



# CLIFFNOTES

The Newsletter of the Clifftops Property Owners Association

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January/February 2007

## Calendar of Events

**February 2, First Friday**

**6:00 p.m. – Lake Club**

**hosted by Marietta and Jim Poteet**

**February 11, Community Meeting**

**2:00 p.m. – Lake Club**

**\*\*Note date change from date listed  
in 2007 Directory\*\***

**February 17, Mardi Gras Party**

**6:00 p.m. – Lake Club**

**(invitation to be mailed shortly)**

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in 2007 Directory\*\***

**March 2, First Friday**

**6:00 p.m. – Lake Club**

**hosted by Leila and Henry Blizzard**

**March 11, CPOA Board of Directors  
Meeting**

**2:00 p.m. - Lake Club**

## From the President of the CPOA Board

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for choosing me to serve on the Board. I am not sure that my years as a school principal have prepared me for this. In fact, I'm not sure anything can. However, I have been delighted by the response from neighbors who have offered their help. I would like to thank the previous Board for getting us to what I view as a good place.

This year we will be dealing with important issues--the first being the paving of Clifftops

Avenue--but others as well. We are lucky to have the staff we have and the volunteers who serve on committees who make possible the reaching of our goals.

I learned many years ago that good and reasonable people can, will, and often do hold differing opinions on important issues. Clearly that has been the case here and will continue to be so. It is my wish that we can remember that as we discuss and debate things that matter to us over the year.

I hope you all had a restful and wonderful holiday, and I look forward to working with the Board in this coming year.

--Doug Dwyer

## 2007 Directory Published

The 2007 Clifftops Directory of Owners and Residents has been published. Copies have been mailed to all owners and residents.

In addition to name, address, phone, and e-mail listings, the Directory includes the CPOA Rules and Regulations, Schedule of Fees, Emergency Telephone Numbers, and a Calendar of Events.

If you have changes or additions to your Directory listing, please send them to Suzan Thompson at the Office (924-2600).

## Mardi Gras

Make plans now to attend the Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 17 at 6 p.m. at the Lake Club. If you missed last year's

festivities, be sure not to miss this year's!

Margaret and Jack Matens will once again be on hand to assure that New Orleans traditions are observed.

We hope that last year's King and Queen, former Clifftops residents Bill and Marimac Dyer, will be on hand to pass along their crowns to this year's royalty.

Look for your invitation shortly and don't forget to make your reservation.

## **Culvert Replacements and Road Repair Update**

Property Manager Jim Tripp reports that the culvert replacements are complete. Forty-two rusted metal culverts have been replaced with long-lasting concrete culverts. There are, however, many additional road repairs that the staff will undertake during the next few months. These repairs will be much less disruptive to traffic flow than the culvert replacement project was. So, the good news is that the worst of the disruptions are over, at least until the paving begins in the summer.

In the next few months, staff will grade, seed, place straw, and fertilize around the replaced culverts. Some locations will receive surge rock where it is needed to control erosion. This work has already been done in some areas, and the remaining areas will be done as time and weather permit. Some culverts will need to be cut, and this work will be done during final grading, prior to paving.

The next phase of pre-paving activity will be the digging out and repair of failed areas of the roadbed. Once this is done, final grading of the culverts will be completed in preparation for paving. During the summer, Clifftops Avenue will be paved from the entrance gate to Westlake Avenue

We appreciate your understanding and patience as this important work is completed in our community.

## **Clifftops Website**

The Clifftops Website, [www.clifftops.net](http://www.clifftops.net), is getting a makeover, thanks to volunteers Jim Poteet and Susan Peek. Some updates have already been made, so check it out.

Jim and Susan are anxious to have your input on how the site can work even better for you. Here are some questions for you to answer. Send your responses to Jim at [jimpoteet@blomand.net](mailto:jimpoteet@blomand.net) or call Susan at 924-7397.

1) How do you use the site now? What are ways you'd like to use it—what information would you like to see posted on it?

2) Are there Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that you'd like to see answered on the site?

Jim and Susan thank you for your responses and suggestions.

## **Meet the Clifftops Staff**

As we begin a new year, we thought it would be a good idea to list Clifftops staff so you can be familiar with those who greet you at the gate and provide upkeep and maintenance to CPOA facilities and property. Some of these people will be very familiar to you, and some of them will be new. Be sure and introduce yourself to our staff!

**We are very fortunate to have an outstanding team of employees at Clifftops. In addition to Jim and Suzan in the office, we have a number of talented employees, who keep things running at Clifftops.**

**Charlie Meeks and Amos Dixon** – long time employees of the Association, Charlie

and Amos have been working on the property since the early days of the development. Charlie began his employment in 1978. Amos came aboard in April of 1995. They are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the property. They care for it as if it were their own. They take pride in their work. Charlie and Amos maintain the equipment, mow and trim along the nearly twelve miles of roadway and all common area landscapes. They also repair and maintain the club houses, office and gate house, tennis courts, pool and bath houses, walking trails, fences and gates and much more. They are carpenters, plumbers and electricians, grounds keepers, roofers and furniture makers. They rescue wildlife and help maintain the lake, dock and boat racks. They are the unseen effort behind the reason Clifftops is one of the premiere properties in Tennessee.

**Jerry Layne** – is on the gate from 6am to 2pm Monday thru Friday, and many other times as well. He is courteous and efficient. Jerry has a military background and serves the owners well helping to ensure access controls. Technically proficient, he was instrumental in the installation and software set-up on the new access controls. Jerry maintains the owner access data base, visitor and contractor logs, package pick up and other gate house and security specific issues and services.

**Johnny Sells** – has the evening shift 2pm-10pm Monday thru Friday at the gatehouse and checks the club houses and common areas. Johnny is a solid fixture and understands well the importance his job is to the owners at Clifftops.

**David Reeves** – is responsible for checking properties at Clifftops from 6am until 2:00pm Monday thru Friday. David is very familiar with the property and also fills in at the gatehouse when needed.

**Perry Hatfield** – is our gatehouse attendant on Saturday and Sunday from 8am until 4pm. He has been with Clifftops for almost a year now. Perry also understands the

importance his job is to the owners at Clifftops.

**James Hatfield** is our newest addition to the staff. James has a military background and served in Afghanistan. He is employed part time and works the gate on Saturday and Sunday nights and fills in on other shifts. He is very enthusiastic about working here at Clifftops.

**Jonathan Dixon and Joseph Blalock** – are part time temporary employees hired to help out during the culvert replacements and road repairs. These guys have been employed at Clifftops for several years as gate attendant or summer maintenance help. They work well with Charlie and Amos and are familiar with the property.

## Employee Gifts

Thanks to all Members who contributed to the Christmas gift fund for Clifftops hourly employees. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

## Comings and Goings

The CPOA welcomes the following new members and says goodbye to those who have sold their property.

### Welcome to:

Elizabeth and Richard Courtney, Sweet-berry Drive

Lee and Thomas Limbird, Westlake Avenue

### Goodbye to:

Andrew Bouldin, Westlake Avenue

Melinda and Hank Haines, Sweetberry Drive