



LAKE FOREST

MAY 2026

NEWSLETTER



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Fore(cast) for a Great Golf Year



Golf got off to a roaring start this year with two tournaments during Masters Saturday, new carts and a course that looks and plays better.

“Members and guests are in for a season of challenging and rewarding play,” says pro Todd Bailey. “The golf maintenance staff has improved the look and feel of the course.” Chief among the improvements is the restored pond in front of the green on the Par 3 17th, the course’s signature hole. It had been stagnating and growing in with weeds because of severe leakage and neglect over the last few years.

“I think it’s beautiful,” says J.R. Allstun, president of the Men’s Golf. Please see, Golf, page 6

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State Primary Key Dates

Here are some important dates for the Alabama primary elections:

May 4: Voter registration deadline

May 12: Absentee ballots received by mail

May 15: Absentee ballots delivered by hand

May 19: Statewide primary

June 16: Primary runoff elections

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2026 Lake Forest Golf Tournament Schedule:



May 16	Big Hole 8" Cup Tournament
June 20	Member Guest Tournament
July 4	4 th of July Tournament
August 15	Par 3 Tournament
September	Club Championship
October 17	6/6/6 Tournament
November 11	Veterans Day Tournament
December 12	Membership Drive Tournament

Membership Fees:

MGA \$30 per year

Lake Forest Golf
(Non-Lake Forest Resident, cart fee) \$2,420

(Lake Forest Resident, cart fee) \$1,800

Join the Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association is seeking new members. Make new friends. Enjoy the game. Win tournament prizes.

Meet Your LFPOA Directors

Here are your directors and officers for 2026. Officers are elected by directors. Committee leadership is designated by the president.

Mallory Tapley, P.E.

President

Term expires 2027

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Licensed mechanical engineer; extensive capital projects leadership experience. Named 2022 Mechanical Engineer of the Year, Mobile Area Council of Engineers.



Misty Sabol

Vice-president

Term expires 2029

msabol@lakeforestdaphne.com

Academic researcher and governance strategist providing ethical oversight, strategic insight, and enterprise-wide risk awareness.



Gilberto Colon

Secretary

Term expires 2029

gcolon@lakeforestdaphne.com

Retired command sergeant major with 31 years' experience driving operations, workforce development, healthcare systems, and organizational performance across complex environments.



Directors (Cont'd)

Mathew Laws III

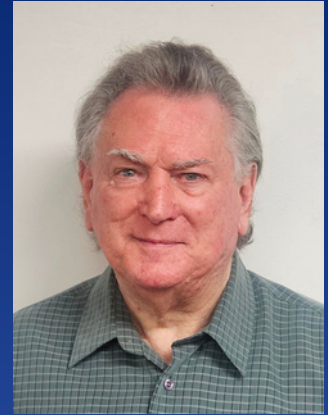
Treasurer

Term expires 2028

mlaws@lakeforestdaphne.com

Retired Army Corps of Engineers senior executive with experience that includes chief of staff, and chief of engineering and construction.

Committees: Finance (chair),



Tom Opdyke

Sergeant-at-Arms

Term expires 2028

topdyke@lakeforestdaphne.com

Retired major market print and broadcast journalist.



Charlotte Graham

Director at Large

Term expires 2027

cgraham@lakeforestdaphne.com

Licensed finance professional blending technical skill, investment experience, leadership growth and strong communication to support teams and navigate organizational challenges.



Directors (Cont'd)

Victor LeJeune

Director at Large

Term expires 2029

vlejeune@lakeforestdaphne.com

Previous owner of Market by the Bay seafood market and restaurant; owner of VHL Enterprises, international power industry training company.



All directors are members of the Finance Committee, which is chaired by the treasurer.

Join a committee

Some committees are open to residents who want to serve. Please contact the office for details: 251.626.0788.

Monthly board meetings

Board meetings, which are open to members, are held twice per month, except in limited cases where holidays or other events dictate schedule changes.

The third Thursday is a work session. Matters are discussed, but no votes are taken.

On the fourth Thursday, decisions are made, votes are taken and members' comments are invited.

To accommodate holidays in November and December, one meeting is held that combines the work session and the action meeting. It is usually on the third Thursday. Unless noted, all meetings are at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1 Golf Terrace.

Golf Cont'd



“I like it first thing in the morning when they’ve just cut the grass and the lines in the grass are going in opposite directions – and if the azaleas are blooming, it’s even better.”

The maintenance team identified the problems with the pond, figured out how best to try to stop the leaks, cleaned the pond and put the fountain back in service for the first time in at least a decade.

“It took some trial and error, but we believe we’ve solved the leakage problems,” says Jake Maske, golf superintendent. “It’s so good to have the approach looking the way it was meant to be.”

The golf staff did major work on nine of the 18 holes this year.

Resident Maxie Cooper, who has been playing the course since 1990, sees the difference.

“For the budget the superintendent has to work with, I think the course is in excellent shape,” says Maxie. “The greens are really nice.”

Some improvements are more noticeable.

An entire fleet of new carts has arrived. These gas-powered Yamahas have better suspension and more convenient features, including sand buckets and a small cooler.

And some required crises-level responses.

A huge sinkhole in front of the tee boxes on 10 ate part of the cart path and fairway. It took tons of dirt and some innovative thinking to create an affordable solution.

As occurs every year with a maturing golf course, the maintenance team had to remove older trees at risk of falling and causing damage. Others blocked sun from parts of the greens and fairways so substantially that grass couldn’t grow and erosion was setting in.

Everybody Loves a Yard Sale

Shoppers enjoyed wonderful weather for the weekend yard sale sponsored by the Lake Forest Women's club.

Mark and Pamala Soutullo's sale (top and going clockwise) had strong traffic. Pam and Curtis Maynard did well with children's clothing and movie DVDs. Jay Secor (left) found a bargain at Mark Soutullo's, while Maggie Ryan seemed to specialize in children's toys.

With signs like 'Last Day' and 'Needs to Go,' Maggie was ready to deal.





1 Yacht Club Drive
251-626-9329

MAY MUSIC LINEUP

- May 1 Zack Chavers 6PM
- May 2 Jimmy Lee Hannaford 6PM
- May 3 David Wiley 11AM
- May 8 Ryan Balthrop 6PM
- May 9 Zack Chavers 6PM
- May 10 Jessie Howell 11AM
- May 14 David Wiley 6PM
- May 15 Jimmy Lee Hannaford 6PM
- May 16 Symone French 6PM
- May 17 Jesse Taylor Perry 11AM
- May 22 Ryan Balthrop 6PM
- May 23 Jimmy Lee Hannaford 6PM
- May 24 Greg Brown 11AM
- May 28 David Wiley 6PM
- May 29 Symone French 6PM
- May 30 Zack Chavers 6PM
- May 31 Jessie Howell 11AM

Why I Moved to Lake Forest

A COUNTRY LIFESTYLE WITH CITY AMENITIES

By Timothy Michelfelder

I moved to Lake Forest with my wife, Ty, and our dog, Chica, to start our next adventure after living in Costa Rica for 10 years.



We were still living on the beach in Playas del Coco as we researched cities in the States that had attributes similar to Coco, with better health care and without the year-round extremely hot temperatures.

Fairhope looked good because our research found that it was a friendly “village-size” town on a bay and close to the ocean, like Coco. But we quickly widened the online search to Daphne when we saw an interesting house in Lake Forest.

As we drove into the subdivision, we were excited to see the natural beauty of old trees lining the winding roads and the uniquely designed homes (No cookie-cutter houses on flat lots without trees). We called the Lake Forest house the quirky house. For us, quirky is a good thing, because the house was not like all the cookie-cutter homes that we had seen online in newer developments in the Fairhope area.

For example, we just loved the beautiful old brick on the living room floor.

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When we arrived at the house, we liked the landscaping out front, so we walked to the back to see more landscaping and the view we had from the back yard.

As we looked at the landscaped yard and wide open green space of the 3rd fairway, we turned to each other and said, "We're home."

Even though we were determined not to buy a home with an HOA fee, Lake Forest fees were reasonable for all the amenities provided and the close proximity to parks, as well as stores and restaurants.

We would only be nine minutes from Bay Front and Village Point parks (great places to walk our dog) and about the same distance to Jubilee Mall shopping center (Home Depot would be close for our remodeling projects). As avid swimmers, it was great to know we could choose from three pools. Also, even though we are not golfers, we are hikers and would be able to enjoy the course and get exercise by taking advantage of the miles of cart paths on the course (outside golfing hours).

So we toured the inside of the Rolling Hills Drive house with a Realtor and checked out other houses just to make sure this was the one.

Then, we bought our forever home in Lake Forest. We are living the country lifestyle we always wanted, with city amenities just minutes away.

We are thankful every day that we decided to live here.

**New to Lake Forest and want to tell your story?
Reach out to us editor@lakeforestdaphne.com**



Welcome to Lake Forest

Say Hello! to some of your new neighbors who have decided to make Lake Forest their home.

Helan Coleman	Alma Taylor
Kurt Daniel	Jerry Morrison
Brittney Weaver	Vonda Smith
Olga Novichenkova	Jessica Perkins
Harold Swails III	Elizabeth Callahan
Glenn Bond	Kevin Quinet
Judy Maxwell	Thomas Funari
Emily Trombley	Solineh Kazanjian
Emily Mills	Marshall Maxwell
Kimberly Johnson	Carl Smith
Katelyn McNaughton	David Warner
Bryan Regan	Michael Diglio
Jarrett Crum	Casey Stewart

Lake Consultant Recommends Herbicide Treatments

A lake management expert who surveyed Lake Forest Lake by boat says Eurasian Water Milfoil is its primary vegetation problem.

Micah Willis of Southeastern Pond Management also identified small portions of



parrot feather in shallower water along the banks.

Emergent species around the edge of the lake were a mixture of Alligatorweed, Torpedograss, Water Taro, Arrowhead and Smartweed, he reported.

Willis spent about 45 minutes looking at the public-use lake, and taking water and vegetation samples from his inflatable boat on March 31.

The vegetation, which will become more apparent as the weather warms, damages the lake because it chokes out native species, reduces biodiversity and depletes oxygen in the water.

Willis was unable to survey the extreme southern portion of the lake because the vegetation stopped his minimally powered boat.

The report cost \$567 and was paid from the lake maintenance budget.

Using Willis' report, the LFPOA Lake Committee plans to recommend an annual vegetation treatment plan for the lake.

Willis said two herbicides to be considered are 2, 4-D and Diquat. He recommended
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2, 4-D, which is frequently used by the Army Corps of Engineers to control lake vegetation.

Both herbicides are safe to use around people and wildlife.

The public-use lake, originally about 62 acres, is shrinking at an alarming rate. The last survey, in 2016, put the size at 42 acres.

It is reasonable to assume more acreage has been lost since then because of unsuccessful sediment control upstream and heavy rains that have collapsed creek banks and washed the dirt downstream.

The lake's southern end, where D'Olive Creek enters, has a growing sediment-fed peninsula that restricts water flow in the area of Tom's Cove.

D'Olive Bay and ultimately the Mobile Bay estuary are at increasing risk as sediment fills the lake and flows into the bay where the lake empties.

Projections based on past sediment flow show the lake becoming a mere stream by 2065.

The LFPOA has adopted a lake restoration plan that hopes to use government funding and private donations to turn the lake into a regional recreation and education center that would serve the 1.6 million residents within an hour's drive.

The plan includes naturalist education centers for children, picnic areas for families, walking trails, kayak put-ins and a lake stocked with Florida-strain largemouth bass.

Support the lake restoration

Sign the petition:

<https://www.change.org/p/save-the-environmental-restoration-of-the-lake-forest-lake-and-d-olive-tiawasseewatershed>

WHAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE TELLING US



Stormwater Runoff Is Primary Concern in Baldwin, Baykeeper Report Says

Residents across Baldwin County expressed widespread worries about water quality, natural resources, and quality of life amid rapid growth at a recent series of community meetings sponsored by the Mobile Baykeeper.

The most prominent issue was stormwater runoff and erosion from construction sites, which causes sediment-laden water, turbidity, and downstream flooding, often worsened by inadequate erosion controls and removal of vegetative buffers.

Although the survey did not get that specific, Lake Forest residents see the impact of runoff every day as the community's namesake lake shrinks in acreage and gets shallower. The LFPOA has developed a plan for the lake restoration and is working with consultants to identify possible funding sources for the public lake.

Sewage infrastructure failures and underreporting of spills also were major concerns, with community members noting environmental harm from overflows and discrepancies in utility reports.

Additionally, there was concern over insufficient review of large residential developments, especially near waterways, which threaten drainage, flooding, and ecological health.

Waterway health issues, including declining water clarity, algae growth, and increased flooding along Fish River, Perdido Basin, and tributaries, are linked to upstream development.

Mobile Baykeeper is a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization dedicated to defending, protecting and reviving the health of the waters, air, and communities in Coastal Alabama. Founded in 1997, it acts as a watchdog to prevent pollution and promote sustainable practices within the Mobile Bay Watershed.

Download the report: <https://mobilebaykeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Baldwin-County-Smart-Growth-Summary.pdf>; ease see Baykeeper,

BROWN BAG

MAY 7

SYMONE FRENCH

MAY 14

RAUL AND KEVIN DANZIG

MAY 21

BRIGHAM CASON

MAY 28

MATTHEW WOJO

JUNE 4

MATTHEW JAQUETTE

SPRING

2026

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
AT DAPHNE'S MAY DAY PARK

BY THE BAY



DAPHNE SOLID WASTE Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY

New Years Day 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Years Day 2027

NO PICK UP

Thursday, January 1
Monday, January 19
Monday, May 25
Friday, June 19
Friday, July 3
Monday, September 7
Wednesday, November 11
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Friday, January 1

ALTERNATE DAY

Wednesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 21
Wednesday, May 27
Wednesday, June 17
Wednesday, July 1
Wednesday, September 9
Thursday, November 12
Wednesday, November 25
Wednesday, November 25
Wednesday, December 23
Wednesday, December 23
Wednesday, December 30

There will be NO alternate days for Trash/Yard Debris.

Daphne Public Works
251-620-2100
www.daphneal.com



Women's Club Elects Officers

The April meeting of the Lake Forest Women's Club was busy.

As there were no nominees from the floor, Renée moved to accept the recommendation from the nominating committee, and Kathy seconded it. In May, these officers will be sworn in for next year:

President: Mary Taulbee

Vice President: Mary Loury

Secretary: Michelle Morvant

Treasurer: Alli Flowers

Instead of hostesses for the May 21st meeting, we will be doing a potluck. Please bring a dish. This meeting will be held as always at 10:00 a.m. at the 19th Hole.

To honor Jean Wildenhaus, a former member of the club, Mary T recommended that we concentrate all fundraising efforts on Women Helping Women at the Prodissee Pantry. This will allow us to honor Jean, who started Women Helping Women, and limit our motivation to spread ourselves too thin.

Kathy described the joy she has gotten this year from delivering supplies like soap, deodorant, sanitary goods, and dental supplies. She has offered to continue championing this cause.

Mary T turned this into a motion, seconded by Sheila, and was passed unanimously.

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L-R, Judy Baust, Kathy Schuman, Mary Taulbee, and Renée Burns.

Womens Club (Cont'd)

Spring Yard – April 17, 18 and 19

Very few people signed up for the yard sale. We had one complaint that it was because the Venmo account belonged to an individual and not the club. Due to the decreasing number of participants, Mary T made a motion to end the yard sale and Alli seconded it. A total of \$30 was made.

Mary Taulbee led the members in individual Bunko, which was a lot of fun.

Terre Farlow and Alli Flowers were hostesses and provided burgers, fries, and dessert.

Sylvia Mills won the 50/50 raffle and the door prize went to Judy Baust



**Patricia Popp, foreground.
Background,
Judy Baust (left) and Mary
Taulbee (right).**

Rory, We've Got a Tee Time for You

By Todd Bailey, PGA
Head Golf Professional



I hope you all had Rory in your Masters pool for the second year running! For his win, Rory gets to spend another hundred grand-plus on a dinner and a free round at Lake Forest if he chooses to come. (Please call first, Rory, Saturdays are busy...) That means we are in full force for the 2026 golf season, and golfers have shown up in droves. I'd like to personally thank you for supporting, us and I hope we can continue this relationship for many years to come.

In April, we hosted The Hacker's Tour, the Mobile Seniors, and the Emerald Coast Seniors group, along with our MGA annual Masters Pick A Pro Tournament, held on Masters Saturday. "A" flight winners were Mike Williamson (gross) and Terry Fuller (net), and "B" flight winners were Shane Uhl and Wayne Champeaux. Congratulations and thank you for all who participated in our April events.

This month we will be host to the Southern Seniors on May 14, and the Fairhope Orphanage event May 30, along with the Memorial Day Scramble May 25, and a new addition to the MGA, an 8-inch cup tournament, where lip-outs from 3 feet shall be ridiculed with abnormal fervor.

As many of you may have noticed, we have a new fleet of shiny white carts for our members and guests, so lets all treat our new babies with love and respect. We have answered the prayers of many of our residents with quiet tech technology, so come give them a spin next time you visit the course!

Lastly, I'd like to announce Junior Camp Dates for the upcoming summer. We will be hosting kids 5-15 on June 8-11, and July 6-9. A sign-up flyer will be included in this edition of the newsletter.

Until next month.....Keep it in the short grass!



4-DAY – 2026 Summer Junior Golf Camps – Combined Ages 5-7, 8-10 & 11-?

3 Days (7.5 hours) Lesson Days (Tue., Wed. Thur) 8:30am – 11:00am

Development & Instruction:

- **Golf FUNdamentals**
- **Motor/Sports skills – coordination, stretching, agility, feel, and proper stability and mobility.**
- **FUN skill challenges & contests**

1-Day (2.5 hours) On-Course Play Day (Fridays) 7:30am – 10:00am Parents Invited to Caddy for Kids!!

Activities and progression throughout camp are focused on enjoying learning and improving golf ability utilizing driving range and on-course skills training, fitness and games, targeting development of proper swing and fundamentals.

Registration Form

Name of Camper: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Allergies: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

COST: \$180.00/camper for all 4-Days - \$160.00 for LF Residents.

PAYMENT: Mail to Lake Forest Y&CC - 1 Golf Terrace – Daphne, AL 36526 or drop off at the golf shop. Contact Todd Bailey, PGA Head Golf Professional, 251-626-9324 or email lfproshop@lakeforestdaphne.com.

___ June 8-11 ___ July 6-9

April Bingo Winners



**Game 1,
Alli**



**Game 2, Will and
daughter Emma**



**Game 3,
Samantha**



**Game 4,
Stacy**



Game 5, Genie



**Drawing winner
Bill**



**Drawing winner
Rusty**



**Game 6,
Margaret**



Thanks for all the fun!
After two years, Bingo is ending.
Our sincere thanks to the many neighbors who came out to support the game. We made lots of new friends, and we hope you did, too.



GRADUATE SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE LFPOA OFFICE

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

“CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE”
YARD SIGNS THAT ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FOR PICK-UP AT THE LFPOA OFFICE. SO
IF YOU HAVE A GRADUATE,
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COLLEGE,
LIVING AMONGST YOU, COME AND GET
A FREE YARD SIGN COURTESY OF THE
LFPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

“Limited availability.”

Cinco De Mayo

CELEBRATION

\$3 Draft Beer

\$2 Tacos



**19th Hole
May 5
11 am to 5 pm**



ENTREES

Served with your choice of 1 side

Cheeseburger \$7.00

Juicy beef patty served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles
Add Bacon \$1.50

Double Cheeseburger \$9.50

2 juicy beef patties served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles
Add Bacon \$1.50

2 Hotdogs \$5.00

Classic hot dogs on a bun, topped with your choice of condiments

Grilled or Fried Chicken Sandwich \$8.00

Grilled or fried chicken breast served on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles

6 wings \$10.00

6 wings tossed in buffalo sauce (does not come with a side)

BLT Sandwich \$6.00

Juicy tomatoes, lettuce and bacon served on sandwich bread

Ham and Cheese Sandwich \$6.00

Sliced ham and melted cheese served on sandwich bread

Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$5.00

A comforting classic - melted cheese between two slices of grilled bread

Chicken Tenders \$7.00

Crispy chicken tenders served with your choice of ranch, BBQ, or honey mustard

Breakfast

Breakfast Sandwich \$6.00

Sides

French Fries \$3.00

Sweet Potato Fries \$3.00

Onion Rings \$4.00

*Consuming raw or undercooked meats or seafood may pose an increased risk of foodborne illness.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2.
3.	4.	5.	6. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	7.	8..	9..
10.	11.	12.	13. Burgers Special Night 4 to 8 pm	14. Women's Club Meets 10 am	15.	16.
17.	18.	19.	20. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	21. Work Session 6 pm	22.	23
24.	25.	26.	27. Burger Special Night 4 to 8 pm	28 Board of Directors Stated Meeting 6 pm	29.	30
31.	 Pools Now Open		251-626-0788 www.lakeforestdaphne.com			

