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# President's Message

*Bill Maxton, President, TLOA*

**G**reetings fellow homeowners:

The Board is really busy at this time, thanks for your patience as we deal with our very costly dam repair. We should be done with bids sometime this month, and we're working on securing funds.

We have a new law firm and they are starting procedures to collect dues that are past due.

The Roads Committee will be deciding which roads will be paved. The road budget is reduced again this year — approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 will be spent in 2014.

Again, we ask that you please try to clean your ditch/culvert, and cut back all growth within one yard from the roadway and more than one foot in height.



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In closing, we currently have one open seat on the Board. For all questions and concerns, please call (434) 985-4450.

## Automobile Thefts

There have been several cars/trucks broken into in Twin Lakes.

While this can happen anywhere, we want to let you know it has happened in our neighborhood in 2014. Please make sure you do not leave valuable items in your car and to have your vehicle locked would be best advised.

If you see anyone acting suspicious or if you have a break in yourself, please contact the Greene County Sheriff's Office immediately at (434) 985-2222 — or 911 if it is an emergency).

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# Twin Lakes Homeowners Association

Corporately known as Twin Lakes Owners' Association (TLOA)

# Shenandoah Lake Dam Repair Update

We are nearing the end of what has turned out to be a protracted bidding process for the construction work on Dam No. 2.

While the Board has had two proposals for a number of months, a third has been difficult to elicit. We are required by our Bylaws to have

three bids, and for a project of this magnitude, that is even more important.

We have approached a number of new firms within the past month, and now expect several new proposals to be received within the next four weeks. We hope to select a construction firm

by the end of May. We are also seeking solutions to the lakebed plant growth, that will no doubt once more become a problem this summer. And, we have begun to seek financing, for the portion of the project that cannot be covered under our regular budget.

## Don't Get Burned

BY ANITA JWANOUSKOS

On Easter I learned a quick lesson about disposing of ashes. We almost lost our shed.

We have a metal fire pit on our patio we use at night when the weather is nice. I put the ashes back behind our shed when the pit gets full.

I did this on Easter, about 15 hours after the fire pit had been used. I left the area and didn't think a thing about it. Until about an hour later when I could smell smoke from leaves burning.

I looked out the windows and could see smoke on the front

side of the house. I thought it was one of the neighbors burning leaves. I went back to my phone conversation. Then I went to the kitchen and looked out the window and saw it was actually *me* who was burning leaves, *unattended!*

The ashes must have gotten some air, heated up and caught the leaves in the area on fire. And it was spreading fast!

My husband and I were able to get water on the fire and put it out before anything of value caught on fire, but I learned a valuable lesson.

Respect the ashes and what they can do. Advice I got from

my father, who is a firefighter in South Carolina:

**1** – Leave the ashes in the pit for at least 2 days until you are positive there are no embers to re-ignite.

**2** – A metal bucket with a lid for disposal of the ashes is a must.

**3** – If you do have a fire, such as we did in a leaf pile, make sure to monitor it for two to three days afterwards to make sure no hidden embers underneath reignite.

You can also rake, turn the pile and put more water on it so as to get at some of the hidden hot spots. Still keep an eye on it for a couple days.

# News From The Architectural Committee

It's been a really busy year from the architectural committee thus far.

We've had a couple of requests to build houses, but our main activity is having to ask home owners to upkeep their lots and the buildings on them.

What is more frustrating is to write to the home owners, get a response from them and then not see any action on their part. It would seem they would prefer the \$900 fine than to actually take care of their property.

Thus far we have about four homeowners in the last year who have taken no action on simple requests such as cutting their grass, fixing up their porches, getting rid of excessive lawn mowers, cutting back brush from the sides of the road, etc.

Therefore, we as a homeowner's association have no other power or choice but to fine the home owner for violating the

bylaws. It is not something we want to do, but it is something we must do for the greater good of the neighborhood.

One other recent issue we've had presented to us is burn barrels. As per Section 1.I of the Architectural/Environmental Rules and Regulations of the Twin Lakes Bylaws ([www.twinlakeshoa.org/documents/TLOABylaws.pdf](http://www.twinlakeshoa.org/documents/TLOABylaws.pdf)), burn barrels are not allowed and have not been allowed since May 2000. If you have one on your property, it must be removed immediately.

One last thing the committee would like to ask of everyone: While it would seem we shouldn't have to even ask this as it should just be common sense, but sometimes common sense is the least common thing to be found.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. We have a large community with small lots and

we all have the right to live peacefully in our own homes. Please think about what your household's actions, could mean to someone else living close by.

For instance, a car with a loud muffler you think sounds really cool or a motorcycle that rumbles just right, might just be really annoying to another. Or loud basketball games with plenty of the neighborhood kids playing every day might just get old day after day for someone who doesn't have kids. Or leaving your house for the weekend with the alternate septic system high pitched alarm going off for days on end might be enough to drive someone batty.

We all have our own lives we lead and life happens, but we ask you to try and lessen your impact on others by being at the very least considerate of how your actions might affect the others around you.

## Neighborhood Watch

Twin Lakes Owners Association is starting a neighborhood watch program, under the supervision of the Greene County Sheriff's Office, in order to patrol our neighborhood and improve the safety of our community, and protect private property.



teers to participate, and a person willing to dedicate enough time to work with the Sheriff's office and manage the team.

Training will be provided. If you are interested in this opportunity to serve our neighborhood, please email Carl Shifflett at [twinklakeshoa@twinlakeshoa.org](mailto:twinklakeshoa@twinlakeshoa.org).

## PSA Corner

This space is available, to let our community know about events, announcements and helpful information pertaining to your local public or nonprofit organization and its mission.

TLOA does this as a public service and there is no charge. Please email us at [newsletter@twinlakeshoa.org](mailto:newsletter@twinlakeshoa.org).