



# Living at... Walnut Grove Lake

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## Happy Birthday America!



**MOST SPIRITED BOAT**  
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**HONORABLE MENTION - WILLIAM & LAURA PLUNK**

## President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I hope you're having a great summer. I know it's hot, but at least we have a lake to swim in!

Our Independence Day celebrations this year were fabulous! Eighty mailboxes were decorated, which is more than we've had since I've lived here. Some were so creative. Participation in the fishing rodeo was much bigger too, with 50 participants. I think everyone got a door prize, and of course the winners got really great prizes. The weather cooperated for the boat parade and the judges said there were more boats this year than they can remember. And once again, the fireworks were splendid.

I want to thank all those who made the day a big success, including Marcia Howard, Darlene Jones, Ron Wong, and Sonny & Sandy Hale. Thank you Jeanie Velarde, our bookkeeper, who collects your fireworks checks and pays our bills!

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

- Margie McMillan, President

## Homeowners Dues

Just a reminder- if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so! Invoices went out with the spring newsletter, and only 62.4% of WGLHA neighbors have paid up. Your annual dues of \$167 help to maintain our private lake and park areas, valuable WGLHA neighborhood amenities. Please send your check to: WGLHA, P.O. Box 1450, Cordova, TN 38088.

## LOST & FOUND

Found - a bag containing a box of fishing tackle, a fishing pole and a camera.

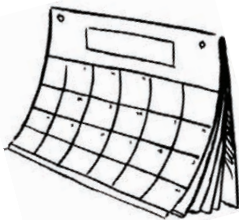
Call 569-9487.

## WGL Property Values

Economic times are tough right now. Your Board believes it is a top priority to keep our neighborhood looking good, not only for ourselves, but for visitors and potential buyers. We have some vacant houses in our neighborhood that are a real challenge for us to keep maintained, but we are doing our best. We send letters to homeowners to ask them to clean up and report overgrown yards and any other code violations to the Mayor's Action Line (576-6500).

We have lots of dead trees, most likely due to droughts we had in past years, as well as disease, lightning strikes, etc. Realtors tell us that the removal of dead trees will improve property values, not only for the resident, but for the whole neighborhood. If you have a dead tree in your yard, we ask that you please have it removed as soon as possible.

In addition, make sure your yard is kept mowed, garbage cans and recycling bins are removed from the street after garbage collection, and garbage is not left at the street during the week. In addition, if you go for walks, please pick up litter along the way. Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood looking good!



## Mark Your Calendar



### ??? Saturday, October 1 - Neighborhood Yard Sale ???

Do you want to have a neighborhood yard sale this fall? Email us at wglhoa@gmail.com and let us know. The charge is only \$5.00 per household to cover the expenses of running ads in the Commercial Appeal and for signs. We will have one if enough of you want to, but we need to hear from you first. Plus, we will need a volunteer to run the ad and do the signs. So let us know by August 22!

### Tuesday, October 4 - WGLHA Neighborhood Watch National Night Out 2011

Have fun planning a block party with your neighbors!

### Thursday, December 15th

### Holiday Decorating Contest Judging 6:30 pm till 9 pm (rain date: Friday, December 16th)

Judging to begin 30 mins. after sunset. Be outside cheering on your decorations and trying to get the judge's attention! Prizes will be awarded for Best Classical Christmas, Best Use of Landscape, and Best Religious Theme.



## Lake Report

The condition of the lake is normal for this time of the year. The pea soup color is due to the usual algae bloom. The problem is most severe on the west side of the lake. About the only action we can take to minimize the problem is to be responsible in our use of fertilizers. Please, do not over fertilize your lawns and shrubs and be careful of any runoff into the storm drains that lead to the lake. Better yet, consider using organic treatments for your yard.

The lake water was tested and evaluated by ETC this spring. The results were the same as the previous years' tests which were completely satisfactory.

Please remember to check the numbers on your boat. Some of the numbers have worn off and it is very hard to check for the legal status of boats if they are not properly marked. All boats should be marked "WGL+ your lot number" (i.e. WGL 22). The characters should be 2 inches tall and on both sides of the boat.

Fishing has tapered off as the summer heat has arrived. The good news connected to the high temperatures, is that it's giving the fish a rest. By mid-summer, the fish are starting to get beat up a little. The respite from heavy fishing pressure will allow the fish time to recuperate. I also think it is a good practice to turn the point of the hook barbs down for easy removal of the hooks.

On another note, I have noticed a lot of non-residents fishing on the lake. It appears that many of the outsiders are workers who have been given permission by homeowners to fish. In my opinion, this should not be done in that these people do not know the lake rules on fishing and frequently take huge numbers of fish from the lake. There are two workers who fish daily every spring and clean out the bream spawning beds. It is my belief that the lake has a very marginal population of bream and we should not over fish this species.

Finally, I wish to personally thank Ron Wong for efforts in directing the fishing rodeo. I don't think many of us realize the time and effort he puts in to secure all of those prizes. Thank you for a job well done, Ron.

### MARK & JERRY, FISH 37lbs 5/25/11 7:45 am Walnut Grove Lake



## WGLHA Floating Dock for Sale!

Imagine having morning coffee at your kitchen table during a thunder storm and while gazing out at the lake you see the WGLHA floating dock coming towards your boat with much velocity! Well, that is what happened during one of our recent summer storms to Bob Marchini. Luckily he was at home. Marcia Howard, Ray Curry and Bob were able to wrangle the erstwhile dock to moor it at Marcia's seawall.

Our floating dock has been around for about 11 years. In addition to the usual expenses for maintenance and upkeep, the homeowners association has incurred expenses every couple of years when it detaches from its moorings. All of the new and "better" anchoring mechanisms eventually failed.

After much deliberation, and given these ongoing expenses and the potential liability related to swimmers as well as the possibility of damage to other boats, docks and seawalls when the dock detaches, the Board has decided to sell the floating dock to the highest bidder in the subdivision.

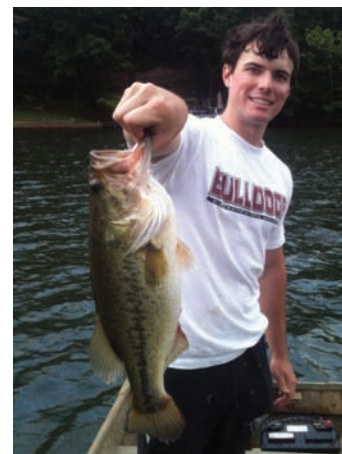
The dock is 16' by 16' and has nine 2x3x12 floats. The Board will start the bidding at \$1,500. If you are interested in purchasing the floating dock, please send an e-mail with your name, the amount you would like to bid and your phone number to wglhoa@gmail.com. The deadline for obtaining all first bids is August 30. Via e-mail over the next week or so, we will give everyone an opportunity to improve their bids until we have one highest bidder.

## Fishing News

### Big Fish Caught in Walnut Grove Lake

On the morning of June 25, Jerry Cox and Mark Whalen were fishing near Bob Marchini's pier. Mark hooked what is probably an all time record fish for our lake using an 8 lb. test line! He snagged a 37 pound carp and battled it for about 20 minutes. After weighing the fish and getting this picture, they released the fish back into the lake.

Austen Myers, while visiting his aunt who lives on Bergen, caught this big fish on May 24th.



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- National Night Out for WGL is October 4th, 2011. So plan a block party with your neighbors!
- "Thank You" to all of our Block Captains for your help with our Neighborhood Watch Program.

In order to have an effective program for all of our neighbors we need a Block Captain for every 8 to 10+ neighbors. Some of you cover more - thank you. If you do not have an active Block Captain - PLEASE call or email me. Help me identify areas of inactivity. Your phone call will not commit you. However, please consider becoming a Block Captain or recommend a neighbor. I will be glad to call them and explain the role. It is not difficult or time consuming.

The Neighborhood Watch communication and watching out for each other is the main engine in this program. For example, if we have an issue or reported crime on Trondheim and the Block Captain lets me know - I then pass that info

along to every Block Captain so even the folks on Viking can be informed.

WGL residents have had little or no car or home break-ins for many months/year. Congratulations! Let's keep up the good work of not inviting crime into our neighborhood.

### Continue to keep:

- Cars parked in your driveway or garage (not on the street)
- Car doors locked
- Lighted entrances to your home
- Large bushes near your house trimmed
- Lawns mowed
- Papers and trash bins put away
- Watching out for your neighbors

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## FISHING RODEO

A record number of residents and guests (50) participated in this year's WGL Fishing Rodeo! There were so many door prizes and big prizes for the winners thanks to our wonderful sponsors that supported this year's event: Sportsman's Warehouse (Marathon Drive in Southaven), Avery Outdoors, Peanut Craft Lures and neighbor Lee Adams for the trophies. Thanks goes out to Barry Ledbetter, Margie McMillan and Bob Marchini for providing excellent volunteer work. We look forward to making next year's rodeo bigger and better. Until then, practice good water safety and good fishing!

- Ron Wong

RON WONG, JUDGE & PRIZES



1ST PLACE BASS  
RAY BUERKLE



2ND PLACE BASS  
TJ MCCLELLAN



3RD PLACE BASS  
GREG SWEARINGEN



MOST BREEM BOYS (3 WAY TIE)  
CHRISTIAN GREEN, THOMAS PERICH & BROCH ONDO



MOST BREEM GIRLS  
KAYLA BROWN



MADELYN  
BROWN  
1 BREEM



ANSLEY  
BARDEN



DOOR PRIZE  
WINNERS



*The Ten Most Common Code Violations in Memphis*  
**Call The Mayor's Service Center at 576-6500 To Report Violations**

**1. Accumulation of Junk, Trash & Debris on residential property.** This includes discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, plastics or dead limbs or branches. All garbage should be disposed of by putting it in the proper container & placing it on the curb for collection at the appropriate location & time. It is also a violation to allow trash carts to remain on the curb following pick-up.

**2. Open Storage of Material & Furnishings that is dangerous to public health, safety, or welfare on residential property.** This includes the outdoor use of indoor furniture, outside storage of household appliances, auto parts, or building materials.

**3. Parking & Storing Inoperable Motor Vehicles** - It is a violation to park, store, or leave any vehicle which is wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property for over 10 days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.

**4. Excessive Weeds, Grass, Trees & Vegetation** - Allowing grass or weeds to grow over 12" high, or allowing plants, shrubs, or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct pedestrian traffic or the visibility of motorists is a code violation.

**5. Off -Street Parking** - Parking or storing any vehicle on the lawn or sidewalk of any residential property is a code violation. This includes the parking or storing of more than four vehicles for more than a 10 day period at any single family residential structure, unless completely enclosed in a building.

**6. Substandard Structures & Fences** - Any accessory structure including storage sheds, garages & fences that are considered structurally unsound or in need of repair in order to serve the intended purpose are code violations.

**7. Special Use & Recreational Vehicles & Equipment** - No homeowner or tenant shall park or store any special use vehicle or recreational vehicle on residential property, unless the surface is made of concrete, asphalt or other approved material. It is a violation to park or store more than one recreational or special use vehicle & equip. at any single family dwelling. This includes, but is not limited to any boat, trailer, camper, or RV in the front of the yard or on any residential street.

**8. Commercial Vehicles & Equipment** - Parking or storing any commercial vehicle exceeding 8,000 pounds on any residential property or residential street is a code violation. This includes any 18-wheelers and dump trucks.

**9. Abandoned & Derelict Structures** - It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns or is liable for in order to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity.

**10. General Services & Repair Shops** - Operating a commercial business in a district zoned residential without proper permits is illegal. Certain commercial establishments are strictly prohibited in residentially zoned areas. This includes any for profit general repair services, such as automotive, equipment or appliance repair shops.

## *Gardening Tips*

Those nasty webworms are making their annual appearance in our trees. You know them - they are the tent-pitching tree eaters (hairy, inch long caterpillars that become large white moths). They make those white cottony looking webs at the end of tree limbs. They especially like the hickory trees we have around here. These pests weave expansive webs that bind together the ends of branches. They eat every leaf within reach, continually building larger webs until late autumn. Resembling dirty rags and filled with black droppings and wriggling worms, the webs ruin the aesthetics of any garden.

How do we get rid of them? The safe, sane - and highly effective - solution is to prune off or tear open any webs you can reach, and then spray *Bacillus thuringiensis* (or Bt) on the leaves while the caterpillars in question are actively eating (which is right now). By tearing open the webs, you also give birds a chance to clean up the problem for you.

Bt (retail brand names include Dipel and Thuricide) is a naturally occurring soil bacteria that just happens to be deadly to caterpillars. When pest caterpillars chew on Bt sprayed leaves, their stomachs stop working and they soon die. Bt is one of the safest things you can use. It will not harm you, your pets, earthworms, or beneficial insects. Birds could eat caterpillars that just ingested Bt and the birds will not be harmed. You won't even hurt the caterpillars of pretty butterflies when you use Bt, because those caterpillars are feeding elsewhere, not on your tree leaves.

You can rent an industrial sprayer or use a pressure washer to get Bt up into tall trees. Now is the time to kill the first generation of these pests. If left alone, the first generation caterpillars will form cocoons and pupate. By midsummer, they emerge as moths. A second generation follows - this time larger and more destructive.

## Have You Noticed?



When using our parks, dam area or lake, remember that dropping partially smoked cigarettes, cigarette butts, matches, lighters and packaging to the ground is littering. Please use the garbage cans we have provided to dispose of your butts and all of your litter. And if you see litter on the ground, please pick it up and throw it away. Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood beautiful.



We have a new wooden fence at Simpson Park. Some of you may not remember that there used to be a fence there, but it was removed a few years ago since it had become rotten beyond repair. Without a fence, we have experienced incidents where, with the gate closed after dark, cars drive into the park through openings in the trees! The concrete bench in the park has been knocked down several times and there have been other incidents of vandalism. Therefore, the Board decided to put up another fence. We chose a similar design to those used in nearby parks.



We now have "No Dumping Drains to Lake" or "No Dumping Drains to River" decals on most of our storm drains. We just need a few more "Drains to Lake" ones to finish up. We hope these decals will

remind everyone to keep your storm drains clean of debris and not to dump anything into these drains. We don't want to add pollution of any kind to our waters.

## Pet News

Hi Neighbors,

I must admit I have had a hard time writing anything positive about our city this time when it comes to its pets. The news, I am sure you have all read in the paper about our Animal Control Place (I refuse to call it a shelter anymore) has me so sad. How people can be allowed to be so cruel and still keep their jobs is beyond my understanding.

Anyway, I would like to thank all the great neighbors and friends we have, that are responsible pet owners. The ones who feed and water and shelter their pets, the ones that take care of their neighbors and pets that may need help. The great people that spay and neuter and microchip and collar with tags, the ones that give heartworm and flea medications. The ones who think about how hot the pavement is when they walk their dogs, and don't ever leave their dogs tied up outside. The ones who pat heads and show compassion and love to any creatures that are dependent on an owner for their very lives. The ones who rescue, volunteer, donate and care!!

I am so grateful to live in a neighborhood where most people take care of their animals.

I thank you and so do the ones that have no voice.

- Pam O'Fallin

P.S. Midsouth Spay and Neuter Clinic [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) is a great place to find a pet  
854 Goodman street off Park Ave.  
#901-324-3202

## Welcome 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.

**Jonathan Jones**  
180 Viking

**Joshua Burnwatt**  
353 Ericson

**Thompson Billings & Rebecca Dacus**  
61 Viking



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## *Yard of the Month & Garden of the Month - June*

Our June Garden of the Month award goes to Wade and Kathryn Welborn of 159 Narvick Cove. Wade personally gave me the tour of his grounds and I could not have been more impressed. There are many plants thriving in his beds that I have never even seen before. If you have an appreciation for gardening, you should stop by and ask Wade to show you around. I think you would be impressed too. The home overlooks Walnut Grove Lake and the view is spectacular. When I made my visit the day lilies were at peak bloom and it was spectacular. Great job Wade and Kathryn! (Pictured Wade Welborn.)

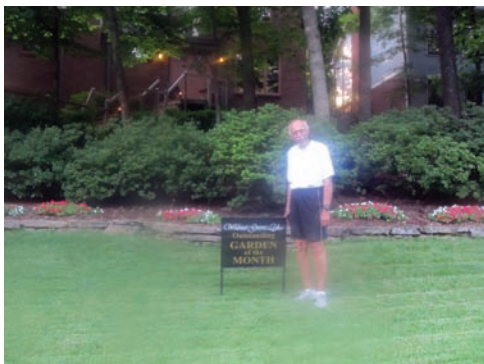


Our June 2011 Lawn of the Month goes to Jim and Brenda Corrigan of 8485 Bazemore. I was really impressed with this one. The landscape is meticulously done with great attention to detail. There was tremendous plant variety in the beds and great use of small ponds and fountains to accent the lawn. The front lawn is very neat and has lilies blooming galore! Brenda spends a lot of time working in her lawn and it really shows! Congratulations Jim and Brenda!



## *Yard of the Month & Garden of the Month - July*

Our July Garden of the Month goes to Lynn and Sandra McCorry of 347 Ericson. As the original owners, Lynn and Sandra have done an impressive job of working with the existing trees found on their lot. These massive trees (including a huge white oak right in the front yard) add great charm and shade to their lot. And even though the lot is mostly shaded they have done wonders with it. There is a plush zoysia grass lawn in the very front as well as annual and perennial bloomers. The front lawn is terraced with massive stone walls and is lined with mature ferns and azaleas. In the back is a raised garden that has brilliant colored shade dwelling plants. Congratulations Lynn and Sandra on a Job Well Done!



Our July Lawn of the Month goes to John and Sandra Friedlander of 184 Ericson Drive. This has been the most nominated yard this year. I could not believe all of the work that has been done in both the front and back yard. John and Sandra recently overhauled their entire lawn and credit the good looks to their passionate landscaping contractor Bart (with Artiscapes). The front zoysia grass lawn already looks as if it has been there for years. I was very impressed at how nice everything looks. Both functional and beautiful, this lawn is set up to continue to look great for years to come. Great Job John and Sandra on the most improved lawn so far this year!



- Jeremy Ford

# 2011 Boat Parade

**Here ye, Here ye...**

Walnut Grove Lake Navy Celebrates Nation's Birthday with Spirit, Patriotism and Music

Walnut Grove Lake residents and guests enjoyed the best boat parade celebrating the July 4th holiday weekend ever in the history of the entire human race! O.K., maybe that's a little much, but the boat parade this year did feature the best decorated, most spirited and "lump in the throat" displays of patriotism that we have seen in many years.

About 25 boats participated this year. Each one was decked out and filled with residents and guests who showed how much fun a celebration like this can be. Different themes from various boats highlighted the originality and individualism that is America's trademark. Even residents along the shoreline got involved with cheers and applause for the boats as they paraded around the lake.

Judging took place at Steve and Barbara Arnold's boat dock/judges stand on Bergen. The judging team was truly an international group with members from South Africa, Washington, D.C. area and Missouri. (Missouri is a foreign country isn't it?) Anyway, we had Rod Bowers, one of the top officials with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and Lynne Bowers, a retired PhD in Microbiology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as judges. Rod and Lynne live on the lake at Lakeland and graciously agreed to come to WGL to judge. They commented on how wonderful and spirited our festivities were and stayed the evening to enjoy the fireworks display. Mr. Thomas Perich and his sister, Maive, were visiting from Laurel, Maryland and contributed to the difficult process of choosing winners. Candace Hale, a retired Lieutenant with the Memphis Police Department traveled from her ranch in Missouri to join in the festivities and judging. Our official photographer was Mr. Johannes Lombaard who has just recently moved to America permanently from South Africa and has become "family."

The "Most Patriotic Pontoon" award went to Jane Raymond, who covered her boat with decorations, loaded it with friends and family, and (this was the clincher) had Marine Corporal Zack Vance in full dress uniform standing at attention in the front of the boat with his Purple Heart medal received in Afghanistan pinned to his chest. If that doesn't put a lump in your throat, you ain't got no emotion in ya. Congratulations!

The "Best Music" award went to Wayne & Sharon Fewell for their boat full of people standing for the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem. Pretty incredible.

The "Best Self-propelled Boat" was a kayak paddled by Greg Raymond. He deftly flipped his boat upside down right in front of the judge's stand to reveal Happy July 4th painted on the bottom. Very good, Greg!

The "Most Spirited Boat" went to Sid and Margie McMillan

with their rambunctious group celebrating America's birthday with wild emotion and some "boot kickin'" antics. Congratulations Margie and Sid!

Since there were no boats entered in the fishing boat category (hint for next year), the judges created a "Judges Choice" category. It went to Tom and Lisa Felts whose decorations and crew really gave a Mardi Gras party feel to their vessel. They even had the Judges singing along with them.

There were so many great boats that the judges added an "Honorable Mention" category. The boat belonging to William and Laura Plunk featured a re-creation of the famous picture taken at the end of WWII showing the sailor kissing the girl in Times Square. It was very, very original and deserves mentioning. Also, the boat of Tony and Susie Sutton had Tony playing a guitar while granddaughter Amber stood at the front of the boat in her best Statute of Liberty costume singing her heart out. She was just too cute to not mention.

Thanks to everyone who took the time and trouble to fix up their boat and entertain everyone present at the lake. If you did not come, please do so next time. We will make sure that all boats pass by viewers who come to watch in Simpson Park and along the cove near Little Park.

WGL is a very, very special place to live and it would be great for everyone get to know their neighbors. Every resident is a valued member of our "Village" and all are invited to participate in community activities. The Commercial Appeal has called WGL a "hidden gem" on more than one occasion.

They are right.

- Sonny Hale



BEST MUSIC  
WAYNE & SHARON  
FEWELL



BEST SELF  
PROPELLED  
GREG RAYMOND



# 2011 Mailbox Decorating Contest

WOW! WOW! WOW! This year's contest was the best ever with 80 participants. The most we have had before (during my judging time of about 5 years) was 60 and we count everything – even a small American flag stuck in the ground by the mailbox qualifies as a “participant.” So, I wonder why this year was different? Could it be the increase in prize money? Or maybe it's a sign of the times and more folks are feeling patriotic? Well, whatever the reason it was tons of fun to see all the creative ways our entire neighborhood was adorned in Red, White and Blue. The competition was tough and the judges had a difficult time making their choices!

Just so you know – the mailbox judging is done pretty much the same way each year. I take as many folks as possible, drive along each and every street in the neighborhood and look for decorated mailboxes. We photograph each mailbox; sometimes taking shots from different angles, make note of each contestant's address and a short description of the decoration. (I like to leave a little note saying – “Thanks for participating” so everyone will know that their efforts did not go unnoticed. Sorry to say but I just didn't get that done this year.) Next, we send an e-mail file to as many non-WGL residents as possible (it varies each year) and they vote for their favorites. Later, we tally the scores and award the prizes. By the way, while the judges are making their choices they have no idea where the mailboxes are located so it was interesting when I realized that all of this year's top winners were on the same street. Way to go Viking Drive residents!!!!

And now, the 2011 winners.....

**First Place** - The Parks family on Viking - \$50 (Hint for next year: Several of the judges mentioned that the deciding factor was that this Betsy Ross (there were two) had just received a package in the mail, from a thread company. They thought that captured our “Mailbox Decorating” theme the best.)

**Second Place** - The Cobb family on Viking - \$25 (This beautiful Betsy Ross was working on a flag and enjoying tea out by the mailbox.)

**Third Place** - The Hibner family on Viking - \$20 (An impressive display of boats on top of the stone mailbox.)

**Honorable Mention** - Five recipients received gift bags with assorted Red/White/Blue goodies. We had a handmade paper mache eagle, a handmade Uncle Sam, trellises with lots of lights, rockets with party hats on top and a carefully constructed map of the United States, colored with crayons.

A note – there was a beautifully decorated brick mailbox on Walnut Creek and yet when we drove by, there was nothing there. I think the weather may have ruined all the hard work of a couple of little girls, so hopefully they will try again next year.

This was my last year to judge the mailboxes and I will happily pass along the ribbons and assorted items I have to the next person who agrees to continue this activity. (Any volunteers?) Many thanks to Karen Candia, my new friend from Trondheim who helped with this year's judging! Also, a big THANKS to all of this year's participants! Hopefully everyone took a moment to see and enjoy all the wonderful decorations in our neighborhood and have some great ideas for next year. Happy July 4th to all !!!!

-Darlene Jones



1st Place - The Parks Family



2nd Place - The Cobb Family

3rd Place  
The Hibner  
Family





What a GREAT July 4th celebration we had this year. The day was packed with a variety of activities from the fishing rodeo to another awesome fireworks display. Every year more neighbors are participating in the mailbox decorating contest, making the entire neighborhood look festive. We had great participation in the fishing rodeo as this event continues to grow. The boat parade puts everyone in a festive mood to start the evening.

The day ended with the fireworks display which was again provided by High Tech Special Effects. Each year they make it a show to remember and this year was no exception. The anticipation around the neighborhood grows throughout the day with parking space becoming a valuable commodity by early evening. When the warning shots are fired you can feel the pride we all share for this special event. Then the fireworks start and you can hear the oohhh's and ahhh's. There is always a great cheering at the conclusion from everywhere around the neighborhood.

I want to give a special thanks to all who work behind the scenes from assuring electrical and lighting on the dam for

the pyrotechnicians, to distributing flyers, to assisting the fire marshal, to assuring the grass is cut on the dam and in the parks, and to the 92 families who have contributed to the fireworks fund so far. So many are involved to make this a special day for all of us, what a wonderful neighborhood we have!!!!!!

- Marcia Howard



HONORABLE MENTION  
SUTTONS



JUDGES CHOICE  
TOM & LISA FELTS