

LONG BRANCH LOCAL

Information, Entertainment & Goin's On!



Veterans Day 11-11-21

Honoring the sacrifices so many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very definition of Veterans Day.

Don't let it go by without thinking of or saying thanks to our very own vets right here in LBL.

Falling leaves, cool nights, crackling fires, pumpkin carving...ahhh, life in Long Branch is purty good, eh? Hope you can take some time to kick back, not rush things and enjoy the season and hopefully the pages that follow as well.

Mike: mcaseman@aol.com

November 1st, 2021!



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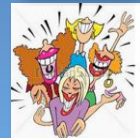
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Reminder

There is still the possibility for Carrie Hassler and her band to pay us a visit at the General Store on the evening of December 16th for a delightful concert of Christmas songs, refreshments and fun, but only if enough people commit to being there. If not, the event would need to be cancelled. If you can attend, *please* email Mike Casey! (mcaseman@aol.com) And this is certainly open to all our off site property owners as well should you be in the area!

Concert Reminder

Reminder





Board Talk!



It has only been four short years since the current Property Owners Association (POA) has been in place. When the developers abandoned Long Branch, several residents spearheaded a lengthy effort to protect our Covenants and have the POA reestablished through a Judicial Relief hearing in court. The process was eventually successful, and on September 17th, 2017, the newly elected board of directors was in place.

Almost six months later, we found ourselves in court, again fighting to protect our Covenants, as well as use of the Equestrian Center. We were again successful in court, and as a result, the POA was able to purchase the Equestrian Center and associated parcels, the General Store, and four lots on Bunkhouse Row. (One lot has sold and two more are in contract to be sold!)

It is important to remember our history, where we were and where we are now. We are here because of many unselfish property owners and the work they do on the various committees: Maintenance, General Store, Lakes, Equestrian, Pool, ALCC, etc. There are not enough "thank-you's" for the countless hours donated to make Long Branch a better place. So, when you see one of these great people, please take a moment and say thank you! In addition, we are always looking for more volunteers, so please reach out to the Board of Directors (BoD) to help.

There are still challenges ahead, from road maintenance to pavilion and dock repair to existing litigation (more information to follow), but we are doing our best to make progress on all these. (*Kirk Primas*, President)

LBL's Board of Directors



Kirk Primas
President



John Cuzzone
Vice President



Bill Grimm
Director



Barney Dorn
Director



Sharon Jamison
Treasurer

POA Email Address: Longbranchlakespoa@gmail.com
POA Website for forms and docs: Longbranchlakespoa.com



A Few Reminders From the BoD



Hunting

There is NO HUNTING in Long Branch. We constantly get contacted about this covenant restriction by new and potential property owners. With that said, it is hunting season, and everyone should be aware. Long Branch is surrounded both by private property as well as the Bledsoe State Forest. The hunting season dates are:

- Archery.....Sept 26- Oct 30 & Nov 2- 6
- Young Sportsman.....Oct 31 - Nov 1 & Jan 9 -10
- Muzzleloader/ Archery.....Nov 7-20
- Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery.....Nov 21- Jan3 & Nov 7- Jan 3

Burn Permit Season

The Burn Permit Season dates are October 15th to May 15th. Go to <https://www.tn.gov/tnwildlandfire/prevention/safe-debris-burning.html> to obtain your permit. Please inform the BoD if you are going to have a large burn, so we can notify everyone.

Board Member Contact:

- Call/Email from information listed in the LBL Directory.
- Email us directly: longbranchlakespoa@gmail.com
- Knock on a director’s door!

Additionally, the Long Branch Lakes website is a great source of information :

[www.longbranchlakespoa.COM](http://www.longbranchlakespoa.com)

A Quick Note From The Architecture and Landscape Committee (The ALCC)



For ALCC Guidelines when expanding / altering existing buildings or erecting new construction, you can find the appropriate documents on the LBL POA website.

Longbranchlakespoa.com



You will need **Adobe PDF reader** for the documents to save and print correctly. See the suggested link or search for their sponsored reader at adobe.com <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> Follow the Download and install instructions.

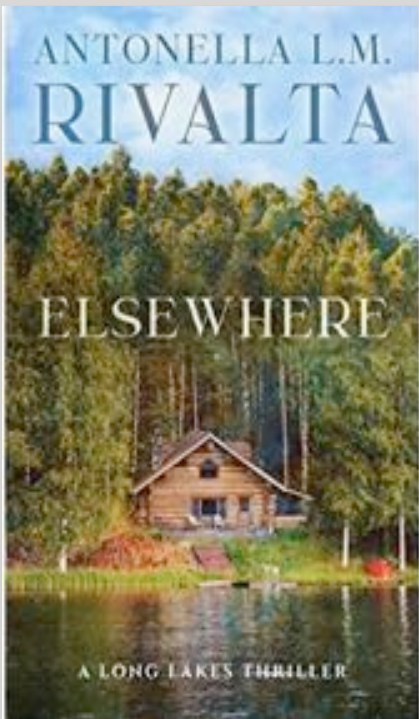
1. Navigate to the LBL POA website and log in (Longbranchlakespoa.com)
2. Select Covenants and By-Laws from the top navigation bar
3. Left mouse Click on the document to open it (Mac users simply double click)
4. Choose “Save As” from the menu
5. Save the document to your preferred location on your PC

If you have downloaded and installed the PDF reader you should be able to open the document on your Computer and print as you normally do successfully.

For ALCC (Architecture and Landscape Committee) document assistance please email lbl.alcc.1@gmail.com. We will respond as soon as we are able, but always within 5 days.



Around the Neighborhood!



Antonella Rivalta
 LBL's Resident Author!

Yep, that's Antonella speaking to LBL's book club. She officially joined our community 3 years ago from Milan, Italy and is now a published author. Talk about a success story. Her book is available on Amazon and carries a 5 star rating! Check it out - you might even recognize the setting and perhaps a few folks here upon whom some characters were based.

Behold the Great Pumpkin!

Scott Kubica's pride and joy that took second place in the van Buren County Fair! And yes, according to Laura, there were more than two entries. (wise guys...)



A 10 pound Bass caught at Camp Lake! Yep, they're in there!

A spontaneous campfire with friends on a beautiful fall evening!





Hidden Gem In Pikeville!



The Venue

Live music, pool tournaments, darts, IPAs, great food, karaoke, and believe it or not – axe throwing!

415 Spring Street, Pikeville

423-447-3006



Check it out. We did, and had a blast!
Even came back with all digits intact. Mostly.





Odds & Ends



A & H Custom Meat and Processing

211 Industrial PKWY
Spencer, TN 38585
931-946-6328



A & H Meats is located in the city of Spencer, TN. It is owned by Barry Austin and Jeremy Howard both lifelong residents of Van Buren County. We offer a variety of products from locally raised USDA Prime grass fed Black Angus beef to homemade sausage, catfish, frog legs and much more. We are open daily Monday-Friday 8-4 and Saturdays 8-12. We welcome you to come visit us to grab anything you might need for a great night of grilling whether it be one of our delicious steak burgers to a USDA Prime Ribeye, the best steaks you will ever eat.



**Buttoned Up For The Winter,
See You In The Spring!**



The General Store Has Had Many Guest Chefs and Helpers Over the Months

Meet Jocelyn

Many thanks to Christy Leveque, Kathy Popham and Suzanne Storms, the crack General Store staff! They provided a positive work experience for Jocelyn Primas who spent seven weeks of her summer vacation visiting grandparents at LBL. "Jocey" was able to gain valuable work experience to begin her work resume as she competes for jobs with other 16 year olds back in Wasilla, AK. Jocey loved the experience, the people and the customers of LBL – especially the work crew. She is hoping to return for another visit next summer with her grandparents, but fears she may have a summer job! Best of luck Jocelyn now and in all your future endeavors!





Faces In The Crowd!



Spotted at the Pikeville Fall Festival!



Our old buddy Cliff Fowler, former manager of Nickel Row, current owner of Embers ice cream shop, serving dogs and brats!

Carrie Hassler, singer extraordinaire, beloved by LBLers for her wonderful performances at Nickel Row!



LBL "Girls Gone Wild"!

Out on the town in Chattanooga celebrating Suzanne's B Day!



The Birthday Girl!



The Posse



Striking a pose.
Charlie's Angels, eat your heart out!

The "Mayor's" 87th Birthday Celebration!





You Sure Are Loved, Dick!



Believe it or not, they're all crammed in the bathroom!



Our boy Bill - Photo Bomber Extraordinaire



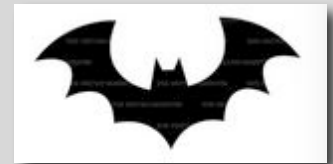
Things That Went Bump In The Night! Mwaa-ha-ha.....



Bonfire Mayhem!



Needless to say...



A spooktacular time was had by all!





Halloween Fun - Nothin' Like it!



LBL's very own Mount Rushmore ...Hysterical!

And in the middle of the festivities, in rides Cheryl on Luke!



Yeah, these gals were ready to party!

What goes better with a bonfire than hot dogs!



Residents Helping Residents!



Clocking in at almost 150 pounds, you don't schlep a Traeger Grill yourself. You call in the troops to assist!



The newest addition to the Dunker household!



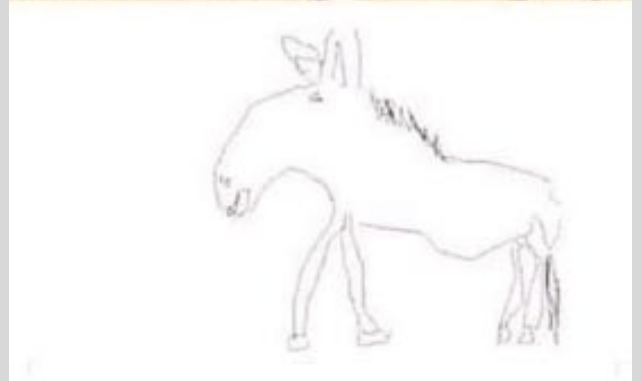


A Few Chuckles



Things I'm Super Good At

1. Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
2. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later.
3. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions. 🤔
4. Making plans. And then immediately regretting making plans.
5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to dewrinkle. Then forgetting it again.
6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now".



If anyone would like portraits of their pets done, contact me for details. Christmas orders are filling up fast!

Mike



My emotional support dog after one day with me...



Just try to look at your shoes the same way again.

You're welcome.

A Little Slice of LBL

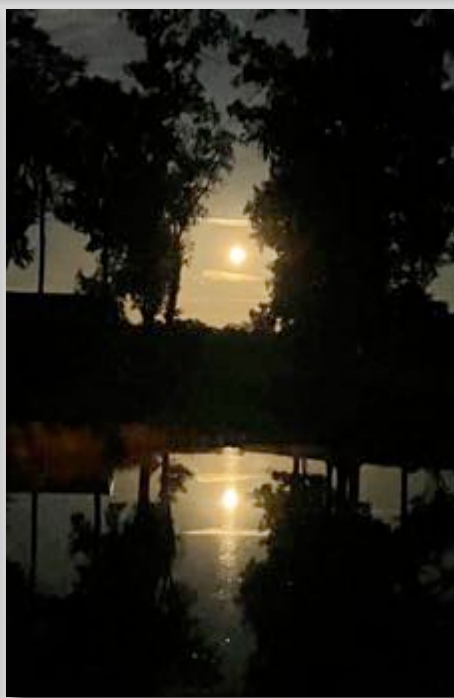


Photo courtesy of Sue Bilstad



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)



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



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)



And another thumbs up from Mike Casey – great guy, great service!

Firewood – Call Richie Dyks @ 423-554-4326. \$55 / rick



Phase Master Electric

Residential and Commercial, no job too small!

Brian Gatian,
phasemasterelectric@gmail.com
423-519-4273

Recommended by Mike Casey



Cowboy Leather and Shoe Repair:

We specialize in full service shoe repair. As well as making leather goods like belts, ladies purses, holsters - along with a large variety of other leather goods.

5682 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville:
[931-256-5007](tel:931-256-5007)

Whether your garage doors are in need of repair or you're looking to invest in a brand new set, Mid State Garage Doors is at your service. Our Sparta team of licensed garage door contractors has the tools and knowledge to tackle garage door projects both large and small.

243 Mayberry St, Sparta, TN 38583 [\(931\) 738-3667](tel:931-738-3667)
midstate@pcfreesmail.com



We want to always come to mind when you are in need of an electrician - no matter if it's changing a light fixture or adding a new plug, or a larger job of wiring a new home or adding electrical panels for a new shop. Our electricians will leave your home with nothing less than 100% satisfaction of the quality workmanship and customer service we've exhibited on each job.

430 Taft Church Rd., Sparta, TN [615-476-3473](tel:615-476-3473)



Tri Star just completed a total roof replacement for the Pophams and they couldn't be happier!



Being raised in Jackson County and Cookeville, I have come to realize that word travels fast; build a good name and keep that good name! We believe dignity, honesty, and integrity paired with hard work will result in great relationships with those we encounter. We set the standard for those important traits within the roofing industry. We would be honored to earn your business and create a lasting relationship far beyond the time we finish your roof!

313 C C Camp Rd, Cookeville, TN 38501 [\(931\) 251-9595](tel:9312519595)
<https://www.tristar-roofing.com>



Caney Fork Cycles is the premier bicycle store in the Upper Cumberland. We're well-known because our staff is knowledgeable, experienced, and ready to help. We know our cycles like the backs of our hands, because we use this gear just like our customers. Any of our staff members can help you to choose the perfect bike based on your preferences and riding style.

We sell the industry's top brands of bicycles and gear, including BMC, [Brother Cycles](#), Castelli, Trek, Shimano, and Bontrager. Stop by today to try one of our bikes or get the latest equipment!
122 E Broad St, Cookeville, TN 38501
(931) 526-1488
info@caneyforkcycles.com

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.



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](tel: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.

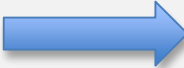
Finally, we located one from Knoxville who returned our call, and answered our text messages and emails. He arrived here (with his wife/helper) on the scheduled date and time and put in a full days

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

Highly Recommended

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

House Cleaning Service - "I would like to recommend Pat Nelson for house cleaning. She does a wonderful job, is reliable and her rates are in line with other house cleaners."
 (Tom Clark)

Contact Pat at 850-303-9784

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! **Ed. Note**: Charlie Ross just signed on and was thrilled with the service.

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

Smalling Lawn Care - Corey Smalling, owner / operator.

"No job too big or small, we do it all!" 515-692-2728 coreysmalling@yahoo.com (Tom Clark)

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

Chimney Sweep - Dale Miller at B & D Chimney Sweep 1134 Rose Garden Lane, Cookeville
931-432-2537

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

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

Window Cleaning and Pressure Washing: Carl Failla (Licensed & Insured)
423-653-5020
"Great window washer and good prices!" (Tom Clark)



Excellent resource for woodworking and custom furniture. Highly recommended by Antonella & Alessandro Garassino

Tim Weaver: 931946-0266

House Cleaning Service: This is a new business in the area. Already recommended by a property owner as being an excellent resource. Reasonable and quick!

"House Cleaning by Shae and Kellee": For info & pricing -
Shae Smith: 423-994-7824 Kellee Songer: 423-602-3581

New Gutter Installation! Sharon Jamison highly recommends “Houston Guttering”! Gutters were recently installed at the General Store and this company was prompt and did a great job. They came out to give a quote and did the installation in less than a week.

Houston Guttering
 Kerry Houston, Owner
 931-267-5803



Clean Up & Restoration Service: Outstanding experience with this company. Called for some mold cleanup on the underside of my porch roof. Got a free quote, very reasonable and they came out within the week. Great folks to work with – highly recommended. (Mike Casey)

Servpro

Scot Jones (owner)
 649 Sparta Highway
 Crossville
 931-250-5333



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	• Water Removal and Dehumidification	• Ceilings, Walls and Hard Floors
	• Mold Mitigation and Remediation	• Air Ducts and HVAC
	• Catastrophic Storm Response	• Deodorization
	• Move Outs and Contents Restoration	• Biohazard and Crime Scene
	• Electronics and Equipment	• Vandalism
	• Document Drying	<i>* Services vary by location</i>
	• Contents Claim Inventory Service	
	• Reconstruction	



Cathey's Septic

Used by many here at LBL with great results.

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