



Otter Pond May 2025

I am in the back yard for a lovely spring morning and I hear the robins and doves, the grebes are migrating back through and are shrieking in the pond and the swallows are trying their darnedest to eat all of the silk midges. What a lovely spring it is! As long as the winds aren't blowing us over at least. Here are this month's updates.

Shout Out!

- To Sierra and Taylor Mulkey who hosted a fantastic easter egg hunt at their house. It was wet and snowy as easter likes to do and they graciously opened their doors and let 30 of us enjoy chicken salad, fruit, veggies and community building. Did I mention that the easter egg hunt was different this year? It was designed for all ages! Adult easter egg hunters received wine, dinner, baby sitting. Younger hunters still managed to rake in a hearty share of candy and toys. Great job to Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis from our social committee for orchestrating.

Also from the President

- Thank you to our stalwart water walker Tadd King for helping get the water flowing through the neighborhood
- Kevin Dawson (vice president) was recruiting help to review wordage and update the covenants. Reach out to Kevin if you are interested in joining him at kevinzdawson@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood happenings:

- The grande ol Neighborhood Garage Sale will be May 17th! The event is

typically well attended (especially if we aren't trying to do our garage sale at the same time as another neighborhood). Make lemonade! Cookies! Sell your stuff! Walk around and socialize!

- We have new neighbors in
 - 1803
 - 2002
 - 2007
 - Please join me in welcoming them!
- The St Onges appear to have rented 1816 to some new folks
- 2033 appears to still be for sale
- 1833 appears to have had its listing removed

Dam Update:

- No updates, the pond is full

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Janene Beard:

- My favorite time of year. The plants are waking up and looking so new; a beautiful color everywhere
- Please take care of your pesky weeds in a timely manner. Your weeds become everyone's weeds

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis:

- As mentioned, the easter egg hunt was fantastic.
- Check the social committee's facebook page for photos. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/169naJhhHp/>
- The next event will be the classic watermelon social in June. If anyone would like to volunteer to host, please contact Carrie Galusha at 970-201-9349 or carriellberger1@gmail.com.

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- Why is the pond murkier this year? Here is what EcoResource told Valerie. Get ready for Limnology 101:
- As the seasons change and temps increase, a natural process called 'lake turnover' occurs. It happens when surface temperature is the same as the bottom which permits up flow of sediment. It is a good thing because it redistributes nutrients and promotes dissolved oxygen circulation.
- Probably also: since the lake was drained, the substrate at the bottom was exposed and dried out. After it was refilled, the exposed sediment became suspended in the water column
- The inflow of new water with new organic material can then form an algal bloom. Therefore, the lake can be considered in a state of 'shock' that will take some time to recover: months to years.

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates

Open Space chaired by Janene Beard:

- Thanks to KC Heister for measuring and getting a cover made for the cistern at the tennis courts
- Thank you to David Beard to re-doing the electrical work to get the pump working, for walking the neighborhood's lawn service around and getting the irrigation water up and running.
- Thank you to Joann Delgado, Linda Verbiscar, and Ruth LaBorde for working on the landscaping in Otter Pond Park.
- If something looks like it isn't getting water, if there is a broken sprinkler, please let Janene know ASAP at 858-354-7343

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- No updates

Financial Committee chaired by Kevin Sanderford:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Vanessa Stratton:

- No updates

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- No updates

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- No updates

Have you reached the end of this?! Did you know that a Loony Bean coffee card is hidden in the neighborhood based on hints in this very newsletter? If you missed the hint, you may want to check at the beginning.



Please see the OtterPondHOA.com for all updates on all agendas and board meeting minutes.

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Regards,

Your friendly volunteer HOA board members:

Christina Files - president
Kevin Dawson- vice president
Mindy Clagett - secretary
Vanessa Stratton- treasurer
Tammi Padilla - member at large

Otter Pond Chairpersons:

Tadd King - ditches
Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social
Vanessa Stratton- bookkeeper
Tom Clagett - newsletter
Kevin Sanderford - finance committee
Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond
Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse
Janene Beard - architectural review board
Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood
watch