



Late Fall 2012

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# Walnut Grove Lake



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST 2012!

This year we are going to have a TWIST on the contest. We are adding a secondary contest that will be for those living directly on the lake. The category will be: "LIGHTS ON THE LAKE." The judges will be cruising the lake, weather cooperating, Sunday the 16th between the hours of 7 pm and 9 pm. There will be only one category! BEST LIGHTS ON THE LAKE.

PLEASE NOTE: In order for the judges to know what home we are viewing, PLEASE place a sign in the right hand side of your yard with your LOT NUMBER on it! If you wish to place additional info such as home address and name you are welcome to do so. We would love to see you outside trying to get our attention as well. The best way to get our attention is to yell "PUNCH AND PIE"! or "FREE DRINKS"!

For those wanting to be involved in the road side homes contest we are going to simplify it this year. The contest will have the following categories:

- BEST USE OF LANDSCAPE
- BEST IN SHOW
- HONORABLE MENTION



Remember be creative! Stand out! Get your family and friends to come over and help set up the lights! Make a party of it! Invite your friends over for parties to show off the lake and the lights!

The judging for the road side homes will be the night of Thursday the 13th of December. In the event of bad weather we will postpone to the next night of Friday the 14th of December. Judging will be from 7 pm till 9 pm.

DON'T FORGET! We want to see the creators! We will be taking pictures when we make our final decisions that night at 9 pm. So be outside looking for us!

Get our attention! We recommend BRIBES of homemade cookies and hot chocolate!

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON THIS YEAR! Any questions feel free to call me. See ya on the lake.

- Barry Ledbetter  
508-6274



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## Upcoming Events— Mark Your Calendar!

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

Sunday, December 16 - Lakeside Holiday Lights Judging

Thursday, March 7, 2013 - WGLHA Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 30, 2013 - Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic

## Message from the President

Greetings WGLHA. I haven't written a president's message in a while. Guess I didn't think I had that much to say! Now, however, I'm starting to plan for our 2013 Annual Meeting, so I have a few thoughts to share.

I have been honored to be your President for seven years now. And believe it or not, I actually have enjoyed it for the most part. Working from home has allowed me to have the time to take care of things around here during the day, which is very helpful. Rebuilding the spillway was certainly my biggest challenge, by far!

I can continue to serve as President if you so choose at our next Annual Meeting. However, I can't do it alone. I have been so lucky over the years to have wonderful Board members who have been willing to volunteer their time to help take care of business. And this year's Board is no exception! I hope many, if not all, will want to continue on. Plus we are lucky to have a great Bookkeeper who takes care of collecting dues and paying bills, among other things.

Lately, our Board memberships have become solely made up of lakeside residents. There was a time when we had Board members who did not live on the lake. These folks provide a perspective that us lakeside residents may not be aware of. For instance, we made some revisions to our driveway and parking area on the east side of the dam once we became aware that sometimes the drive was blocked to people who needed to load and unload their boats at the ramp.

Our neighborhood has 456 households, I believe, and most of these are not located on the lake. I think it is so important to have everyone's input as to what issues need to be attended to - both on the lake and off. So please, whether you live on the lake or on our surrounding streets, consider volunteering to serve on our Board in 2013. The more input from all areas, the better. You can contact me or any Board member if you are interested and we will discuss with you what is involved. It really doesn't take much. Our next Newsletter will contain the list of nominees. You can either become a Board member or an Alternate.

We want to make sure our beautiful neighborhood continues to be a fantastic place for all of us to live. I look forward to hearing from you! And have a great holiday season!

**- Margie McMillan, President**

## Beaver Alert!

We often see evidence of beavers in the lake and they can do some real damage. Living like we do so near a major wetland area, it's virtually impossible to get rid of them permanently. However, there are things that we can do to protect our trees and shrubs.

Surround those that are within 20' - 30' of the lake with ¼" hardware cloth or wire mesh and make sure it is at least 36" high. Another way to protect your trees is to paint the trunks with grit paint. This is a mixture of about 4 ounces of mason sand per 1 quart of latex paint. You can have the paint matched to the tree bark.



Sea walls or rocks along the shoreline are good deterrents to the beavers. They will swim along a sea wall or shoreline until there is an opening where they can easily come onto the land and proceed to chow down. An opening in a sea wall is a perfect place for them to come ashore. If you have an opening that is there for drainage, you can place a piece of chicken wire in front of it to block beavers from entering there. Check your yard and your neighbor's yard along the lake for openings if you have experienced tree damage lately, and patch the holes.

We have a trapper who periodically traps and removes beavers from the lake. Our trapper is Alan Adams with American Wildlife. If you notice any recent beaver damage, call Mr. Adams at 323-8443 and he will see what he can do.

### **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](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. You can 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 [wglhoa@gmail.com](mailto:wglhoa@gmail.com) or by mail to 8428 Arenal Cove.

## **Cordova Museum**

The Cordova Museum is located at 1017 N. Sanga Road, in the Cordova Community Center building. The building was originally the first permanent schoolhouse of this area, erected in 1913 by the prestigious firm Jones and Furbringer. The actual school closed in 1973 and was used for storage by Shelby County for twelve years.

In 1985, after seeing a "For Sale" sign and fearing the building would be torn down, citizens of Cordova purchased the vacant building and satisfied the debt through various fundraising events over the next five years. They formed a non-profit 501[C](3) organization, Cordova Community Center.

In 1995 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places. With many school and town artifacts still remaining in the building, a museum evolved in one of the old classrooms.

The **MISSION** of Cordova Museum is to collect and preserve the town's history and to document and preserve the lineage of the early settlers and their neighbors. The **GOAL** is to promote community bonding and appreciation of local history among established residents, newcomers and visitors to Cordova.

The museum's collection of historic materials includes over 600 photographs and news articles and thirty taped interviews conducted as an oral history project by the University of Memphis in 1987. Other items include: historic maps dated 1888, 1896 and 1902, a train station bench dating back to 1888, a horse and buggy lap throw, war ration stamps, and an old steamer trunk. Also of historical significance is the display of school memorabilia which includes: pupil's antique desks with inkwells, teachers' desks, class pictures, a principal's paddle, poems written by the students, school books, and sports and cheerleading uniforms.

Cordova Museum is **open**  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Admission is **FREE**  
Ancestry.com access is **FREE**

## Lake Report

### Lake Condition

Well 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 was tested last summer and was given a clean bill of health. If anyone wishes to see the actual data, just email me and I will send you the report.

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 is possible and practical. Remember that leaves in the lake use oxygen and this will eventually aggravate our mosquito problem.



### 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.

- Bob Marchini

## Helpful Phone Numbers:

**Police - Appling Farms Station:** 636-4400

**Police:** 545-COPS

**Sheriff:** (Section H – Norseman, Walnut Creek, Byre Hollow & Glen Gyle) – 379-7625

**Citizens Service Center:** 576-6500 - Report code violations such as overgrown yards and debris. All complaints are kept confidential.

**County Codes Enforcement:** 222-8300 - Report code violations for houses in the county.

**Report street lights out:** 320-1498 (Get the ID number from the light pole.)

**Storm water drain hotline:** 529-0237 – to report dumping in streets or storm drains

**MLGW:** 544-MLGW for power outage, wires down, leaking water mains, gas leaks

**Memphis Solid Waste Management:** 576-6851 to request a trash pickup. (Section H contact the company you have contracted with.)

## This 'n That

- WGLHA is going green! We recently installed a solar light on the pier.

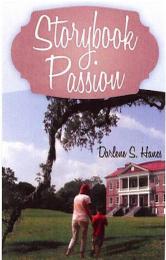
- Have you noticed a street light out near you? If so, please note the location of the pole and the pole number if you can find it. Call 320-1498 so the city can fix it.

## WGL Author

Darlene Hanes, neighborhood writer, announces publishing of new book, *Storybook Passion*.

**Contact Darlene at 901/292-1062 or darlenehanes@comcast.net for copies.** Also, available at Davis Kidd or online at Xlibris.com, amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com.

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## Welcome New Neighbor

David Rowena  
8458 Trondheim Drive

## The Ten Most Common Code Violations In Memphis

### Call The Mayor's Service Center at 576-6500 To Report Violations

- 1. Accumulation of Junk, Trash & Debris** on residential property. This includes discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, plastics or dead limbs or branches. All garbage should be disposed of by putting it in the proper container & placing it on the curb for collection at the appropriate location & time. **It is also a violation to allow trash carts to remain on the curb following pick-up.**
- 2. Open Storage of Material & Furnishings** that is dangerous to public health, safety, or welfare on residential property. This includes the outdoor use of indoor furniture, outside storage of household appliances, auto parts, or building materials.
- 3. Parking & Storing Inoperable Motor Vehicles** - It is a violation to park, store, or leave any vehicle which is wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property for over 10 days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.
- 4. Excessive Weeds, Grass, Trees & Vegetation** - Allowing grass or weeds to grow over 12" high, or allowing plants, shrubs, or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct pedestrian traffic or the visibility of motorists is a code violation.
- 5. Off -Street Parking** - Parking or storing any vehicle on the lawn or sidewalk of any residential property is a code violation. This includes the parking or storing of more than four vehicles for more than a 10 day period at any single family residential structure, unless completely enclosed in a building.
- 6. Substandard Structures & Fences** - Any accessory structure including storage sheds, garages & fences that are considered structurally unsound or in need of repair in order to serve the intended purpose are code violations.
- 7. Special Use & Recreational Vehicles & Equipment** - No homeowner or tenant shall park or store any special use vehicle or recreational vehicle on residential property, unless the surface is made of concrete, asphalt or other approved material. It is a violation to park or store more than one recreational or special use vehicle & equip. at any single family dwelling. This includes, but is not limited to any boat, trailer, camper, or RV in the front of the yard or on any residential street.
- 8. Commercial Vehicles & Equipment** - Parking or storing any commercial vehicle exceeding 8,000 pounds on any residential property or residential street is a code violation. This includes any 18-wheelers and dump trucks.
- 9. Abandoned & Derelict Structures** - It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns or is liable for in order to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity.
- 10. General Services & Repair Shops** - Operating a commercial business in a district zoned residential without proper permits is illegal. Certain commercial establishments are strictly prohibited in residentially zoned areas. This includes any for profit general repair services, such as automotive, equipment or appliance repair shops.

## Saving Bambi

I called my husband and said, "You're not going to believe what I just did!" I'm sure his mind raced. Bought a new car? Found more baby kittens? I said, "I purposely tore up the neighbor's fence." "What?!" he said. Well, I had a good reason. You see, I walked out to get the mail and I heard this strange noise coming from the neighbor's yard. There was a terrible banging sound. I walked over and to my surprise, I saw what looked like a little brown dog stuck in the neighbor's gate. When I got closer, I saw that it was a small deer or fawn.

The boards on the gate were spaced about four inches apart and the little deer had tried to jump between them. Its head and shoulders went through, but its back end got stuck on the other side. I ran to the neighbors door, but no one was home. So I ran back home and started calling other neighbors, but no one answered!

By this time, my four-year-old son was involved. He said "Mommy, you've got to do something!" And he was right, I couldn't just leave it there. This happened back in July and the fawn already looked exhausted and overheated. Feeling rather unqualified for the job, I hurried to the tool case and grabbed a hammer. We were off on our mission to "Save Bambi!"

My son was intrigued to see a real baby deer up close. It was covered in little white spots and it scrambled trying to escape when we got close. I told my son to stand back in case an upset momma deer suddenly appeared. I looked around wishing some help would arrive, but we were on our own. As I raised the hammer to hit the fence the little deer made the most pitiful "baaaaa" noise. I guess he thought I might be about to do him in. I held the gate and hit the fence board repeatedly all while the fawn kicked and flailed. Finally, the board broke in half. Not exactly how I had hoped, but it was just enough room for the fawn to escape. He ran toward Lovitt Field. About 40 feet out, he stopped and looked back at us and then disappeared into the tall grass.



As my husband can tell you, I had some explaining to do to the neighbor. Fortunately, she was very understanding. In fact, a few days later she called us over to see the whole deer family reunited. The mother (or doe) didn't have just one fawn, but two. The experience was a bit unnerving, but now my son thinks I'm a real hero for saving the baby deer. It's been very rewarding to watch those fawns grow and now their spots have faded, and they're almost as big as their mother. We still see them on a regular basis.

So here are some things I have learned about fawns. Does usually have their offspring (one or sometimes two) between April and July. The mother will leave the babies alone in a covered area while she goes out to forage. She checks on them periodically and they will usually lie still where she left them. Often, well meaning people discover them and think they've been abandoned. Wildlife agencies say if you find a fawn, it's best to leave it where you found it and don't touch it. Most likely, the mother will be back soon. If you suspect the mother is really gone or that the fawn is injured, call your local wildlife agency.

- Juli Parks



## Saving Rocket J. Squirrel



A couple of years ago in mid-November, we were finally getting around to closing our swimming pool. We had left the sump pump running all night to draw down the water level so we could empty the pipes. I woke up around 7 and looked out to see if the water was down far enough. I saw something next to one of the water jets—a big leaf maybe? So I went to investigate, and here was a poor squirrel who was hanging on to the water jet for dear life so he wouldn't drown. Squirrels drink out of our pool all summer long. He probably tried to get a drink and since the water level was down he leaned a little too far and fell in.

"Let him drown!! We have too many squirrels already!!", I hear some of you cry. But you didn't see those big brown eyes!! I just couldn't do that. I got the net and scooped him out and laid the net with him on it on the ground. He was soaking wet and shaking so hard I was afraid he'd just fall apart. I figured he would die of exposure if I didn't do something.

So I ran in the house and got a beach towel and came back out and wrapped him and the net up in it with just his nose showing. (Yes I did keep my hands away from his mouth.) Then I threw some more towels in the dryer and about every 10 or 15 minutes I'd go out with a fresh warm towel. He just laid there and looked at me. He didn't struggle, he didn't make a move. Finally after about an hour, I went with another fresh towel, and he suddenly jumped up and ran off up a tree. Whenever I see a squirrel in my back yard, I always wonder if it's my special squirrel.



-Jeanie Velarde



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## Classified Corner

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