



Living at.....

Walnut Grove Lake

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES!

Hi neighbors. It's time to get ready for this year's Independence Day festivities! This year all festivities will be held on Saturday, July 2. Following the Fishing Rodeo in the morning and the Boat and Anything That Floats Parade in the afternoon, we will again be awed by our annual Fireworks Display.

This year we will be remembering Marcia Brown who passed away last year. For so many years, she organized our fireworks displays from making flyers and signs to collecting the money to hiring the fireworks company and taking care of the pyrotechnic team while they were setting up.

The show will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. Three warning shots will be fired five minutes before the fireworks will begin. We have done our best to ensure our fireworks will not begin early and surprise some people who missed them last year.

Both parks will be open for picnicking, grilling and/or throwing out a blanket for viewing. Port-a-Potties will be provided. Gates to the dam will be closed at 2:00 to allow the pyrotechnics team to set up. There will be NO PARKING ALLOWED in Farrell Park or Simpson Park on that day. If viewing by boat, please stay near the north end of the lake as fall-out from the fireworks can cause damage to boats and people, and if you come too close, the fire marshall may shut down the display. This is important! Do not bring your boats too close to the dam!

This is the most anticipated and fun-filled event of the year and many families will be hosting parties. Have guests come early to cheer on their favorite boat or grill some hotdogs at the parks. A \$60.00 donation is requested from each family to cover the expense of the fireworks. However, a contribution in any amount is greatly appreciated. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 1450, Cordova, TN 38088 or dropped off at 8497 Bergen Cove. After a day of fishing, boating, eating and playing, we can relax, sit back and enjoy our very own WGL Fireworks!!! Happy 4th to all of us!!!

MAILBOX DECORATING CONTEST

It's almost that time of year again to show our annual display of patriotism with the neighborhood mailbox decorating contest. Let's decorate our whole neighborhood in red, white, blue and stars and stripes. This year let's celebrate our wildlife neighbors such as the ducks, geese, owls, turtles, toads, beavers and fish. There was even an eagle sighting this year! Feel free to get creative and have fun with it. Please have your mailbox decorated by the evening of June 29th. We will be judging on Thursday June 30th and give out awards on Friday July 1st.

-Cydney Cunningham

FISHING RODEO

For the 2016 annual July 4th WGLHA fishing rodeo, the grand prize winner will win a fishing tackle package worth over \$300 and a fishing lesson by me (Ron Wong) on Walnut Grove Lake. Great news, you **don't** have to catch a fish to have the opportunity to win this package, just enter the rodeo on the morning of July 2nd at Simpson Park beginning at 8 AM. Fishing will start at 8:30 and end at 11:30 with weigh-in ceremonies beginning at that time. This year, prizes will be awarded for: **most bass** (all bass must be under 14 inches) – 2 places (one place adult and one place for under 14 years), **most fish** (includes bream, crappie and stripes) - 3 places (boy under 12, girl under 12 and overall), **largest catfish** – 1 place. There will be numerous door prizes to be given by drawing and you must be present to win. Thank you to the following companies for providing donations: Peanut Craft Lure Company, Strike King Lure Company, Sportsman Warehouse, Bass Pro Shops and Outdoors with Larry Rea Radio Show.

-Ron Wong

BOATS AND ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARADE

Boats should meet at the fishing pier at the dam by 6:00 p.m. The parade starts there and cruises past the boat landing at Farrell Park, up the east side of the lake showing off their “stuff.” Cross over to the west side of the lake up around the Walnut Grove Road end and come back down the west side and past the judging stand at Dottie Cull and Thara Burana’s home (second point from the dam on lot 18). Then follow the shoreline around to Little Park and Simpson Park for the spectators at the parks, and back to the dam to complete the voyage. Margie McMillan will be the “Grand Marshall” - please follow her past the boat landing and into the Little Park and Simpson Park coves. These are the only locations where spectators who don’t live on the lake can watch the parade, since the dam will be closed by then because of the fireworks.

Prize categories are: Most Patriotic, Best Self-Propelled, Best Music, Most Spirited, Best Decorated, Best Kids’ Boat, Best BRIBE!!!, GRAND CHAMPION, Honorable Mentions, and perhaps a surprise category or two. We will also have a Marcia Brown memorial award, which will be decided by Marcia’s sister Lisa Felts and her family. Marcia was the instigator and organizer of our Fourth of July festivities for many years and sadly we lost her last fall. Prizes/Ribbons (and bragging rights) will be delivered after the parade.

All boats must have WGL + Lot Number on both sides. (That’s how the judges identify the entries.) Last year’s entries were fantastically patriotic, musical and a whole bunch of silly fun. Let’s all enjoy them again this year. Spectators can enjoy wonderful views from the boat landing at the dam, Little Park and Simpson Park.

Neighborhood Garage Sale

It's time to spring clean for a summer block sale! Please join in a community wide garage sale this summer on July 16, 2016. All residences are welcome to participate by displaying items on their own lawns, driveways, or garages, and together we hope to draw a larger crowd of buyers. All advertising will be covered by the association, but if you could please email Tessa Merten (TessaMerten@gmail.com) informing her of your intent to participate, then we will add your house to the map so that buyers know where to find you! Flyers will also be available by request for distribution in case anyone would like to tack them in break rooms, community spaces, or hand out to friends.



Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

Mailbox Decorating Contest Judging – Thursday, June 30
Independence Day Festivities – Saturday, July 2
Neighborhood Garage Sale—Saturday, July 16
WGLHA Dam Party – Saturday, October 29

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Yard/Garden of the Month Awards

Spring has sprung and with that we are starting to see the flowers, trees and plants begin to show off their colors and majesty. I love this time of the year and it is a perfect time to spruce up our yards. The temperatures are perfect so let's get out there, cleanup and improve our yards which makes such a huge difference to the overall beauty and appeal of one of the best looking subdivisions in town, Walnut Grove Lake.

While I was driving through the subdivision looking for potential winners for the Yard and Garden of the Month I was impressed by the many yards that are starting to look fantastic. Thank you to all who consistently keep their yards looking so nice.

May Yard of the Month Award goes to Ken McPhail and Mary Helms at 396 Reksten Cove.

We are Ken McPhail and Mary Helms and we live in a quiet and tranquil spot on Reksten Cove with her son Wesley, my soon-to-be stepson. We have two dogs, Bandit and Dodger along with two cats, aptly named Momma and Baby. I asked Mary to be my wife 2 months ago and she amazingly said, "Yes." The wedding date hasn't been set yet but we are thinking sometime in the fall. Mary is an amazing woman that is probably the hardest working person I have ever met. We are co-owners of Cordova Carpet Cleaning and Floors. We specialize in carpet cleaning and in new flooring. We sell as well as install. We love going to Destin, FL once or twice each year, just to get away from it all. We love spending time on the beach or taking a charter



boat out to do some deep sea fishing. Also, we go camping, mainly at Calico Rock, AR in the beautiful Ozarks. We actually couldn't believe the "Lawn of the Month" sign was in our yard when we pulled up to the driveway. We actually don't consider our lawn as one of the best in the neighborhood because some of the lawns are quite amazing but friends say we are pretty critical of our work. Last March we went to Destin and before we left we put some weed killer on the yard. We were gone for about a week and when we came back we had very little Bermuda, almost totally dirt. What we thought was Bermuda was mostly weeds. It was then when we decided that it was embarrassing to have a lawn look so bad, so both of us set out to one day receive "Lawn of the Month." We started watering each day and we planted Bermuda seed. By the end of last summer the lawn started to look pretty darn good and by the end of this summer we intend for the lawn to be great. We both absolutely hate yard work but when we saw the lawn last March we decided to put a whole lot more effort into it and look here, Lawn of the Month! Since we sell carpet, we would love for our lawn to look like carpet, so that is our goal. We are so proud to be recognized for the work we have put into the yard and we are just as proud to call Walnut Grove Lake our home. Next adventure, landscaping!

May Garden of the Month Award goes to Kim Lampkins and Hope Lloyd at 8396 Trondheim Court.

Hope and Kim have lived in Walnut Grove Lake subdivision since 2003. They selected this subdivision for the big aged trees that provide a cool shade in the summer and all the beautiful azaleas bushes that bloom every spring. Their hobby is digging in the dirt. They said they enjoy getting outside and making the area look good for all to enjoy. The house is a corner lot and a beautiful garden with colorful flowers within the sitting area greets each vehicle as it drives by.



Congratulations to the above winners! Walnut Grove Lake is such a beautiful subdivision. This year I'm looking for those who are making a noticeable improvement in their lawns and gardens, so do what you can to improve an already gorgeous neighborhood.

-Dave Coletta

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! (It 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

WGLHA Neighborhood Watch

PLAN A BLOCK PARTY 2016!

Meet new neighbors

May & June – great time – not too hot

Create a theme! Take pictures!

Send us photos and results of your “Party” for the next newsletter.

(# in Attendance, Theme, Menu, Games, etc. Let us know if you want Precinct Officers to come by.)

A few ideas:

Ice cream & Cookies

Cider & Donuts

Hotdogs & Chips

Cheese & Crackers/Drinks

Pizza

Fire up your fire pits

Meet in front yard/driveway

Or Progressive Party through your block

Encourage your neighbors to attend!



American Idol Watch Party Celebrates 15 Years

At the series finale of American Idol on April 7th, I was asked to write a story for the newsletter about the 15 years of traditions that a group of WGL women had created, celebrated and bonded over. Instead, I wrote a story that landed us on the front page of the Commercial Appeal Cordova Weekly on April 19th.

Back in 2008 the FOX television station came here to film an absolutely hilarious segment about these American Idol fans which ran off and on for a week, making local stars of the ladies. I have to confess that my story was a bit of a whitewashed version of the real goings on. I mean, it's one thing to let folks in on the cute, PG - rated aspect of things and quite another to let our secrets out of the neighborhood, as it were! The truth is these woman are fun loving. They would express their boisterous feelings about their likes and dislikes of the contestants; dancing might ensue at the drop of a hat; let's just say the joint was jumping. When former neighbor Kathy Peery returned from Nashville for the finale night, she may have mentioned former Idol contestant, Bo Bice, close to a million times! Another American Idol occurrence included eating giant hunks of cake, like a bunt cake cut into fourths, a real first come first served cake scenario. I am new to the neighborhood and missed the year when some sneaky ladies would take some decorations in secret from the host's house, and put them out the next week at the new host's house to see if the past host would notice. Over the years they have screamed, laughed, eaten, drunk, and supported and bonded with each other through good times and bad.

When I was planning the move here from Texas, I read about WGL in the Memphis Magazine January 2015 issue which decreed it to be the "Hidden Gem of Memphis." I devoured that story. I just had to live in the neighborhood where they had their own fireworks display, parties and families that grew up and came back to live in the same neighborhood and sometimes the same house. I marveled at the story of one couple who had lived in their house three different times, always coming back to WGL (that would be the Theos family and Fran was practically the first person I met when I got here). I was pulled in by the passion for the area and the strong sense of community.

This past month I danced at an American Idol Party, helped a group of WGLers celebrate winning the Gumbo Cook-off at the Ragin' Cajun Festival on April 17th and then that night watched teammates Sharon and Parris on News Channel 5, explaining to the reporter their history with the event and how happy they were to have won.

I just have to say that I have found my happy place: gumbo, fun and crazy neighbors; giant pieces of cake; parties at Margie's to put together the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic. Let's not forget the Dam Party which was a huge hit for all of us Fall Event loving types. I loved the many cakewalks, the dog costume contest and the live music. I mean who wouldn't want to be a part of such a community. It doesn't get better than this. I am home. Thank you WGL.

-Sunny Smith

Letter to the Editor

I just wanted to thank Margie McMillan for doing such a great job on the Annual Meeting. The audience introductions were delightful. There were 7 or 8 families represented that have lived in our neighborhood for over 30 years! It was fun to hear the banter about the horse farm on what is now Lovitt Field, and the stories about how the neighborhood celebrated events in years past. Three or four folks mentioned that they had grown up out here - you know a neighborhood has a lot going for it when there are so many second generation homeowners. Margie's slide show was very informative - I am always impressed by how much work our gracious volunteer Board does to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Thanks also to Sandra McCorry for your presentation - and for all you do with Neighborhood Watch to make Walnut Grove Lake a safer place to live. Here's to 2016!

-Jane Raymond

Do you have an idea for a Letter to the Editor? Send it to Margiesmc@gmail.com for our next newsletter!

Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic

What a beautiful day for our Walnut Grove Lake Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic! On Saturday, March 26, more than 60 children dashed into Lovitt Field and the egg hunt was on. Later, there was a toddler hunt in Simpson Park. There were about a zillion eggs to find, so no one went home empty handed.

Neighbor Jane Hanafin contributed many stuffed eggs, organized the egg hiding, set the boundaries with whirly-gigs and generally set the stage for mayhem eggstravaganza!

So many generous neighbors contributed and stuffed eggs – Kimberly Price, Parris Edwards, Margaret Crump, Deb Jordan, Jessica Roberts, Sandy Friedlander, Pam Parham, the Parks, Jane Rezos, Leslie Watson, Deb Lay, Kathy DeFreece, Gayle Jones, Cindy Connor, and Lisa Felts, and others.

The Easter egg-shaped sidewalk chalk and our playground equipment kept the kids entertained while the rest of us got to know each other a little better.

Many neighbors stayed for Beth Jackson and Dave Fearn’s grilled hot dogs – another yummy year. Lia Giniusz, Rich Lyons and Pam Parham bravely donned gloves and were excellent servers! Oh – and the desserts and dips and salads and fruit contributed by neighbors...let’s just say no one went home hungry or sugar free!

Margie McMillan orchestrated some boat rides for many happy children.

I apologize that I didn’t mention all of you who donated money, food, eggs, time and energy, but thank you all so much for helping us make this a really fun event! As always, it was great fun to meet new neighbors and talk with old friends.

-Jane Raymond





Check our website for lots more photos!



Covenants Compliance Q & A

At this time we are emphasizing the following Covenant: Article 6 Section 1 (j) "All Lots shall be kept clean and free of trash, rubbish, garbage, debris or other unsightly objects or material at all times. Trash, garbage or other wastes shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner and all containers or other equipment for the storage or disposal of garbage and trash shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition inside garages, behind fences, or otherwise hidden from view."

Q - Why is this important?

A - It is important for the overall appearance and property values of our neighborhood for everyone to abide by all WGLHA covenants. In this case we especially ask you to keep your lots clean and store your garbage carts either inside your garage, behind a fence or otherwise hidden from view.

Q - We received a notice concerning our garbage carts but have observed that there are other houses nearby with their carts clearly visible. Is this something you are addressing with all these houses or are you just having a problem with ours?

A - Our neighborhood has 456 houses in it, therefore it will take a lot of time to cover all residents where garbage carts are visible from the street. We started leaving notices on Walnut Creek, Norseman, Byre Hollow Cove, Glen Gyle Cove, Ericson Cove and part of Viking and have notified 25 neighbors so far to hide their garbage carts. Some have complied and others have received a second notice. This is a long, time consuming process, but we plan to make it all the way around the neighborhood. Hopefully neighbors whose carts are clearly in view will read this and move their carts into their garages or behind a fence or otherwise hide them from view without receiving a notice from us.

Q - Why don't you just call me to discuss this situation?

A - With 456 households in our neighborhood, there will be many who need to be contacted. One phone call, assuming the resident can be reached by phone, can take 15 to 20 minutes. We have a volunteer board with a limited amount of time to spend on neighborhood duties. Please understand that your Board just doesn't have that kind of time to spend on calling so many neighbors to ask them to comply with our covenants!

Q – I have stored my garbage carts in the same place since I moved here. Why are you asking me to move them now?

A – We are making a concerted effort at this time to bring all residents into compliance with this important covenant.

Q – Our attorneys think this is important. What do they say about this?

A – We attended a special meeting at our attorneys' offices recently concerning covenants compliance. During that meeting our attorney specifically mentioned garbage carts. He stated, "The proper storage of the garbage and recycle containers drastically improves the appeal of the neighborhood."

Q - What's the bottom line?

A – In addition to keeping your lot clean and free of debris, if you are currently storing your garbage carts in front of your garage or house, or even on the side of your house where they are clearly visible, you need to move them inside your garage, behind a fence or otherwise hide them from view. If you do not have a garage, but only a car port, please store your garbage carts in your car port if there is no other place that is hidden from view. We understand that with two large carts, some people may have a real problem finding a place to store them. If you get a notice and feel that you don't have another option, contact us and we will try to work it out.

**Walnut Grove Lake
Homeowners Association, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2016**

ASSETS

First Tennessee Bank	47,443.94
Petty cash	100.00
Cash reserves	231,428.53
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>278,972.47</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity Contribution	85,030.37
Retained Earnings	150,572.48
Net Income	<u>43,369.62</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>278,972.47</u>

Accounts Receivable	18,065.17
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Notes:

Legal and Tax Prep—most of this is for enforcement of our covenants.

Collection expense—legal fees associated with collecting overdue assessments. Most of this expense is reimbursed when the overdue assessment is collected.

Special activities include the Dam Party, the Easter Egg hunt and picnic, Christmas contest awards, non-fireworks Fourth of July expenses such as fishing rodeo, mailbox and boat parade prizes, fees for the fire marshall, porta potties in the parks during the nice weather months.

Donations included flowers for the funerals of Susan McDonald and Marcia Brown, white rose and purple ribbon supplies and a donation to Covenant United Methodist Church that lets us use their facility for our meetings.

**Walnut Grove Lake
Homeowners Association, Inc.
Income and Expense Statement
May 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2016**

Income

Dues collected	100,029.43
Finance charges	2,465.24
Investment income	<u>1,432.26</u>

Total Income

103,926.93

Expense**Purchased Services**

Bookkeeping Services	3,056.63
Legal and Tax Prep.	9,860.12
Collection Expense	2,438.01
Postage and Delivery	1,199.22
Newsletter Printing	1,816.00
Directory Printing	1,999.13
Other Printing	99.99
Website / email	439.50
Bank Service Charges	<u>33.00</u>

Total Purchased Services

20,941.60

Repairs & Maintenance

Park and playground equipment	757.95
Lake, dam, dock	2,071.85
Mowing	8,450.00
Water testing	150.00
Signs	38.00
Landscape Materials	<u>164.52</u>

Total Repairs & Maintenance

11,632.32

Supplies

Special activities	2,235.78
Office Supplies	<u>549.51</u>

Total Supplies

2,785.29

General & Administrative

Security	12,749.00
Dam Certification	<u>500.00</u>

Total General & Administrative

13,249.00

Insurance Ex-

9,072.16

Utilities

2,318.95

Donations

557.99

Total Expense

60,557.31

Surplus

43,369.62

WGLHA Annual Meeting March 3, 2016 Recap

With a quorum present, the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting were approved. Next, a vote was taken for 2016-2017 officers. Results can be seen on page 2. Attendees introduced themselves and said how long they've lived in the neighborhood.

President Margie McMillan presented a slide show beginning with the **Neighborhood Events** of the past year: **Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic & Boat Rides; Independence Day Festivities including Mailbox Decorating Contest, Fishing Rodeo, Boat Parade and Fireworks; Dam Party, and Holiday Lights Decorating Contest**. Several positive comments were made from the audience in regards to the activities.

The next part of the presentation was about **Neighborhood Beautification**, including **Lawns & Gardens of the Month, Entrance Signs Gardens, New Crepe Myrtles planted at Farrell Park and various maintenance activities in the parks**. In response to a request for suggestions of park improvements a comment was offered as to the need for a ladder on the pier.

Covenants Compliance is an important part of the Board's job. The Board uses its **Project Beautification** notices which it leaves in mailboxes stating the covenant violation and asking the homeowner to do what's necessary to comply. Many notices are given out each year which usually is enough to bring the homeowner into compliance. If, over time, three notices are given and the homeowner still isn't in compliance, then the Association gets its attorney involved as a last resort.

The Lake – A **goose roundup** in June resulted in the relocation of 75 geese to Gibson County. The need for **dredging the lake** was discussed, but our financial condition does not allow it at this time. Bids were obtained for this purpose and came in considerably higher than expected.

Security: Pro-Tech hours were increased. They patrolled every night from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day. The rest of the time, they patrol on weekend nights and a random day during the week. A **Special Safety Meeting** was held September 17. Representatives from Pro-Tech Security, the Memphis Police Department, our law firm, and Sandra McCorry, our Neighborhood Watch Director, were present to discuss safety issues. Results of the subsequent **Safety Survey** were discussed. With a 25% response rate, an overwhelming majority of the neighborhood does not want to increase dues to pay for surveillance cameras or more patrols. 67% of respondents want to decide for themselves what to do for their safety. The Board is keeping a list of homeowners who have surveillance cameras. Attendees were asked to sign a form if they currently have cameras.

Other accomplishments this year include 3 Board meetings, 4 newsletters, review of 7 construction applications, liens and lawsuits to collect overdue dues, welcome packages sent to new neighbors, analysis of current investments, and various repairs.

WGLHA Expenses FY 2016: Bookkeeping/Legal Fees/Taxes comprised the biggest percentage of our expenses at 27% or a little over \$14,000. Besides our usual bookkeeping expenses, this includes \$2,800 in collection expenses, most of which is recouped when overdue dues are paid up. Much of the rest, almost \$8,500 was spent on covenants enforcement. Pro-Tech Security patrols comprised 18% or almost \$9,800; insurance comprised 17% of our expenses or just over \$9,000; repairs & maintenance comprised 16% or \$8,400; newsletter/printing/website comprised 7% of expenses (incl. 2016 directory). Total expenses were \$53,500; total assets were \$276,600, up \$40,600 since last year. Accounts receivable were \$23,000, down \$12,000 from last year. Total income was \$101,000, net income was \$47,500.

The Board voted to increase **dues** this year 10% to \$204. A chart was presented showing annual dues since the formation of the Association.

Bluebirds – Don Warmbrod installed 21 bluebird houses in 2013. His process for checking on the boxes was discussed. He reports that we've had over 90 bluebird babies leave the nest.

Lake Report – Dave Harkleroad reported although pH is a bit high, overall condition of the lake remains good. He emphasized picking up gutter trash and preventing leaves and grass clippings from entering the lake.

Neighborhood Watch- Sondra McCorry discussed when and who to call when suspicious activity is observed. In short, don't hesitate to call police. Home protection is considerably enhanced by light on the premises and particularly at home entrances. Block captains are needed for certain locations.

A Question and Answer Session ensued. Suggestions from the audience: no vehicles on the dam for fireworks; need more space for boat storage; need to fix Simpson Park swamp area; how to kill tall grass in the lake; people need to clean up dog poop on the dam.

Lake Report

What a beautiful spring it has been so far. Looking around the lake while tossing my line in the water sure has a calming affect that just makes me realize how lucky we are to share this wonderful lake. Most of you have been doing an outstanding job with making sure to keep the lake as clean and beautiful as possible. There are still a few that really need to get out and check their property line to get as much trash and debris up as possible. I regularly leave the lake with a lawn bag full of trash. Also, those of us not living directly on the lake need to continue to be vigilant and keep the gutters on the streets clean of trash and debris. All of this will allow us to continue to enjoy the lake.



I have seen and been able to talk to a lot more people over the last couple of months and am happy to report that I am not the only one that has been doing fairly well on the fishing front. I finally managed to catch a few crappie and some fairly good sized bass. Unfortunately for me, all the bass fell into the slot and thus they all went back in the water. I did manage to observe someone reeling in one of the biggest bass I have seen in a long time and before I could snap a picture of that beauty he decided to let it back in the water for someone else to catch in the future.

I look forward to seeing more of you this summer out enjoying the water. As usual, please let me know if there is anything I can do to help or if you have any ideas to help improve the lake.

-Dave Harkleroad

Welcome New Neighbors!

Robert & Lucia Colbert
396 Bergen Drive

Tony Terrell McKinnon
8407 Trondheim Drive

Daniel & Jennifer Cordero
8425 Trondheim Drive

Cecil Norwood
8498 Mysen Cove

Leslie & Sied Janna
8479 Karlstad Cove

Erick & Jenna Sanchez
8372 Bazemore Road

Rescue Lawn

Lawn & Landscape Specialist

Mark Maxwell, Owner

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Weed Pulling * Leaf Removal

Sodding & More

WGL References Available

2016-17 Invoices

By now you should have received your invoice for the 2016-17 assessment. If you have not received yours, please call Jeanie Velarde at 754-2146 or email her at wglhoa@gmail.com.

There has been a misunderstanding occasionally that the assessment is paid out of the mortgage escrow the same as property taxes and insurance. ***This is not true.*** In the 22 years that Jeanie Velarde has done the bookkeeping for WGLHA, no mortgage company has ever paid our assessment from escrow. The misunderstanding probably happens because when you buy your house and go to the closing, any outstanding amount will be prorated, withheld from the buyers' and sellers' money and paid it to us. But this is paid from the closing attorney's escrow account and has nothing to do with your mortgage escrow.

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