

Living at.....



Walnut Grove Lake

Summer 2012

Neighborhood Yard Sale is On for August 4th!

Well neighbors, we are gonna have it! Get up in those attics! The WGL Neighborhood garage and yard sale extravaganza is on!

Date: August 4th 2012

Location: The Whole Neighborhood

Time: 6 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Ok, so there are a few things we need to discuss:

1. Put up signs in front of your home and at the nearest corner the day before and the day of the sale to give direction to the buyers.
2. Put up flags, signs in your yard and other ways to get the attention of the buyers.
3. Get with your next door neighbors and make a plan. Get creative! Someone sell coffee and sandwiches or cola and fruit. Or even have a lemonade stand. Have music going outside! Go to the doughnut shop and get a few dozen and give them away to the first 10 buyers...for lunch get out the

grill and offer hot dogs to the buyers or charge for them.

4. Make it known at work or the gym that your community is having this event! You can advertise yourself (in addition to what WGLHA will be doing) by handing out your own fliers at work, your gym or church a week in advance.
5. If you don't have a lot to sell, why not get together with a neighbor who is having one and ask to join them at their home? Or invite friends from elsewhere to bring their items to your house to sell?

Remember, if you are going to get involved, please make sure you have paid your \$5 fee to the WGL Homeowners Association. This is to help pay for the advertising in the Commercial Appeal and Craig's List, and other forms of advertising. The more money we collect, the better our advertising will be. You can mail your checks to WGLHA, P.O. Box 1450, Cordova, TN 38088 or drop off your money in Jeanie Velarde's mailbox at 8497 Bergen Cove.



Let's make this a HUGE event that we can do on a yearly basis. If you need any help or have any questions, please feel free to call me.

-Barry Ledbetter, 508-6274

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Upcoming Events— Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, August 4 - Neighborhood Yard Sale

Tuesday, October 2 - National Night Out

Thursday, December 13 - Holiday Lights Contest
(rain date Friday, December 14)

President's Message

Greetings WGLHA. I hope you had a chance to enjoy our annual Independence Day celebrations. I must admit it was a bit too hot for me, but nonetheless, fun. We had such a great team who helped pull everything together. I especially want to thank Karen Davis, Ron Wong, Sonny Hale and Marcia Howard. Karen Davis was in charge of our Mailbox Decorating Contest which helped make our whole neighborhood look so festive. Ron Wong was responsible for running our Fishing Rodeo. Each year he continues to do a wonderful job and we appreciate him so much. Sonny Hale was in charge of our fabulous Boat Parade. It is so much fun to see all those crazy decorated boats and passengers riding around the lake and having fun. Then there's Marcia Howard, who for so many years has made sure we had our most favorite neighborhood activity, the Fireworks! She organizes everything and we are so grateful. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and have a great summer!

- Margie McMillan, President

Welcome New Neighbors!

Michael & Ashley Bledsoe - 8420 Thorgeson
Valerie Clark - 8510 Mysen Cove
Larry E. Crawford - 233 Glen Gyle
Corlis Finlay - 117 W.Viking Drive
Hai Xuan Nguyen - 8402 Trondheim Drive
Lori Osif - 171 Ericson Road
Amy Perry - 187 Leif Cove
David & Pam Ray - 8367 Bazemore Road
Joli & Vernessa Williams - 8458 Trondheim
Edward & Nancy Wilson - 8352 Bazemore
Syvelia Windbush - 259 Norseman Drive

Reminder: Dues are Due!

You should have received an invoice for the Association dues for 2012-13 with your May newsletter. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Jeanie Velarde, 754-2146, or email wglhoa@gmail.com. Dues are only \$167.00 per year. You may pay in installments if that is more convenient for you. Just send a partial payment with a note to tell us your payment schedule.

-Betty Burke, Treasurer

This 'n That

Dogs - Please remember that there are leash laws that prevent dogs from running at large. That means you can't open the front door and let your dog run down or across the street or chase after the law-abiding pet owners out walking their dogs on leashes. Dogs are required to be in your control at your residence or on a leash, unless you're at the dog park. Also, remember there are laws that require you to clean up after your pet if it uses the bathroom in a neighbor's yard or in a public park. Just bring along plastic bags with you whenever you take your dog out.

Boats - Boats that are stored on racks at the dam continue to be removed at night and taken for joy rides around the lake and then left anywhere on the lake, near the racks or even behind the dam. So, if you store a boat on WGLHA racks, make sure it is securely locked up with strong cables, chains and locks. And remember, you use these facilities at your own risk.

Cigarette Butts - On July 1, the day after our Independence Day celebration, hundreds of cigarette butts covered our dam area and parks. We have even seen fishermen enjoying a cigar or cigarette while fishing and then throwing their butts into the lake! **Cigarette butts are litter!** Those who enjoy our lake and parks are responsible for keeping them clean. Dispose of your butts properly.

Neighborhood Watch

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 2, 2012

6:00 p.m. till

Plan your Block Parties (a few ideas)!!!!

Cider & Donuts

Hotdogs & Chips

Ice cream & Cookies

Cheese & Crackers/Drinks

Fire up your fire pits!

Meet in your front yard/driveway

Encourage your neighbors to attend!

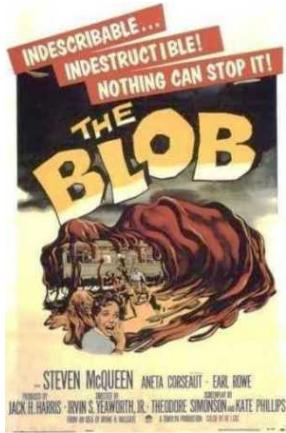
Give me the address

Officers from Appling Precinct will stop by to say hello!

-Sandra McCorry, NW Coordinator

The Blob

Those of us old enough remember this 1958 horror movie and though it was a B or maybe C quality film, it made us look into dark rooms carefully and go into the night with caution, just in case. So imagine our surprise when Barb was approaching the Hale's Harbor in our boat, and her twin sister Sandy screamed that the Blob was coming up the side of our boat. (Yes, they are old enough to remember the movie and young enough to have not forgotten it.)



Turns out we had three freeloaders taking a ride with us, one big and two small. Brave Homeowners Association Vice President and Sandy's husband, Sonny, poked at one of the small ones with a stick and a jelly-like substance covered the branch.

With help from Bob Marchini who knew about them, we learned they are animal colonies that are harmless. They are called Bryozoan colonies, but the more common name is "Water Boogers". They are invertebrates and are found in shallow nutrient-rich waters. In our lake the rich nutrients are algae. When cold weather arrives, they will die. Until then, you may find them attached to your dock, boat, rocks or floating freely in the water. The free floating ones we have seen on WGL are much larger than the big one on our boat.



Except for adding a lot of drag to our boat, they did no damage and when it was time for us to clean them off I used a straight edged hoe to gently scrape them loose and they floated away.

One of the best descriptions of these little guys can be found on the web at www.bio.umass.edu/biology/conn.river/bryozoa.html

- Steve Arnold

Fireworks

Thank you neighbors! This year's fireworks display was as wonderful as past years and the highlight of another July 4th at WGL. The pyrotechnic team again added some new and beautiful firework designs. Thanks to all the neighbors who contributed to the fireworks fund and who volunteered their time to make this a special day for everyone. In the coming months we will begin planning the July 4 celebration for the next two years, with 2014 being the 50th anniversary of Walnut Grove Lake. If you would like to participate in the planning or have some ideas for any special activities, please let us know.

-Marcia Howard

2012 Boat Parade One Red Hot Affair!

Literally! Yes Sir, it was so hot that just pictures of fireworks exploded. It was so hot the popsicles that were thrown as bribes turned into kool-aid by the time the judges caught them. It was so hot the paper the judges used spontaneously combusted. It was so hot the fish in the lake walked down to the Wolf River to cool off.

Ok, ok, it was a little warm and maybe a tad humid but the spirit and patriotism of the hardy and enthusiastic crews that manned the boats in this year's boat parade was not dampened by the hot weather. Of note:

The McMillan's pontoon was decorated from bow to stern with all kinds of garland, bunting and shiny foil stuff. And that was just the people! The boat looked pretty good too, with special emphasis on the American Olympic team. Sid McMillan donned his best Michael Phelps suit and garnered all the lady judges' votes. As a result of this blatant pandering to the feminist vote, lot #228 was named best decorated boat.

Thomas and Lisa Felts' boat was named as the most spirited. How the crew kept up that much craziness for that long as they passed in front of the judges' stand is a mystery to me. I am exhausted now just thinking about it. At the time though,

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it was a hoot.

70 Viking Drive (Jane Hanafin) won the most patriotic with the three gentlemen across the bow painted U and S and A. A chant of "USA, USA, USA" echoed across the lake and brought a tear to this old reporter's eye as we joined in with them. Patriotic decorations on the boat completed the effect. God Bless America!

The best self-propelled boat ribbon went to a kayak paddled by Maive Perich, an eight year old who knows no fear and is too cute for words. Her boat was also decorated with U.S.A to honor the athletes we are sending to the Olympics. She cheered "Gimme a U", "Gimme an S", "Gimme an A", "What does it say?" USA, USA, USA.

Best Music went to Lot #15 (Jane Raymond) because three of the cutest young ladies in the world sang their hearts out a cappella and wowed the judges. They belong on stage somewhere. How many of you remember the Lennon Sisters? I thought so.

An honorable mention ribbon went to the Arnold boat that was partially decorated by the aforementioned eight year old. The crew tossed beads to the judges and partied like they were at Mardi Gras. Nobody was driving but they made it by anyway. Go figure.

The very last boat was a Gill Gitter that was decorated to the hilt with happy folks, happy dogs, and happy feet. I thought I saw a fishing pole on board and we needed a fishing boat entry so there ya' go. The winner of the best fishing boat was 24 Viking Drive, home of Bill and Laura Plunk.

A special thanks goes out to Roger and Darlene Hanes for the loan of their dock with shade and their assistance in judging. We appreciate it. This year the international flavor of the judge's committee continued with the addition of Diann Belham from Australia to the team. Diann is here visiting friends and maintains a dual "Southernship". We also had a judge all the way from Missouri. We checked her papers and she's legal.

- Sonny Hale

Fishing Rodeo

On June 30th, with the temperature expected to reach 100 degrees, decisions had to be made about whether to brave the heat even in the early morning to fish the annual Walnut Grove Lake Fishing Rodeo. Due to the anticipated heat, attendance was down from the year before, how-

ever for those that participated, a fun time was had by all. Every participant went home with a door prize, even those that did not catch a fish. Surprising enough, only bass were caught during the rodeo...the other types of fish evidently decided to stay cool and not bite. This year's fishing rodeo was supported by some generous sponsors including: neighbor Lee Adams, Sportsman's Warehouse, Avery Outdoors, Peanut Craft Lures and "Outdoors with Larry Rea" radio show.

-Ron Wong

MailBox Decorating Contest

What a wonderful 4th of July celebration in the neighborhood! The 2012 mailbox decorating contest was a grand display of patriotism and creative effort. Our judges had a difficult time awarding the ribbons because there were so many great entries. We had 52 homes participate this year.

We had a best of show that was outstanding and many great patriotism and honorable mention awards. Our 2nd place award was a lighted display, and our 3rd place had fantastic large wooden red, white, and blue stars.

Our theme of this year's mailbox contest was patriotism and our first place winner did us proud by displaying the Solder's Creed. If you have never read it before it will bring tears to your eyes (it did mine). I would encourage everyone to look it up, it is amazing. The last two sentences read, "I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life, I am an American Soldier." It was a beautiful display and tribute to our soldiers who have so bravely fought and are fighting for our freedom.

Thank you so much to all who participated I know our neighbors enjoyed seeing it as much as I did! A big thank you to Laura and Frank Plunk for decorating the entrance on the west side of the lake. It looked awesome!

Hope to see you around the neighborhood.

-Karen Davis

Go to our website - www.wglha.com - to see photos of all the Fourth of July activities - boat parade, fishing rodeo and mail box decorating contest. If you have photos that you took during the festivities that you would like to share, please email them to us at wglhoa@gmail.com.

Turtles

There's a new Sheriff in the neighborhood, and he is patrolling the shores of the lake in search of reptiles. Those yellowbellied sliders and soft shell reptiles we commonly refer to as turtles. Most of us who live on the lake or fish regularly around the shorelines have noticed the turtle population explode over the past several years. For a lake the size we have, there are way too many of these critters, and I plan to help do something about them.

There are many avid live bait fishermen on the lake that can attest to my horror of seeing an "Armada" of turtle heads approaching my cork while attempting to catch whatever type of fish I am after for the day. We can't keep a bait in the water



long enough to attract a fish without turtles swarming and eating the bait. And, if you have ever caught one of the larger critters you know how hard it is to get them off the hook. One good bite from some of these guys can leave you without part of your finger!

I have volunteered this summer to help dispose in a humane way as many of our little reptile friends as possible with the help of Thomas

Adams and a couple of small turtle traps, graciously approved by the Homeowners Association. I will be baiting and removing the turtles and releasing them into the Wolf River where they have plenty of room to multiply and no longer overcrowd our lake.

If you come across one of the traps (there are 3 of them) please do not put your hands inside. Turtles do have a nasty bite and you don't know what else could be in there. The traps are small, 2 1/2' by 2' by 1' and anchored by a couple of posts to keep them from floating away. If you do notice one floating loosely and not anchored down, please contact me at 754-5260. Thanks.

*-Sheriff Dave Brown
Turtle Patrol*



Mailbox Best of Show
Howard and Diann Cobbs
124 Viking Drive



Best Decorated Pontoon
Sid & Margie McMillan

More Fourth of July photos on page 8 and 9!!!



June Lawn of the Month

This month's big winner for the Lawn of the Month goes to Vera McPherson of 73 Viking Cove. Vera lives on a corner lot and has made the lawn look beautiful. This lot not long ago was an overgrown jungle. I could not believe the transformation. Vera has replanted the whole front yard and has now a beautiful lawn. She said that it was a lot of work but so worth the trouble. It looks like a whole different house with a lovely yard. Congratulations, Vera!

June Garden of the Month

This month's Garden of the Month goes to Ann Hightower of 205 W. Viking Drive. This garden was nominated by Carol Fulton. As Margie McMillan and I drove by we could see why. We loved all of the lovely landscaping. The front yard has many beautifully shaped shrubs, flowering plants, large trees and a lovely bench sitting in the shade. The grass was plush and green with detailed precision. Congratulations, Ann!



Back Yard of the Month

I received a call from Marleen Demchuk asking me to see her back yard at 8244 Byre Hollow Cove. After visiting her stunning back yard, Margie and I decided to add this to our monthly recognition of beautiful landscaping. Not everyone can see the back of someone's yard but we can still take pictures. Marleen has beautiful flower gardens in every corner of her yard. They are all filled with flowering bushes, perennials, annuals, and even metal accent flowers. We just loved her back yard. Marleen said that her secret is to talk to your plants! Thanks for your tip, Marleen. I'm going to try it.

Thanks to all the winners. Call me with your nominations for the next yard and garden of the month.

- Parris Edwards, 309-8831

**Wolf River Conservancy Canoe
Training for Beginners with
Bluff City Canoe Club at
Walnut Grove Lake
Saturday, August 25, 2012, 9:30**

The Wolf River Conservancy (WRC) will be sponsoring a canoe training class for beginners here at Walnut Grove Lake. The class will be for WRC members, Bluff City Canoe Club members as well as WGLHA members on Saturday, August 25, 2012, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If you are interested register with the WRC and meet at the dam at 9:15.

The WRC is working with the Bluff City Canoe Club to offer a training course for beginning canoe paddlers to better prepare them to participate in their monthly guided canoe trips on the Wolf River. Only adults, 18 years and older, and youths 15 to 17 will be allowed to train on WGL because of insurance restrictions. Youths 15 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent.

For children under 15, the WRC plans to provide some training in canoes on the ground, not on the water. Please let them know when registering if you are bringing children less than 15 years of age.

After the lesson, those who care to will paddle the lovely 3 1/2 mile section of the Wolf River from Germantown Road to Walnut Grove Road, enjoy lunch on a sandbar, and practice those newly acquired skills (12:15 until 3:30)!

If you can borrow, rent, or have your own canoe, please bring it; if not, we will have six canoes on site. There will be a charge of \$30 per canoe if you use one of ours, and \$10 per canoe if you bring your own. You must be a member of the WRC, the Bluff City Canoe Club or be a resident of WGLHA to participate. Contact Keith Kirkland at Keith@wolfriver.org for additional information.

All participants must register by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2012. After July 15, you can register at:

<http://wolfriver.org/default.aspx?p=79362&vtid=68549:8/25/2012> or

<http://wolfriver.org/> and look for activity schedule.

Lake Report

Lake Condition - As of this writing, the lake is quite low due to the terrible drought we are experiencing. The low water coupled with the extreme heat has produced a continual algae bloom. About the only thing that can be done to improve the situation is to strive to have minimum irrigation runoff into the lake. This would minimize the amount of fertilizer entering our water.

The lake was tested again, and I am happy to report that the lake has been given a clean bill of health. Dave Brown has put out turtle traps and has been relocating the turtles to the Wolf River. The lake certainly has a huge turtle population, and we need to thank Dave for his efforts.

Fishing - This is a slow time of year for fishing. I have had some success by fishing late. The more sizeable fish move into the shore after dusk. I have been successful using both worms and shallow running minnow-like lures such as the Rapala.

Stewardship - The lake is our most valuable asset, and we must keep it as pristine as possible. With that in mind, I would like to discuss three matters that should be of concern to all of us. First, the Fourth of July celebration is great fun and many of us have annual parties. It is the responsibility of all of us to remind our guests not to throw trash into our lake. On the morning of July 1st, in a little over an hour I collected 15 bottles and cans that had been thrown into the lake the night before. I know we can do better and it is only a few people that are responsible for this.

Next, there is the matter of outsiders using the lake. WGLHA spent a great deal of money stocking the lake and our fishing rules have preserved the fishing for our residents. Unfortunately, many outsiders now know the lake has pretty good fishing and want to fish here. In talking to various people I have encountered, it is clear that some residents are giving maintenance workers and friends of friends permission to fish including telling them to paint WGL and their lot number on the boat. I believe that the right to fish should not be given as a tip to those who do work on the house or persons who are unknown to the homeowner.

Finally, we all know there is a mosquito problem around the lake, and in fact, the West Nile Virus has been detected in our zip code. We should all be on the alert for mosquito breeding sites such as planters and boats without drains. The county sprayed for mosquitos last week, but we still need to do all we can to help ourselves in the matter.

- Bob Marchini



**Mailbox
1st Place
William and Laura Plunk
24 Viking**



**Mailbox
2nd Place
Thomas Breen &
Rebecca Palazolo
8469 Lofton Cove**



**Luke Swearingen and Christian,
most bass, boys**



**Mailbox
3rd Place
Aaron & Donna Sailors,
8383 Bazemore**



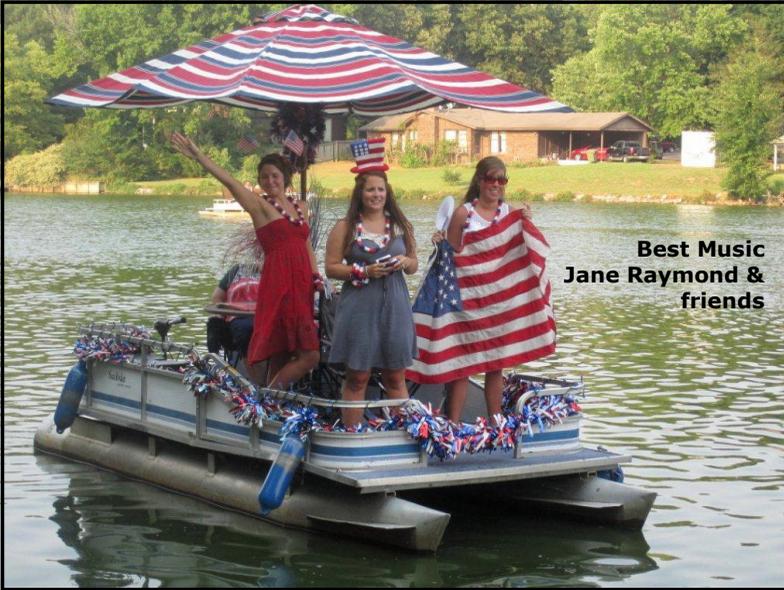
**Ashley Ault,
most bass,
adult**



**Fishing Rodeo
Trophy Winners
with Ron Wong**



**Sarah Swearingen and
Maeve Perich,
Most bass, girls**



**Best Music
Jane Raymond &
friends**



Best Self-Propelled - Maeve Perich



**Most Patriotic
Jane Hanafin**



**Most Spirited -
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**Neighborhood Appreciation Nights
with the Redbirds**

Come out and enjoy a great Redbirds game with
neighbors, friends and family. Purchase discount
tickets.

Game 1—Sunday August 12 vs. Tacoma
Game 2—Thursday, August 16 vs. Salt Lake City

For more information contact Jon Capodi,
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