

# Lakewood Living

## welcome from your LPOA board

Welcome to the very first issue of the Lakewood newsletter! We're excited to kick off this first newsletter as yet another way to keep connected, celebrate our progress, share updates, and help each other stay informed. We'll also share helpful reminders, ways to get involved and highlighting a Lakewood resident each month, along with other bits of positive news and neighborly shout-outs.

### Board Focus + Priorities

The LPOA Board has been hard at work this year focusing on a few key priorities: Increasing dues participation to fund essential maintenance and improvements, and addressing neighborhood safety, including speeding and loose animals. In addition to these immediate concerns, we're also focusing on long-term improvements – like maintaining and repairing community infrastructure, expanding communication tools, hosting more events, and encouraging greater resident involvement through new volunteer opportunities and proposed committees.



### Reminders

#### Annual Dues

Thank you to all who've paid! If you haven't yet, contact Jan Jernigan. You can pay by cash or check, by mail, PayPal, or do so on the website. Contact Jan Jernigan, or any current board member, for more info!

#### Community Survey

Help shape the future of Lakewood! If you haven't taken the survey yet, there's still time to share your input. Check out the quick links or contact us for more info!

#### Contact Information

Have questions, suggestions, or need us? We're here to help!  
 Email: [lpaoaboard@lakewoodpropertyowners.com](mailto:lpaoaboard@lakewoodpropertyowners.com)  
 Website: [www.lakewoodpropertyowners.com](http://www.lakewoodpropertyowners.com)  
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### Upcoming Events

#### Open Forum Chat

August 5th

5:30 PM at the Pavilion

#### Fall Beautification Day

October 11th

#### Lakewood Dam Gala

November 8th

### This Month's Highlights

- Board Focus + Priorities
- Updates + Reminders
- Fall Events Preview:
  - Fall Beautification
  - Dam Gala
- Recap of First Lakewood Beautification Day Success
- Resident Spotlights
- Quick Links

### 2025 Lakewood Property Owners Association Board Members

Fred Becker
President
Jan Jernigan
Treasurer
Madison Woodward
Secretary
Ken Hittlet
Wess Tucker
Meghan Hippler
Mickey Waters



## Community Updates

### New Lakewood Website!

Visit our new Lakewood website for an easy way to keep informed and easily access things like: community calendar, neighborhood news, important documents, forms, contact info, and more—all in one place!

### Pavilion Use + Reservations

The pavilion policy has been updated. Dues-paying members can now reserve it online through the website or by contacting Madison Woodward directly.

### Need a Gate Key?

Need access to the community gates? Contact Ken Hittle. Please note: keys are only provided to dues-paying members with a signed agreement.



*fall* events preview

### Fall Beautification Day – Saturday, October 11th

Join your neighbors for a morning of community service as we spruce up shared spaces, tackle projects, and get Lakewood looking its best for fall. Whether you can rake, plant, paint, or just show up with a good attitude, we'd love to have your help! If you want to volunteer or have ideas, contact Madison Woodward. Stay tuned for project details and sign-ups.

### Lakewood Dam Gala – Saturday, November 8th

Save the date for an elegant evening of fun, food, and fundraising—all to support essential dam repairs and upkeep. We're in the early planning stages, but have big ideas in the works! We're also looking for sponsors, silent auction donations, and volunteers to help bring the night to life. Interested in helping or want more info? Contact Madison Woodward.



**Useful Links**

<https://lakewoodpropertyowners.com>

<https://lakewoodpropertyowners.com/homeowner-portal/pavilion-reservation-request-form/>  
<https://lakewoodpropertyowners.com/homeowner-portal/dues-information-and-payment/>  
<https://lakewoodpropertyowners.com/homeowner-portal/lpoa-community-survey-2025/>



## Thank you, neighbors – a First Lakewood Beautification Day recap



Our very first Beautification Day was a true reflection of the Lakewood spirit. Volunteers came together to refresh shared spaces, landscaping four key areas—the entrance sign, bulletin board, pavilion shed, and wildlife bench—with vibrant, pollinator-friendly plants.

We installed a new community bulletin board, cleaned up the woodpile, trimmed trees, and improved parts of the parking lot.



A special moment of the day was the planting of a memorial Dogwood tree in honor of Mrs. Janie Gregson, a heartfelt gift from Mrs. Wilma Heathcott.

Thank you to every volunteer who gave their time, tools, and energy—your impact was immediate and lasting. Lakewood is better because of you.



A very special thanks to Brad Whittle, Sadie Whittle, Wilma Heathcott, Barbara Collier, Russell Scara, Kelsey Huffman, Anna Cutler, April Lloyd, Sam Lloyd, Debra Ingram, Judy Parker, Pops, Fred Becker, Jan Jernigan, and Jason Woodward.

# Community Highlights

## Resident Spotlights

### Ray Waters, Sr.

In just one year, Ray Waters, Sr. has made a remarkable impact on Lakewood. Though new to the neighborhood, his generosity, integrity, and quiet leadership have already left a lasting mark. Ray secured the largest single sponsorship for our annual fireworks show and continues to be an active, supportive presence in the Property Owners Association.

He's the kind of neighbor who shows up, gives back, and leads with heart—not for recognition, but out of true belief in community. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Ray embodies the spirit of Lakewood, and we're proud to call him one of our own.

### Evette Ownby

For over eight years, Evette Ownby has poured her heart into Lakewood—as a former board member, dedicated volunteer, and the caring steward of our Little Free Library. Her efforts made last year's fireworks possible, and her joyful presence at Friday Follies continues to brighten our community.

Evette's impact goes far beyond her many roles. She brings people together with kindness, wisdom, and a genuine heart for service. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she's the kind of neighbor who makes Lakewood feel like home.

We're so grateful for all she gives.