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One bright spot in the month of December



The brightest luster of the 2020 holidays at Callender Lake is the glow of holiday lights.

Many of the regular events and get-togethers of the season were canceled because of Covid precautions. The resale shop couldn't open, the community center has been closed, the December board meeting was canceled as was the community holiday dinner. January looks to have a similar list of cancellations and postponements. It's been bleak.

But with so few distractions many industrious families took the time to decorate their homes with unbridled enthusiasm. A handful did such a extravagant job they listed their homes to be in the Christmas lighting contest. Check out these addresses: 412 Briar Grove, 623 Callender Lake Drive, 856 Oak Meadow, and 212 Island Drive. They are worthy of a drive by and a honk of appreciation.

These and other houses with some quirky efforts make a evening tour quite fun. See if you can find the outline of a gingerbread man, a mega-watt decorated satellite dish, and the inflatable homage to Tchaikovsky.

Many thanks go to all the neighbors who allow their electrical meter to overheat for our viewing pleasure. Winners will be announced after the holidays, so take time to see the light show before the new year.

Cancelations due to Covid danger

January 2– Resale shop will be closed

January 9—The Board meeting will be closed to the public

January 14—Crime Watch will not take place

Opportunity for volunteers

While most public gatherings have been canceled, there is one event that is still on the calendar.

The Public Areas Committee is scheduling a work day on January 19 to clear the fence line along FM 2339 from the bridge to the entrance, and the undergrowth between the FM 2339 and the dumpsters.

Volunteers are needed to pick up tree limbs and brush, load it into trucks and trailers and dump at designated areas in the community.

Please bring any helpful equipment—trucks, trailers, working chain saws, bow saws or machetes. Don't forget your gloves.

No worries about social distancing, remember chain saws are involved. Come with your best can-do attitude and meet in the Community Center parking lot.

January 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Callender Lake Community Center

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LET'S GO FISHING!

By John Jones

Fish and Wildlife Committee Liaison

I know we all want to improve the fishing at our beautiful Callender Lake. A review of the Fisheries Survey Report conducted in 2016 gave us some recommendations we need to heed. Here are the main guidelines we need to follow:

- Harvest Carp (any species) and Gar when possible. If you are a bow fisherman....get busy!
- Harvest sunfish (perch) over 8 inches.
- Feeding fish with pelleted food is encouraged
- Feed the catfish and harvest them when caught. What we have are skinny proving the over-population.
- Harvest Crappie over 10 inches.
- **Harvest all Bass between 12"-16"**. An Ichthyologist (Fish biologist) friend told me that we need to remove 25 bass of this size per acre every year. That is 8,750 per year!!

So....the cooler weather means fishing weather. Get the boat and the skillet ready. Let's Go Fishing!

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