

# Northwood Lake

Annual Newsletter  
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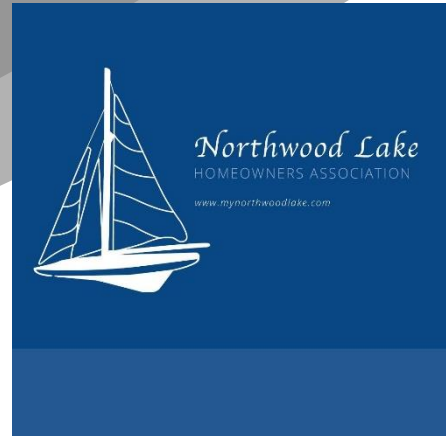
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Hello to all Northwood Lake neighbors and friends! As we enter a new decade, we are excited to see our community evolve and grow together. Thank you to each and every one of you for the things you do that make this neighborhood into what it is – *a great place to live!*

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 15, 2020** for our annual meeting. It will be held in the gym of Northwood Hills Baptist Church at **4:00 p.m.** Come share refreshments and meet new neighbors!

***Annual Assessments  
are due!***

It's that time of year again! As in any organization, our own neighborhood needs funds to run smoothly. Please remit your annual assessment in a timely manner, and be sure to thank the many neighbors and friends who volunteer their time and resources to keep our lovely community clean and beautiful!

# Northwood Lake Amenities

Northwood Lake has many residents who have lived here much of their lives but new families are continually moving in as well. When you see a new face, be sure to say hello!

This map includes the amenities available to members once assessments are paid. Take advantage of all of the wonderful amenities of our neighborhood! The pool and ball field may be reserved; go to [mynorthwoodlake.com](http://mynorthwoodlake.com) to get details and make reservations.

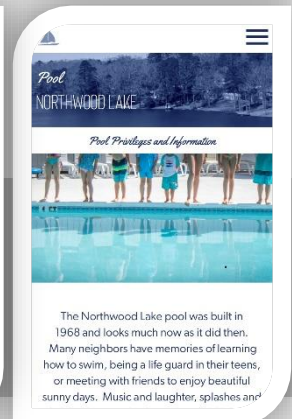
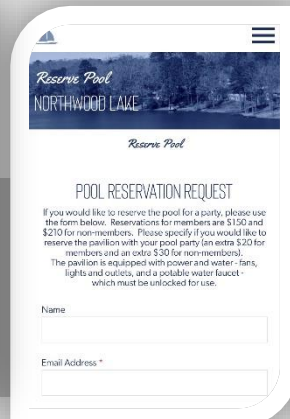
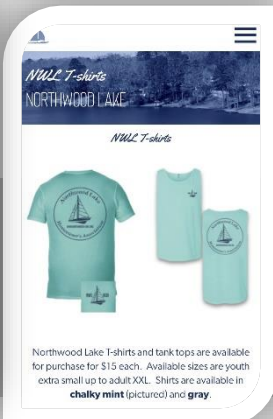
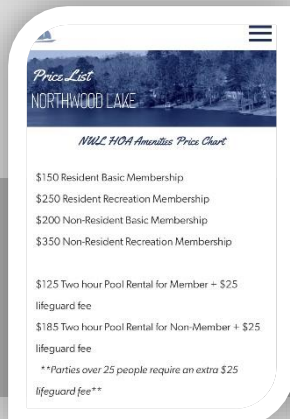
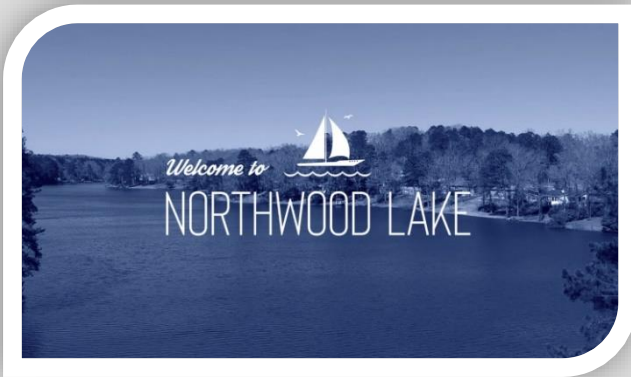


## EVENTS

The annual meeting is a few days away on February 15. Keep in mind our neighborhood yard sale is held in late spring. The Summer Pool Party is at the end of summer. Our Christmas at the Playground will be held in early December. Watch social media for these dates! \*\*If you do not have computer access and would like to be notified of events, please write to the PO Box and include your name, phone number and address to be kept up to date for the year.

## [www.mynorthwoodlake.com](http://www.mynorthwoodlake.com)

In July of 2019 NWL's new website, [mynorthwoodlake.com](http://mynorthwoodlake.com), was launched. The main goals for the new site were to make it mobile and user friendly. If you haven't taken a look yet, spend a few minutes exploring it! Have NWL photos you'd like to share? Email current or old photos to [mynorthwoodlake@gmail.com](mailto:mynorthwoodlake@gmail.com) to have them considered for the website photo galleries!



# Lake Living

Few neighborhoods can boast having their very own lake, especially with a beauty and history like ours. Many residents enjoy fishing or canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Every year the clarity of our lake and the health of its fish is monitored by the Alabama State Extension Office. The results are posted on our website; the most recent declared NWL as 'a dynamic and balanced fishery.'

The lake was lowered last fall in order to allow lake residents the opportunity to repair and rebuild lakeside structures. This was the first lowering in nine years; the NWL lake guide recommends a lowering every five years. The complete lake guide

is also available for viewing on the website, under 'Forms and Docs.'

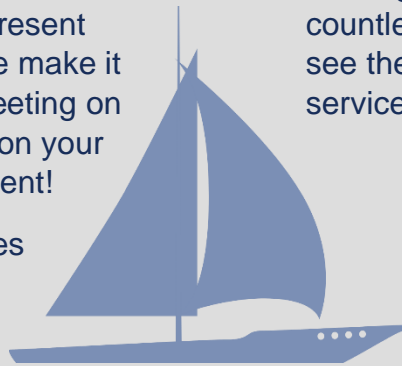
A kayak dock was built and donated by one of our residents, Ted Sekeres. It's located at the boat launch and makes getting in and out of canoes and kayaks especially easy for families with children. Thank you, Mr. Sekeres!

This year we are in the process of replacing the lake drain valve, which has been disfunctional for a few years. Although this will be a significant cost, it is necessary for the stability of the lake as a quick and efficient way of draining the lake for repairs and also for emergency in case of excessive flooding.

## From your HOA board

It has been our delight to serve you in 2019! As a homeowners association board, we strive to take care of NWL and its assets the best that we are able, and to represent you the best that we can. Please make it a priority to attend our annual meeting on February 15. We need and rely on your opinions, ideas and encouragement!

With all of the wonderful amenities that Northwood Lake enjoys, in recent years we have been able to keep our annual assessments low because of the efforts of our volunteers. We wish we could name every person who has donated their time, energy, support, ideas and resources to help their neighbors and better our community! There are so many, and we



are thankful for your generosity! **Thank you!** We'd also like to thank each person rotating off of the board; they have all done countless things for Northwood Lake. If you see them, be sure to thank them for their service!

Dave Bayer • Patty Crosby

Mike Gray • Calvin Jones

If you have a heart for this community and would like to be involved in any way, please see one of us at the annual meeting – we welcome new board members and would be glad of any additional help! *We are also in need of officers; HOA president, vice president and secretary.* Whatever your gifts or talents NWL would benefit from your participation!

Your Homeowners Association Board of Directors  
Shannon Butson \* Kelli Clark \* Daniel Dickens \* Michele Erdman  
Brooke Freeman \* Kay Holden \* Shelly Hood Standridge \* Mandy Thomas

# A Look At The Numbers

- 9** Blood donors that gave at the neighborhood summer blood drive (more numbers - 1 lifeguard and 4 board members plus four residents)
- 14** Age of David Gleason when he collaborated with Mandy Thomas and Matt Freeman to design our much-loved NWL playground for a Boy Scout project. **Thank you, David, Mandy and Matt!**
- 15** Cost in dollars of NWL T-shirts (profits go to making NWL handicap accessible!)
- 51** Highest number of families attending the pool in one day in 2019
- 58** Years NWL has functioned under volunteer leadership
- 300** Weight in pounds of each metal gate in the spillway
- 371** The number of visits to mynorthwoodlake.com on July 1 – the day it launched
- 419** Number of paid members in 2019 (highest in NWL history!)
- 762** Homes in Northwood Lake
- 2009** Year the ballfield was built by dredging the lake



## Making Waves

The summer of 2019 proved to be another successful year for the pool, with a record number of families becoming members! Before opening day, the pool deck was sealed and painted and a

chalkboard was added to the concession stand.

The pool hosted 18 parties and had more than 1,750 family sign ins over the summer. Our pool manager,

Brooke Freeman, and all of the lifeguards did an excellent job throughout the season!

Movie tickets for a family of five cost more than \$50; typically so would bowling, going to a restaurant or any other family activity. If your family isn't recreational members of the NWL pool yet...then why not?



For your convenience we have enclosed your yearly annual assessment form. Please understand that this is mandatory as recorded in Probate Book 2003, Page 4744, Article XV (on the website, go to 'About Us' > 'Forms and Docs' > 'Covenants and Bylaws' on page 19 of 26).

