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# **SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING**

## **CITY OF LAKE CITY**

**March 31, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Venue: City Hall**

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## **AGENDA**

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel. YouTube channel information is located at the end of this agenda.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** - Mayor Stephen M. Witt

**Roll Call** - City

**Roll Call** - County

***Ladies and Gentlemen; The Lake City Council has opened its public meeting. Since 1968, the City Code has prohibited any person from making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or becoming boisterous while addressing the City Council. Yelling or making audible comments from the audience constitutes boisterous conduct. Such conduct will not be tolerated. There is only one approved manner of addressing the City Council. That is, to be recognized and then speak from the podium.***

***As a reminder, persons are not to openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or firearm while the governing body is meeting.***

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Persons Wishing to Address Council**

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## Old Business

- [1.](#) Discussion and Possible Action - Fish and Game - Pier at Lake Montgomery

## Adjournment

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofLakeCity>

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**Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes**, *the City hereby advises the public if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City with respect to any matter considered at its meetings or hearings, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** *Pursuant to 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these meetings should contact the **City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.***

**File Attachments for Item:**

1. Discussion and Possible Action - Fish and Game - Pier at Lake Montgomery



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**Mailing Address:**  
162 South Marion Ave.  
Lake City, FL 32025

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education and  
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March 19, 2020

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

To Whom It May Concern:

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For the reasons discussed above, we The Ichetucknee Partnership express our continued support of your efforts and stand ready to partner however is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Pinto, IOM  
Executive Director





October 6, 2020

Chris Wynn  
North Central Regional Director  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
3377 E. U.S. Hwy. 90  
Lake City, FL 32055

RE: Lake Montgomery Fishing Pier

Dear Mr. Wynn:

Columbia County Tourist Development supports the Lake Montgomery Fishing Pier application. The pier was an exceedingly popular fishing location for residents and tourists alike. Replacing the pier is essential in the Lake City revitalization process and a key quality of life component for the citizens of Columbia County. Given one of Tourist Development's main pillars is outdoor recreation, we offer unwavering support and encouragement for outdoor recreation product development and enhancements.

Thank you for your efforts to protect, preserve, and promote our areas natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Vann".

Paula Vann  
Executive Director  
Columbia County Tourist Development



March 19, 2020

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Community 2 Unit  
Lake City, Florida

Girl Scout Troops 610, 2224 & 20100  
234 SW Scott Place  
Lake City, FL 32024  
386-965-5205

**To: Chris Wynn, Regional Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**  
**From: Dr. Patricia Bailey, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Lake City Troop 610, 2224 & 20100 Leader**

**Date: March 29, 2020**

**Dear Mr. Wynn:**

**As a leader for a local group of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA), I am writing this letter of support for replacement of the fishing pier on Lake Montgomery. Fishing is a popular activity with my group of girls, and we are always looking for new opportunities in and around Lake City, Florida. We would greatly appreciate and support your efforts to have the fishing pier rebuilt on Lake Montgomery including any additional amenities such as a wildlife observation platform and improved lighting. Thank you for your continued efforts to search for and create new outdoor opportunities for our youth in the community!**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Bailey" followed by a small circular mark.

**Dr. Patricia Bailey, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Lake City Troop 610, 2224 & 20100 Leader**



# CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

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## Wynn, Chris

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**From:** Gracie Meloy <gracie.meloy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:29 PM  
**To:** Wynn, Chris  
**Subject:** The Rebuilding of the Lake Montgomery Dock

[EXTERNAL SENDER] Use Caution opening links or attachments

I am writing in response to the dock at Lake Montgomery being rebuilt. I have lived in or around Lake City all my life. As a child I went to the dock at Lake Montgomery and fished or simply walked the length of it, taking in the wonders of nature. This was often a family outing as well. Now I live right next to the lake and I still love walking around there, getting exercise and peace of mind. However, without the dock there is less to do and less places to walk. I do not have the money or space for a boat so fishing is out of the question now too (I always caught and released). Even my husband said he went there as a kid after church to make memories. It saddens me that without the dock our kids will not be able to make the same kind of memories. It may not seem like a big deal to those who are not in Lake City. But to the small town, it is a big deal. I would love for the opportunity to reminisce as well as make new memories at Lake Montgomery. I request for myself, my husband, my future kids and many other people in Lake City and the surrounding areas, that the dock be rebuilt.

# REPLACEMENT OF THE LAKE MONTGOMERY FISHING PIER

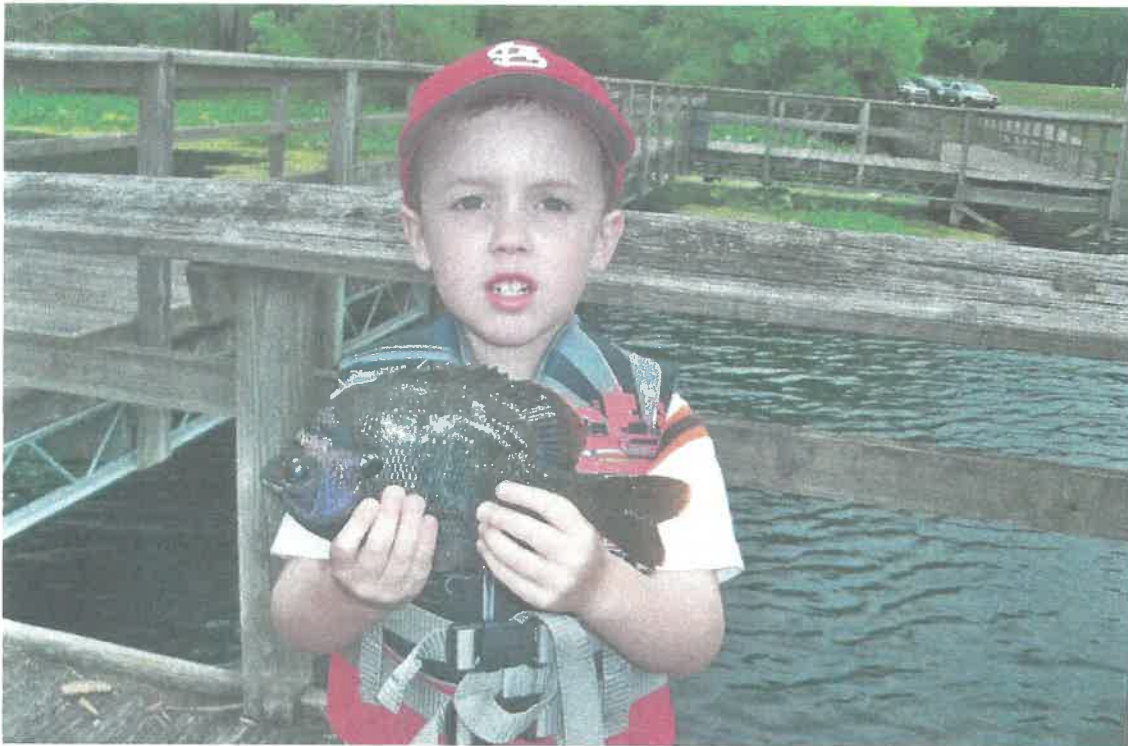


**FISHING PIER AT SUWANNEE LAKE**



## **REPLACEMENT OF THE LAKE MONTGOMERY FISHING PIER**

**The Lake Montgomery Fishing Pier was determined to be unsafe in March of this year, and had to be closed and demolished. Now the whole community needs to pitch in and assure this pier is replaced with an even better pier that is designed to accommodate able as well as disabled citizens of this area.**



**A Successful and Happy Fisherman on the Lake Montgomery Pier Before Closure**

- **Many people in this area enjoyed using the pier, some because of need for a meal, some because of need for therapy, and many more for the pure enjoyment of fishing.**
- **Photos on the next two pages are of people, able and disabled, enjoying the benefits of fishing from piers in North Central Florida lakes.**



**VA COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER RESIDENTS ON A FISHING OUTING**



**FISHING IS A FORM OF RECREATIONAL THERAPY**



**THIS PIER MEETS ADA REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY**



**SUWANNEE LAKE PIER IN SUWANNEE COUNTY**



**BIGGEST ONE OF THE DAY**





**NOT A BAD DAY ON THE LAKE!**



**THESE ARE FUN TO CATCH TOO!**



**WAITING FOR A BITE  
(McNeill Lake Pier at PCS)**



**HIS FIRST FISH!  
(Alligator Lake Fishing Pier)**



**TYPICAL DAY ON THE SUWANNEE LAKE PIER**

## LAKE MONTGOMERY FISHING PIER

*Below: Fisherman on the Lake Montgomery Pier Before Closure*



## OVERVIEW

Lake Montgomery (aka Hamburg Lake) is a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) [Fish Management Area](#) located in Lake City, Florida. Access is provided via a City park. In 1990, FWC and the City of Lake City built a fishing pier on the lake. It continued to receive heavy use as a very popular fishing destination until 2017 when the fishing pier had to be removed. It had reached an age and condition where it was determined to be unsafe.

During the final three months the pier was open, FWC installed a game camera to document usage. From 11/16/16 to 2/14/17 a total of 3,672 people visited the pier for an average of 41 visitors per day, making this one of the most popular fishing piers in Lake City.

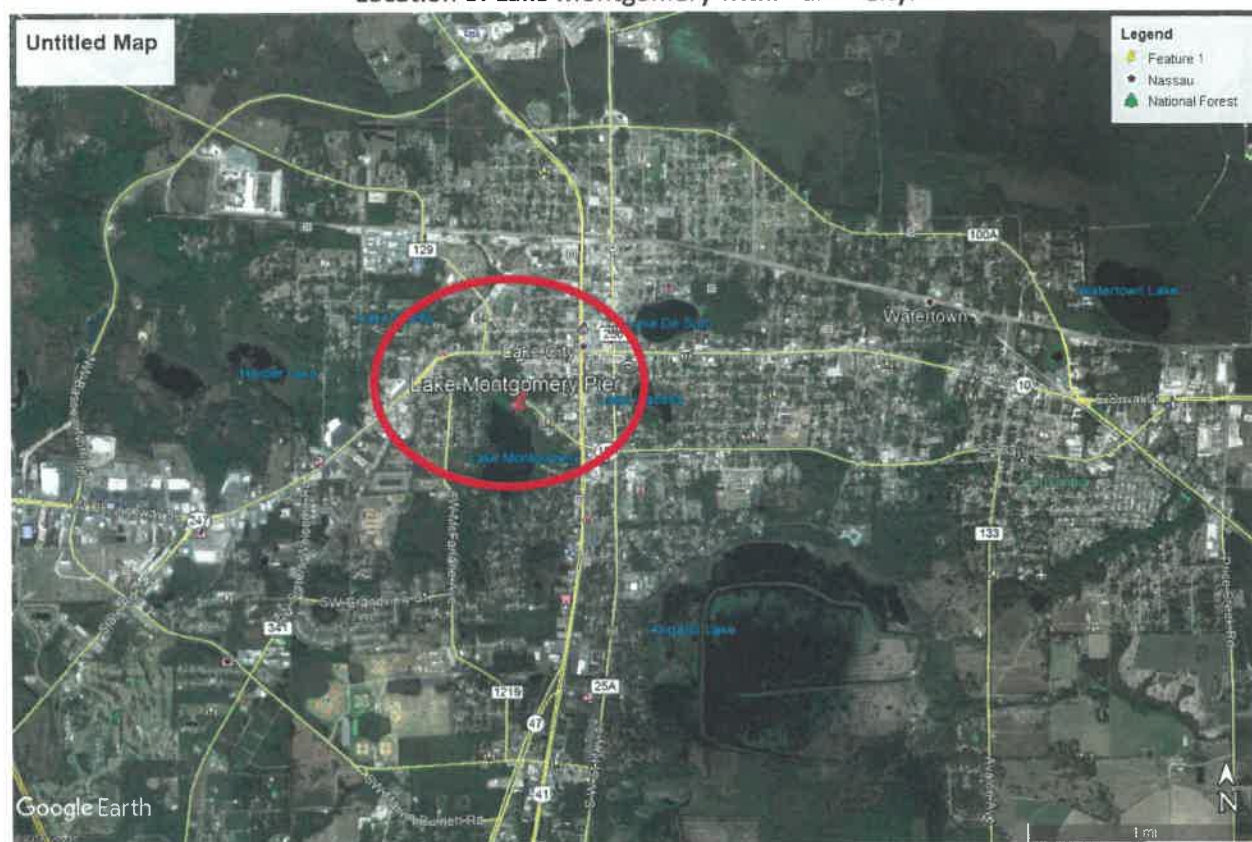
Not only was this a popular pier for general residents of Lake City and surrounding areas, it was also a popular destination for the local Veteran's Affairs (VA) hospital to take patients for recreational therapy. The lake is located approximately 0.5 miles from the VA hospital which allows for short trips for patients that are unable to leave the hospital for longer journeys.

Recent discussions have centered on how the pier can better suit needs of multiple stakeholder groups, including birders and wildlife watchers. The current proposal includes adding a second deck at the end of the pier that could serve as a wildlife viewing observation tower as well as shade for the first deck. Additionally, there are educational placards incorporated into this project to demonstrate the important role Lake City resources play in the environment.

FWC has been working with the City of Lake City and a few dedicated local volunteers in an attempt to secure permits and final engineering for this project. An estimate of ~\$300,000 will be targeted through several different grant opportunities. A breakdown of the costs is enclosed. General letters of Support are needed and appreciated, to help with grant writing.



**Location of Lake Montgomery within Lake City.**



Fishing pier on the north shore of Lake Montgomery.





Item No.	Unit	Item Description (Unit Price in Words)	Qty	Estimate
1	Lump Sum	General Requirements. (Payment & Performance Bonds, Indemnification, Insurance, Etc)	1	\$10,000
2	Lump Sum	Mobilization. (All materials, labor and equipment) required for mobilization.)	1	\$15,000
3	Square Foot of Fishing Pier	Demolition of existing fishing pier. All labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to demolish and dispose off site all pilings, structural and non-structural components of the existing fishing pier.	2,536	\$55,000
4	Square Foot of Fishing Pier	Construction of new fishing pier. All labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals necessary to construct a new fishing pier.	2,536	\$165,000
5	Lump Sum	Demobilization. (All materials, labor and equipment) required for demobilization.)	1	\$15,000
Contingencies ≈20%				50,000
Subtotal				\$310,000
Engineering and Permitting (≈15%)				\$50,000
Total				\$360,000





**Replacement With Pier Built  
With Suwannee Lake Pier  
Engineering Drawings**

**217 feet long**

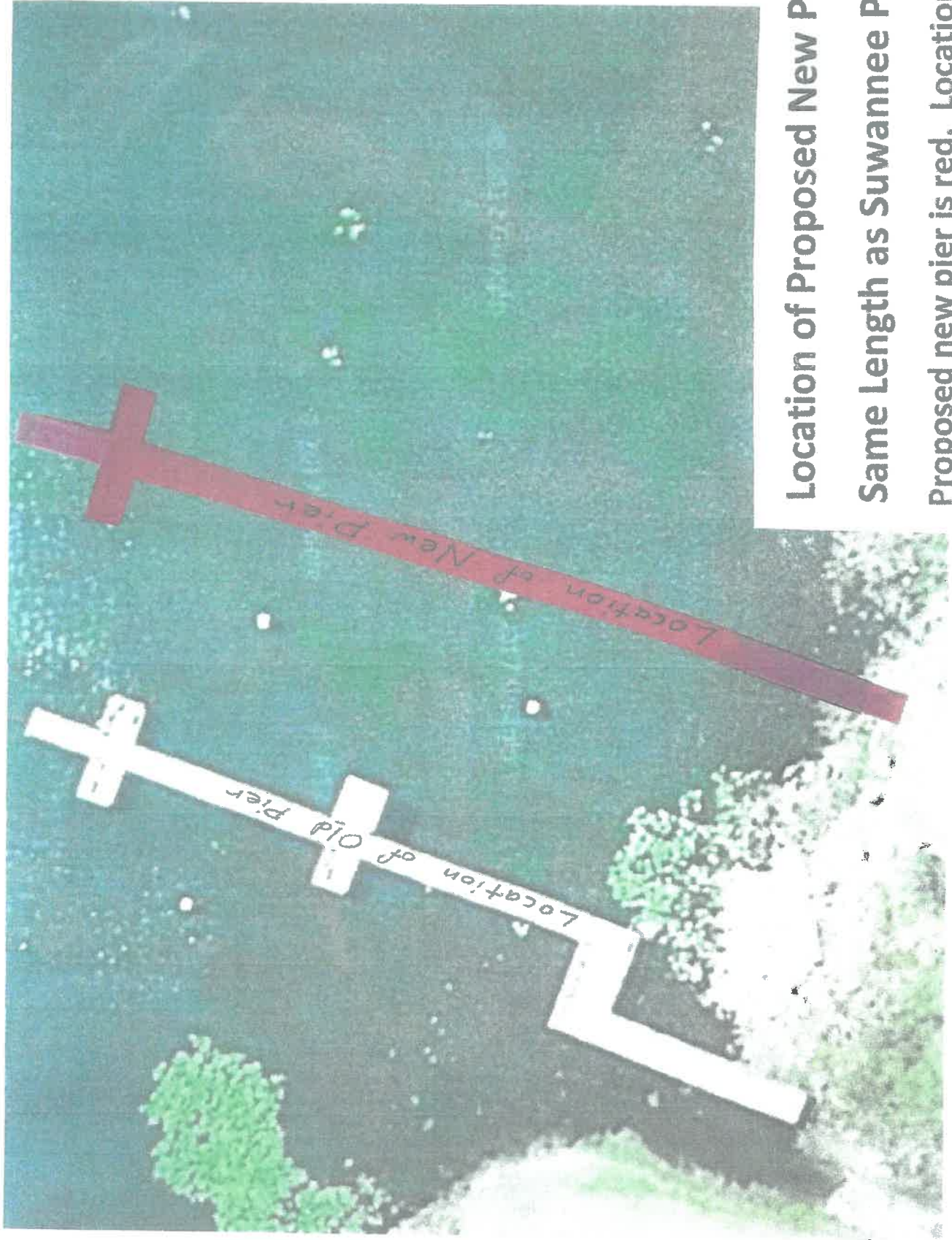
**2056 square feet**

**Estimated cost to build: \$206,000**

**With additional wing: \$222,000**



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**Location of Proposed New Pier**  
**Same Length as Suwannee Pier**  
**Proposed new pier is red. Location of**  
**old pier is white.**

# Lake City Reporter

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LAKE MONTGOMERY PIER

## CASTING FOR CASH



Photos by CARL MCKINNEY/Lake City Reporter

The Lake City Public Works Department and a prison work crew dismantles the dock on Lake Montgomery in March. The dock was closed on Feb. 13 for safety reasons, said Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman Karen Parker. Lake City Public Works Director Thomas Henry said he has been unsuccessful in finding a grant to cover the \$360,000 price tag



# City, FWC say they do not have funds for new dock

By **CARL MCKINNEY**

*cmckinney@lakecityreporter.com*

Whether for recreation, therapy or sustenance, an average of 40 to 55 people were visiting the Lake Montgomery pier each day during the months before the structure's demolition in March.

Community members were disheartened when the city had to dismantle the pier due to safety concerns, said Lake City Public Works Director Thomas Henry. Now, residents, city officials and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are hoping to find a way to pay for the replacement structure, estimated to cost \$360,000.

"It's a pretty popular pier," Henry said. "It's a place for our local citizens to spend some quality time with their families, teach their chil-

dren how to fish and just enjoy some kind of outdoor recreational activity."

The pier, which was handicap-accessible, also had a medical use, said FWC Regional Administrator Allen Martin.

Patients from the Lake City VA Medical Center would use the pier for recreational therapy, which can help treat a range of both physical and mental conditions.

"It's very important to them for recreational therapy," Martin said.

There are also those who depended on the pier to put food on the table, Henry said.

"People depended on it to feed their families or feed themselves," Henry said.

An FWC engineer earlier this year determined



Lake Montgomery's popular pier has been gone for more than a month now, and its absence has been felt by community members.

**DOCK** continued on 2A

## DOCK

*Continued From 1A*

the pier was unsafe, Henry said. Pylons were decaying, and the underside of the wooden structure lacked enough bracing.

A city inspector later asked the public works department to demolish the pier, which had been standing for 25 years, Henry said.

Henry said he's been unsuccessful in finding a grant to cover the \$360,000 price tag of replacing the pier, which includes the cost of obtaining permits from the Suwannee River Water Management District.

"There may be a grant out there, but I have not been able to find one yet," Henry said.

The city is turning to other avenues, such as soliciting donations for the replacement pier, Henry said.

So far, no one has contributed.

A group of private residents is working with the city and FWC to spread

awareness about the pier by distributing literature about its importance to VA patients and the community. The volunteers are part of a committee that also consists of city and FWC officials, which met on Friday to discuss the fundraising effort, Martin said.

The committee hopes to get support from State Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City.

FWC is helping to organize the project, but has no dedicated funding for pier construction projects, Martin said. Unlike the city, state agencies cannot ask for fundraising donations, he said.

"If we're gonna get this pier replaced, it's going to take a group effort," Martin added.

The new pier would consist of a high-end composite plastic material that would significantly outlast the former wooden structure, Martin said.

Cameras monitored the foot traffic on the pier in its final months, Martin said, averaging around 40 per day with peaks of around 55 to 60.

Lake City Mayor Stephen Witt hopes the city, county and FWC can work out a plan.

"Hopefully, between the private sector, the city, game commission and everybody else, we can all get together and do something there," Witt said.

The pier provided much-needed recreational value to the community, Witt said.

"It was a great place to go," he said.

On Monday afternoon, Shirley Coffee sat in the grass as she cast her line into the lake, saying she hopes the pier is rebuilt promptly.

"When the pier was here, you could catch bigger fish," Coffee said. "You can't get as far out now."

Anyone interested in contributing to the project can call Henry at 386-758-5400 or email [henryt@lcfla](mailto:henryt@lcfla).



Witt

5/19/2018

## Article in Suwannee Democrat

[http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/va-patients-enjoy-fishing-trip-to-suwannee-lake/article\\_39c72f9c-59e5-11e8-b44f-43f2d43bd402.html](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/va-patients-enjoy-fishing-trip-to-suwannee-lake/article_39c72f9c-59e5-11e8-b44f-43f2d43bd402.html)

FEATURED

# CATCH OF THE DAY

VA patients enjoy fishing trip to Suwannee Lake

By Jamie Wachter [jamie.wachter@gaffnews.com](mailto:jamie.wachter@gaffnews.com) May 17, 2018

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Disabled veterans, VA Hospital workers and volunteers enjoy a fishing trip at Suwannee Lake last week.  
Jamie Wachter

LIVE OAK, Fla. — No sooner had John Hilliard arrived at Suwannee Lake on May 10 than he began trying to get his hands on a rod and reel.

"Oh shoot, I like to fish," the 59-year-old Ohio native said. "I love to fish.

"But ain't had the chance."

[http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/va-patients-enjoy-fishing-trip-to-suwannee-lake/article\\_39c72f9c-59e5-11e8-b44f-43f2d43bd402.html](http://www.suwanneedemocrat.com/news/va-patients-enjoy-fishing-trip-to-suwannee-lake/article_39c72f9c-59e5-11e8-b44f-43f2d43bd402.html)



A volunteers helps bait a hook for one of the VA patients.  
Jamie Wachter

The Navy veteran and three other military veterans got the opportunity Thursday thanks to the efforts of Gene McNeill, the Suwannee County administration and a helping hand from Anderson Columbia.

McNeill was working at PCS Phosphate, now Nutrien, in White Springs nearly 30 years ago when he began the push that led to Thursday's outing.

While checking on the water situations at some of the lakes on the company's property, McNeill came upon a car — with fishing poles — parked at the gate to a lake that had a no fishing sign posted.

Upon stopping to inform them that they couldn't fish there, McNeill said a man was helping get his wife into a wheelchair, both likely in their 70s. The woman was undergoing kidney dialysis several times a week at the time.

"He said after dialysis, she always felt real bad so he'd bring her out there fishing and she really enjoyed that," McNeill recalled, adding that the couple told him they had fished there previously, catching catfish.

"I told them that I was sorry but this was recirculated process water. We allow fishing over at Eagle Lake. He said, 'Yeah, we've been over there but there's nowhere she can fish in her wheelchair.' Because of the slope, he couldn't get her close enough to the water."

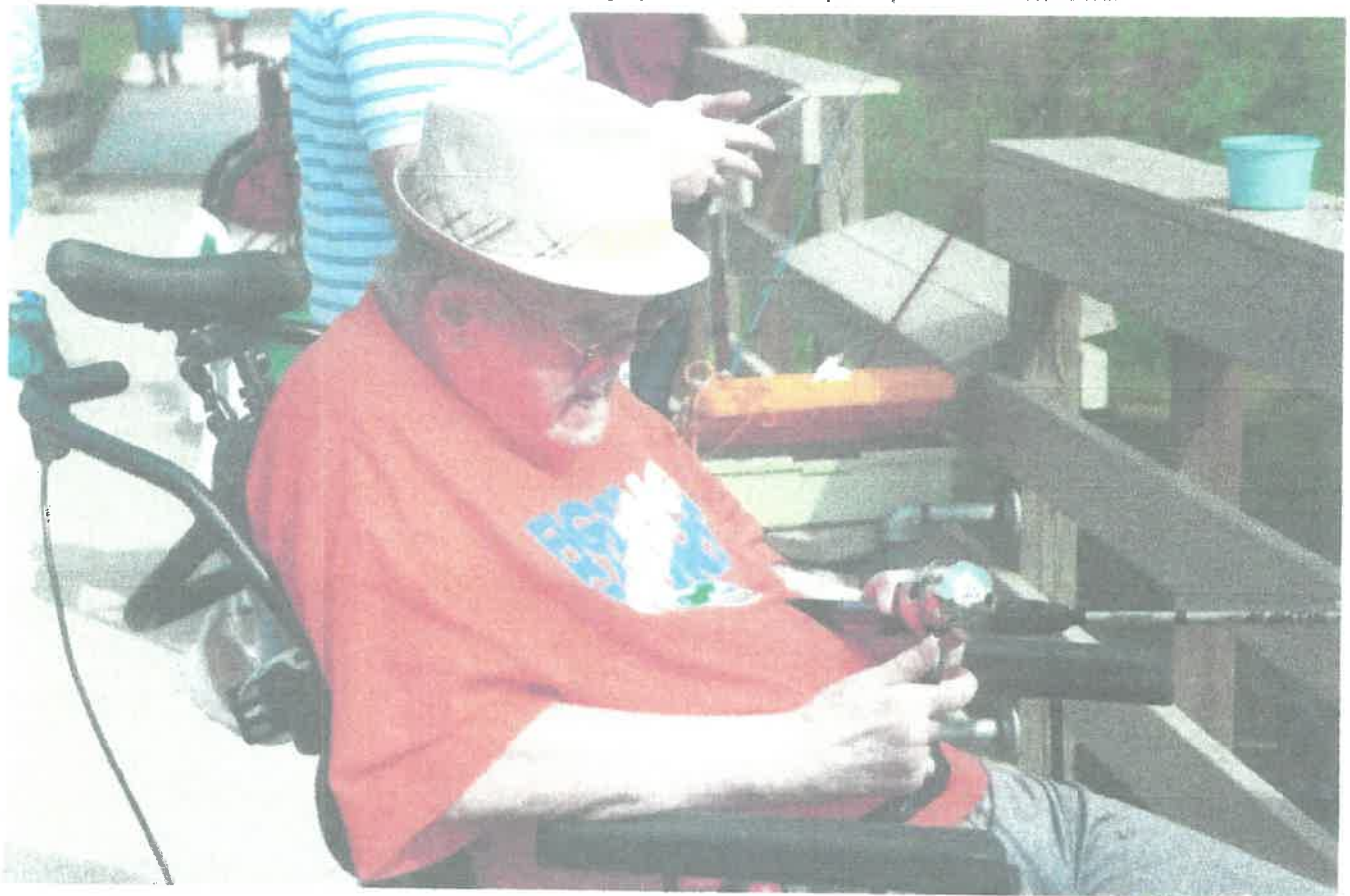
That prompted action from McNeill.

He began a push that turned into McNeill Lake opening in the early 2000s with a pier that was handicap accessible.

Visits with David Lowe, a triple amputee from Tallahassee, at the VA Hospital in Lake City turned into fishing trips. Which turned into taking a group of the vets from the VA to the lake in the mid-2000s.

"It's something I like to do," McNeill said.





Four patients from the VA Hospital caught fish last week at Suwannee Lake.  
Jamie Wachter

But recently, those trips stopped.

The pier at McNeill Lake was flooded and hasn't been repaired.

The pier at Lake Montgomery, within walking distance of the VA Hospital, was condemned and torn down.

The pier at Suwannee Lake, though, was in great shape and perfect for the disabled veterans.

But there was still work to be done. The path leading to the pier was torn up by erosion. So McNeill reached out, with direction from Suwannee County Clerk of Court Barry Baker (an old coworker at PCS), to County Chairman Ricky Gamble.

With Anderson Columbia willing to donate millings to fix the path, Suwannee County's road department paved it.

The fishing could resume.

"He needed our help and I told him I'd whatever we could to make it happen," Gamble said. "It was a worthwhile project."

It was a worthwhile trip for the four veterans who made it.

"Oh yeah," Hilliard said about enjoying the morning outing. "They kept talking about it but I've been on antibiotics for so long and couldn't get out here.

"But now that I had a chance to get out here, I was coming."

McNeill added: "These recreational therapists will tell you that it's really good for them. Just to get out and do anything. But even better when they actually catch some fish."

Hilliard is proof of that. With temperatures nearing 90 degrees as the morning wore on, the big fish weren't to be found. Instead, small brim were the catches of the day.

"They were little, but I don't care," Hilliard said. "It was fun just catching them."



John Hilliard reels in a fish during the fishing trip to Suwannee Lake last week.  
Jamie Wachter

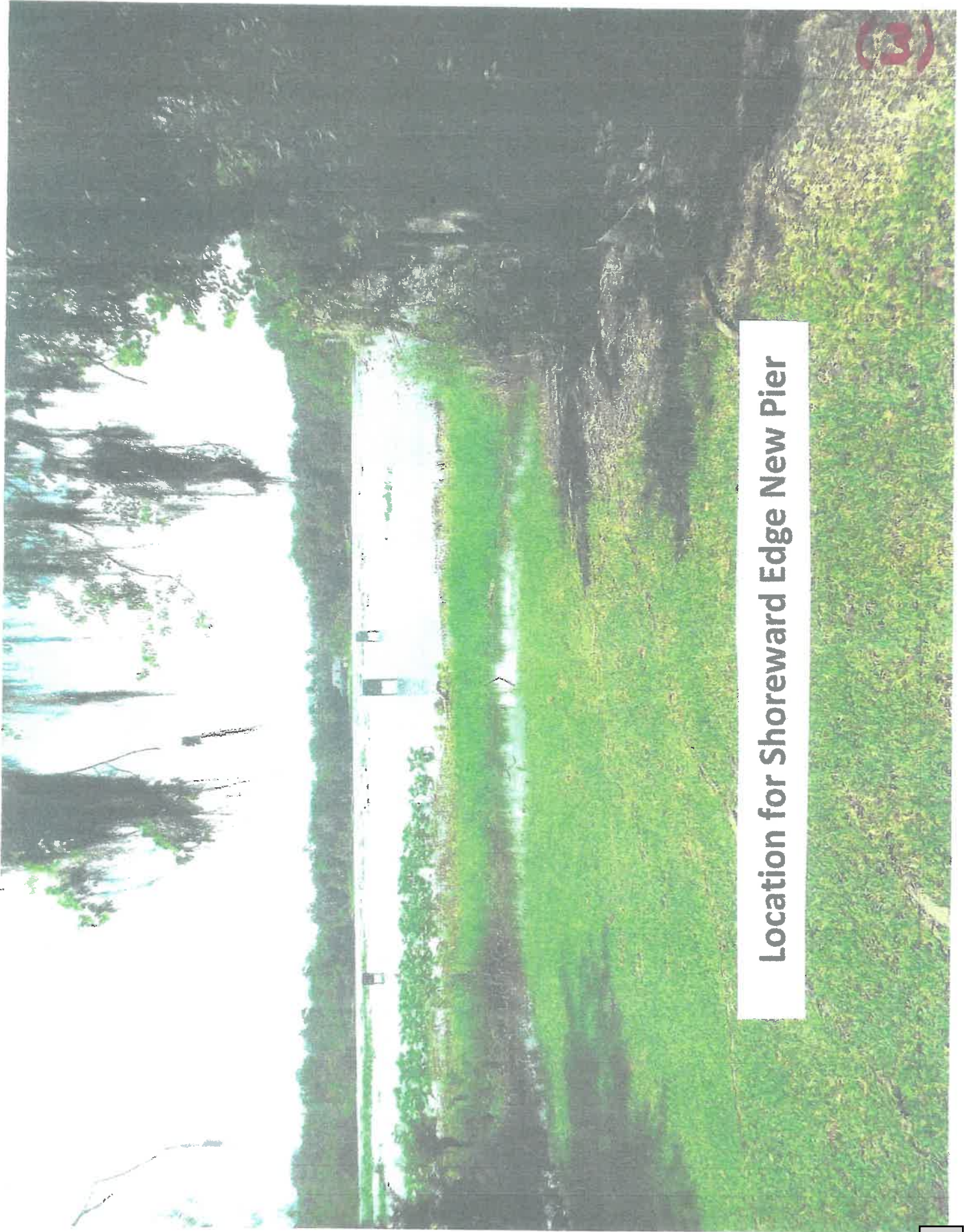




## Suwannee Lake Pier

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**Location for Shoreward Edge New Pier**

Example of fishing pier with an elevated observation deck.

<https://people.well.com/user/pk/waterfront/photo-of-the-week/Pier-040517.html>



**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-035**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION AND CARE OF CAMPBELL PARK BY THE CITY, AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF INCOME FROM AN ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY MEMBERS OF THE C. G. CAMPBELL FAMILY TO PARTIALLY FUND THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST OF THE PARK.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Campbell Park (herein the "Park") was donated to the City of Lake City, Florida ("City") in 1942 by C. G. Campbell and is now one of the parks owned by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park has been developed in part by a member of the Campbell family to include pathways, nature trails, flower beds, benches and other improvements to provide the public with an opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy its natural beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Campbell family that the existing character of the Park be preserved and to be perpetually maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the C. G. Campbell family have created and established a trust endowment fund (the "Campbell Park Endowment") for the benefit of the City to be used solely to apply on the annual cost to mow the Park, weed and fertilize the flowers, mulch the pathways and trails and maintain the benches; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, by this resolution, desires to memorialize its thanks and gratitude to the Campbell family and its acceptance of the Campbell Park Endowment and to confirm that the Campbell Park Endowment will be annually appropriated and used solely to apply toward the cost of maintaining, mowing the Park, weeding and

fertilizing the flowers, mulching the pathways and trails, and maintaining the benches.

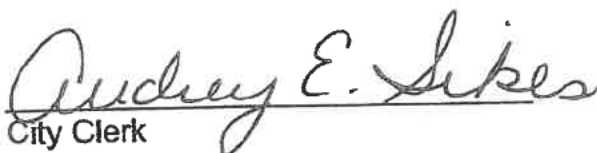
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That the City, with gratitude and thanks to the Campbell family, hereby accepts the Campbell Park Endowment, and confirms that said funds will be annually appropriated to apply on the maintenance cost of the Park and that Campbell Park will be perpetually maintained and its existing character preserved.

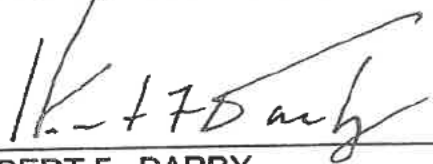
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
HERBERT F. DARBY  
City Attorney



*1/20 gave to Donna W.*



# Suwannee Valley COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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January 11, 2022

Mr. Joseph Helfenberger  
City Manager  
City of Lake City  
205 N. Marion Avenue  
Lake City, FL 32055-3918

Dear Mr. Helfenberger:

On the approval of the Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, I am pleased to enclose the following grant:

Grantee:	City of Lake City
Amount:	\$2,395.00
Purpose:	in support of City Resolution 2006-035 for the sole use of contributing to the annual cost to mow the park, weed and fertilize the flowers, mulch the pathways and trail and maintain the benches
Fund name:	Campbell Park Endowment

This grant may not be used to satisfy a legally binding pledge, nor can any goods or services be given in exchange for the grant. If either is the case, please contact me before depositing this check.

In any recognition of this contribution, please credit the above-named Fund. If it is your custom to provide a receipt, it should be sent to the Foundation.

Thank you for the good work you do to build a better community; together we will make a difference. Please let us know if we may be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Joanne E. Cohen, J.D.  
Vice President, Philanthropic Services

John Zell  
Vice President, Development

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To: City of Lake City

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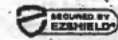
## THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA

INVOICE NUMBER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	NET AMOUNT
GE-22-41341-D-	1/11/2022	Campbell Park Endowment	\$2,395.00	\$0.00	\$2,395.00
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$2,395.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,395.00</b>



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**Bench donated by  
Marise Davitt Sutton  
In memory of her husband –  
my good friend, Reggie**



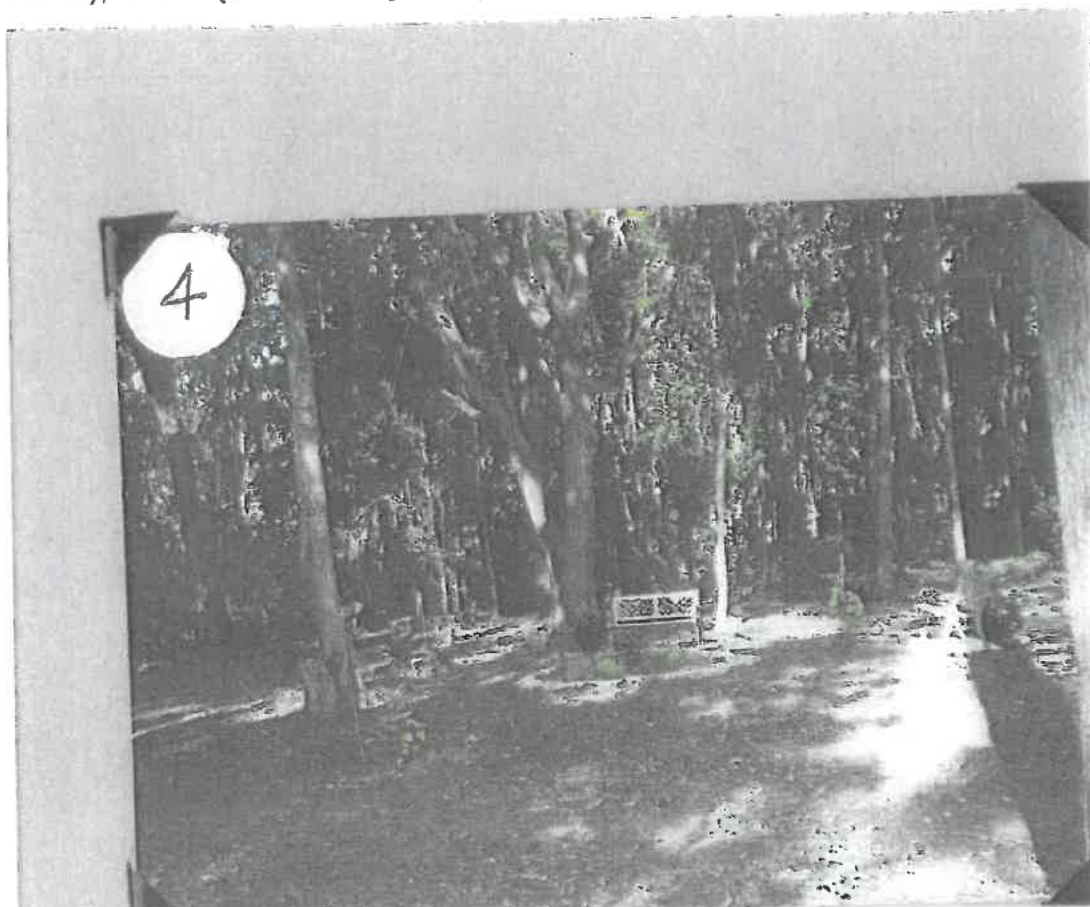




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ridge over ditch leading from the monument at the entrance, going to be  
a semi circle under a huge oak tree. This bridge was donated "In mem  
.G. Campbell, Sr. by his Loving Family".

he loving family consists of his immediate family --- Dr. C.G. {Grady} Car  
. (son), Marguerite {Peggy} Campbell-Murphy-(Dr. Roy E. {son} Campbe  
Widow), & Bill {William M.} Campbell (son).







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## QUARTERLY REPORT

WINTER 2007

AN UPDATE FOR DONORS, FRIENDS AND THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY

### OUR MISSION

Stimulating Philanthropy

to Build a Better  
Community

### OUR VALUES

Grantmaking that is  
fair and thoughtful

Management that  
trusts and respects the  
interests of donors

Service to community that  
is innovative and creative

Governance with integrity  
that puts community  
above self

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO LEAD PEW INITIATIVE

Jacksonville (along with Shreveport, Louisiana) has been selected by the Pew Partnership for Civic Change as one of two communities to implement **Learning to Finish**, a program designed to engage entire communities in the fight to reduce high school drop out rates, an issue that is rapidly becoming a national crisis. **Learning to Finish** focuses on the transition from middle to high school—a critical time period in which students begin to show declines in academic performance.

The Community Foundation will be the sponsoring organization to lead this five-year initiative in cooperation with the Duval County Public School System. The schools selected to participate in the initiative are Terry Parker, Nathan B. Forrest and Englewood high schools and their feeder middle schools Jeff Davis, J.E.B. Stuart, Landon, Southside, Arlington and Ft. Caroline.



At the November 16th launch of the initiative in Jacksonville, Dr. Suzanne Morse, President of the Pew Partnership for Civic Change stated: "Jacksonville is a city of action that has made its young people's future a community-wide priority. From the literacy efforts and the after-school programs to innovative programs in schools, Jacksonville has demonstrated a strong commitment to the future of its children and the community as a whole." Founded in 1995, the Pew Partnership for Civic Change is a civic research organization whose mission is to identify and disseminate promising solutions to tough community issues.

As a pilot community, Jacksonville will have an opportunity to work with the Pew Partnership for Civic Change in identifying local assets, best practices, and data collection and analysis tools to assist in improving graduation rates throughout the area. The Pew Partnership will provide technical assistance including the organizing model, community discussion guides, mapping tools and related research on dropout prevention strategies. The Community Foundation will provide the community leadership and financial support for this groundbreaking initiative. Nina Waters, president of the Foundation states:



Pam Paul Dopf

"We are very honored to have the opportunity to work with Pew on this project. **Learning to Finish** aligns perfectly with **Quality Education for All**, the Foundation's 10-year initiative designed to improve the performance of public-school students in Duval County."

Pam Paul Dopf has joined the staff of The Community Foundation to lead the implementation of this initiative in our community. A native of Jacksonville, Pam has devoted her career to youth development. Prior to joining the staff of the Foundation, Ms. Dopf worked for the Jacksonville Children's Commission for 12 years where she led the development of their discretionary grantmaking program and most recently served as Director of Community Outreach and Partnerships. Pam also served as a Special Projects Manager for United Way of Northeast Florida, and prior to returning to Florida, she worked in direct marketing and advertising with Wunderman Worldwide, London, England; and Young and Rubicam, New York.

# BILL CAMPBELL ESTABLISHES CAMPBELL PARK ENDOWMENT AT SUWANNEE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Bill Campbell grew up in Lake City. Like many, he moved away to pursue his college education and career; and, in 1982, he decided to retire to his home community.

His father, C.G. Campbell, was a realtor and community leader. In the early 1940's, C.G. Campbell purchased land for development on a "little dirt street" called Park Street. Prior to the U.S. entry into World War II, he built three homes around a park, which was to be the centerpiece of the development. The original park had dogwood and redbud trees, azaleas, crape myrtles and oak leaf hydrangeas, and featured a fountain. The development was never completed due to World War II. In 1942, C. G. Campbell donated the park to the people of Lake City.



In 1997, Eckerd Drug Store wanted to buy the land where the park and surrounding houses stood. In researching the purchase of the property, the parties learned that one of the conditions of C.G. Campbell's donation was, if the city stopped using the land as a park, the property would revert to the family.

The preservation of Campbell Park was extremely important to Bill and his family, and they accepted a proposal from the city to move the park across the street to three acres on Lake Montgomery. Local prisoners cleared the land; the Lake City Community College Landscape Club designed and helped place the landscaping; the Boy Scouts designed and built two trails; and other community organizations like the Woodmen of the World donated landscaping, mulch, benches, etc.

Today, Campbell Park is a quiet sanctuary surrounded by shady water oaks and Florida maples. Bill spends many-a-Saturday morning pulling weeds, planting azaleas, or just relaxing on one of the park benches.

Though the city agreed to maintain the park, like many municipalities around the country, the city leaders could not promise sufficient funds to provide adequate upkeep for the facility. Bill decided that the best way to insure the park was appropriately maintained was to create an endowment fund. He could not create an endowment for the park at the City and after talking to some fellow Rotarians, he was guided to the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation, where he established the Campbell Park Endowment Fund. Income from the fund will be used to augment funds from the city and insure that the park is adequately maintained for the citizens of Lake City.

Bill's goal was to create an endowment of \$50,000. The Campbell Family contributed \$40,000 to the endowment and the community 'rallied round' the cause by providing the remaining \$10,000 through individual and corporate donations. One community organization even held a garage sale to raise funds for the endowment. Bill Campbell commented, "I've had so many comments from people who have used the park as to how much they appreciate it, and I am truly moved by their support for my family and the legacy we want to leave to Lake City."

## ABOUT THE SUWANNEE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

An affiliate fund is an advised fund that serves a specific geographical region, cultural, gender or ethnic group, or well-defined philanthropic interest. Unlike a donor advised fund, an affiliate fund actively solicits contributions from a wide range of donors. Affiliate funds provide a "first-step" for communities or interest groups that seek to develop broad philanthropic support.

The Suwannee Valley Community Foundation was created in 2002 to serve the residents of Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union counties, Florida. It is governed by an advisory board of citizens from the region.

Individuals, families, corporations and private foundations can establish funds to benefit not-for-profit organizations in the Suwannee Valley region. The Community Foundation provides guidance and assistance to help the advisory board develop new philanthropic assets for the region and implement strategic grantmaking initiatives.

### Advisory Board Members

Tom Brown, Chair  
Bettye Lane  
Keith Leibfried  
James Montgomery  
Dr. W. Benjamin Norris, Jr.  
Mike Null  
Earline Parker  
Joseph Persons



## BENCHES



### Angle Leg Park Bench

#4046 6' (1.8m) Douglas Fir	Price: \$254
#4047 8' (2.4m) Douglas Fir	Price: \$287
#2132 6' (1.8m) Aluminum (As Shown)	Price: \$303
#2133 8' (2.4m) Aluminum	Price: \$364
#R4046 6' (1.8m) Redwood	Price: \$370
#3138 Frame Only	Price: \$88



### Straight Leg Park Bench

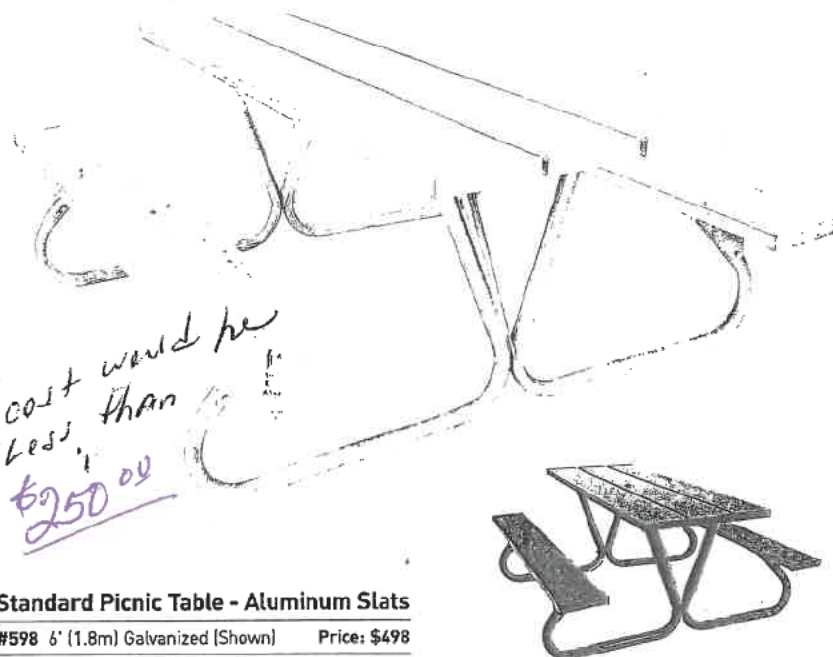
#P4066 6' (1.8m) Douglas Fir	Price: \$287
#P4067 8' (2.4m) Douglas Fir (Shown)	Price: \$320
#P532 6' (1.8m) Aluminum (Painted)	Price: \$513
#P533 8' (2.4m) Aluminum (Painted)	Price: \$574
#PR4066 6' (1.8m) Redwood	Price: \$440
#P338 Frame Only	Price: \$121



### Two Leg Portable Bench

#P4056 6' (1.8m) Douglas Fir	Price: \$303
#P4068 8' (2.4m) Douglas Fir	Price: \$336
#P252 6' (1.8m) Aluminum (Painted)	Price: \$529
#P253 8' (2.4m) Aluminum (Painted)	Price: \$590
#PR4056 6' (1.8m) Redwood (Shown)	Price: \$465
#P328 Frames Only	Price: \$138

## PICNIC TABLES



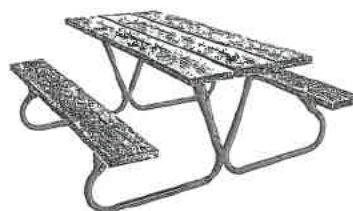
### Standard Picnic Table - Aluminum Slats

#598 6' (1.8m) Galvanized (Shown)	Price: \$498
#677 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated	Price: \$744
#599 8' (2.4m) Galvanized	Price: \$620
#678 8' (2.4m) Powder-coated	Price: \$866

### ADA Accessible Picnic Table - Aluminum Slats

#1308 6' (1.8m) Galvanized	Price: \$649
#P1308 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated	Price: \$899

- Frame is constructed of 2-3/8" galvanized steel pipe.
- Accessible table top extends 12" beyond the bench seats.



### Standard Picnic Table - Southern Yellow Pine Slats

#592 6' (1.8m) Galvanized	Price: \$326
#P592 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated (Shown)	Price: \$447
#593 8' (2.4m) Galvanized	Price: \$380
#P593 8' (2.4m) Powder-coated	Price: \$508

### ADA Accessible Picnic Table - Southern Yellow Pine Slats

#1309 6' (1.8m) Galvanized	Price: \$457
#P1309 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated (Shown)	Price: \$579

- Frame is constructed of 2-3/8" galvanized steel pipe.
- Accessible table top extends 12" beyond the bench seats.

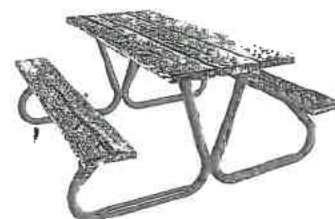
### Standard Picnic Table Frames (all lengths)

#574 Galvanized	Price: \$116
#P574 Powder-coated	Price: \$237



### Heavy Duty Picnic Table - Aluminum Slats

#796 6' (1.8m) Galvanized	Price: \$54
#P796 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated (Shown)	Price: \$82
#798 8' (2.4m) Galvanized	Price: \$68
#P798 8' (2.4m) Powder-coated	Price: \$94
#797 15' (4.6m) Galvanized	Price: \$1,16
#P797 15' (4.6m) Powder-coated	Price: \$1,69



### Heavy Duty Picnic Table - Southern Yellow Pine Slats

#766 6' (1.8m) Galvanized	Price: \$40
#P766 6' (1.8m) Powder-coated (Shown)	Price: \$52
#768 8' (2.4m) Galvanized	Price: \$45
#P768 8' (2.4m) Powder-coated	Price: \$57

### Heavy Duty Picnic Table Frames (all lengths)

#769 Galvanized	Price: \$18
#P769 Powder-coated	Price: \$30

### Single Post Picnic Table - 6' (1.8m) (not shown)

#794 Aluminum Slats	Price: \$65
#P794 Powder-coated	Price: \$80
#795 Pressure Treated Slats	Price: \$51
#R799 Redwood Slats	Price: \$80
• Table upright is 4" (10cm) O.D. galvanized pipe.	
• Seat supports are 2-7/8" (7cm) galvanized pipe.	