



Camp Creek Water Company
Newsletter
#3 – March 2026

Remember to register on the www.campcreek.us site to receive the latest news briefings and access to important voting information for the

Annual Shareholders' Meeting to be held at Franklin high school auditorium at 10:30 am on Saturday, April 25.

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Social Committee Needs Volunteers!

Social Committee is always looking for new volunteers! If you would like to help with any of the social events, reach out to Anita Alspaugh at 512-517-6001. Anita will be stepping down from her role on the social committee next year. There is NO experience needed for the perfect opportunity to meet/make friends at the lake! Please consider stepping up; CCWC needs YOU.

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Bass Tournament and Kid Fish

The 33rd annual CCWC Bass Tournament and Kid Fish is scheduled for **May 23, 2026**. Tons of volunteers and donations are needed to help make this fun family day a success. Contact Anita 512-517-6001 (or Kris 979-828-2907 in the office) if you would like to volunteer or make a donation of any size/kind to this event. This is a great way to introduce yourself and/or advertise your business.

Bass Tournament and Kid Fish will follow last year's schedule:

Bass competition: Fish 6-11 am; Lunch/Awards/Raffle 11 am-12 pm

Kid Fish: Lunch/Raffle 11 am-12 pm; Kid Fish 12:00-1:30 pm Awards

Entries will be accepted online or in the office **after April 15**.

Not interested in the fishing aspect? Pre-pay for a hamburger lunch and check out the raffle items we secure. This is a great way to kick-start summer on the lake and get to know your community members!

Hope to hear from YOU!

Fishing Club

There was a great turnout (around 30 men and women) at the annual fishing club organizational meeting on Saturday, February 21, at the New Baden General Store. From the club email sent by **Keith Pate**, here is a bit of what was decided: Dan Poole and Keith Pate will continue Co-leading the Camp Creek Fishing Club.

- Dan Poole – 214-957-2950 - pooleman49@yahoo.com
- Keith Pate – 281-796-7506 - kpate@hpe.com

It was decided that all events for the year will be **team tournaments**, meaning two anglers will fish together from the same boat and combine their heaviest five fish for their total weight. The club voted in favor of **weighing the fish, taking a picture of the scale, and then releasing the fish**...please remember to take a clear photo of your scale for every fish weighed. Also, the majority of members who participated in the vote chose to **keep the existing rules in place, allowing the continued use of Forward Facing Sonar**.

Dues are staying the same: \$25 Individuals/Spouse, \$50 w/Guest (over 18 yrs old). Payouts will be: \$50 for five biggest bass and \$50 for biggest bass for regular tournaments; and \$250 and \$100 for the Camp Creek Classic.

The brush pile party was a huge success (photos following)! We had around a dozen volunteers show up to help, and we laid out 50 trees [just in time for the spring spawn]. Thank you to everyone that pitched in a hand; the great teamwork helped a lot, and we'll make it an annual event.

It was great seeing everyone; hope to see you again at the tournament in a couple of weeks.

2026 Tournament Schedule: March 7th, April 18th, May 2nd, June 6th, Sept 26th, Oct 10th (Camp Creek Classic), and Nov 7th





It was a very windy, cool day on February 21, and these fishermen were wonderful to spend their effort and time! Not only did they work to cut down the 50 cedar trees and transport them to the launch, but they also secured cement blocks to the bunches of trees before they were dropped into the lake to provide brush protection habitat for the smaller fish. Thank you to the participating club members!!



Special thanks to **Kris Maxymof, Dan Poole** and **Keith Pate** for these photos.



Congratulations to **Luke Galvan** and **Hannah Lemley** on winning the first ever **Camp Creek Classic** on 10/18/25! Luke and Hannah were able to catch 14.56 lbs. on a very tough day of fishing. They took home \$200 and these beautiful trophies. Great job!!

Emergency Road Repair on Clyde Acord

The road was closed for only a short time in February when two culverts were found to be collapsing near the rearing ponds. Thank you to **Donna Schrader** for submitting these photos of the repair process:



Best of Gumbo – November 1, 2025

A huge thank you to all who participated/attended the Best of Gumbo Cook-off 2025!

Terry & Mike Noack – CCWC President. Donating, volunteering and cooking

Steve & Elizabeth Griffin – Volunteer, donating, whipping up a batch of gumbo; whatever is needed, they are always there

Larry & Jan Hubbell – Donates a custom item for EVERY event, and cooks, too!

Charles Goolsby – 2024 Best of Chili champion

Elisa & Tim Bunda – Proudly waved The Red White & Reaux

Best of Camp Creek 2025 Gumbo edition – Roux-rious Gumbo cooked up at the Alspaugh's and served by the Moores!

There were great sides and wonderful desserts brought in by those in attendance!

While chilly temperatures, Halloween weekend, hunting season, and rain showers may have kept some from venturing out, the 60+ in attendance tasted great gumbo and took home great raffle items, too!

Thank you to those who attended, donated and purchased tickets. Donations and ticket sales generated right at \$700 to use towards small improvements at the pavilion, additional electrical breakers, outlets and outdoor fans.

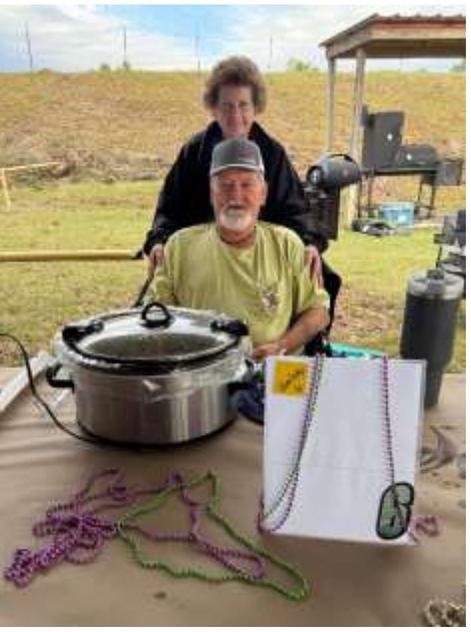
Special thank you to raffle item donors and those who helped set up/tear down; we could not do it without your help! **Ben Bayles, Emily and Alan Beard, Dawn Chandler, Allen and Shannon Douthitt, Elizabeth and Steve Griffin, Larry and Jan Hubbell, Nancy and Ken Hughes, Kolor by Kendra, Kris Maxymof, Mike and Terry Noack, Anne and Frank Perry and Kris Kennedy, Ryan Raley, Mike and Donna Schrader, Scott and Rochelle Smith, Wally and Freda Strzelec, and Christy Thompson.** If you were unable to attend, we hope you make the next one. It really IS a fun day/way to make new friends and re-connect with those you just don't see enough!

Best of 2026 will be Best Game Day Snack. Start planning now for fall, 2026.

Anita Alspaugh

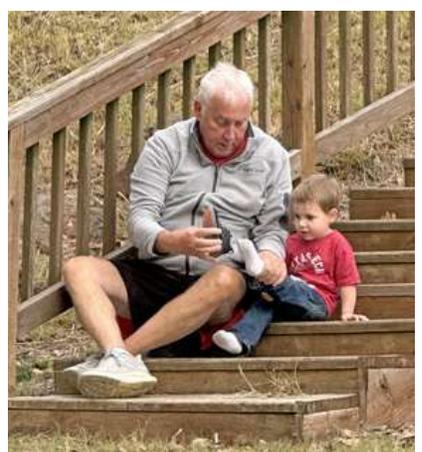
Social Committee Chair, CCWC





Thank You Donors!

- Anita & Rob Aspaugh
- Mike & Terry Neack
- Steve & Elizabeth Griffin
- Emily & Alan Beard
- Scott & Rochelle Smith
- Christy Thompson
- Larry Huskell
- Aimee & Frank Perry Family
- Ryan & Melissa Riley
- Mike & Donna Schroder
- Katie & Kincha
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- Donna Chandler
- Frank & Kelly Strzelus
- Shanna & Allen Deckerhoff



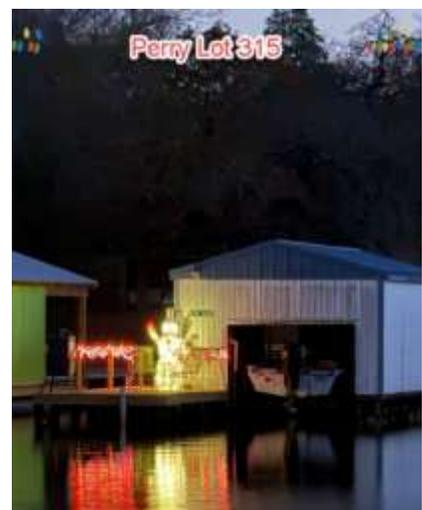
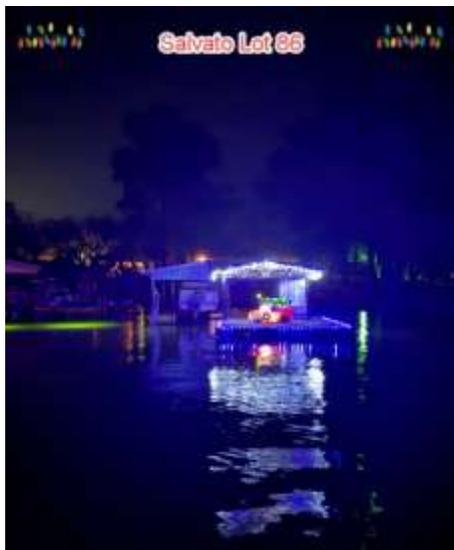
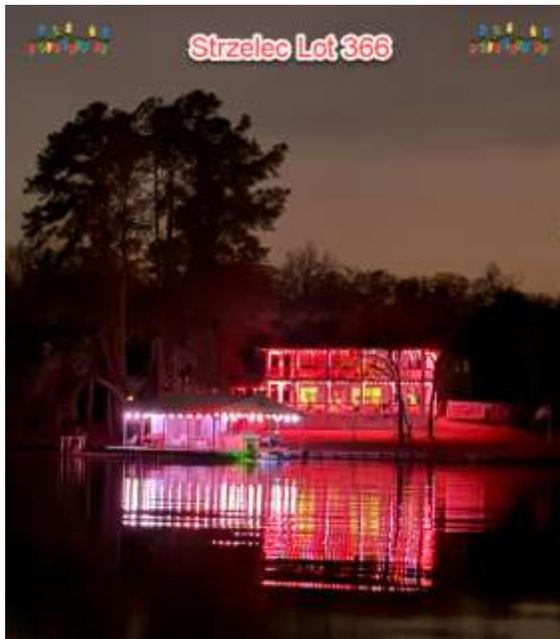
2025 Deck the Dock Winners

The judging for this year's Deck the Docks took place on Sunday, December 21. It was a beautiful evening, perfect for a festive boat cruise. With many decorated docks to admire, the ride was truly delightful.

Wally and Freda Strzelec, lot 366, had the 2025 winning dock, earning a spot on the perpetual plaque and full bragging rights. Their dock dazzled with bright lights that included their yard and house...fantastic!

A shoutout to a few other beautifully decorated docks: **Second place, Scott and Lisa Burns, lot 151; Third place, Joe and Stacey Salvato, lot 86; and Honorable Mention to both Robert and Carol Bielamowicz, lot 143, and Frank and Anne Perry, lot 315.**

A big thank you to **Mike and Donna Schrader** and **Steve and Elizabeth Griffin** for joining **Kris Maxymof** in judging. A big shout out to **Scott Smith** for being our pontoon boat pilot for the evening and to **Rochelle Smith** for the wonderful photos.



Preserving The Night Sky



The beauty of the night sky is a precious resource that we must all work to preserve.

What is **Light Pollution**?



Light Pollution is any artificial light made by human activity.

How can we promote responsible lighting around the lake?

- Only install lighting that has a clear purpose.
- Carefully locate lighting to reduce the amount of light going up into the night sky.
- Keep artificial lighting pointed down and shielded.
- Choose the correct fixture and level of light intensity to suit the task.
- Control lighting with timers or motion sensors so they turn off when not being used.
- Use warm LED colors below 3,000K.

What are the benefits of thoughtful lighting?



- Safety - “more” light is not necessarily better light, unsafe glare can reduce visibility.
- Savings - Reduced lighting saves money and natural resources.
- Community - Excessive lighting can impact your neighbor’s ability to enjoy the night sky. Help maintain the character of our lake front community.
- Nature - Protect the ecology of flora and fauna from negative effects of light pollution.
- Health - Reduce human health risks by maintaining the natural Day/Night cycle.

Unlike other environmental pollution, light pollution is 100% REVERSABLE.

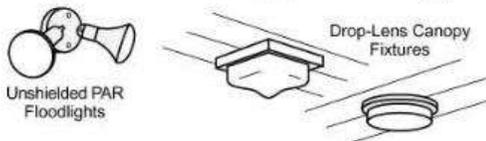
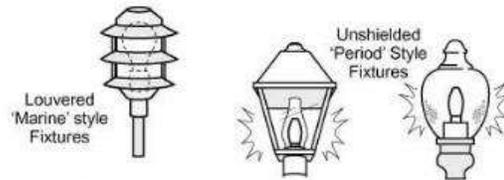
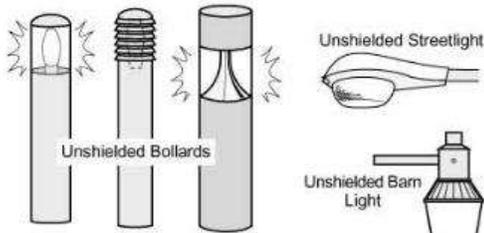
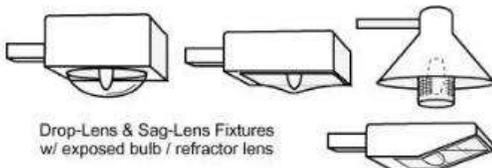
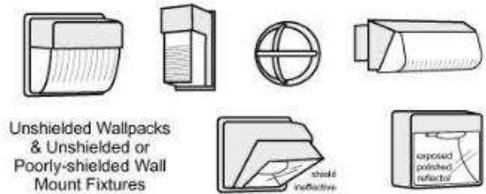
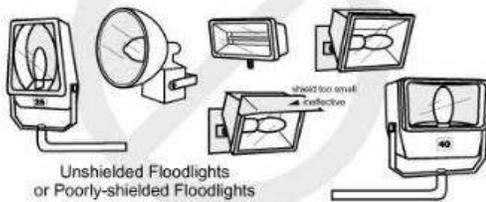
Together we can all make a difference!

Good Lights for Good Nights

Help eliminate light pollution. Select the best fixture for your application using this guide. Use the lowest wattage bulb appropriate for the task and turn off the light when it's not being used.

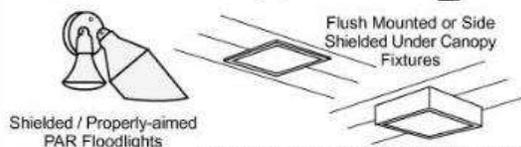
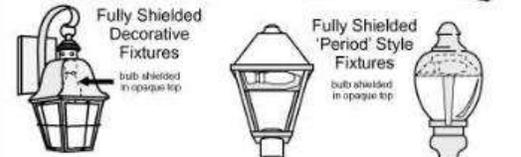
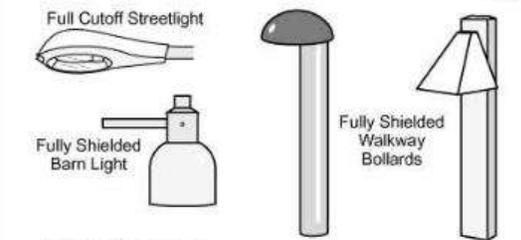
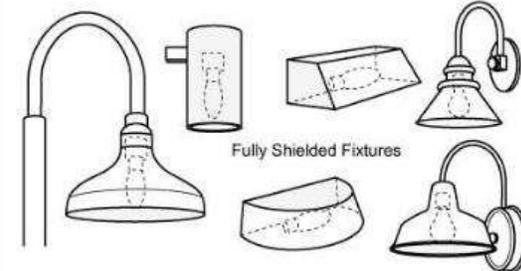
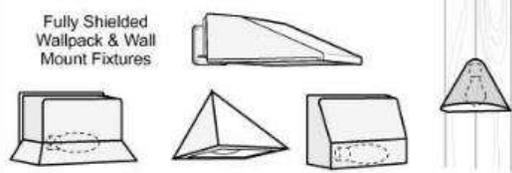
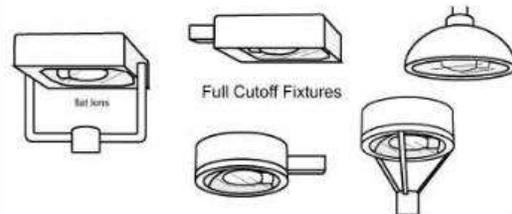
Unacceptable / Discouraged

Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



Acceptable

Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night



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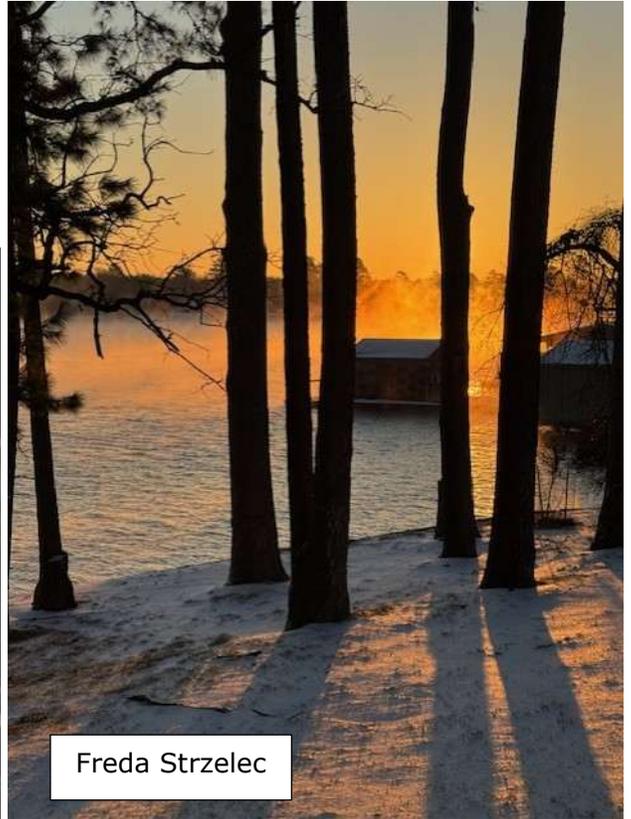
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Of the People, By the People

Thank you to CCWC lot owners for responding to our request for photos taken during the fall and winter of 2025-2026! Please remember that we will need spring photos for the early summer newsletter, too.



Anita Alspaugh - fall



Freda Strzelec



Sheri Williams - fall



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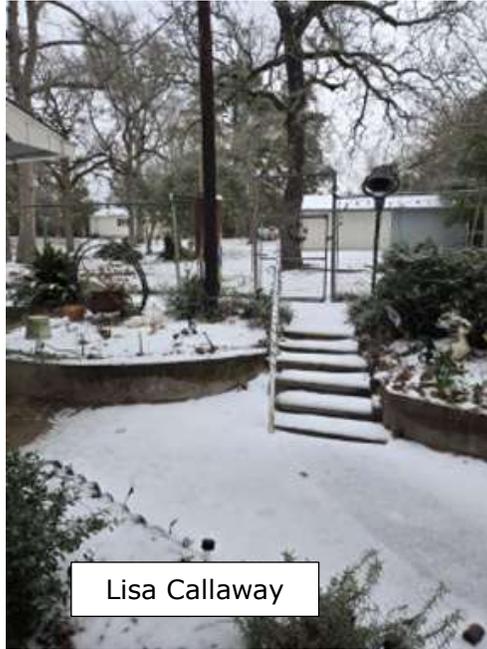
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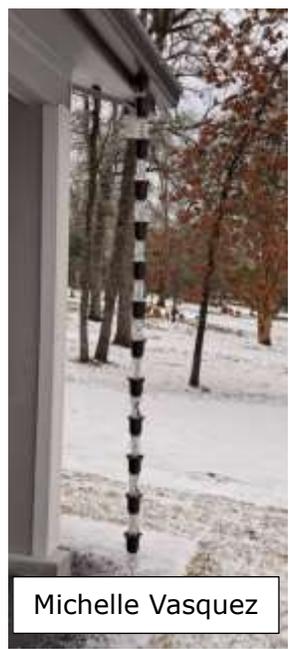
Rob Alspaugh – Snow in places, January 25-27



Lisa Callaway



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Michelle Vasquez



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Larry Karstadt



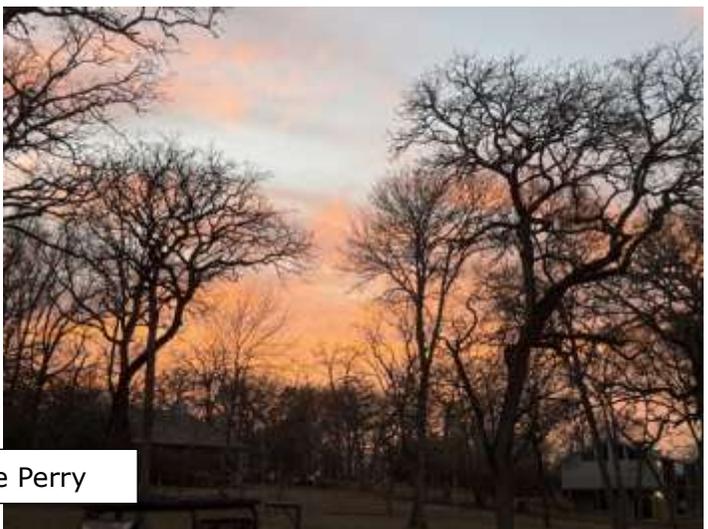
Freda Strzelec



Larry Karstadt



Anne Perry



Mike Shrader

Some would say that spring arrived in late February. Crappie fishing is especially good! Bluebirds are nesting, and the redbud trees are blooming.



Anne Perry



Rick Moon