



# Living at... Walnut Grove Lake

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## President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I hope you're having a wonderful spring. I have just four words to sum up what I want to talk about: **the spillway is finished!** Oh, and one more word: **WHEW!** I knew I would be busy, but never dreamed it would be so time consuming. But, I'll spare you the details. Suffice it to say I have learned a lot while serving as "project manager!"

For instance, there's a huge beaver dam (about 7 feet high) in the drainage ditch that drains our spillway as well as Byre Hollow Cove. The Wolf River Conservancy likes keeping their land "natural", which includes beaver dams, but the residents on Byre Hollow Cove are affected. It blocks drainage from their cove. The County (Ken Shaeffer at Roads & Bridges, 379-7000) is willing to knock down the dam as best they can when the water is backing up in the drainage pipes on Byre Hollow. Good to know!

The lake was lowered about 4 feet for construction of the spillway. There have been many projects going on around the lake during this time. Folks have been building or repairing sea walls, adding or fixing docks, cleaning up around the shoreline, and much more. We have reviewed and approved 15 construction applications to date (complete with TDEC permits). It will be very interesting to go around the lake this summer and see all of the improvements that have been done by our neighbors.

Speaking of improvements, the Board has managed several projects in the parks and on the dam while the lake was low and the contractor was on site:

- Cleaned the concrete boat launch ramps on the east side of the dam and in Simpson Park;
- Paved the drive, parking area and approach to the boat launch ramp in Simpson Park;
- Replaced the wooden boat launch on the west side of dam with a concrete one;
- Added new limestone gravel to the walkway across the top of the dam;
- Replaced the cracked ends of the concrete swales in Simpson and Little Park;
- Cleared out the muck and gravel from the area at the end of Viking and added two small concrete flumes to drain the water from street into the spillway.

Plus, in the near future, we will be building new boat storage racks on the west side of the dam. If you haven't seen the spillway yet, check it out. It's impressive and will hopefully last for a very long time!

You would think that we could sit back and relax for a while now that the spillway project is completed, but we have another potential problem on the dam. There is seepage in the area behind the dam where the end of the original drain pipe is located. Our spillway engineers recommended taking immediate action. We have hired PSI to determine what is causing this seepage and to make recommendations for repair. Never a dull moment around here!

Fortunately our financial situation is good. Thankfully, our far-sighted predecessors set up a savings account to be used for dam repairs. Neighborhood association annual assessments that have not been used over the years for current expenses fund the account. We started the year with over \$220,000 in this contingency fund plus an additional \$40,000 in operating revenue. To date we have spent approximately \$123,035 on the spillway and the other repairs/improvements listed above, plus an additional \$6,900 to investigate the seepage, for a total of \$129,935.

We are concerned about the depletion of our contingency fund and consequently raised the annual assessment 10% to \$167 for this year in order to help fund future needs, such as resolving the new seepage issue. Our research shows that our assessment continues to be lower than similar lake communities in the region.

One last thing. I want to say what a wonderful Board of Directors we have. Everyone pitches in and we all work together so well. My job would be impossible to do without such dedicated people to work with. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteer Board members for all you do.

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

- Margie McMillan, President

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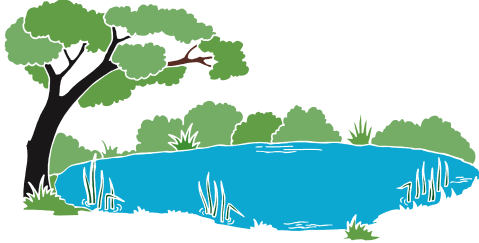
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## Lake Report

Note: Milton York has resigned as Lake Committee Chairman, but thankfully Bob Marchini has offered to step in and take over this important job. Thank you Bob!



As everyone knows, the work on the spillway has been completed. The heavy rains we had on April 30 - May 1 filled our lake up to its normal level. If the lake appears a bit lower than before, that's because the engineers designed the new spillway to keep the water at the level of the original spillway. This is the water level that the dam was designed to hold. The emergency spillway that was recently rebuilt was keeping the lake at a higher level.

Many folks have taken advantage of the recent low lake levels by sprucing up the lake frontage and making repairs to seawalls and piers. The changes are impressive. In this regard, the Lake Committee recently did a clean up of Simpson Park and removed large numbers of bottles, cans and other refuse.

The lake is a living, natural aquarium, and I hope people will take time to watch the wildlife activity along the shore. The shoreline is teeming with fathead minnows and small bream. The blue heron and the smaller green heron can be seen patrolling the shallows feasting on these small fish. While the lake was down the footprints of raccoons were easily seen in the soft mud after their nightly search for mussels and crayfish.

Even more exciting (at least to those who like to fish), the largemouth bass are eating voraciously, after their winter fast. They are hunting in schools segregated by size. In the early morning, two and three pound bass move in and their loud splashes can be heard from great distances. I am constantly swiveling around trying to locate the action. Later in the morning the two-year-old bass move into the shore for their time at the breakfast table. Finally, the small bass come in and spend the day feeding. The other morning, when the lake was still down, I was watching the bass feed and saw a minnow jump onto the shore to avoid the bass only to be quickly gobbled up by the green heron. Memphis is a tough town.

- Bob Marchini

## Boat Storage on the Dam

Last August TDEC inspected our dam, as required by law. The dam inspectors disapproved of the storage of the boats on the downstream slope of the dam (east side). They want these boats to be stored above the ground, on racks, so that grass can grow underneath to prevent erosion. In addition, all boats stored on the west side were moved to temporary racks to make way for spillway construction.

Plans are now underway to construct permanent racks for storage of all boats on the dam. The new racks will be located on the west side. All owners of boats currently stored on the dam will be notified when the new racks are completed so they can move their boats.

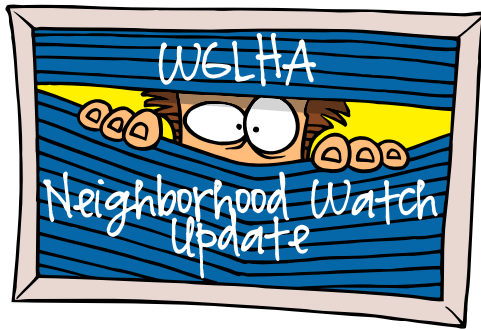
There are several boats on the east side that have not been used in a very long time. **If you no longer use your boat that is stored on the dam, please remove it now.** This will help us to determine how much space is needed for the new racks.

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.



## Lake Rules

- Residents & guests only.
- You must have a WGL ID card in your possession when fishing in the lake.
- Electric trolling motors only; no gas motors at any time, even in upright position.
- All boats on lake must have affixed WGL + Lot # on both sides.
- Do not litter (includes cigarette butts) and do not discard fishing line in lake.
- You may keep 5 bass per person per day less than 14" & one 18"+ trophy.
- Release all 14" - 18" bass. Keep all crappie, bream, catfish & stripes.



Thank you to all of our Block Captains for their work in communicating any incidents to their neighbors, as well as to us. We in turn email all Block Captains so that all areas of Walnut Grove Lake are informed of any suspicious issues or of actual crime activity.

Please consider volunteering to become a Block Captain if you live on a street that is not currently being covered. We need you!! Contact: Sandra McCorry 755-6609 or Kathy McLellan 262-6681

### CRIME PREVENTION TIPS AT HOME

- Never open your door automatically; install and use a peephole
- Lock doors, windows and garage door
- Keep garage door closed even when at home
- Vary your daily routine – use different routes to and from home
- Leave lights on when you are away – also radio or TV
- Notify neighbors and police when going away on a trip; cancel deliveries – mail and newspapers
- Keep an inventory of serial numbers and photos of appliances, antiques and furniture
- Don't leave ladders or tools outside – a burglar could use them to break in
- Keep vehicles locked – do not leave property in the car
- Remove or prune bushes that hide windows or doors – don't give someone a hiding place
- Never give information to "wrong number callers"; ask "what number are you calling?"
- If a stranger asks to use your telephone, offer to place the call for him or her
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out; keep curtains closed
- Don't tell a stranger that your neighbor is not at home
- Most crime is a "crime of opportunity"
- Don't hide keys in mailbox, planters, or under doormats
- IF you arrive home and suspect a stranger may be inside, DO NOT GO IN. Leave quietly and call 9-1-1 to report the crime.

### WGL NEIGHBORS LOOK & LISTEN FOR...

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars
- Unusual noises
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars
- The sound of broken glass or loud explosive noises
- A stranger entering a neighbor's house when it is unoccupied

- Abnormally barking dogs
- A "delivery man/woman" with an **alleged** wrong address or asking if someone else lives there
- Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices could mean stolen property
- Loitering around parks, intersections, dam area

### REPORT ACTIVITY THAT SEEMS SUSPICIOUS

What is suspicious? Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place" or that is occurring at an unusual time of day, could be criminal activity.

- Call 901-545-COPS
- Give your name and address
- Briefly describe the event – what happened, when, where and who was involved
- Describe the suspect – clothing, height, color, size, gender
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved
- Call your block captain and/or Sandra or Kathy

### We Need Your Email Addresses!

Email is the most efficient way to reach everyone to share information about what is going on in the neighborhood. If we don't already have your email address, or if your email address has changed, please share your email address with us. You can send an email to [wglha@juno.com](mailto:wglha@juno.com). Please include your name and address. We will keep your email address confidential and will not share it with anyone outside the community. Thank you!



### All Outside Construction Must Be Approved First By the 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](http://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](mailto:Lew.Hoffman@tn.gov) if you have questions or obtain the TDEC Permit Application and instructions at [www.state.tn.us/environment/permits/arap.shtml](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/permits/arap.shtml). Submit your application and TDEC permit by email to [wglha@juno.com](mailto:wglha@juno.com) or by mail to 8428 Arendal Cove.

## Pet News

Hi Friends and Neighbors,

Can anyone help with the over population at our rescue shelters? Cats may be loners, but dogs are pack animals and need companionship. Consider a friend for your lonely pet if you work and are gone all day. Many pure breed dogs are being turned in to our shelters during this hard economical times. If you are one of the lucky ones to have financial security now, how about sharing and rescuing some sweet pet and give it a second chance at a forever home. The love you will get in return will be a great investment.

**"PAWS AND THINK" SPAY, NEUTER, HEARTWORM MEDS, FLEA MEDS, AND MICROCHIP YOUR PETS, PLEASE.**

MID-SOUTH SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC  
854 GOODMAN RD. OFF PARK AVE. 901-324-3202

HUMANE SOCIETY 901-324-3900 Shelby Farms

Police {report abuse} 901-545-cops

Need pet care, call me, Pam O'Fallin - 757-0676

- Pam O'Fallin

## REMINDER:

Reminder: You should have a Walnut Grove Lake sticker in your left rear window of each of your vehicles, and you should have a Walnut Grove Lake ID card when you are fishing in the lake. If you need stickers or IDs, or if you need a directory (July, 2009, yellow cover) please call Jeanie Velarde at 754-2146.

Included in the envelope with this newsletter is your invoice for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. If you would prefer to pay your dues in installments, that is fine, there is no penalty to do that. Just email or call Treasurer Beth Jackson at 218-4357 to let us know how you'd like to pay.

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## WGL Tid-Bits

### SAVE MONEY, SAVE A TREE

Every issue of our newsletter is posted on our website at [www.wglha.com](http://www.wglha.com). If you would prefer, instead of being mailed a hard copy of the newsletter, you can opt to be notified via email whenever a new newsletter is posted. We currently print and mail about 375 copies at a cost for printing and postage of \$1.06 per copy. If you would like to receive your newsletter via the web, please email [wglha@juno.com](mailto:wglha@juno.com) and let us know. Also, even if you do not want to receive your newsletter this way, you might consider providing your email address to us. We will never share it with anyone. This is the best way to get important information to you quickly.

### PLEASE SECURE YOUR TRASH/RECYCLABLES

Homeowners, make sure your trash is secure. We are having a lot of trash blown into others' yards from newspapers left loose in recycle bins (they should be in bags or have something on top to keep from blowing) and trash in receptacles that is overflowing so the lid will not shut.

Please respect your neighbor's yards and do not let your trash blow into them! Also, remember that city codes dictate that all garbage should be disposed of by putting it in the proper container and placing it for collection at the appropriate location and time. It is also a violation to allow trash carts to remain on the curb following pick-up.

### GARDENING CLUB

Dear Gardeners,

My name is Joseph Bennett and I want to start a gardening club for all who live in our community. We can hold monthly meetings, talk about plants, learn about plants, landscaping, composting, get to know one another, trade plants, clean up our community, brighten our parks with flowerbeds, and so much more. If you are interested in starting up a gardening club in our community please contact me at 901-406-3032. I am so looking forward to starting our gardening club up and getting this club going so go ahead and give me a call.

Your Friend,  
Joseph Bennett

# Annual Meeting Summary - March 4, 2010

A 2010-2011 Board of Directors was elected. See a list of the new Board on page 1.

President Margie McMillan gave a slide show presentation to review what the Board and Committees accomplished during the past year and discuss plans for the future. Here's a summary. For a complete review, you can read the Annual Meeting Minutes on our web site.

- **Neighborhood Clean-up** (March 28). Lovitt Field at Walnut Grove Rd., Farrell Park, Dam & Simpson Park.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic & Boat Rides** (April 11). About 70 people came, including 30 children.
- **Independence Day Festivities** (July 3). Mailbox decorating contest - 40 participants; Fishing Rodeo - 48 participants, lots of prizes; Boat Parade - 20 boats participated; Fireworks.
- **National Night Out** (August 4). Big parties on Trondheim & Simpson Park.
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale** (September 12). Over 19 households participated.
- **Dam Party** (October 24). Art & crafts bazaar, costume contest, moon bounce, guess the pumpkin weight, cake walk, games, grilled hotdogs & drinks, WGLHA t-shirt sales, live music. Over 100 folks came.
- **Holiday Decorating Contest** (December 18). 153 homes participated.
- **Lake water quality test** (June 2009). Lake is in good shape. Re-anchored the floating dock after it came lose again; added cleats to the pier for tying up boats; continually try to trap beavers.
- **Ericson & Walnut Grove Rd. Sign** A new sidewalk was installed which damaged our rock border. This was rebuilt & we replaced dead bushes & mulched.
- **Lovitt Field** - Bush hogged; addressed dumping again - sent 2nd letter to homeowners on Walnut Bend & Stavenger Cove to remind them that we own the property but they can use it in certain ways that we spelled out; sent special letters to current offenders asking them to remove debris, boats, carts, etc. Plan to put up new signs - because of damage done by 4 wheelers.
- **Simpson Park** - Neighbors who live next to the park replaced their rotting railroad tie retaining wall with a treated wood wall that runs along the drainage ditch - no railroad ties are allowed any more as per TDEC. Safety/privacy signs added at entrance & dock; some tree work & treated trees for wood borers. Plan to upgrade concrete ramp leading into lake when lake is lowered.
- **Little Park** - Added privacy sign on back of bench; had dying tree near the swing removed; 10 crepe myrtles weeded & mulched.
- **Farrell Park** - tree work; replaced broken receptacle. Plan to fill in the ruts along the drive and to redo the mulch beneath the swings, replace the 2 picnic tables that are rotting.
- **Dam Area** - tree work; swim safety signs installed.
- **Dam Inspection** (August 12) Downstream slope - must keep all areas clear of grown up vegetation; should not store boats there. (We sent letters to all owners of boats stored on the east side & asked them to remove unused boats & informed them that remaining boats will need to be moved to new racks when they are built.) All boat storage will be redesigned after spillway construction is completed. Could not issue a Certificate of Approval & Safety due to decomposition of the spillway - concrete swale: deficient due to flow beneath the channel in 1st & 2nd joints; outlet pipe has failed as evidenced by the sinkholes. We were ordered to submit plans to repair/stabilize the spillway channel. The report states that we were aware of the problems & were already working with a contractor and an engineer; and we should have our engineer submit plans & specifications for the necessary repairs by Sept. 15, which we did; and that we should have all repairs completed by November 5. This was not possible due to excessive rains.
- **Spillway plans** - Engineer - Tetra Tech; Contractor - Madden Phillips (interviewed & got bids from 3 companies including ARGO Construction & Davis Patrikios Criswell Construction). Site demolition - tear out everything except the weir structure; grading & drainage - wider apron & swale, bigger 42" pipe leading from weir + additional 24" overflow pipe, larger 48" concrete pipe to ditch, new headwall in ditch + rip rap; lake will be set approx. 6" lower than before, back to original depth - what the dam was designed for. Lake will be lowered approximately 5 feet prior to construction. Estimated Cost of Spillway Project - \$104,934. We currently have well over \$200,000 in contingency fund.
- **Getting ready for construction** - Sept. 1 - letters sent to all lakefront property owners to inform them of spillway construction & lake lowering; good time to work on sea walls & docks; Oct. 8 - letters sent to boat owners - must move boats from racks on west side to make room for construction (up to 3 letters sent to boat owners); put out special edition of Newsletter to inform everyone; built temporary boat racks on west side - all but 1 boat moved (plan to auction off at 2010 Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic).
- **Lakeside Projects** - to date, 4 new docks, 5 sea walls replaced or added, 1 concrete stairs replaced, concrete ramps in Simpson Park & near spillway upgraded. All projects have to be approved by TDEC - no toxic materials allowed in waters of the State.
- **Hope Presbyterian Church** - had to do more repair work on the pond slopes; not adequately stabilized, causing large amount of mud to be washed into WG Lake during heavy rains; TDEC inspected & issued them a Director's Order which states they will be fined if this happens again.
- **Work with Wolf River Conservancy & City Engineer** to solve flooding issues on Trondheim. Pond on east side too high due to beaver dam, caused water to remain in ditches behind houses; beaver built a dam in one of the drainage pipes. As per City Engineer, WRC needs to make sure the pond stays at proper level.
- **Worked with City Drain Dept.** to get broken drain pipe at 8483 Walnut Grove Rd. fixed after resident called because she could not get them to fix it. Councilman Bill Boyd helped.
- **Compliance** - The Board tries to be vigilante in seeing that our Covenants & City Codes are followed so that we can maintain a nice looking neighborhood. We depend on you, too, to inform us when something needs our attention, as we can't possibly see what's going on everywhere in the neighborhood. Anyone can call the Citizen Service Center at 576-6500 to report code violations. Your call is kept anonymous.
- **What else have we accomplished this year?** We're constantly making sure that our grounds are maintained & kept safe; we try to discourage trespassers & vandals; maintain our web site; put out newsletters, among other things.
- **WGLHA Expenses FY10YTD** - A synopsis of how our money was spent this year is as follows: Our biggest expense category, lake, parks & dam, consumed 60% of our expenses, or almost \$30,000. This was much higher than last year due to the engineering/planning expenditures made to date for the dam project. The next largest expense item is our association insurance, which was a little over \$9,000, or 18% of our expenses. Other notable expenses were professional services (legal, tax prep and bookkeeping) 8% and office supplies & printing 8%. Total expenses YTD are \$50,013.10. Our fiscal year ends on April 30.

# 2009-2010 Year End Summary

## WGL Income and Expense Statement

	5/1/09 thru 4/30/10	5/1/08 thru 4/30/09
<b>Income</b>		
Dues collected	66,439.62	65,871.59
Finance charges	617.93	541.51
Investment income	9,127.63	-4,642.30
Fireworks clearing account	0.00	0.00
Other Income	50.00	40.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>76,235.18</b>	<b>61,810.80</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Purchased Services</b>		
Bookkeeping Services	2,255.63	2,600.14
Legal and Tax Prep.	485.00	618.25
Collection Expense	676.95	1,806.52
Postage and Delivery	1,164.28	1,073.20
Other Printing	220.89	517.24
Newsletter Printing	1,485.32	954.56
Directory Printing	595.00	
Website / email	106.87	337.28
Bank Service Charges	162.00	0.00
Total Purchased Services	7,151.94	7,907.19
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>		
Tree Trimming / Removal	5,529.00	2,380.00
Fill Material	500.00	1,300.00
Park and playground equipment	2,410.10	703.66
Dam	106,323.72	1,660.00
Mowing	9,265.00	8,205.00
Docks/Misc. repairs	751.85	1,000.00
Water testing	125.00	100.00
Lake - other	21.82	224.96
Signs	444.93	1,075.88
Landscape Materials	240.00	2,681.90
Total Repairs & Maintenance	125,611.42	19,331.40
<b>Insurance Expense</b>		
Liability Insurance	9,044.74	8,997.74
Total Insurance Expense	9,044.74	8,997.74
<b>Supplies</b>		
Activites	859.00	0.00
Office Supplies	235.09	412.83
Total Supplies	1,094.09	412.83
<b>General &amp; Administrative</b>		
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	0.00
Security	0.00	386.78
Income Taxes	54.00	2,097.07
Annual Reporting	20.00	20.00
Dam Certification	500.00	0.00
Total General & Administrative	574.00	2,503.85
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	1,186.52	1,175.62
Telephone	575.11	504.45
Trash Pickup	661.20	606.10
Utilities - Other	51.66	47.35
Total Utilities	2,474.49	2,333.52

<b>Donations</b>	350.00	100.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	25.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>146,325.68</b>	<b>41,586.53</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-70,090.50</b>	<b>20,224.27</b>

## Walnut Grove Lake Balance sheet

	As of 30-Apr-2010	As of 30-Apr-2009
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking - 1st TN Bank	67,698.35	43,440.61
Cash Reserves	103,080.17	195,999.62
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>170,778.52</b>	<b>239,440.23</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Equity Contribution	85,030.37	85,030.37
Retained Earnings	155,838.65	134,185.59
Net Income	(70,090.50)	20,224.27
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>170,778.52</b>	<b>239,440.23</b>
Accounts Receivable	30,532.92	21,030.06

## Meeting Summary Contd...

• **Dues History** - For the past 2 years, the Board opted not to increase dues by the 10% allowed in the by-laws. The reasoning was that the contingency fund for possible dam repairs was funded to over \$200,000 which was thought to be a sufficient amount in case of a major problem that would need to be repaired. And historically we've been able to add money to it each year as our revenue has exceeded expenses. This year, however, the Board voted to increase WGLHA dues for the coming fiscal year by 10% to \$167.00. The contingency fund will be significantly affected with the spillway repair and the increase will help start rebuilding the fund for the future. And while the Board is conscientious about spending association funds, we should consider that generally expenses for utilities and purchased services increase each year (insurance is expected to increase 5% next year).

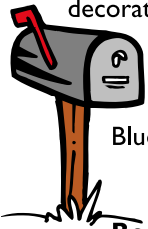
• **Neighborhood Watch Update** - Block captains were thanked for their participation and 4 additional block captains are needed. We were reminded about the Memphis Police Department's CyberWatch site - part of their continuing effort to make our neighborhoods safer. It allows users to select a reporting radius based on either an address or an intersection, and receive a daily email report regarding crimes, sex offenders and warrants outstanding.

• **Treasurer's Report** - Income YTD through 2/28/10 was \$68,745, expenses were \$50,013 for net revenue of \$18,732. The final year end statements are included in this newsletter.



## Independence Day Celebration Saturday, July 3rd

**Mailbox Decorating Contest** - We will kick off the holiday with our annual mailbox decorating contest. Plan to have your mailbox decorated by Thursday evening, July 1st. The judging will take place on Friday, July 2nd and winners will be contacted on Sunday, July 4th. This year we will be awarding cash prizes for the top three winners: \$25.00 for First Place, \$15.00 for Second Place, and \$10.00 for Third Place. There will also be prizes for Honorable Mentions. Even the smallest effort gets noticed - so don't be shy! This is your chance to show your patriotism - let's decorate our WHOLE neighborhood in Red, White and Blue! For more information or if you are willing to help judge or present the awards, please call Darlene Jones (487-8720).



**Boat Parade** - Participants should meet at the fishing pier at the dam by 6:00 P.M. Boats will parade along the east side of the lake, past the judges at the home of Ransom and Parris Edwards, 162 Leif Cove, and then continue around the whole lake. We will parade past Simpson and Farrell Parks for good viewing. Prizes will be awarded for 1) Most Patriotic/Best Decorated Pontoon; 2) Most Patriotic/Best Decorated Self-Propelled Boat; 3) Most patriotic/Best Decorated Fishing Boat; 4) Best Music; and 5) Most spirited. All boats must have WGL + Lot # visible on both sides.

**Fireworks** - This year's fireworks will be better than ever! They will start at approximately 9:15 - 9:30 on Saturday, July 3rd. Three warning shots will be fired five minutes before the display begins so everyone can get to their viewing areas. As the fireworks display is not a budgeted WGLHA expense, a \$50.00 per family donation is suggested. However, this is voluntary and donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please write a check to WGLHA Special Events and mail it to Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Assn., P.O. Box 1450, Cordova, TN 38088.

**Fishing Rodeo** - Local fishing celebrity, Ron Wong, will direct our fishing rodeo this year and will also be weigh master. We will have prizes for the following categories: largest number of bass 13 inches and under, and the largest catfish (one winner in each of these categories); most number of bream, most number of striped bass, and most number of crappie (3 winners in each of these categories: adult, girl under 14 and boy under 14). Everyone who participates will have their name in the hat for a drawing to win a fishing tackle package worth at least \$200 donated by Ron Wong. There will also be lots of door prizes donated by Peanut Craft Lures, T.J. Mulligan's and Avery Outdoors of Memphis. All participants must register at Simpson Park by 8:30 A.M. You will receive a ticket for door prizes. Fishing will begin at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude at 11:00 A.M. All WGLHA residents are invited to participate. Please note changes to categories this year to largemouth bass, no longer largest, **but most under 13 inches** and striped bass has been moved to have **3 awards**. There will also be a special prize for the person with the **most striped bass!** Plaques will be awarded to some categories, thanks to WGLHA neighbor Lee Adams.

### Catching Striped Bass at WGL

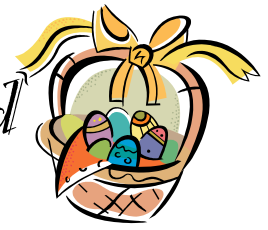
There is an emphasis in this year's rodeo to encourage catching striped bass (yellow stripes) as this predator fish is starting to over populate the lake. These fish will eat all the new spawned game fish fry which eventually will reduce the number and size of bass, bream and crappie available to be caught. These striped bass are good to eat,



but if you don't want to deal with them, just use them for fertilizer. Please keep all these fish whenever you are fishing, it will help the lake. These fish can be caught very easily, just use light lines and tie on a lure as shown in the picture. You can either use a float or not.....these fish are fun to catch!



# Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic and Live Auction



Despite a huge rainstorm the night before, the day dawned sunny and the Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic on April 3 was a great success. Easter baskets in hand, more than 40 children were primed for the hunt. Thanks to neighbor contributions, there were about 500 eggs to find, so no one went home empty handed!

We were delighted this year to have new WGLHA neighbor Dave Fearn grilling the hot dogs. He also got some food donated by his good friend Scott McQuown of Monogram Foods - many thanks!

Following lunch, we had two winners for a drawing for gift certificates to the Malco Movie Theatres. Carolyn Danley and Kathy DeFreece were the lucky ones!

Rounding out the day, WGLHA Board VP Barry Ledbetter led an auction for an Old Towne canoe that had been abandoned for several years on the dam. Almost \$300 was raised in the auction, which will go to help fund neighborhood events like this picnic.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of the neighbors who brought eggs for the hunt and yummy side dishes and desserts for the picnic. I really enjoyed meeting new neighbors and talking with old friends. See you next year!

- Jane Raymond





## Spring Fishing at WGL

If you enjoy fishing the lake don't pass on the opportunity to fish it beginning now until June 15th. The ramps on the dam and in Simpson Park have been cleaned off and are serviceable. Plus, the drive, parking area and approach to the ramp in Simpson Park have recently been paved, making it much easier to put in your boat there.

Most, but not all of the bass should now be at peak spawn and I expect a near normal spawn if the water continues to remain fairly clear. Game fish adapt to changing conditions and when not able to return to their usual spawning areas (in our case due to the lake lowering) will scout other suitable areas to spawn. I have seen bass even spawn on submerged logs. Typically an actively spawning bass will not be interested in chasing your lure but there should be others in the area that will. I recommend releasing any actively spawning bass that you catch to allow them to continue with their business at hand. Some of the most exciting bass fishing occurs as the bass leave the beds. They are hungry, usually remain in shallow water and will chase anything that looks like food. They will readily attack buzz baits, spinner baits, crank baits and plastic worms.



The bream action should be strong in May and they can be found in 3 - 4 feet of water in coves and pockets along the main lake. The beauty of bream fishing is that when a bream bed is located you can catch many of these hard fighting fish in the same area whereas bass angling can sometimes be a hit and miss proposition.

Over the 45 year life of the lake the Association has endeavored to improve the fishing by adding threadfin shad, a bass delicacy, restocking with fingerling bass, having the state check the fishing balance and population of the various types of fish. When Tim Howard was president he and the lake committee realized that by adding structure (fish attractors) to the lake it would tend to draw many fish in search of an easy meal. Without submerged structure the fish would roam lake-wide and the anglers would basically have to motor all over the lake to find catchable fish. The lake committee made structures by placing hardwood branches in five gallon buckets, adding a concrete/gravel mixture to the bucket then placing these attractors near the shoreline so as not to interfere with boat traffic. The 20 or so attractors are flagged with bright orange tape so they can be found easily. The small bait fish who do not wish to be devoured by their larger hungry cousins can hide within the branches of the attractors. The larger

hungry fish in search of a meal learn that they just might get a morsel from these congregated baitfish. Anglers will probably improve their catch rate by concentrating their effort near these attractors.

Because the water is generally clear I would suggest using realistic looking lures that closely resemble what the fish are feeding on. Bass most likely dine on small bream so I would use a medium running Bandit lure in a bream color. I have found chrome or shad color crank baits to work also. For some unknown reason the bass prefer a gold bladed spinner bait as opposed to a silver bladed one.

In closing, I wish to say that I have never seen a bass crawl onto the bank and climb into the trees around the lake. Apparently a number of anglers think that is where the bass are because over the years I have filled a tackle box with lures found in trees. Many thanks for your contributions to my tackle box.

- Jimmy Lovitt

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, July 3**

Independence Day festivities - mailbox decorating contest, fishing rodeo, boat parade & fireworks

**Tuesday, August 3**

National Night Out

**Sunday, December 19**

Holiday Decorating Contest Judging 7 pm till 10 pm  
(rain date: Monday, December 20)

### National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3rd

Neighbors let's make this year our best yet! Gather your neighbors for a street dinner. Fire up a grill and invite your neighbors to meet you in the street. Everyone can bring their dinner and cook on a central grill. Bring a pot idea is great too! It is only from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, so no one has to stay up late. Take one night to meet and greet your neighbors and make them your friends. Let's get together and learn some tips to keep our neighborhood safe.



## Helpful Phone Numbers:

**Police 545-COPS**

**Sheriff 379-7625**

Section H-Norseman, Walnut Creek,  
Brye Hollow & Glen Gyle

**Mayor's Citizen Service Center  
576-6500**

Report code violations such as overgrown yards and debris.  
All complaints are kept confidential.

**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 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.

**Bryant & Floyce Black**  
8408 Trondheim

**Carlos & Lisa Granadino**  
8432 Trondheim

**Kevin & Stephanie Lambert**  
8472 Bergen Cove

**William & Teri Lewis**  
8491 Bazemore Road

**Angela Wood**  
8503 Trondheim