

Living at.....



Fall 2012

Walnut Grove Lake

Neighborhood Watch NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

October 2, 2012
6:00 p.m. till whenever

**Block Captains or
Other Neighborhood
Citizens:**

**Meet new neighbors
"watch out for your
neighbors"**

**Contact your NW Coordinator,
Sandra McCorry, (755-6609) with the address of
your Block Party.**

**Officers from Applying Pre-
cinct will stop by!
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!**

2012-2013

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST 2012!

Yep. It is almost that time of the year again! Time to put up the brightest string of lights you have ever seen! This year we will have a twist on the contest. We will have a lake side contest as well.

For those of you who live directly on the lake we will have a contest judging for one additional category: "Lights on the Lake." Judging for this category will take place one night the week before Christmas when the judges will cruise the lake after sunset to explore the lights. Exact date and times to be announced! Decorate your dock, boat, back of home or yard.

Also this year we will have our yearly Holiday Lights Community Contest. To simplify the contest we will have the following categories:

- Best use of Landscape
- Best In Show
- There will be Honorable Mentioning as well

Remember be creative! Let's stand out! Have fun and get your family together to have a day of putting up lights. Invite your friends over for parties to show off the lake and your neighbors' lights.

The judging for the community contest, (the road side homes) will be the night of Thursday the 13th of Dec. In the event of severe weather we will postpone to the next night of Friday the 14th of Dec. Judging will be from 7 pm till 9 pm.

Don't forget the judges would like to see the creators. We will be taking pictures when we make final decisions that night at 9:00. Bribes are welcome! Homemade goodies are recommended with hot chocolate (spiked is optional)!!!

If you have any questions please feel free to call me personally at 508-6274. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

- Barry V. Ledbetter



Upcoming Events— Mark Your Calendar!

Tuesday, October 2 - National Night Out
Thursday, December 13 - Holiday Lights Contest
(rain date Friday, December 14)

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.

Reminder: If you have not yet paid your assessment of \$167.00 for the 2012-13 year, this is now due. If it will help your cash flow, you may pay this amount in installments. Just send in partial payments until the balance is paid.

St. Jude Heroes

As you have probably noticed, our neighbors are a very fit group! Look out the window pretty much any day, any time, and you will see runners, walkers, and bikers. We come in a variety of ages and sizes but we all have fitness in mind. Three of your neighbors (Jane Rezos, Leslie Watson, and Sharon Fewell) get into a training frenzy around this time each year in preparation for the St. Jude Half Marathon on December 1. Our goal is to finish the 13.1 mile event and not be miserable at the end. Jane Rezos and Leslie Watson are participating in this year's event for the fourth time while Sharon Fewell is on her seventh time! Want to join us on a run? Email Jane at janerezos@yahoo.com – we would love the company! Maybe we can get a neighborhood running group together.

This year, all three of us have committed to raising funds for St. Jude. Last year we raised a combined total of over \$3,500; this year we definitely want to top that amount. If you would like to make a donation, please visit one of our websites. (Just pick one! It all goes to the same place.) Or if you would like to give cash/check, please email Jane at janerezos@yahoo.com. We will make sure that the money gets to St. Jude!

<http://heroes.stjude.org/lesliewatson>

<http://heroes.stjude.org/janerezos>

<http://heroes.stjude.org/sfewell>

See you on the "mean streets" of
Walnut Grove Lake!!!

Leslie Watson

Jane Rezos

Sharon Fewell



August Garden of the Month



This month's Garden of the Month award goes to Jim and Brenda Corrigan of 8485 Bazemore Road. Margie McMillan and I

drove around and chose several beautiful gardens that were great. It was very hard to pick only one but the Corrigan's front yard really stood out. There are several varieties of flowers blooming which is very hard when we are in a big drought. My personal favorite is the big beautiful Angels Trumpet. They have many of these plus many lilies and flowering annuals, perennials, and several cute garden accents. As you drive down Bazemore stop and take a look at this beautiful yard. It is awesome! Congratulations to the Corrigans.

August Lawn of the Month



This month's Lawn of the Month award goes to Marshall and Barbara Ostrow of 73 Mysen. This was a tough decision

because there are a lot of neighbors who are working really hard to keep a nice lawn. We saw several super plush green lawns and I was so jealous. My lawn is not great and I am trying hard to keep it green. This lawn is so thick, plush and green it doesn't seem real. When placing the Best Lawn of the Month sign on this lawn my feet sank 7 inches into the grass. What is your trick? This lawn is surrounded by beautiful rose bushes and crepe myrtles. Great job. Congratulations to the Ostrows.

Thanks to all the winners. Call me with more nominations for the next yard and garden of the month. Remember to nominate your back yard too. Thanks.

- Parris Edwards, 309-8831

Feeding our Wildlife

A wildlife officer I spoke with recently said that we were making a big mistake in feeding stale bread to ducks and geese. This has always seemed to be a good thing for the animals but really it isn't and it's not good for the surrounding environment either. These animals cannot digest bread and it goes straight through them. This carbohydrate-rich diet leads to greater defecation, and bird feces harbors bacteria responsible for numerous diseases, including avian botulism. In addition to this, bread can cause aspergillosis, a fatal lung infection that can decimate entire duck and waterfowl flocks.



Also, and just as important, the uneaten bread sinking to the lake bed becomes an unnatural pollutant that can eventually eradicate fish and other life in the vicinity. When we feed these birds bread it fills them up but gives them none of their nutritional needs and this is why we see them more and more foraging for food on our lawns and then defecating all over the place.

His suggestion is that we change our habits and feed them floating catfish food. This is not only nutritious for the animals but is also great because what they don't eat provides food for the fish (which might make our docks even greater fishing spots around the lake!)

Floating catfish food costs less than 50 cents a pound and is available in a 50 lb. bag from Hollywood Feed or Tractor Supply. I have been feeding over 20 ducks and over 50 geese for the past few weeks and they hang out in sight of my dock so they don't miss a feeding!

If we all started doing this it might change the habits and health of our waterfowl and make them a little easier to live with!

- Howard Cobbs

Pet News

Hello Neighbors,

Summer has come and gone and I haven't done some of the projects around the house I intended to do. I wanted to have coffee with Tanya, a fellow dog rescuer. I haven't stopped by to thank Jeanie Velarde for helping a lost dog have a second chance at a forever home. I have however, been a part of several animal rescues. I can't seem to say no to someone that needs help with a rescued dog or cat. My daughter even rescued two big beautiful white rabbits! A neighbor gave her a hutch and offered food. I love our Walnut Grove Lake neighborhood. Our friends and neighbors that live here are for the most part animal lovers.

I have talked about not walking the dogs on hot asphalt; keeping our dogs on a leash; securing fences and pets during storms and fireworks; flea protection; heart worm meds; vet care; the spay neuter clinic and the humane society. Please don't forget our animal services offices. I have asked you to adopt, don't shop, and donate to animal rescue groups all over the city. I guess I will always get on my soap box when it comes to children, animals and our elderly. I tell people to speak up. Tell anyone looking for a pet companion animal that shelter and rescued pets are the best. Most are house trained, their foster parents try to give them basic obedience skills and they are spayed or neutered and have vaccinations before they are put up for adoption. They just need some extra TLC.

My house will never be as clean as a Good Housekeeping model, the Swiffer has become my best friend... but it is filled with laughter, love, joy and chaos. I wouldn't trade any of my fur babies for a model home for anything in the world.

Let us not become weary in doing good for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.----Galatians 6:9

Paws and think!

Mid-south Spay and Neuter Clinic 854 Goodman St. off Park Ave. 901-324-3202 (they love volunteers)

Humane Society (off Farm Road At Shelby Farms) 901-937-3900

Police to report abuse and neglect 545-cops

- Pam O'Fallin

This 'n That

Decals - Do you have one of these decals on your rear window? Every car that is parked at the dam or at Simpson Park should have one. That way we know the driver is a member of WGLHA, and not a trespasser. If you don't have one and have parked your car on the dam or in Simpson Park, you may have gotten a flyer left on your windshield because we don't know if you belong there or not. So, please put one on your rear window. Even if you don't ever park in our private parks, it shows you have pride in your neighborhood. If you need a decal, call 758-2796 to get one. PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE IF NO ONE ANSWERS. THIS PHONE IS NOT MANNED ALL THE TIME.



Boat Id Numbers - Please remember that all boats on Walnut Grove Lake must have the proper ID on both sides. The proper ID is: WGL + your lot number, such as WGL 228. Having the ID on your boat helps us tremendously in identifying trespassers. You can purchase the numbers and letters at Lowe's.

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.

Pier Refinished - We recently had our pier pressure washed and stained again. Thank you Tony Reese, Dr. Deck 'N Fence!

Gardens at our Entrance Signs

I don't know about ya'll, but keeping my own yard in shape is difficult, much less planting, watering and weeding a second plot of land – so....

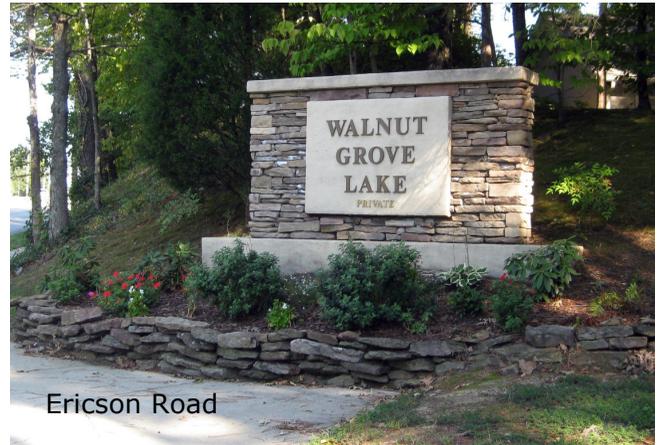
I'd like to personally thank Walnut Grove Lake residents Parris and Ransom Edwards and Greg and Linda Martel for making our neighborhood more beautiful. Since last spring, during the long, hot drought, these gracious folks have tended to the landscaping of the signs at Walnut Grove Road at Viking and Ericson, volunteering their time, tools and plants! It isn't easy work, because, as in the words of Rudyard Kipling, "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."

When you see them at the signs, bent over, picking out leaves and weeds, doing a little sprinkling, and probably a lot of sweating - please stop and give them a big hello and a pat on the back!

- Jane Raymond



Viking Drive



Ericson Road

Lake Report

Lake Condition

The lake is at full stage due to the recent rains and looks quite good. In case you missed the last report, the lake water has been tested and has been given a clean bill of health.

I know that I get a bit preachy on keeping the lake clean, but autumn is a particularly bad time for the lake. Please keep the leaves out of the gutter. We should keep the leaves out of the watershed as much as possible and practical.

Another problem for all of us concerns mosquito control. I took a tour of the lake with one of the mosquito control experts from the health department and I was shocked. I was one of the offenders. The drain saucers under my outdoor plants had mosquito larva in them even though the plates had only had water in them for a couple of days. I have removed the saucers. We then sailed around the lake and found many boats

full of rainwater and the same little wigglers. Please make sure your boats are not mosquito breeding reservoirs.

Finally, the West Nile virus has been detected in our zip code. The county sprayed for mosquitoes, at least twice this summer, but we still need to do all we can to help ourselves in the matter.



Fishing

Fishing has been very spotty. I have caught a few fish late, but nothing worth bragging about. The fish I have caught appeared to be healthy. The so-called "dog days" of summer are nearing an end and fishing should pick up soon as the water cools.

- Bob Marchini

Wolf River Conservancy Member Canoe Training on August 25

After five WRC River Guides completed American Canoe Association (ACA) Instructor training over 3 days in July, they led their first canoe training class for WRC members at Walnut Grove Lake on Saturday, August 25. ACA Certified Canoe Instructors and long time WRC River guides Charlie Bright, Mike Watson, Jim Gafford, and Richard Sojourner all led our first canoe instruction class for 10 WRC members who were paddling five canoes.

These trainees were our kind of paddlers. Even though it was raining, everyone voted to continue with the canoe training. The trainees met at 9:00 a.m. and the training went until 11:30. The instructors and students finished the training session with a paddle down the 3 ¼ mile Germantown Rd. to Walnut Grove Section of the Wolf River, so that everyone could practice their skills in moving current.

We thank the Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association for allowing the WRC, your neighbor (we own the 318 acre forest adjacent to the Wolf River behind your dam and new section of your neighborhood), to use your beautiful lake to train Wolf River Conservancy's supporters. Our volunteer guides felt great about improving our abilities to train our members so that they may participate in our paddle trips down one of the most beautiful and adventurous rivers in the Southeast!

If you are not already a member, please join the WRC using this link <http://wolfriver.org/joinrenew>. Our members enjoy monthly guided paddling and hiking trips along 90 miles of the beautiful Wolf River, as well supporting our successful efforts to protect and enhance the Wolf River for our community to use and enjoy!

- Keith Kirkland
Wolf River Conservancy
Director of Outreach
and Lands



Neighborhood Yard Sale

What a HOT day it was August 4, 2012! In SALES that is! We had over 35 houses get their sales on with the largest organized sale our community has seen since its foundation was laid! Well, maybe. We don't really know!

There were people everywhere that morning as early as 5:30 a.m. driving around looking for where the homes were placed trying to decide where to start. I was informed that we had everything for sale from boats and furniture to hand stitched curtains. Some homes made hundreds of dollars while some others broke into the thousands!

The sale was a wonderful success thanks to all of you who participated! It looks good enough for us to give it another try next year! With hopes that we will maybe double the size!

Have a GREAT rest of the year
Walnut Grove Lake residents!

- Barry V. Ledbetter



Welcome New Neighbors!

Davis & Jule Falvey, 75 W. Viking Drive
Jung Jin Lee, 8329 Trondheim Drive
Randy Newsom, 8483 Walnut Grove Road
Robert Reddick, 359 Sherburne
Dawn Ware, 8388 Bergen Drive

contracting **PRO**

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Babysitter Wanted: I'm looking for an inexpen-
sive babysitter in or near the community. My hus-
band and I are expecting our first child in January
and need a sitter for while we are at work (M-F
7am-5pm), starting when the baby is around 6-12
weeks. Any recommendations are appreciated! You
can call/text 901.786.4345 or email me at [an-
gel.stowe@yahoo.com](mailto:angel.stowe@yahoo.com).

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