Lake". Coves and canals are marked "no wake" due to they are not open lake area and their banks receive more damage and erosion from repetitive wakes.
- All vessels operating within the "no wake" areas shall be operated at idle speed. "Idle speed" shall mean the lowest speed at which a vessel can operate, maintain safe steering, and minimize the production of a wake that could unreasonably interfere with or endanger other persons, vessels, or property.
- All boat traffic must travel in a counter-clockwise direction on the open "Main Lake". This includes manual powered boats such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, trolling flat boats, and sail boats.
- A minimum of two persons are required to occupy a vessel towing a skier: one to operate the boat and a passenger to face and observe the progress and safety of the person(s) being towed.
- Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100' from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100' from shore.

## No Glass Containers on Common Grounds



Glass containers are not allowed on common grounds: the beach, pool, parks, roads, etc.) If you see anyone with glass containers in these areas, call Security at 601-798-1247.

## Roadway Safety

Property Owners, please remind your residents and guests to choose safety over speed by abiding by the 25 mile-per-hour speed limit and coming to a full stop at all stop signs as both are enforced.

## Keep HAWL Family Friendly

Should you see any actions that do not promote an environment that is family friendly such as foul/obscene language, glass containers, pets at the Lodge area, littering, etc., contact Security (601-798-1247) as the incident is taking place with as much information as possible. Please remember that you can make a difference and with your help, we can continue to keep Hide-A-Way Lake a safe, beautiful, and family friendly community.





## New Boat and Golf Cart Decals

In order to avoid the last minute rush to get your boat on the water for the summer, purple boat and golf cart decals are on sale now. Now is the time to ensure you have the necessary paperwork for renewal. Information may be sent to the HAWL Office by fax (601-798-0604) or email (office@hawls.net) now so that it is on file when you purchase your decals.

**PURPLE DECALS WILL EXPIRE APRIL 2026.**

**AS OF MAY 1, 2025, GREEN BOAT AND GOLF CART DECALS WILL NO LONGER BE VALID. Any boat in the water or golf cart on the road beginning May 1, 2025, with an expired decal will be issued a citation; no exceptions.**

In order to purchase a Boat or Golf Cart Decal:

- Decals can only be purchased by the property owner.
- Accounts must be current to purchase decals.
- Proof of identification must be shown at time of purchase.
- Decals can only be purchased for the property owner's boat or golf cart. The property owner must complete a *Decal Registration* form at the time of registration. (Forms are available in the HAWL Office and on the HAWL website).

**Proof of current boat insurance must be provided.** For a decal renewal, only the insurance is needed. For a new-to-HAWL boat (nonrenewal), **a copy of the boat's title or state registration (in the property owner's name only) must also be provided.** The insurance **MUST** show the following\*:

- Minimum \$300,000 Marine Liability
- Property Owner's name
- Boat serial number
- Expiration date
- Boat length (**CANNOT exceed 24'**)

\*If this required information does not appear on the insurance paperwork, then the property owner must have their insurance provider provide this information on their company's letterhead.

A boat decal for a motor powered boat costs \$20 and a golf cart decal costs \$10.

## State Registration for Boats

A copy of either the boat title or the state registration (in the property owner's name only) is required to verify ownership in order to obtain a HAWL Boat Decal for a new (nonrenewal) motor powered boat. State registration may be applied for through the State of Mississippi by visiting [mdwfp.com/license/boating/](http://mdwfp.com/license/boating/) and completing the appropriate information.



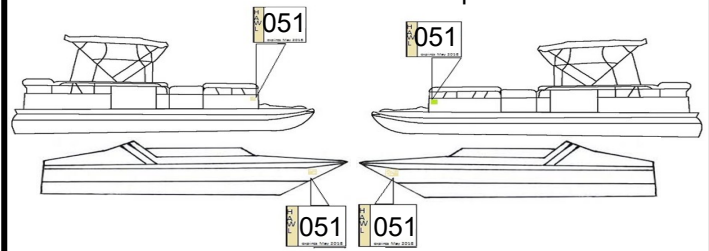
## Have Your Boat/Golf Cart Decals Mailed

Save the trip to the HAWL Office and have you boat/golf cart decals mailed to you. Once all forms, insurance, registration, etc. are received and verified by the Office, decals may be mailed for a small processing fee. (Car decals may not be mailed due to the sensitive chip inside the decal.)



## Mandatory Placement of HAWL Boat Decals

HAWL boat decals must be attached in a location visible from each side of the vessel while the boat is on the water. Please see the example below:



\*Member is responsible for knowledge of HAWL published boat rules.

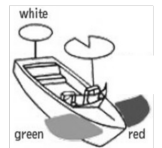
## Boats Anchored by the Dam

Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100 feet from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100 feet from shore. Moving vessels must stay out of this area of 100 feet from shore throughout the entire lake. Buoys have been placed in the water by the dam to mark 100 feet from shore. **Boats are not to be anchored on the buoys.**



## Boat Safety at Night

At night idle speed and "No Wake" must be observed. It is mandatory for lights to be lit on the boat at night. The location of the lights are as follows: green to starboard bow (front right side) and red to port bow (front left side) and all around white light on the stern (back) if operating at night. Additionally, as a courtesy to those who live on the lake, please keep loud noises to a minimum as sounds on the lake could be disturbing to others.



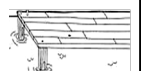
## Boating Best Practice

**Kill Switch Best Practice:** Use your kill switch device. In the event that you lose control of your boat or accidentally fall overboard, it will save you or one of your boaters.



## Boat Slips Available

There are two marinas located in HAWL. The East Marina (located by the Lodge) has 20 boat slips while the West Marina has 27 boat slips. The boat slips can be rented for only \$40 per month, which will be charged to the property owner's monthly account. If interested in renting a boat slip, the necessary paperwork can be obtained from the HAWL Office or the HAWL website.



# Your Ad Here

Advertising in the HAWL monthly newsletter is a great way to spread the word about your business or items for sale. Not only is Echoes a great way to reach the entire community of HAWL, but it is also inexpensive! If interested in advertising in the Echoes, you may pick up a form in the HAWL Office or print a form from the HAWL website ([www.hawlms.com](http://www.hawlms.com)). This form must be signed by a HAWL Property Owner.

# Find Your Account Number

Each month three account numbers will be hidden in the *Echoes*. Look closely, as the account number may be in numerical or word format. However, the account number will not appear in any phone numbers, addresses, dollar amounts, times, or property owner advertisements. If you find your account number, call the Office (601-798-1484) to claim your prize!



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# Security Monthly Recap

RULE VIOLATIONS: January 2025

Traffic Violations .....	74
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Fines for citations are based upon the type of offense, such as rate of speed as well as the number of times the specific offense has occurred within a two year time period for the particular offender. Citations are not reported to insurance companies unless the offense is deemed significant enough, such as property damage or bodily injury. **During the months of June and July, all traffic violation fines are doubled.** The goal is to create awareness of roadway safety, not to collect fines.

## HAWL Curfew

Juveniles under 18 must be home by the curfew hour. The curfew is as follows:



Sunday through Thursday..... 11:00 pm - 5:00 am

Friday and Saturday..... 12:00 am - 5:00 am

## Parental Responsibility

It shall be a violation of the rule for a parent having legal custody of a minor normally to permit or, by inefficient control, to allow such minor to be or remain upon any subdivision street under circumstances not constituting an exception to, or otherwise beyond the scope of, the curfew rule. The term "knowingly" includes knowledge which a parent should reasonably be expected to have concerning the whereabouts of a minor in that parent's custody. It is intended to continue to keep neglectful or careless parents up to a reasonable community standard of parental responsibility through an objective test. It shall be no defense that a parent was completely indifferent to the activities or conduct or whereabouts of such minor child.



## HAWL Guest Policy

Property owners are completely responsible for the actions of their residents and guests during the duration of their time in the community. Property owners need to understand that if they call in one guest and that guest brings in additional people with them, the property owner is also responsible for their actions as well while they are in the community. Additionally, **property owners/residents should remain with their guests during the duration of their visit if on any common grounds.** Guests who are not with the property owner/resident while entering the community must be preregistered prior to their arrival in order to gain entry into HAWL. The inside lane must be used and the guest that is driving must present their driver's license upon arrival. The registration requires the correct spelling of the visitor's first and last names for quick entry.



## Driver's Licenses Are Required



All drivers who use the inside lane must present their driver's license upon every entry, regardless if the vehicle has a HAWL decal. It is imperative that the driver's license be presented to the Security Officer and verified when requested, including during traffic stops. Facial recognition is not acceptable. Our security personnel are responsible for enforcing the rules set forth by the Board of Directors for the safety and well-being of all our property owners and their guests. Use of the streets in Hide-A-Way Lake requires that operators of motor vehicles have a valid driver's license per Mississippi Code 63-1-5 which states that no person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle without an operator's license.

## Interactions with Security

Patrol officers have body worn and vehicle cameras. We have had cameras for years at both guard gate entrances. The use of the cameras is for training and objective recovery of interactions of Security, residents, and guests. The use or non-use of the cameras will not impact the validity of a citation. The cameras are owned and will remain the property of the community as well as the contents and videos.

When conducting business with HAWL security, please strive to maintain a professional and courteous manner. Our security personnel are responsible for enforcing the rules set forth by the community for the safety and well-being of all our property owners and their guests.

**If HAWL security stops your vehicle, for the safety of both you and the officer, please remain in your vehicle unless otherwise requested by the officer. Safety is of the utmost importance.**

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Should you feel a citation was unfairly issued, follow the appropriate steps to appeal the citation. Appeal decisions are made by the Incident Review Board which is made up of fellow property owners.

## Speed Limit at Gates

The speed limit on ALL streets in HAWL is 25 MPH and is strictly radar enforced. When entering and exiting the community, at both the Main Front Gate and Southgate, please maintain a speed of no more than **15 MPH**. Please remind your residents and guests to always choose Safety Over Speed.

SPEED LIMIT AT GATE

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## HAWL Car Decals

The decal and automatic tag are a numbered set and both the tag and decal must be displayed on the vehicle to which they are registered. The decal set is the property of HAWL Club, Inc. and is nontransferable for any reason. Hide-A-Way Lake Office is authorized to verify any information submitted and if any false statement is made or if the tag is placed on any vehicle other than the registered vehicle, the Property Owner will lose the automatic gate privilege to enter the community and will pay an administrative fine.

# Be a Good Owner to Your Pets Animal/Pet Regulations and Pickup Procedures

## PETS – DOGS AND CATS

See Covenant 47 for Animal Control Regulations.

1. To protect the health, property, and well-being of Hide-A-Way residents, no livestock or poultry of any kind shall be kept on any Lot except that traditional and customary household pets shall be allowed.
2. All pets must have proof of applicable vaccinations.
3. Homeowners must call the Front Main Gate at 601-798-1247 concerning lost or found pets.
4. Any animal that engages in any of the activities defined here shall be deemed a public nuisance:
  - a. Interrupts the quiet of the neighborhood or uninterrupted barking with complaint lodged.
  - b. Leaves owners' property to harass passersby or passing vehicle.
  - c. Attacks a human being or another animal.
  - d. Encroaches on any HAWL common grounds area without a leash.
  - e. Is repeatedly at large.
5. Animals must have a collar that shows identification (phone number/address) or be chipped.
6. If the animal is picked up and has owner information, the animal will be returned to the owner with appropriate incident report or citation.
7. Any animal taken into custody by Security: If the owner cannot be determined, the animal will be taken to the Pearl River SPCA at 1700 Palestine Road in Picayune, MS after the three hour hold time at the Maintenance Barn, where they are given food and water. During this hold time, the Main Gate is to be notified. The SPCA can be contacted at 601-798-8000. The SPCA is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Upon leaving the animal at the SPCA, the Main Gate along with the Site Supervisor and HAWL Management will be notified and an incident report written.
8. If the animal is picked up after the three hour hold time and the SPCA is closed, the animal will be held at the Maintenance Barn and given food and water. When the SPCA opens or when the hold time is over, the animal will be transferred there. The Site Supervisor and/or HAWL Management must be contacted and notified that an animal is being held or transferred.
9. All animal pickups must include an incident report or a citation.
10. The SPCA rules and hold time will be followed.

### Animal Nuisance Fines:

First Violation	\$ 50.00
Second Violation	\$ 100.00
Third Violation	\$ 200.00
Fourth Violation	\$ 400.00, plus recommendation of appropriate action for the situation (i.e. muzzle the animal, use bark collar, install invisible or physical fence, recommended: remove animal from HAWL).



## Pick Up After Your Pet

Picking up after your dog is not only the neighborly thing to do but it can also promote a healthier environment since dog waste can transmit diseases. When walking your dog in the community, please ensure that you have the necessary supplies to clean up after your pet. Take advantage of the pet waste stations placed in the community at the following locations: the walking path on the dam and both the East and West playgrounds.

## Please ID Your Pets



For the safety of your pets, please ensure that they have proper identification such as ID tags. Should your pet get out of your yard, neighbors or HAWL Security will be able to quickly identify and return your fluffy family member. If you wish to have your pet microchipped, the PRCSPCA will be at HAWL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. See the front page of this *Echoes* for more information.

## Do Not Feed the Animals

HAWL is full of wildlife such as raccoons, foxes, deer, geese, feral cats, hogs, etc. Feeding wildlife is not only harmful to the animals' health, but it is also unsafe for you since many wild animals become dangerous after they are fed. We have received many reports of wild animal sightings over the last few months. If you feed your pet outdoors, remove any leftover food. Avoid letting smaller or older pets outdoors at night, dusk, and dawn. (Larger pets are less likely to be a target.) These are the most active hunting times for most predators. Feeding the wildlife attracts other wildlife. Bird feeders attract birds. They also attract squirrels, rabbits, rats, and mice. All are the main diet of the fox and coyote. If you spot a wild animal, do not allow it to become overly confident. Find a way to keep it moving. Use a car horn, air horn, noisemaker, shouting, or anything to keep the animal moving. Make a note of the time, location, and frequency that you spot the animal. It will help if the animal has to be removed.



## Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt

Waters Edge Restaurant will be hosting a breakfast buffet (served by staff) including an omelet station on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 8:00 am - 10:30 am. The cost is \$11.99 for Adults, \$5.99 for Children 5 - 12, and 99¢ for Children 4 and Under. The Easter Bunny will be walking around meeting children at their tables. After breakfast, elementary school aged children will have the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am at the outside area of the Lodge. If you would like to donate wrapped candy (no bubble gum please) or plastic Easter eggs (new or gently used), please drop them off at the HAWL Office.



## Good Friday Oyster Specials

On Good Friday, April 18, 2025, Waters Edge will feature two delicious oyster specials for both lunch (11:00 am - 2:00 pm) and dinner (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm). Enjoy either an Oyster Plate with coleslaw and hushpuppies etouffee for \$18.99 or an Oyster Po'boy with chips for \$13.99. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484. (No menu items will be available.)



## Easter Buffet

On Sunday, April 20, 2025, Waters Edge will host the Easter Buffet (served by staff) with two seatings:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Seating is 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Seating is 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
 The cost of the buffet is \$21.99 for adults, \$10.99 for children 5 - 12, and 99¢ for children 4 & under. The buffet will include: ham, fried chicken, vegetables, potatoes, salad, and desserts. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.



To-go plates are available for \$16.99 each and feature: ham, a piece of fried chicken, vegetables, potatoes, salad, and dessert. Orders may be picked up either between 10:45 am - 11:00 am or 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm. Call the HAWL Office for reservations.

## Become Involved in Your Community



Social Clubs are the perfect way to become involved in the community and to make new friends. Visit HAWL's website for a complete list of clubs. Contacts are listed as well as meeting times for certain groups.

## Now Hiring Lifeguards

HAWL is hiring lifeguards for the 2025 pool season, running from mid-May to the end of September with flexible, part-time positions available. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and either have current lifeguard certification or complete a lifeguard certification course. Applicants must be physically fit and able to swim. HAWL is looking for individuals who demonstrate reliability, punctuality, initiative, effective communication and teamwork skills, strong work ethic, and all essential attributes of a lifeguard. As a lifeguard, assertiveness and ability to project your voice clearly in loud environments is required. HAWL welcomes applicants who can exhibit critical thinking and problem solving skills, leadership abilities, capability to follow rules and procedures, and customer service skills. Applications are available at [hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com). For more information, contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484.

## Lifeguard Certification Course

HAWL will be hosting a lifeguard training course being managed by Brianna Long from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. You must be at least 15 years of age or older to enroll. To register for the class, visit the link at [hawlms.com](http://hawlms.com). This course is intended to certify lifeguards. To be considered for a position at Hide-A-Way, applicants must have current lifeguard certification or be scheduled for training. Contact the HAWL Office at 601-798-1484 if you are interested in applying for a position as a lifeguard.

## Submit Your HAWL Photos

HAWL is looking to put your photos on our website and Facebook page. Submit your photos of the lake, your family enjoy the common areas, or even a beautiful sunset. Pictures may be sent to [office@hawlms.net](mailto:office@hawlms.net).



## Flag Retirement

While preparing your yard for Spring, take a moment to replace your old or tattered American Flag. The Picayune Library has a flag collection box near the Goodyear Blvd. entrance so they may be respectfully retired in a traditional flag retirement ceremony. Anyone interested in retiring a flag may drop it off at the library or at the HAWL Office. zero eight seven zero