



Living at Walnut Grove Lake

Spring 2022

Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic

Saturday, April 16

11 a.m.

Get your kid's Easter baskets ready and join your neighbors at the Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic!

On Saturday, April 16, the Easter egg hunt will start at 11 a.m. in Lovitt Field across from Simpson Park. There will be a separate hunt for toddlers so that all children can enjoy the chance to fill their baskets!

Following the hunt, everyone please come across to Simpson Park for food and a good old-fashioned neighborhood social! Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided by the Association. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to add to the spread! Bring chairs!

There will be boat rides available and the kids can enjoy the playground equipment.

We are looking for donations of plastic Easter eggs filled with candy, and if you know of a source you might donate hot dogs, chips, or drinks, please let us know!

Please call Jane Raymond at 555-8971 if you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help at this fun event.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join the fun with your Walnut Grove Lake community!



Holiday Decorations Contest Winners

December 2021

We have some new additions to the winner's circle. One homeowner on the corner of Ericson and Trondheim did not have their lights on during judging but had a beautiful display. Everyone did a GREAT job this year! Thank you for your participation!

Streetside

James & Sally Logan
Brian & Deborah Bixler
Barry & Elizabeth Gilmore

Use of Wildlife

Thomas Breen & Rebecca Palazolo
Jamshid Naini
Francis & Lisa Monahan

Most Creative

Gregary & Linda Martel
James and Deborah Lay
Pamela OFallin

Cutest Signage

8441 Arendal Cove
Jim & Pat Hardaway
Darrell & Melody Jessup

Classic Light Theme

Charles & Tammy Horsmann
Carolyn McGhee
Michael & Lucristi Walker

Best Porch/Front of House Lights

Bob & Laura Marchini
Wes & Sara Hefley
Beverly Stoughton

Lakeside

Thar & Dottie Burana
Jim & Pam Fleming
Jane Raymond

Best Back Porch/Deck

Doug & Christine Rowe
Andrew Kouba & Carrie Vance
Andrea Ballard

Honorable Mentions for Best Dock

Raymond & Linda Curry
Carl & Geana

A Letter from the President

Spring is finally upon us, and the lake activities are gaining momentum. We are coming into our busiest season, and I look forward to another summer on the lake.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual meeting on March 31st and was glad to see how engaged the attendees were.

Unfortunately, much like past years, we did not have a quorum so the current Board of Directors will continue to serve with one new addition.

We were looking for someone to help with the newsletter and Beth Yobak volunteered to take on this important publication. During our conversations about the newsletter Beth made it known that she would like to serve on the Board.

After the last Board meeting it was decided to offer Beth a place on the board to fill the gap left by Romy Schaaf, who is retiring after 7 years of service. We will all miss Romy and thank her for her contributions to the Board and to the lake community.



Committee Reports

Lake Aeration

Everblue Lakes installed the aeration system in November 2021. To operate the system, the electrical service on the dam had to be upgraded.

Phelps Electric was contracted to perform the electrical upgrade, including boring underground for new service conduit, installing a new meter center and wiring for the new equipment.

Due to delays by MLGW, Covid and weather, the upgrade was not completed until March 2022.

We are waiting for MLGW to complete installation of the new meter. Once the new meter is placed, Everblue Lakes will energize the system and complete their testing. The tentative date for turning the system on is April 18.

Lake Dredging

To pay for the dredging project, a dues increase was instituted for two years. The board decided not to start the dredge until the project was fully funded. The project became fully funded in December 2021.

Permits for the dredging project were approved in December 2021.

Material will be removed from the lake using a barge outfitted with a hydraulic pumping system.

The project will remove 10,000 cubic yards of material from the lake. The barge will use 6" discharge hoses to pump the material to the storage areas.

The material will be pumped into large mesh bags and will sit for approximately 90

days. Once the material dries, it will be hauled to an offsite location.

Fishing Report

The lake has been experiencing fluctuations in the water level primarily due to weather conditions. There is some fibrous gila and debris in the lake making fishing a little more challenging with certain lures. The stripers are spawning and fishing near the dam can be successful. The bass and great are also biting on small spinner and crank bait.

If you are fishing and see trash in the lake, please try to get it and dispose of it properly.

Courtesy Patrols

HOA courtesy patrols start in April.

The HOA is negotiation with Elite One Protection regarding adding hours to the weekly patrols.

The HOA is working with local security vendors regarding installing cameras on the dam and in the parks. Adding cameras would enable Elite One to spend more time patrolling the neighborhood.



Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners' Association (WGLHA) Calendar of Events

Website - <https://www.wglha.com/>

Updated - 29 MAR 2022

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS	POINT OF CONTACT	PHONE #	E-MAIL
March 31, 2022	6:30 pm	WGLHA Annual Meeting at Covenant United Methodist Church (at the corner of Walnut Grove Rd. and Walnut Bend Rd.)	Please plan to attend. This is a great time to meet neighbors. Aeration and dredging updates will be provided.	Joyce Spechia	901-753-4170 x100	jspiecha@keithcollinsco.com
				Libby Fowler	901-753-4170 x116	
April 9, 2022	7:00 pm	Outdoor Movie Night Farrell Park (Bergen and Bazemore)	Come with your family and enjoy a movie. Bring your own movie snacks and drinks.	Jessica Roberts		
April 16, 2022	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	See the second page for more information	Jane Raymond		
				Jane Hanafin		
June 30, 2022		WGLHA Annual Dues Deadline (Administrative Late Fees added for payments on or after JULY 01 . Legal Fees added for payments on or after AUGUST 01)	Please contact Keith Collins if you have questions regarding your payment.	Joyce Spechia	901-753-4170 x100	jspiecha@keithcollinsco.com
				Libby Fowler	901-753-4170 x116	
June 26, 2022		Fourth of July - Mailbox Contest	Show your patriotism. Any Independence Day theme for your mailbox is great!			
July 2, 2022		Fourth of July - Fireworks	Come watch the fireworks with your family and friends!			
July 2, 2022		Fourth of July - Boat Parade	More information to come.			
July 2, 2022		Fourth of July - Fishing Rodeo	Registration begins at 8 am. More information to come.			

Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners' Association (WGLHA)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Who are the WGLHA Board Members for FY 22-23?

- President – Dave Fearn
- Vice President – Suzy Ward
- Vice President – Bob Ranson
- Vice President – Beth Yobak
- Treasurer – Clif Cunningham

Q: Who are the WGLHA Managers?

Management Company – Keith Collins Company (KCC)
<http://www.keithcollinsco.com/>

Manager – Joyce Spiecha – jspiecha@keithcollinsco.com or 901-753-4170 x100
Manager – Libby Fowler – lfowler@keithcollinsco.com or 901-753-4170 x116

Q: Who are the WGLHA Staff?

Lake Director – Cecil Norwood

Q: Where can I find information about WGLHA bylaws & covenants?

At our website - <https://www.wglha.com/> more specifically <https://www.wglha.com/> for forms and- documents

Q: What is the purpose of the Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association?

A: The main purpose of WGLHA is to protect homeowner property values. We do this by maintaining our lake and park common areas, maintaining a desirable neighborhood through enforcement of our covenants as well as city/county ordinances, and providing benefit, health, safety, and welfare for our homeowners.

Q: What are WGLHA dues used for?

A: "The assessments levied by the Association shall be used exclusively for the benefit, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Property and for the improvement and maintenance of the Common Area."

- 2014 Walnut Grove Lake Covenants, Article 4, Section 2

Q: Are WGLHA Board Members paid?

A: No. All WGLHA Board Members are unpaid volunteers.

Q: I have a question about WGLHA dues, who do I contact?

A: Joyce Spiecha and/or Libby Fowler at Keith Collins

Q: Where can I find a Construction Request Form? Who do I submit it to?

A1: Download the form here - <https://www.wglha.com/forms-and-documents>

A2: Submit completed requests to Joyce Spiecha and/or Libby Fowler at KCC.

Q: I need to repair the exterior of my house, fence, or driveway; do I need to submit a construction request?

A: Not necessarily. As long as your repairs maintain the existing exterior appearance of your property structures, you do not need to submit a construction request. If you're uncertain about whether or not you need a construction request for a project, you can always submit one for board review.

Q: I would like to build a shed in the back yard. Are there any restrictions on shed materials, colors, or size?

A: Utility shed ("small incidental storage facility") size is limited to 120 ft/sq by 9 ft tall and be made of "suitable material" per the WGLHA covenants. Material and color of the shed should complement the existing house.

Q: How do I report a nuisance property?

A: Take pictures and/or videos notify the WGLHA Managers Joyce Spiecha and/or Libby Fowler at Keith Collins via e-mail. This kind of documentation helps WGLHA prepare for potential legal intervention.

A2: Most violations of our covenants are also violations of various Memphis/Shelby County Ordinances and/or Codes so, Memphis Code Enforcement is typically the best means to deal with issues like trash accumulation, commercial trucks parking in residential neighborhoods, abandoned vehicles, etc...

Memphis Code Enforcement can be contacted or 901-636-6500 or 901-636-7380 or the SeeClickFix app for your smart phone - <https://seeclickfix.com/>

A3: For more serious nuisances involving things like discharging firearms, public threats/aggression, apparent criminal activity, your best option is to work with your neighbors and contact the Memphis Police Department, Applying Farms Station, Neighborhood Watch Desk.

SPRING SPRUCE-UP AROUND THE LAKE



Spring has sprung, and as our yards and flower beds are waking from their winter slumber, it is time to spruce everything up and prepare to enjoy our unique outdoor spaces.

Walnut Grove Lake is a hidden gem in this city, and it is up to all of us to keep our lake beautiful and our great neighborhood sparkling!

We should all be mindful that what we use in and on our lawns and gardens will end up, in some measure, in our lake. That includes fertilizers and herbicides that we use in our lawns and gardens. Fertilizers contribute to the growth of algae in the lake, so we should all be mindful and responsible stewards of our lake. Using organic fertilizers, such as compost, milorganite, worm castings, or other natural products can help protect our lake. Here are just a few pointers to help you get started gussying up your outdoor spaces.

1. **Rake your leaves!** We know, we know. That's our least favorite thing as well. But if you have turf grass; a heavy blanket of leaves can smother your grass. Spring is when your grass is greening up, so now is the time to uncover it, let it breath, and soak up the sun!

2. **Clean up your flower, shrub, and vegetable beds.** Pull those weeds – the old and the new! If you have weeds in your beds that have over-wintered, now is the time to get them, roots and all, before the soil gets hard with the summer heat. Go ahead and nab those young weed sprouts, too, while you're at it. Edge your beds for a clean, manicured look. Add fresh mulch! Nothing freshens up the look of your beds more than a coating of beautiful, fresh mulch. It's like lipstick for your garden! Not only does it look great, mulch will help keep your weeds at bay and your beds retain water, resulting in less water use.

3. **Prune summer blooming flowering shrubs. Late winter and early spring are the best times to prune back plants that bloom in the summertime.**

4. **Check your solar lights.** We all use solar lights – they're a great, convenient way to light our paths and landscapes. Use your spring cleanup to check all your solar lights to make sure they are in working condition and doing the job you bought them for! There are a number of outstanding resources for the home gardener to consult. The Memphis Area Master Gardener program and UT Extension maintain a couple of outstanding Websites with links to publications about just about anything gardening, or you can call a hotline and talk to your very own master gardener!

<https://www.uthort.com/educational-resources/>

<https://memphisareamastergardeners.org/gardening-resources>

Memphis Area Master Gardeners' Hotline – 901-752-1207