



Living at Walnut Grove Lake

Fall 2023



Walnut Grove Lake 2023 Holiday Events!

Holiday Lights

Haul out the holly
Put up the tree before my spirit falls again
Fill up the stocking
I maybe rushing things
But deck the halls again now....

Show your holiday spirit! Put out your lights.

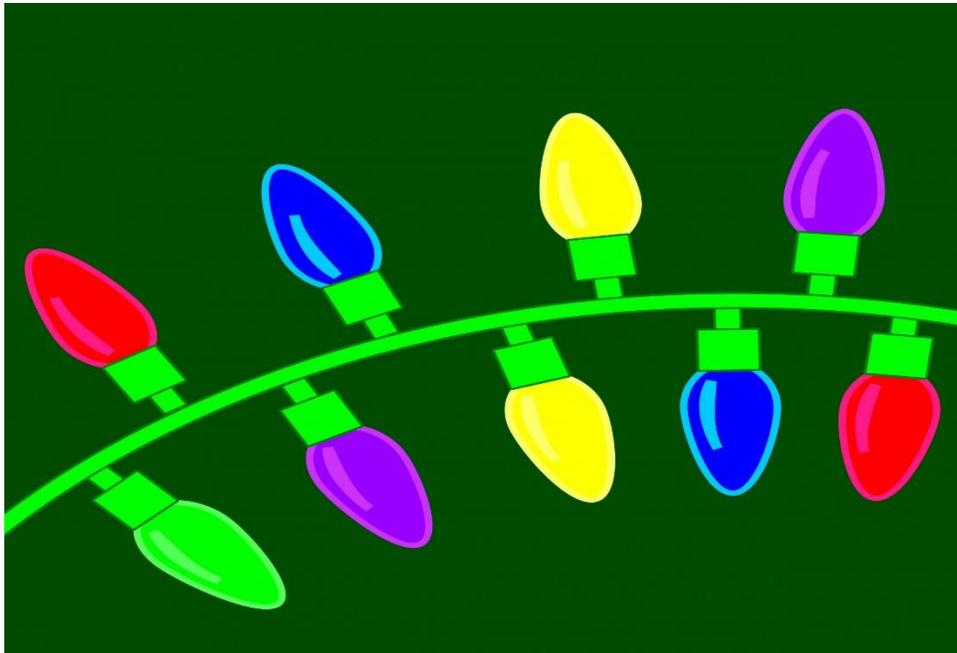
Judging Dates

- **Weekend of December 15th- Lakeside judging.** The day will be dependent on the weather. Categories will be Best backyard and Best boat.
- **Sunday, December 17th- Streetside.** The categories will be Most Creative, Best Traditional, Best kid/child theme and Best inflatable.

Prizes

- There will be gift cards and bragging rights.

Show your holiday spirit...Deck the Halls!!!



***Garden of the
Month for 2023***

**8433 Arendal Cv.
8428 Arendal Cv.
8485 Bazemore Rd.
159 Narvick
118 Viking Dr.**

***Yard of the Month
for 2023***

**190 Viking Dr.
24 Viking Dr.
8396 Trondheim Ct.
400 Kristiansund Cv.
93 Viking Dr.**

A Letter from the President

Fall has fallen and winter is upon us. What is continuing to fall is the leaves. Again, this year we have engaged Southern Outdoor Services to do leaf pickup on the roadways and parks. This activity will conclude on the 1st of February 2024.

The holiday season is in full bloom, and I am noticing a lot more decorating this year for the Christmas season. This time of the year always brings a sense of gratitude for what we have and for what we can provide to help others.

With the holiday season comes the reality of heightened criminal activity. The Cordova area has seen a large uptick in car break-ins and unfortunately our neighborhood has not been immune to these activities. We currently do not have the resources for a full-time security presence, but we are in negotiations with various vendors to try and put together a plan of action to combat this growing concern.

The current lake conditions are stable and we are seeing more improvement due to increased water testing and proactive treatment protocol. The year has been a challenge as many of you have pointed out due to the amount of run-off chemicals coming into the lake, which continue to feed the harmful algae we are trying to eliminate. We are achieving higher oxygen levels at lower depths due to the aeration system and the auto-bio system has been replaced and updated and is currently working as designed.

We have accomplished the bulk of our maintenance goals for 2023 and we have a few items left to finish in 2024. One of the issues we are focusing on is access to the dam / park areas and how we can reduce the non-resident traffic in these areas. As always, your thoughts and suggestions are welcome and we look forward to hearing from you.

In closing, I would like to thank Suzy Ward, Beth Yobak, Bob Ranson and Clif Cunningham, Board members for their continued hard work and their selfless efforts for making this neighborhood a great place to live. Happy Holidays!

Halloween Light Contest

Thanks to everyone that participated in our first Halloween decorating contest! It was truly a stiff competition, and so much fun! They all clearly put a great deal of time and effort into this. Here are the winners:

Best All Around

- #1 116 Mysen Dr. - the skeleton house!
- #2 8427 Bergen -awesome graveyard

Scariest

- #1 183 Ericsson - enter at your own risk!
- #2 77 Viking - simple, but scared me so much I almost didn't get out of the car!

Most Creative

- #1 156 Narvick Cv - so much to see here! Just keep looking
- #2 3505 Karlstad Cv - so clever & humorous

The **President's Choice** award was given to 116 Mysen.

A special thanks to Ty Clark for organizing this contest and also being the judge.

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Committee Report

Fishing Report

So many falling leaves with more to come, makes the work of removing them seem never ending. We need to be especially vigilant keeping all we can out of our street drains and allowing as few as possible from our yards going in the lake. The lake seems to be clearing and on the rise from the recent low levels brought on by the lack of rain.

Fishing has been hit or miss for a while, but one young fellow caught a 5 lb bass and my youngest son caught a 7 to 9 lb blue cat in late November. Both fish were released. Good catches of crappie, bream and bass were seen and reported before the cold turned them off.

There have been no recent reports of beaver damage, but our trapper had good results early on. Please report any damage to Keith Collins management.

Christmas decorations are starting to show up around the lake further beautifying our wonderful lake.

Merry Christmas everyone!
Cecil Norwood



Fall 2023 may be gone but it was beautiful while it was here. With any luck this winter, we will have snow and the kids will get a chance to sled down the big hill.