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Walnut Grove Lake

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Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Covenant United Methodist Church
Smith Covenant Center

Please try to attend. If you are not able to attend, please fill out the proxy on page 9 of this newsletter and give it to someone who is attending, give it to a board member, scan and email it to wglhoa@gmail.com, or fax it to 754-2947.

Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic Saturday, April 7, 11:00 A.M.



Get your kids' Easter baskets ready and come have fun with us at the Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic!



On Saturday, April 7, we will have the Easter Egg Hunt in Lovitt Field right across the street from Simpson Park starting at 11:00 A.M. There will be a separate hunt for toddlers so that all children can enjoy the chance to fill their baskets with eggs!

Following the hunt we invite everyone to come across the street to Simpson Park for food and a good old-fashioned neighborhood social! Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided by the Association. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to add to the "spread." Bring some chairs!

There will be boat rides available, and of course 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 who might donate hot dogs, chips or sodas, please let us know!

Please call Jane Raymond at 237-6034 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 come have fun with us as a community on April 7!



President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I can't believe it's already time for our Annual Meeting. As you know, the Annual Meeting is the time when we review our operations of the past year and elect officers for the upcoming year. Over the past six years I've tried to make it enjoyable by presenting a slide show so you can see what we've accomplished. I will prepare one for you again this year. I sincerely hope that you will come. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend, please complete the Proxy in this newsletter and give it to your Block Captain or any other neighbor who will be attending. We need to have enough attendees and proxies to make up a quorum in order to vote for officers.

We want to hear from you, also, with your suggestions of improvements that still need to be made, or activities you would like to see happen. So, be sure and fill out the short survey at the bottom of your Proxy for us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting and around the neighborhood!

- Margie McMillan, President

Cigarette Butts Are Litter Too!

When using our parks, dam area or lake, remember that dropping partially smoked cigarettes, cigarette butts, matches, lighters and packaging to the ground is littering. Please use the garbage cans we have provided to dispose of your butts and all of your litter. And if you see litter on the ground, please pick it up and throw it away. Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood beautiful.



WGLHA ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, March 1, 2012, 6:30 P.M. Covenant United Methodist Church Smith Covenant Center

AGENDA

- Call to Order/Welcome - Margie McMillan
- Proof of Quorum - Jeanie Velarde
- Approval of Minutes - Jane Raymond
- Introduction of Prospective Board Members/ Nominations from the Floor
- Election of Board of Directors for 2012 - 2013
- President's Message Slide Presentation - Margie McMillan
- Neighborhood Watch Update - Sandra McCorry
- Treasurer's Report - Beth Jackson
- Lake Report- Bob Marchini
- Election Results - Jeanie Velarde
- New Business
- Adjourn

This 'N That

All **boats** on Walnut Grove Lake must have WGL + your lot number (e.g., WGL 228) clearly displayed on both sides. Note: numbers wear off over time, so make sure all boats are properly marked. Any boats stored on WGL boat racks that do not have proper ID numbers will be removed and sold at auction at the Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic.

By now, all **leaves** should be removed from lawns and curbs. Please do your part to help keep our neighborhood looking its best. If you still have leaves, rake them up now, and don't forget the curb in front of your house.

Have you noticed our new **fences** on the dam? We had the old worn-out chain link fences removed and new iron fences installed.

New directories have been printed and distributed. If you did not receive one, please call 758-2796 and leave a message, or email us at wglhoa@gmail.com.

Lake Report

General Conditions

The rains have brought the lake to full stage again, and the water is as clear as glass. It is up to all of us to maintain the condition of the lake (our most prominent resource). The most important step we can all take, in this regard, is to keep the streets around the lake clean. This is especially important as the spring rains approach. Please bag your leaves to prevent them from being washed into the lake. When leaves and grass clippings decompose in the lake, they use up valuable oxygen. This will eventually lead to mosquito problems and abundant algae growth. By the way, the city actually did sweep the streets. Unfortunately, they did it before the leaves fell, and there is zero chance that they will do it again.

Fishing

I haven't seen anyone fishing in months, but spring, the optimum time to fish, is just around the corner. This is an ideal time to get fishing gear in shape for the coming season. Check the guides on your rods to see if they have become worn. Replace those old, raggedy fishing lines. (Personally, I prefer "Fireline," but you have to know how to tie a fancy knot to use this product.)

I would like to express my concern about some of the small watercraft on the lake. I am talking about the paddleboats and the small fishing boats sometimes called "Water Scamps". If you are thinking about purchasing one of these, I have a word of advice. Always make sure they have a drain plug in the boat. If there is no drain plug, you will have to bail out these boats after every rainstorm, and it will wear you out very quickly.

As I fish around the lake, I see many of these small boats that are full of water. These become breeding stations for mosquitoes. If you have such a boat, please pull it onto the shore or your pier and turn it over.

- Bob Marchini



Neighborhood Watch

The Best Crime Awareness Device Ever Invented is a Good Neighbor

Walnut Grove Neighbors: If you do NOT currently have a Block Captain, PLEASE help us, help you: **Volunteer To Be A Block Captain.** Call - Sandra McCorry 755-6609 or email mcsand@aol.com

.....TIPS FOR THE MONTH.....

- Keep Car Doors locked when your car is parked outside of your garage
- Do not leave items inside your car when parked in your driveway, on the street, or any parking lot - not even for 5 minutes! (Takes less than 5 minutes to gain access to your vehicle)
- Help patrol your neighborhood by taking a different route to your home
- Use high beams at night driving through WGL (except with on-coming traffic)
- Keep garage doors closed - even when you are at home

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 545-COPS

-Sandra McCorry

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, March 1
WGLHA Annual Meeting
 6:30 pm
 Covenant United Methodist Church
 Smith Covenant Center

Saturday, April 7
WGLHA Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic
 11:00 a.m.
 Lovitt Field and Simpson Park

Saturday, June 30
WGLHA Annual Independence Day Festivities
 Fishing Rodeo, Boat Parade, Fireworks

Candidates for 2012-2013 Board of Directors

Lorin Allen, 190 W. Viking Drive, an architect, his wife Elizabeth and their two children have lived at WGL for almost 17 years. They are interested in the condition of the lake and in the subdivision in general, particularly regarding those things which may affect property values. Lorin has a B.A. from Vanderbilt and a B.Arch from the University of Arkansas. His activities have included: citizen member of Commercial Appeal editorial board; Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church Building and Grounds Committee and former vestry member; Hein Park Subdivision Civic Association former president; TN Society of Architects former director; American Institute of Architects, Memphis Chapter former director; Rotary Club of Memphis; and former board member of Family Services of Memphis, Memphis Heritage and Goodwill Homes. He served one year as an Alternate and for the past year as a Board Member.

Betty Burke, 8494 Karlstad Cove, is currently serving on the Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association Board and previously served as an Alternate. She, with her husband, Lynn and family have lived on the lake for 38 years. They moved in when most of the current roads were undeveloped and Walnut Grove Road was two lanes and was called Raleigh LaGrange Road. Betty's career in Real Estate, and as a Business Owner and Corporate Board Chairman has enriched her life. Betty is an avid tennis player and currently serves as Block Captain of Karlstad Cove for our Neighborhood Watch program. Betty was active with the Walnut Grove Lake Civic Club before the Homeowner Association was turned over to us from Lloyd Lovitt, Developer.

Karen Davis, 30 W. Viking Dr., an optician for 28 yrs., married to John Davis. She has lived on Walnut Grove Lake for 3 years. Karen enjoyed being an Alternate on the board this year. She especially enjoyed helping with the Easter egg hunt and the Christmas lighting contest. Karen is an avid animal lover and takes special interest in the animals that inhabit our area and lake. Karen loves being involved in the neighborhood and getting to know her neighbors. She feels Walnut Grove lake is an amazing place to live.

Sonny Hale, along with his best friend and wife, Sandy, has lived at 8507 Walnut Grove Rd. for 8 years. As a life-long Memphian, Sonny remembers the Lake being developed over 40 years ago. Back then it was way, way out in the country just past a little two lane country road named Germantown Road. He promised himself that someday he would have a house on that lake. It only took 40 years but

that dream finally came true. Sonny is finishing up a career as a CPA and Sandy is finishing up 15 years at First Tennessee Bank. They think WGL is literally an "oasis" of nature with magical abilities to lower blood pressure every time one comes home. Sonny has previously served on the Board and has volunteered to help on various events. If elected, Sonny will work on ways to encourage more homeowners at WGL to enjoy the lake, preserve the beauty, value and security of the whole subdivision and protect the "magic" of this "oasis."

Margie McMillan, MPH, 8428 Arendal Cove, has lived at WGL for almost nine years with her husband, Sid and their daughter Rachel who now lives in New York. Margie served as President of the East Buntyn Historic District Neighborhood Association for two years prior to moving here. She has served on WGLHA's Board as an Alternate, 2nd Vice President and is currently serving her 6th year as President. She also serves as Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for her cove. Margie is a Master Gardener and is self employed, doing survey research and statistical consulting. Her overriding goals for the neighborhood are to encourage everyone to properly maintain their homes and yards, for the WGLHA Board to maintain all common property owned by the Association and to have as many people as possible involved in neighborhood activities.

Jane Raymond, MBA, 74 Viking Cove. Since moving to WGL nearly 11 years ago, Jane's enthusiasm for lake living has brought four friends and their families to buy homes in the neighborhood. She works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as Director of Managed Care. With a lot of help from good neighbors, she has facilitated the spring Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic for the last seven years. Jane has been on the WGLHA Board for seven years and is currently serving as secretary.

Don Warmbrod, 179 Leif Cove. Don is a graduate of UT Knoxville. He served five years as a pilot in the USAF and was a pilot for Braniff Airlines for 13 years with a furlough break during which time he served two years as a "Sky Marshall." Upon Braniff's closing he flew two years for Republic Airlines until acquiring Hollywood Feed which he owned and operated as Hollywood PetStar for 22 years. Presently retired, he and his wife, Diane, have lived at WGL for four years. Don has served as Neighborhood Watch Block Captain for the last three. Don spends time volunteering as a tutor at East High and as a mentor for teenagers at Youth Villages.

Welcome New Neighbors!
Zachary & Nicholas Beaver, 116 W. Viking Drive

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Holiday Season has come and gone again! I want to thank all who participated in this year's wonderful holiday decorating contest. It was a great success and I hope that everyone got out and enjoyed the lights. We had almost 150 homes participate. GREAT JOB for community unity!

I want to mention that the locals in Leif Cove East made a marvelous effort to light the entire cove this 2011 Christmas. This is what we are looking for in this community harmony of the season!

Here are the winners:

Best Classical Christmas - Patricia Lampkins and Hope Lloyd, 8396 Trondheim Dr. What a whimsical array of the season, ranging from a dancing Santa next to his sleigh to the warm feeling of love and joy shared through the bright illuminations of the yard. Wow is all we have to say!

Natural Landscape - Floyd & Christine Rowe, 38 Viking Dr. Using large lights to brighten up the trees and light up warm wishes on the front porch of the home was the theme for this once again winner. Keep up the great work!

Religious Theme - Carol and Bill Hudock, 163 Ericson Dr. This was such a beautiful rustic version of the manger and its occupants during the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

We want to encourage all religions to participate in this category next year. This is a seasonal event and we want the entire community to express itself; everyone in their own way to express their love of their personal religion.

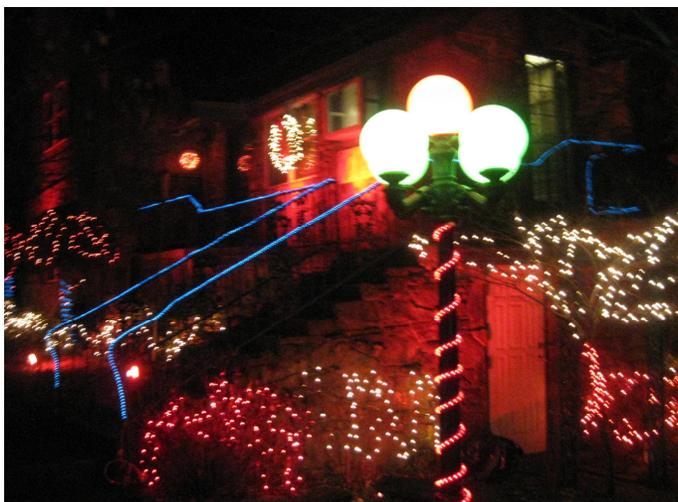
We noticed that some of the neighbors had gotten together to carry the decor from one yard to the next. We believe it looked like an explosion of lights! So we may try a new category next year we hope will spawn an explosion of light and color!

We want to congratulate the winners and all those who made this such a wonderful success. Next year let's see even more involvement and enjoy more neighbors getting together with others for parties and celebrations of the season!

Take a moment to enjoy the beauty of our community this year as the seasons change from winter to spring, summer, fall, and then back again. If you can get out and walk or ride a bike you can appreciate each home and yard and our parks. There are so many beautiful things to notice and it only takes a moment to stop and soak up the surroundings.

Have a great year everyone!

- Barry V. Ledbetter



Best Natural Landscape—Floyd & Christine Rowe



More Photos on Page 6!



Best Religious Theme—Carol and Bill Hudock



Who Else Lives at Walnut Grove Lake??

Who, whoo-hoo, whoo-oo, whoo-oo" is the call we've been hearing in our trees for some time. Ever since my family moved to Walnut Grove Lake, we've been fascinated by the variety of wildlife around the lake. My husband and I particularly enjoy hearing the owl at night and finally we got curious enough to research that familiar call on the Internet. We're not the most informed bird identifiers, so we listened to quite a few calls before we positively identified our owl as the Great Horned Owl. We were intrigued to discover that we have such a large owl in our treetops.



I've always wanted to see one of the owls, but that's rare since they're nocturnal. However, I got my wish the other night. My son and I took our dog out for a walk and right over our heads, we heard the loud, low call "who, whoo-hoo, whoo-oo, whoo-oo." I looked up and there he (or she) was about 60 feet over our heads. I could see the owl's famous horns or "plumicorns" as I believe they're called. We must have startled it and as it flew away, my son and I were properly impressed by its incredible wingspan.

Perhaps you've heard the Great Horned Owls around your home as well and on that note, I thought I'd share a little of what I found out about them. They're huge! They stand anywhere from 18 to 25 inches and their wingspan measures from 3 feet and 3 inches up to 4 feet and 8 inches. The owls are widespread and can handle a variety of climates from the Arctic to South America. The ones in northern climates migrate, but from what I've read, the ones we have around here are probably permanent residents.

You'll hear their calls in late fall and early winter as the males start to establish breeding territories. Sometimes the male and female sing duets. They form monogamous pairs and start nesting as early as January or February. They nest in tree holes, stumps or abandoned nests of other large birds. Typically, the female lays a couple of eggs and little hatchlings appear nearly a month later. The little birds start to venture out after about six weeks, but they are unable to fly until they're about 10 to 12 weeks old. I'm told that sometimes people mistakenly "rescue" them thinking they've fallen out of a nest when they're actually just in the early stages of learning to fly and venture out on their own. The adult birds continue to be responsible for hunting and feeding the fledglings until fall.



Speaking of hunting, here's an interesting fact about the Great Horned Owl - they're the only creature known to regularly feed on skunks. The other night my family awakened to the awful smell of a skunk. Now I don't know whether to think a skunk roamed across our yard or perhaps the neighborhood owl was involved. Other than skunks, the owl's diet consists of small to medium-sized mammals and even some large birds like herons, geese or hawks.

While I'd prefer not to think too much about what they eat, I thought you might like to know a bit more about this seldom-seen, but more often heard, creature. As I've said quite often, it's amazing how you can live so close to such a populated suburban area and feel like you're removed from it all here on Walnut Grove Lake.

- Juli Parks



Best Classical Christmas

Patricia Lampkins and Hope Lloyd



Proxy

**Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Covenant United Methodist Church, Smith Covenant Center**

If you are unable to attend this very important meeting, please use the following form to give your proxy to someone who will be attending. This will assure that the business affairs of WGLHA can be duly transacted. To vote, you must be a homeowner with dues current.

I, the undersigned member of Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint _____ as my true and lawful proxy, with full power of substitution for and in my name, place and stead, to vote and likewise act with respect to all of my rights as a member of Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., at a meeting called for March 1, 2012, and any adjournments thereof.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have executed this ____ day of _____, 2012.

Member's signature (required)

Member's address and lot number (required)

Please print member's name

Phone number

Email _____

2012 Ballot for Board of Directors

The Board consists of five regular members plus Alternates. Alternates are non-voting members who attend Board meetings and who are ready to step in as a regular Board member should someone have to resign. A representative of the Lake Committee serves as a non-voting member. Please mark your ballot or fill in the space for write-in candidates. A * denotes a current board member or alternate.

Vote for NO MORE THAN FIVE candidates. The remaining candidates will serve as Alternates.

___ Lorin Allen*

___ Karen Davis*

___ Margie McMillan*

___ Don Warmbrod

___ Betty Burke*

___ Sonny Hale

___ Jane Raymond*

Write-in candidates: _____

Short Survey

1. The Board has sponsored various activities over the last few years and would like to get an idea of your continued interest level. Please circle the activities that you would like to see continue:

- a. Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic
- b. July 4th mailbox decorating contest
- c. July 4th Fishing Rodeo
- d. July 4th boat parade
- e. July 4th fireworks
- f. Holiday decorating contest
- g. Dam party
- h. Neighborhood yard sale
- i. Lawn & Garden of the Month
- j. Other (please list) _____

2. Please list any improvements that you would like to see at WGL: _____

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 wglhoa@gmail.com or by mail to 8428 Arandal Cove.



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