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Welcome Neighbors

President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I don't know about you, but I am so glad to be done with all that 100+ degree weather we had this summer. These fall temperatures are much more to my liking, although I'm not crazy about the shorter days.

A lot's been going on around here, although it's much quieter than it was during the spillway project, thank goodness! For instance, there have been some improvements in Farrell and Little Park and on the dam lately, which you can read about inside. We participated in the clean-up at the end of Bazemore and the Wolf River area nearby on Sept. 18. The area looks a lot better now. Some of the "No Dumping" decals have been put on storm drains in the new section to remind folks that storm drains are for rain only.

We have had some construction applications come up that we've been working on. Which reminds me - please, before you begin an outside construction project, turn in a construction approval form to us. We usually approve most applications in a day or two, so don't hesitate. It's for the good of the neighborhood!

Our upcoming events include the Holiday Lights Contest and the next Annual Meeting. As you know, at the Annual Meeting we review our operations of the past year and elect officers for the upcoming year. I have enjoyed serving as President for almost five years. I really love this neighborhood!

There have been some very challenging times and many more rewarding times. We are always looking to include more of you on our Board as well as for all of our events and projects. I hope you will consider getting more involved if you're not already.

We want to hear from you too. Maybe you have some suggestions of things we could be doing or other improvements that could be made. Or maybe there's an issue that needs to be addressed. Please don't hesitate to email me at Margiesmc@aol.com with your ideas, comments, suggestions or even support. I would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and around the neighborhood!

- Margie McMillan, President

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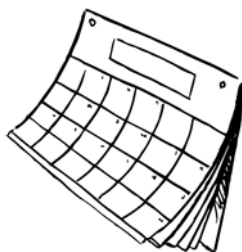
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Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar!



Friday, December 17

Holiday Decorating Contest Judging 6:30 pm till 9 pm
(rain date: Monday, December 20)

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Annual Meeting 6:30 pm

LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Friday, December 17th - Judging 6:30pm till 9pm
(rain date: Monday, December 20th)

Is it already time to start thinking about the holidays? YES! Gather friends and family and start stringing those lights. You can also add subtle music to your decor! Board member Barry Ledbetter is organizing our Walnut Grove Lake Holiday Decorating Contest again this year. The judging will take place on Friday, December 17th from 6:30 pm till 9 pm, so keep your lights on! If the weather is bad on that day, then the judging will be on Monday, the 20th.

On the 17th (or 20th), if you see Barry and his judging crew driving slowly through the neighborhood in his wood paneled Jeep Grand Wagoneer taking in the holiday festivities, please stop him, he'd be delighted to speak with you about your designs and decorations. (By the way, it is no secret that he loves hot chocolate and homemade candy and cookies!)

There will be \$50 cash prizes for:

Classical Christmas
Santa, deer, snow, elves, animated figures, etc.

Best Memphis Theme
Blue Christmas, Elvis, anything Memphis related

Best use of natural landscape lit trees, bushes, home, etc.



Prizes will be delivered to the winners on Christmas Eve. and addresses of the winners will be posted on our website wglha.com.

Call Barry at 508-6274 if you have any questions.

***Holiday light judging does not include lakeside backyards but in the spirit of the season they can be decorated too...**

Boat Racks and Other Projects

Construction of permanent boat storage racks on the west side of the dam is finished. These will be used for all boats including those that are currently stored on the east side. As you may recall, the dam inspectors required us to have all boats up off the ground. Therefore, a new storage place for the boats on the east side (currently on the ground) had to be built. Since there is no suitable place on the east side with access close to the lake to put racks, it was decided to put them on the west side for all boats that are stored on the dam.

Owners of boats that are currently stored on the east side of the dam can move their boats now. Several of these boats have not been used in a very long time. ***If you no longer use your boat that is stored on the dam, please remove it now.***

As always, please make sure that all boats have proper identification: WGL + your lot number, on both sides. We appreciate your cooperation in helping your volunteer Board by properly identifying and moving your boat at the appropriate time.

Another project just completed on the dam is the renovation of the pier. Rotten boards were replaced and it has been pressure washed and sealed.

Speaking of pressure washing, have you noticed the wonderful job of pressure washing and sealing that was recently done on the playground equipment in Farrell Park? Also, the concrete culvert in Little Park was cleaned of graffiti. Thank you to neighbor Tony Reese, Dr. Deck, for volunteering his time, equipment and materials! He also did the swing and bench in Little Park and we then came back and painted.

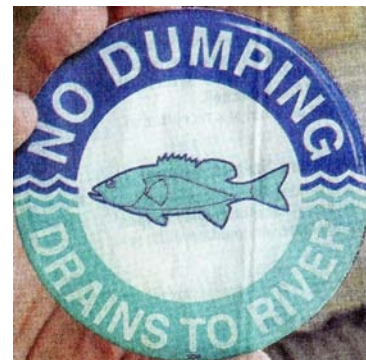


No Dumping Decals on Storm Drains

Have you noticed the "No Dumping Drains to River" decals in the newer parts of our neighborhood? The City of Memphis provided them to us free of charge to help us remind folks to keep storm drains open and clear of things that should not be dumped in them. Thank you Randy and Diane Jones for putting them on all those storm drains!

We are waiting on the decals for the rest of the neighborhood which will read, "No Dumping Drains to Lake." As soon as we get those, we will contact block captains and other interested folks to help place them on all of our storm drains around the neighborhood. Let us know if you want to help by emailing us at wglha@juno.com.

This program is an excellent way to raise awareness that everything that enters our storm drains ends up in our lake or the Wolf River. The city hopes that the labels will cause residents to think twice about how they dispose of trash, hazardous waste, leaves and other landscaping leftovers and even pet waste. With all of the leaves falling, now is a good time to remember to keep your curbs clear of debris.



REMINDER:

All Outside Construction Must Be Approved First by 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 (www.wglha.com) or call our phone number 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 download a copy of our Construction Approval Form from the web site. **Railroad ties or other toxic materials will not be**

allowed to be used in Walnut Grove Lake at all, for anything, even for replacement of any rotten railroad ties in a seawall. A TDEC permit should accompany any application to the WGLHA Board if you are planning to build or replace a dock, ramp or sea wall. Contact Lew Hoffman at Lew.Hoffman@tn.gov if you have questions. You can obtain the TDEC Permit Application and instructions at www.state.tn.us/environment/permits/arap.shtml. Submit your application and TDEC permit by email to wglha@juno.com or by mail to 8428 Arendal Cove.

Yard of the Month & Garden of the Month

We hope you had an opportunity to see the new signs in front of the yard and garden of our last winners: Garden of the Month - Elizabeth and Barry Gilmore of 120 Viking Drive and Lawn of the Month - Barbara and Marshall Ostrow of 73 Mysen Circle. We will not have any more winners until

we start up again in April. We are looking forward to a good season next year. If you would like to nominate your neighbor for Garden of the Month or Yard of the Month please email Jeremy and Christy Ford at: christyford2007@yahoo.com.



Lake Report

Well the "Great Drought" of 2010 has finally ended and the lake has begun to return to its normal level. The lake is reasonably clear and appears to be healthy.

I know people get tired of me harping on our responsibility for the condition of the lake, but we have had at least two cases of neighbors ignoring the rules of the lake and Shelby County and State of Tennessee laws since the last newsletter. The first case involved someone using a boat with a gas motor attached, which is strictly forbidden. To their credit, the motor was lifted out of the water, but by their very nature outboard motors are known for leaking gas and oil. That is why they are not allowed.

The second case was even more serious. A house painter dumped his excess paint and brush cleaning liquids into a storm drain and turned one of the coves into an opaque white mess for a day. There may have been no intent to do harm but he should have been warned that the street drains are not sewers but rather, storm drains into the lake. Storm drains

are ONLY for rain! It confounds me that people still use the street storm drains as waste receptacles.

Hopefully, this situation will soon be alleviated by the new decals that are being installed on each storm drain. The decals will warn people that the drains go directly into the lake (or the Wolf River in some cases).

Fishing has continued to be excellent. The fish are healthy, growing and numerous. Check out the two large bass that were caught recently by Greg Raymond!

I sometimes pay too much attention to the bass fishing and I wish to correct that right now. Dave Brown has used a fish locator to find large schools of crappie and bream. He has had great success fishing deep. The other day he showed me six crappie that each weighed more than a pound with the largest registering just under two pounds. I can't say more about his methods since he swore me to secrecy, but dedicated crappie fisherpersons will know what to do.



Picture Left
Greg Raymond's Two Large Bass

Picture Right
Dave Brown

Picture Below
Paint pouring into our cove



Pet News

Hi Neighbors!

I am so happy! We have taken the first step to reduce the stray animal population. This ultimately reduces abuse and neglect too. Our city has passed a new law that you must spay and neuter your companion pets. I know this will be hard for some of our animal lover citizens to do.

I want to remind you that the Spay Neuter Clinic, 854 Goodman St. (off Park Ave.) will be providing financial aid for a lot of our friends. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with their pets, they can call 324-3202 to apply for aid. The Humane Society can give you lots of information too at 324-3900.

It was brought to my attention recently that we have had some animal cruelty in our neighborhood. I know, I couldn't believe it either! No one wants to be a nosy neighbor, but when it comes to abuse and neglect, we must speak up. Please call the police at 545-cops to report neglect and abuse. Children, animals and the elderly need our concern and attention.

We have a wonderful neighborhood where we look after each other and I personally love that about Walnut Grove Lake. I wish all my neighbors a healthy, kind and glorious Holiday Season.

- Pam O'Fallin

P.S. Remember, bring your pets inside when it is freezing, they will love you for it, and everyone can use a little more love.



Thanks again to all of our volunteer Block Captains for their involvement in our **"Watch Program"**. If you do not have a Block Captain, please consider volunteering - WE NEED YOU!! Contact: Sandra McCorry 755-6609

Sign up on the internet at john.harvey@memphistn.gov for CyberWatch - A Blue Crush™ initiative to receive updates every 24 hrs. of crime reports within 100 blocks of your address.

We have had a few crime alerts in Walnut Grove Lake Area - and some around our area. I am currently working with the Appling Precinct to gather further information regarding such items as:

- Time of day
- Type of vehicle parts/accessories
- Did houses have alarms
- Was anyone home

When I have any information to share - I will email our block captains so they can contact you. Also, I will try sending a Homeowners email since all of you do not have block captains.

Empty houses or homes for sale:

Please let me know if you have or are having issues with break-ins or anyone "hanging out" at these houses near you. We may be able to get extra patrols.

TIPS FOR THE MONTH:

- Keep vehicles locked
- Keep garage door closed even when at home
- Keep home well lit at night, inside & out
- Watch for loitering around parked cars, intersections, dam area, etc.
- Remember that most crime is a "crime of opportunity"



The Ten Most Common Code Violations According to the City of Memphis

1. Accumulation of Junk, Trash & Debris on residential property is a code violation. This includes, but is not limited to: 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 is a code violation. This includes, but is not limited to, 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 ten (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, but is not limited to the parking or storing of more than four vehicles for more than a ten 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, but is not limited to 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.

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Police - Appling Farms Station: 636-4400

Police: 545-COPS

Sheriff: 379-7625

(Section H – Norseman, Walnut Creek, Byre Hollow & Glen Gyle)

Citizens Service Center: 576-6500

Report code violations such as overgrown yards and debris.

All complaints are kept confidential.

County Codes Enforcement: 545-4311

Report code violations for houses in the county.

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 a 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.

Kristen Cocodrilli

8463 Bazemore Road

Camela Castle

12 W. Viking Drive

Shirley Sherrill

379 Sherburne Cove

George & Kimberly Price

8515 Walnut Grove Road

Kenneth Hooper & Erin Pauley

199 Ericson Road