



Living at Walnut Grove Lake

Autumn 2020

As I write this, the weather is dramatically turning from summer to fall. Summer gardening projects are behind us, as are the many opportunities to be outside enjoying our beautiful neighborhood. Soon our tree-lined streets will burst into autumn splendor as folks turn their attention to fall and winter holidays celebrated in new ways this year.

Amidst all the change, your board has remained focused on Walnut Grove Lake itself, planning for the short- and long-term health of this valuable asset in our community.

To bring the lake back to health and to return it to a place where it can be used without concern for human and animal health, the lake will have to be dredged and an aeration system will have to be installed to bring oxygen into the water.

Your HOA board has engaged a local water treatment and management company, Aquatic Control, to guide our steps toward restoring Walnut Grove Lake. Another step in that process was completed in September when the board received results of a survey and mapping of Walnut Grove Lake.

The survey revealed that there are some areas of the lake that need attention worse than others. At this time, the board, guided by data and expertise provided by Aquatic Control, plans to proceed next summer with the installation of the aeration system and a partial dredge to remove sediment from the worst-affected areas. Oxygenating the water should help with our sediment and algae problems, keep us within budget, restore the use of the lake to members, and provide us with time to assess further needs going forward.

Best wishes for good health and a beautiful autumn!

-Victor Charles, president



Congratulations Linda and Jim Ross
151 Narvick Cove
July Lawn of the Month



Congratulations, Peggie Edgmon
99 Ericson Road
August Lawn of the Month



Congratulation Aubrey Wring, 262 Ericson Road
July Garden of the Month

Congratulations and thanks

to everyone working to make Walnut Grove Lake a pleasant place to live, especially July and August Monthly Award Winners!

And speaking of Gardens

Thanks to **Patricia Lampkin** and **Hope Lloyd** for the plantings at our entrances, especially created for the fall!



Welcome New Residents!

- Belinda Tinsely, 400 Kristiandsund Cove
- Brittne Harvey, 8488 Trondheim Drive
- Clarence and Shirley Kibble, 100 Ericson
- Daniel and Stephanie Berish, 288 Ericson
- Donald and Katherine Edwards,
• 406 Amundsen Cove
- Jasmine Canady 223 Glen Gyle Cove
- Katherine Tworney, 407 Lillehammer Cove
- William Rutledge and Regan Gaillard,
8471 Bergen Cove



Congratulations Robert and Ann Greenburg
154 Narvick Cove
August Garden of the Month

Information, please!

Lake passes were mailed to those whose dues are up-to-date. When you use the lake or public areas, please have your pass with you! There is no need to have your pass when walking or jogging on public roads, using your private yard or garden, or any time other than when you are in WGL public areas such as parks and the lake.

While making rounds, our **courtesy patrol** reports seeing many garage doors open. A friendly reminder that this is a security issue and an invitation to burglars.

With leaves beginning to fall, a reminder is in order to keep street gutters and drains clear. Leaves that wind up in the lake eventually become sediment that must be dredged out of the lake!

Have you considered serving on the **Walnut Grove Lake Board of Directors**? The HOA is always looking for new leadership. Your experience and expertise will be a valuable asset to our all-volunteer board! Please consider putting yourself forward for service by contacting Keith Collins Company.

Thanks to everyone who made an effort to beautify their lawns and gardens last summer. We are especially grateful to **Brenda Corrigan**, who was the chairman of the **Lawn and Garden of the Month** committee last season.

We are looking for a **volunteer** to select our **Lawn of the Month and Garden of the Month** next spring and summer. Please consider putting your love of our beautiful neighborhood to use in this way by heading up the selection committee!

Our **property management service**, Keith Collins Company (KCC), reminds everyone that they are happy to handle

- *member requests and complaints regarding common area maintenance issues, safety hazards, environmental issues, etc.*
- *compliance of members' actions with neighborhood covenants*
- *architectural compliance*
- *administration of construction requests submitted by homeowners*
- *periodic physical inspections of common area property noting any deficiencies, deferred maintenance, or other issues*
- *financial records are available to each member on Caliber.*

KCC can assist in determining if a particular issue is best addressed by the HOA, city code enforcement, police, or other agency. Remember to first contact KCC, rather than a board member.

It's great to see so many neighbors out **walking dogs** and visiting with others! Please remember to keep dogs leashed and to clean up after your pets!

Committee Reports

DAVE FEARN, LAKE HEALTH CHAIRMAN
CECIL NORWOOD, LAKE CHAIRMAN

Homeowner fees of \$200 are now due. The additional \$200 fee was established for 2019 and 2020 to fund the HOA's efforts to bring Walnut Grove Lake back to health. This additional fee followed reports going back to 2015 that the lake would have to be dredged.

Since 2015, the board has learned of the presence of blue green algae in the lake. Efforts to mitigate the algae led to testing which revealed the scope of problems to be solved. Oxygen levels that limit fish life, sediment three times that estimated in 2015, and blue green algae levels above the threshold for safety are affecting lake health.

To improve lake health, oxygen levels must be increased. The quickest and most effective way to do this is to install an aeration system that would run along the bottom of the lake in several directions. The long-planned dredge is still in the works for summer 2021.

A recent bathymetric survey of the lake yielded data that will guide decisions about placing aeration equipment and where dredging will produce the quickest, most effective results.

The survey was conducted by Aquatic Control, the water treatment and lake maintenance company the board has engaged to guide us as we work to bring Walnut Grove Lake back to health.

Until further notice, the

guidance we have received from Aquatic Control remains in effect. Avoid contact with water from Walnut Grove Lake. Keep pets out of the water and rinse them off as soon as possible if they enter the water. Do not eat fish caught in the lake.

KIMBERLY PRICE, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The team met on the dam close to Ferrell Park early morning Saturday, September 5th. The air was chilly but the coffee was hot.

The team lingered over donuts, juice, and coffee and the crew was energized to take on the day. By the time it was all said and done, sweaters were shed and there was a sense of pride over the work accomplished.

But more than spending a few hours on a weekend cleaning up the place we call home, it was an opportunity to connect. Neighbors who had never met before found new friends. And others that have known each other came together to do something positive.

With all of the happy in the air, the drains and parks weren't nearly as difficult to clean as they were the first time. Perhaps people are cleaning in between **Clean-up Day?**



Neighborhood Clean-up Day

Pictured from Left to Right: David; Sharon Marek; Sid McMillan; Doug Marek; Kimberly Price; Jane Hanafin; Margie McMillan; Jessica Flannigan

If you were planning on joining the committee but couldn't last time, or you would like to get involved, please email Kimberly at ksprice2@gmail.com and she will make sure to include you on the dates for the next **Neighborhood Clean-up Day!**

The team would love to have you!