

# LONG BRANCH LOCAL

Information, Entertainment & Goin's On!



*"After the Rain" - Submitted by Glenn Sylvest*

## Fall Approaches ! Coming Soon:

Falling leaves, cool nights, crackling fires, pumpkin carving, an end to mowing...ahhh, life in Long Branch is purty good, eh? So kick back, don't rush things, enjoy the upcoming sights and smells and hopefully enjoy the pages that follow as well.

*Mike Casey: mcaseman@aol.com*

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Attendance at Water Aerobics in the old LBL Swimming Hole continues to grow under the expert instruction of Beth Saunders!





# Board Talk!



*Reflections As Jim Russell's & Kirk Primas' Term on  
the Board Comes To An End...*

## A Message from the Outgoing President and Vice President

It has been two and a half years since we started the long process of reestablishing the Long Branch Lakes at Fall Creek Falls Property Owners Association (POA) and we are coming to the end of our two terms serving on the Board of Directors.

In looking back over that time and considering where we are now versus where we were then, we feel good about our accomplishments, but we also know there is still a lot more to be done. And let's be clear, when referencing 'our accomplishments', it is not about the two of us or just the Board of Directors (BoD), but **all** members of the POA. Without members paying their dues, offering suggestions and comments, volunteering for committees, and performing countless hours of work in the community, we would not be as far along as we are.

The biggest hurdle was just getting the POA started. When we met as a community on March 20, 2017, we had no idea where the process would take us, or how hard it would be. After a few years without the developers, and without governing documents that simply would not allow us to just restart, we realized we had quite a mess. With good legal advice and a lot of hard work by many, the court granted our request to reestablish the POA, and the journey began.

As we near the end of our term, a plan to ensure a smooth transition will be in place allowing the new BoD to continue with short and long-range goals.

There are many aspects of being a Board member that will be missed, but it has been a great honor to serve this community that put a lot of faith in us. We want to thank everyone who supported us and contributed so much to get us to this point and we have every confidence that the next BoD will accomplish amazing things!

*Jim and Kirk*

# Election For The POA Board of Directors



**Election Day** to select the next slate of POA Directors is on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. By this time, all property owners in good standing should have received election information to guide you through the process including candidate profiles, an election information packet and a packet containing your official ballot.

## **Some Reminders:**

- Mailed ballots and verification forms must be *received* no later than Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The voting venue for walk ins will be LBL's Equestrian Barn Office. The office will be open from 4 to 5 PM
- The format for addressing envelopes can be found in the information packet previously sent.
- Each lot owned entitles members in good standing to cast 3 votes. Only one verification form is required this year no matter how many lots are owned.
- "I never got the information!" - There have been several questions asking why every single member did not receive the above information. The answer is that election information was sent to one email address per household as opposed to duplicating the material. However, if any member who was not specifically targeted would like the information for him or herself, please contact Mike Casey ([mcaseman@aol.com](mailto:mcaseman@aol.com)) and you will be sent candidate bios, info packet and ballot packet - or whatever part of the mailings you would like.



# Community Informational Meeting



Board president, Jim Russell



In its effort to keep the community informed and up to date, the Board convened another in a series of community meetings to address a variety of topics including security, litigation, roads, easements and the upcoming Board election as well as providing an opportunity for an always spirited Q & A session. Meeting minutes are available on LBL's Website.

[LBL's Website](http://www.longbranchlakespoa.com)

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# Surprising One of Our Own With An Amazing Evening of Birthday Fun!



The Grand Entrance!



Yeah, she likes purple...



# Family, Friends and Neighbors All Turned Out For Suzanne Storms!



# What's a Party Without A Good Old Photo Booth?!





# Yup...LB Lers Are Born Hams!





The **NOT SO**  
Newlywed  
Game

The Evening Was Topped Off  
With a Rousing 'Newlywed' Game'!

The **NOT SO**  
Newlywed  
Game

The Contestants:



Dave & Suzanne

Kirk & Lisa

Mike & Celeste

Kathy & Bill



Christy & Joyce  
Hosts for the  
evening!



Mike & Celeste Aguado  
The big winners!  
The Prize?  
A Pregnancy Test Kit



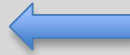
Let the Game  
Begin!



# Improvements and Fix Ups!



Through the efforts of our crack maintenance crew, the Jack Branch gate now has a keypad and magnetic lock. No "push throughs" now Baby!



**Barn Staining Has Begun!**

The Equestrian Center barn will shortly have a spankin' new look!

The color will be a chocolate brown as evidenced by the finished cupola.



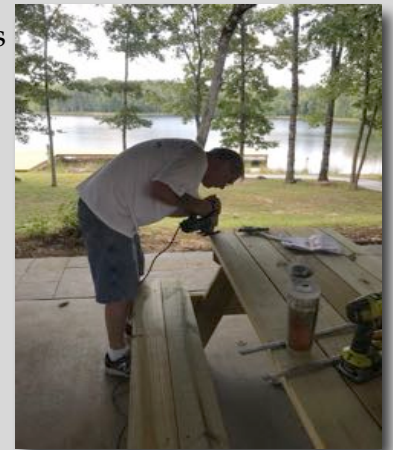
Pavilion picnic tables have always been an issue. Party at Long Lake? Schlep the six tables from Camp Lake. Party at Camp Lake? Go back and get the tables at Long Lake.

## Problem Solved!

Thanks to Bill Schoenig & Mike Aguado for building 6 new tables so the fetch and transport game is now no longer necessary!

Yet another example of this great community coming together to address an issue!

Thanks guys!





# In & Around LBL



Cindy Barrett and her 11 pound cabbage!

I believe that was also Phil's birth weight...

Similar heads?



Grand Opening at Home Goods. Word on the street is they showed up the night before and pitched a tent in the parking lot just to be first in line. These girls are hardcore...



Now THAT'S dedication!

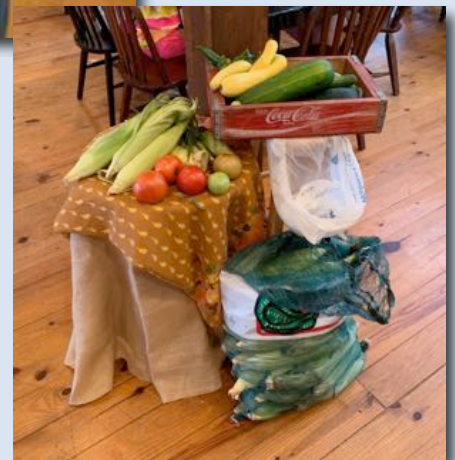
Jeff Butterbaugh...in the rain...with an umbrella...coming back from mowing...did I mention *in the rain!*



Long Branch Lakes Polos! ↑

Corn and Assorted Veggies!

Always something interesting brewing at the General Store!  
Wanna laugh? Show up at 1 AM. We make Walmart shoppers look good...



# Tidbits



Marie & Barney Dorn celebrating their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with friends!



Rainy Day? No problem... There's always Pokeno!

The Schoenigs were big winners. Sure. How the heck do cheat in Pokeno?!



# Let's Leave You With a Groaner...

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them.

Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..

Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?

Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..

Driver: Then why do you buy them?

Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."

## Nuff Said...

# Revised and Updated Vendor Recommendations

**Editor's Note:** This list contains contractors, restaurants, various services and misc. recommendations that come directly from you, the property owners, who can vouch for the quality and cost of each referral. Every month, new recommendations come in and the list continues to grow and is utilized by property owners for a variety of needs. The intent here is to maintain and update all recommendations, including older ones that may be useful. Some, however, have been dropped because of poor work records or inconsistent results, but be assured that each recommendation currently listed comes from a property owner who has utilized the service and confidently recommends the vendor. (Suggested: Print and save)

## Off We Go



We would like to recommend Clarence Roberts Trucking, Sparta, 931-607-4607 for small loads of hauling rock, lime, sand, etc. He did a great job and was extremely reasonable in pricing. Ruby Cash



### Dennis Smith Critter Removal!

Plagued by squirrels, groundhogs, mice infestations? Call Dennis Smith : 931-528-1771

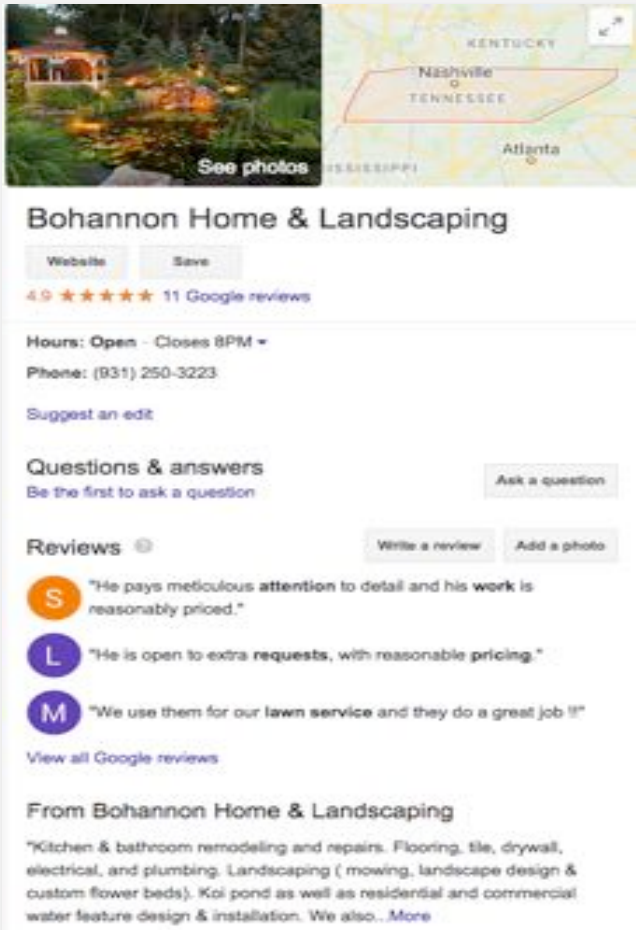


### Closets by Design.

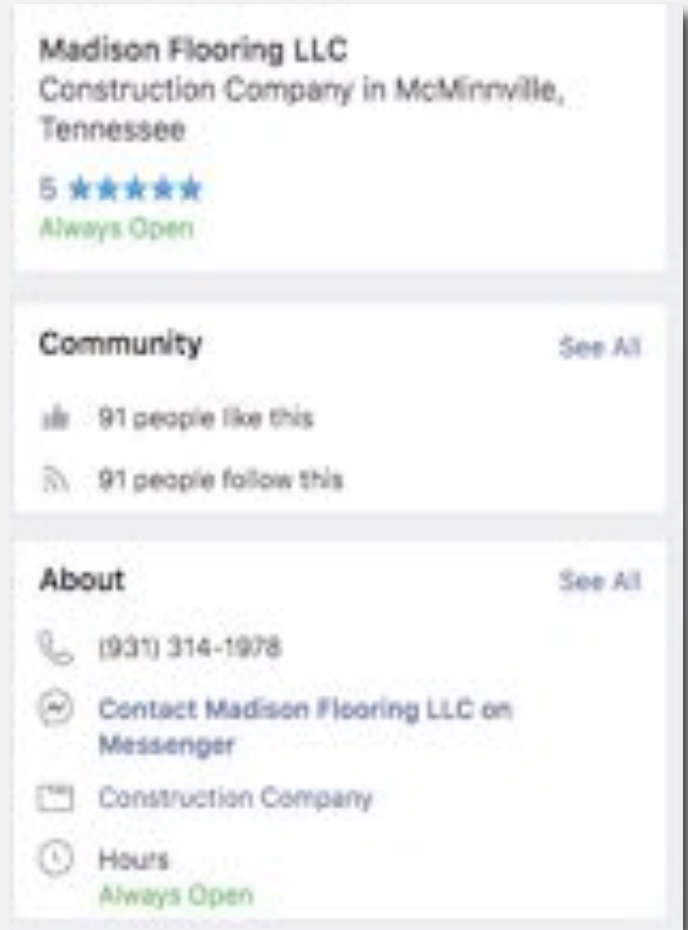
They did all the cabinets, tables and desks in my sewing room. The designer and installer did a great job-- they were on time, and the products are wonderful.

Tatia Caruana, can be reached at: [615-261-8700](tel:615-261-8700)

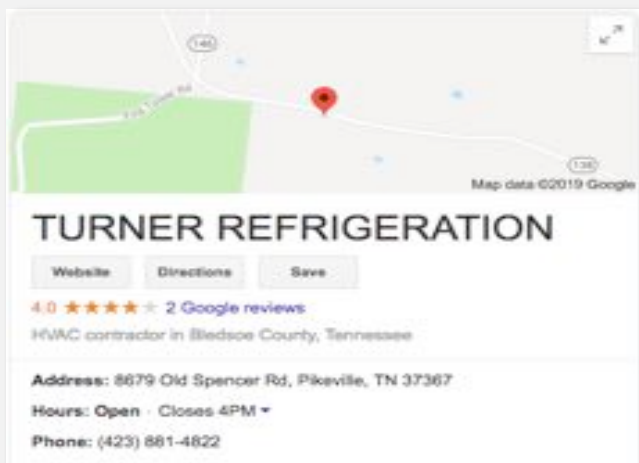
**Bohannon Home & Landscaping**, owner Larry Bohannon. Very meticulous, competent and most of all, reliable, Reasonably priced. He is out of Sparta, and the phone number is 931-250-3223. Work guaranteed.



**Madison Flooring, LLC**, Owner, Steve Madison. He is out of McMinnville. His number is 931-314-1978. We just had our garage floor refinished. He used an industrial epoxy, and it looks great! He guarantees his work and is reasonably priced.



(Steve Hiles)



Great local "Hidden Gem" of **appliance repair and service** - only 15 minutes away!

8679 Old Spencer Road, Pikeville

(up on the mountain)

423-881 4822

Fast, excellent service and reasonable pricing.

(Mike Casey)



### Flashpoint Tactical Solutions Shooting Range.

They provide a shooting range and firearms training, including concealed carry classes. They are located between Sparta and Crossville.

Mark, the owner, can be reached at:

**844-290-6500**

### Lou Toscano

Lou does a little bit of everything: landscaping, debris removal, staining, backhoe work – you name it. Reasonable pricing, shows up on time and stays until the job is finished. Great guy and highly recommended by Gene Jamison, Mike Casey and the Schoenigs. Check him out.

You can contact him at **931-510-2074**



We needed tile work done to the shower in the master bath which consisted of replacing all the floor tiles, repairing the membrane, adding waterproofing goop, etc. We tried calling at least four tile workers and true to form none returned calls.

Finally, we located one from Knoxville who returned our call, and answered our text messages and emails. He arrived here (with his wife/helper) on the scheduled date and time and put in a full

days work. The next day he followed up with a phone call to make sure everything was OK.

**Highly Recommended** by David and Suzanne

### **Stokley's Tile Installation**

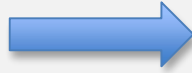
**859-213-7831**

**865-292-1874**

**Thomas88Stokley@gmail.com**



**Jeff Fagan**  
**First Class Flooring Services**  
**815 Shadberry Drive**  
**Crossville 38572**  
**C: 931 267 3241**



Jeff did an outstanding job removing and rebuilding our entire shower stall. Super work! Fair pricing  
All types of flooring, tile, laminates, etc. are within his scope of work and expertise.  
Highly recommended

Beth and Don

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**Carpenter** – Rough and finished work. Excellent worker, starts early (8:00 AM) and puts in a full day. Did the entire inside of the home of David and Suzanne and added a lean-to on the side of our shed, plus built a covered patio with a tin roof, floor and rails.

Call Tim @ 423-949-7729 (H), & 423-635-3978 (C)

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**Firewood** – Red oak, 14 inch pieces, \$45 per rick. Call Peanut's @ 931-337-5692

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**Spencer Mountain Propane**: 931-946-7525. Last fill up was \$1.79 per gallon. Driver's name is Chris. If you're a customer, you can get a **free** gas stove propane container refill during their summer customer appreciation day!

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**Complete Plumbing** – Charles Pursley: 423-554-3619 / 423-827-8687. We had him come and take out a water softener and two reverse osmosis systems and install a whole house water treatment system. It took him and his helper only 2 hours to do everything. He left the job site clean and was very professional in every way. Total cost, including parts, was under \$300. Hiller gave us an estimate that was 5 times as much. (Tom Clark)

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**Debord and Sons Construction and Trucking** – 7921 Griffith Rd, Pikeville, 37367. Roy Jr. cell: 423-618-4070 // Roy Sr.: 423-802=4194 // Home: 423-881-3422  
Email: roydebord73@icloud.com

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**Window Cleaning** – Sparkle Window Cleaning, Sparta. (Greg& Kathy VanLandingham)

Outstanding work and will provide a cost estimate for all jobs. 931-738-7545

**Smalling Lawn Care** - Corey Smalling, owner / operator.

“No job too big or small, we do it all!” 515-692-2728 [coreysmalling@yahoo.com](mailto:coreysmalling@yahoo.com) (Tom Clark)

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**HVAC** - Chris Eikel, Southeast Heating & Air (For all HVAC problems!) *Great* service, reasonable prices! Highly recommended by Jim Russell and Mike Casey 423-521-5383

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**Chimney Sweep** - Smart Fireplace Services 3647 Roberts Matthews Highway, Sparta  
931-739-3600 ([smartfireplaces.com](http://smartfireplaces.com))

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**Dunlap Chiropractic & Wellness** - Dr. Don Brennan, Chiropractic Physician. This office comes highly recommended from several LBL residents who have been extremely satisfied with the service. 318 State Route 8, Dunlap, 37327 Phone: 423-949-3900

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**Small Electronic Repairs** - FREE Shipping both ways. They repaired my JBL wireless speaker and wireless SOLO headset. Both items came back working and looking like new. Excellent pricing. Contact Joe at [support@JoesGE.com](mailto:support@JoesGE.com) (Dave D)

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**Richard Wright, General Contractor** - Yes...Richard is back in the area and has recently done work for a number of LBL residents. Land Clearing, Retaining Walls, Driveways, Ponds, House Pads, Basements, Masonry, Concrete Work, Underground Utility, Carpentry - No job too small. Phone: 931-254-0351 (New number)