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### 2008-2009

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## President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Spring is just around the corner now, so I've been getting ready for our Annual Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 5. This includes preparing a slide show for you to see what's been going on during the past year at Walnut Grove Lake. The Annual Meeting is the one time during the year when everyone in the neighborhood is invited to get together to learn what has been accomplished during the past year, find out how we stand financially, and to discuss plans for the future. We, as a Board, value your input and I sincerely hope you will come.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for the opportunity to work with so many dedicated and hard working folks here at WGLHA. We have a great Board of Directors, Bookkeeper, Lake Committee Chairman, Neighborhood Watch Co-chairs and July 4th Committee, among others. Thank you for all you do!

I'm looking forward to another good year to come. See you on March 5th!

*Margie McMillan, President*

## Annual Meeting

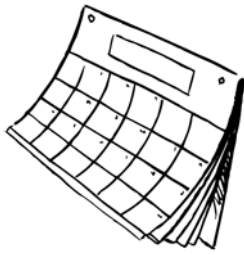
Thursday, March 5, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

Covenant United Methodist Church, Smith Covenant Center

### AGENDA

- Call to Order/Welcome – Margie McMillan
  - Proof of Quorum
  - Reading of Minutes – Joyce Echols
- Introduction of Prospective Board Members/Nominations from the Floor
  - Election of Directors for 2009-2010
  - President's Message Slide Show – Margie McMillan
- Neighborhood Watch Update – Kathy McLallen & Sandra McCorry
  - Lake Report – Bob Marchini
  - Treasurer's Report – Jane Raymond
    - New Business
    - Adjourn

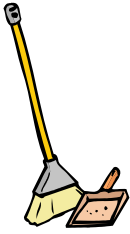
Please make plans to attend. If you cannot attend, please fill out the proxy form found on page 6 of this newsletter and give it to a neighbor who plans to attend or a Board member. If we do not have a quorum we cannot conduct any business so it is important that everyone makes an effort to attend. See you there!



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



## Upcoming Events



### Saturday, March 28 – Neighborhood Cleanup 9:00 A.M

in conjunction with The Great American Cleanup. Areas to clean include the hill on Lovitt Field at Walnut Grove Road and parks. The more people that show up, the more we can accomplish! Meet at Simpson Park. Wear gloves and bring tools such as rakes, shovels, loppers, weed eaters and chain saws. Refreshments will be provided.

## Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic and Boat Rides

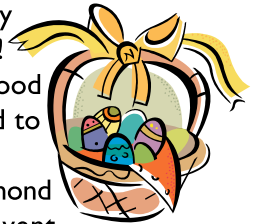
Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

It is never too early to plan your calendar. Get your kids' Easter baskets ready and come have fun with us at the Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic!

On Saturday, April 11th, we will have the Easter Egg Hunt in Lovitt Field right across the street from Simpson Park starting at 11:00 A.M. There will be a separate hunt for toddlers in Simpson Park so that all children can enjoy the chance to fill their baskets with eggs! Donations of plastic eggs filled with candy are welcome!

Following the hunt we invite everyone to come across the street to Simpson Park for food and a good old-fashioned neighborhood social! We'll have hot dogs, chips and drinks and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Bring some chairs too.

Join us for boat rides, playground for the kids, horseshoes, and just plain good socializing. Call Jane Raymond at 237-6034 if you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help at this fun event.



## Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza - Saturday, July 4th

Initial preparations for our Independence Day celebration are underway for Saturday, July 4th! As events are finalized, details will be placed in future newsletters and flyers so neighbors can plan their parties and activities. Once again this year, we plan to have a fishing rodeo, mailbox decorating contest, boat parade and of course, our wonderful fireworks display. If you have any other ideas, or would like to volunteer your time to assist in this great celebration in our WGL neighborhood, please contact Marcia Howard (754-5260), Lisa Felts (755-8424) or Jane Raymond (237-6034).

The fireworks event is sponsored by our Civic Association, and depends entirely upon donations from you. A \$50.00 per family donation is suggested. However, this is voluntary and donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please write a check to WGLHA Special Events. The Civic Association will be accepting donations at the Annual Meeting or you can mail your check to Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Assn., P.O. Box 1450, Cordova, TN 38088.

**Tuesday, August 4 - National Night Out**  
**Neighborhood Yard Sale – TBA (in the fall)**

**Lake Clean-up – TBA**

**Dam Party - TBA**

## Lake Committee Report

The lake is in good condition for this time of year. For the bird fanciers, various transient waterfowl (such as Buffleheads, Mudhens and Ring-Necked ducks) can be seen on the lake.

Fishing is very slow right now but the best fishing is only five or six weeks away. This is the time to check your gear and boat and take care of all those things that will make the fishing season more trouble free. The bass will start moving into the shallows as soon as we get some consistently warm weather. We had a terrific minnow hatch last fall and I am sure the bass will be in fine shape this spring. Good luck and remember the slot limit!

The "slot" limit is 14 to 18 inches. Fishermen may keep up to five bass per day provided that they are less than 14 inches long. You may keep one bass per day over 18 inches. Bass in the "slot" of 14 to 18 inches inclusively, must be released immediately. The "slot" bass are breeding size/age and we do not want them removed from the lake. These limits are the same as those used by the State of Tennessee on State managed lakes. We encourage everyone to keep all of the bream or crappie that they catch regardless of size. We are overstocked with both.

### Lake Regulations



- Residents & guests only.
- You must have a WGL ID card in your possession when fishing in the lake.
- Electric trolling motors only; no gas motors at any time, even in upright position.
- All boats on lake must have affixed WGL + Lot # on both sides.
- Do not litter (includes cigarette butts) and do not discard fishing line in lake.
- You may keep 5 bass per person per day less than 14" & one 18"+ trophy.
- Release all 14" to 18" bass. Keep all crappie, bream, catfish & stripes.

### Some Reasons Why We Need to Keep our Lake Clean

With so many homes for sale, it is important for all of us to do everything we can to protect our property values. This includes maintaining the lake. Your Board and Lake Committee are constantly monitoring the cleanliness and health of our lake. We have been in contact with Hope, First Assembly and TDEC this winter on several occasions regarding correcting the recent runoff of silt from their properties. In addition, we have the water quality tested at least once a

year and our Lake Committee has clean-up days from time to time. It would greatly ease the work of the Lake Committee if homeowners would clean their own lake shore property and remove the bottles and cans that flush into the lake from Walnut Grove Road.

While we have no control over the leaves that Mother Nature blows into the lake, we can control the addition of leaves and grass cuttings that are blown from our yards by us or our yard services. Dumping leaves and other yard wastes into Walnut Grove Lake is a major detriment! The problems cannot be overstated.

According to Jack Grubaugh, PhD, Dir. of the Meeman Biological Field Station and Associate Professor in the Dept. of Biology of the Univ. of Memphis, first, it comes to the simple matter of lake volume and the fact that lakes are depositional habitats; more material goes into lakes than comes out. Naturally, they fill up over time. As a result, all lakes are "born" (created when the impoundment was put in), "live" for a time (this is where Walnut Grove Lake is now), and then they "die" when they fill in or become too shallow to be of use. The only way to extend a lake's life span is repeated, expensive dredging. (Our lake was dredged in 2000. This was necessary because of years of silt runoff mostly from Hope's and 1st Assembly's construction. That time our developers were responsible for the cost of \$117,586 and it still cost us \$5,000 to dredge two coves. We are now financially responsible for any future dredging.) Blowing leaves into the lake will help shorten the life span of Walnut Grove Lake by filling it in quicker, and costing us all more money by hastening the dredging schedule.

The second problem is the decomposition of the leaves. Aquatic bacteria break down a percentage of leaves as a source of their metabolic energy (the rest of the leaves remain on the bottom to fill in the lake). In the process of breaking down those leaves, the bacteria suck dissolved oxygen out of the lake water. This can result in hypoxic conditions (severe drops in dissolved oxygen concentrations). This source of BOD (biological oxygen demand) is detrimental to the fish populations, which need an adequate and relatively constant oxygen supply in order to survive.

Furthermore, decomposing leaves release nitrates (NO<sub>3</sub>) and phosphates (PO<sub>4</sub>) into the lake. The lake already receives way too much NO<sub>3</sub> and PO<sub>4</sub> as fertilizer runoff from our yards, nearby subdivisions and churches. These nitrates and phosphates are causing our lake's intermittent problem with cyanobacteria (blue-green "algae") blooms, which is another source of BOD for the lake. Under certain conditions, the BOD could get bad enough to cause a major fish-kill.

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## Lake Committee Report (cont'd...)

While we're taking about the fish, most of the sport species in Walnut Grove Lake spawn in shallow, sandy/silty substrates. You've probably seen the round depressions that bream make in late spring. Submersed leaves deny fish access to this substrate, and submersed leaves themselves make lousy spawning habitat because the BOD starves fish eggs of oxygen.

Finally, there's the potential problem of mosquitoes. Female mosquitoes seek out still-water areas with high organic-matter content to lay their eggs and give their filter-feeding larvae the best chance at survival. Normally, lakes aren't a big source of mosquitoes because fish eat the larvae. However, leaves that collect in shallow-water areas create high organic-matter, still-water microhabitats that fish can't reach. In effect, this builds ideal mosquito nurseries.

We ask everyone to please not dump anything into the lake, including leaves and grass clippings. If you have yard people who do this, please ask them to stop. In addition, please keep your gutters and storm drains clear of debris. And if possible, do what you can to clean fallen leaves from the lake, especially in the coves.



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## Beaver Alert Protect Your Trees!

We have seen evidence of a new beaver. There is damage in several places around the lake. They seem to be especially enjoying our crepe myrtles and in addition have been gnawing on cypress knees and other tree trunks. You can read an article on page 6 of the Spring 2007 WGLHA newsletter on our web site [www.wglha.com](http://www.wglha.com) - for information on how to protect your trees.

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# Candidates for 2009-2010 Board of Directors

The following people (listed in alphabetical order) have volunteered to serve on the 2009-2010 Board of Directors.

**Jane Hanafin**, 70 Viking Drive, has lived in the WGL subdivision for two years. She is the Administrative Director for the Heart Institute at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center. She enjoys the natural beauty of the neighborhood and wants to help maintain its unique characteristics.

**Joseph & Darlene Jones**, 148 W. Viking Drive, have lived at WGL for almost 6 years. They bought their house from Joseph's mother, Betty Jones, who owned two houses in WGL for more than 30 years, so Joseph knows this neighborhood well. Joseph, a self-employed contractor and Darlene, International Claims Manager for a shipping company, have been involved with the July 4th boat contest judging, mailbox decorating judging, park clean ups and maintenance, and more. They both are currently serving on the board - Joseph as Second Vice President and Darlene as an Alternate.

**Barry Ledbetter**, 5 West Viking Drive, was born and raised here in the house his parents built in 1971. They were among the first to colonize WGL. Barry supposes you could call him a second generation Walnut Grove Laker. He has watched the surroundings of the Germantown corridor change from a two lane country road to the bustling metropolis it is today!! Barry presently serves as a Director for the R.A.B Corporation, a subsidiary of Capital One here in Cordova. He is also active in fund raising for local charities by organizing classic auto shows. He loves the outdoors and looks forward to getting involved and helping organize anything that is thrown his way!

**Margie McMillan**, MPH, 8428 Arendal Cove, has lived at WGL for almost 6 years with her husband Sid and daughter Rachel. She served as president of the East Buntyn Historic District Neighborhood Assn. for two years, prior to moving here. She has served on WGLHA's Board as an alternate, 2nd Vice President and is currently serving her 3rd year as President. She is a master gardener and is self employed, doing survey research & statistical consulting. Her overriding goals for the neighborhood are to encourage property owners to properly maintain their homes and yards, for the WGLHA Board to maintain all common property owned by the Association and to have as many people as possible involved in neighborhood activities.

**Jane Raymond**, MBA, 74 Viking Cove, has lived at WGL for almost seven years. She works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as their Director of Managed Care. With the help of the Civic Committee, she organized the annual July 4th Boat Parade for about 5 years, and was delighted to hand it over to Paris Edwards last year! With Howard Cobbs' help, she co-facilitated the spring Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic for the last three years. As a lifelong Memphian, Jane appreciates Walnut Grove Lake - Memphis' best kept secret. She has been on the Board for three years and is currently serving as treasurer.

**Gordon Wynn**, 8414 Bergen Drive, has lived in the WGL subdivision for seven years with his wife, Lynn and their three children. He previously served on the board of the Millers Pond Homeowners' Assn. Gordon is president of Tennessee Carriers, Inc., a Memphis-based transportation company. He states, "I plan to live here for many years to come and want to participate in assuring that WGL continues to be a great neighborhood. He is currently serving as 1st Vice President.

**Proxy**  
**Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association**  
**Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 5, 2009, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Covenant United Methodist Church, Smith Covenant Center**

If you are unable to attend this very important meeting, please use the following form to give your proxy to someone who will be attending. This will assure that the business affairs of WGLHA can be duly transacted. To vote, you must be a homeowner with your dues current.

I, the undersigned member of Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as my true and lawful proxy, with full power of substitution for and in my name, place and stead, to vote and likewise act with respect to all of my rights as a member of Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., at a meeting called for March 5, 2009, and any adjournments thereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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 Member's signature (required)

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 Member's address & lot number (required)

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 Please print member's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number (optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address (optional)

**2009 Ballot for Board of Directors**

The board consists of five regular members plus alternates. Alternates are non-voting members who attend Board meetings and who are ready to step in as a regular board member should someone have to resign. Representatives of the Civic Association and Lake Committee serve as nonvoting members for a total of nine board members. Please mark your ballot or fill in the space for write-in candidates. A \* denotes a current board member or alternate.

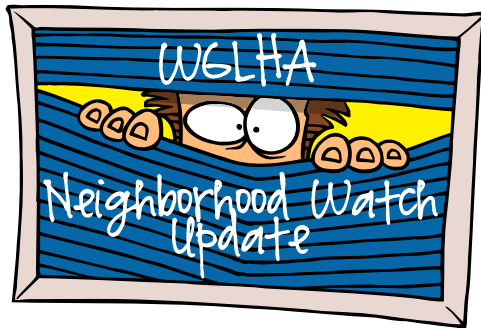
**Vote for NO MORE THAN FIVE candidates.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Jane Hanafin      \_\_\_\_\_ Darlene Jones\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Jones \*

\_\_\_\_\_ Barry Ledbetter      \_\_\_\_\_ Margie McMillan\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Jane Raymond\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Wynn\*

Write-in candidates: \_\_\_\_\_



**Block Captains Still Needed: Please** consider signing up for this important contribution to your neighborhood. Call one of our co-chairs: Sandra McCorry 755-6609 or Kathy McLallen 262-6681 to volunteer or for more information.

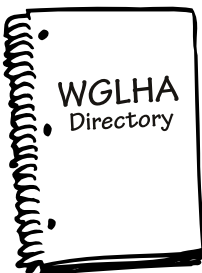
**A Block Captain's meeting** will be announced soon. We will cover any further information, suggestions, and ideas for improvement.

**Security Patrol:** After much research by Treasurer, Jane Raymond, this service was rendered not affordable by the WGLHA at this time. However, a Security Patrol is available with a minimum of 100 homeowners paying directly to the security company. We will distribute more information regarding this service at the annual meeting.

**Thank you** to all who participate in this program!!

## New Directories to be published in May

We are planning to publish a new neighborhood directory in May. If you are receiving this Newsletter by U.S. mail your address sticker will show the name, address and phone number we have on file for you. This is what will be published in the directory. If this information is NOT correct, please phone Jeanie Velarde at (754-2146) to give her the correct information or you can email her at wglha@juno.com. If you receive this newsletter via email on the web, we would appreciate it if you could reply to this email with your correct name, address and phone number so we can be sure our records are correct. Thank you.



# Don't Forget!

**All Outside Construction Must Be Approved First By the WGLHA Board**

Everyone should have a copy of our covenants. If you don't have a copy, you can download it from our web site or call us and we will get you a copy. Item D.4. states, **"All plans and specifications for new or future construction of every type, including buildings, piers, fences, driveways, and walls, shall be approved in writing before construction by Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., or their authorized representative."** You can also download a copy of our Construction Approval Form from the web site.

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**Sheriff 379-7625**

Section H-Norseman, Walnut Creek, Brye Hollow &  
Glen Gyle

**Mayor's Citizen Service Center 576-6500**

Report code violations such as overgrown yards and debris.  
All complaints are kept confidential.

**Report street lights out 320-1498**

**Storm water drain hotline 529-0237**

To report dumping in streets or storm drains

**MLGW 544-MLGW**

For power outage, wires down, leaking water mains & gas  
leaks.

**Memphis Solid Waste Management 576-6851**

To request trash pickup.  
(Section H contact the company you have contracted with.)



## new residents!

Say hello to your new neighbors who have moved to Walnut Grove Lake recently. If we've missed you, please let us know and we'll include you in the next newsletter.

**Valerie Miller**

191 W. Viking Dr.

**Gillon Ondo**

8423 Bazemore Rd.

**Cecilia Narrow**

136 W. Viking Dr.

**Jeremy & Christy Ford**

371 Sherburne Cv.

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276 Ericson Rd.

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171 Ericson Rd.

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