



Summer 2017

Living at..... Walnut Grove Lake



Dam Party!

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2pm-5pm

During these scorching days, who is dreaming of Fall? Cool days, colorful leaves, campfires, and costumes...Time to get geared up for the Fall Dam Party!

We'll have:

- * Games and candy for the kids * Costume contests for pets and people *
- * VooDoo Food Truck serving beignets and specialty coffee drinks *
- * Ice Cream Truck * Live music * Craft booths *
- * Pumpkin decorating contest * A bouncy house * And more! *

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to make the event a success! Contact me if you would like to host:

- * Go Fish * Football ring toss * Hay bale bowling *
- * Any other games you wish * Pumpkin decorating contest *
- * Lakeside boat owners who want to host a Boat Hayride *
- * Or if you have CRAFTS you'd like to sell! *

-Jessica Roberts

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-Kimberly Price

Fall is quickly approaching and so is one of our FAVORITE times of year! Fall Dam Party is just around the corner, and with that – COSTUMES!!! Our Parade has expanded to include all fun loving pets. Dogs, Cats, Lizards, Fish?? Well maybe not fish, but you get the point. So get ready to get all dressed up and come walk the red carpet with your pet and win prizes *and bragging rights* for THIS YEARS PET PARADE and Costume Contest.

Costume Categories:

- * Most Original * Most Adorable * Spoopest (scary-cute) *
 - * Person and Pet Duo * Funniest *
- Competition starts promptly at 3pm

Check out our Facebook events page:

www.facebook.com/events/511438452528938/?ti=as

WGHLA 2017 Dues

Recently statements were sent. If you have not yet paid, we must receive your payment by September 30, or receive a payment plan with a partial payment. Otherwise **on October 1 your account will be turned over to our attorneys for collection.** If this happens you will be liable for the dues plus attorney fees which could add \$100 or more to what you owe.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

Yard Sale

Saturday, October 7, 7 am-2 pm

Night Out

October 7, 5-7 p.m.

Dam Party

Saturday, October 21, 2-5 p.m.

Holiday Lights Judging

Street—December 15, 6:30-9:00

Lake—December 16, 6:30-9:00

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Independence Day Recap

The weather was great and Fourth of July weekend was loads of fun as always. I think the fireworks were the best ever! Hope you all were able to enjoy the festivities. Can't wait until next year!!



Parham

Mailbox Decorating Contest—Walnut Grove Lake had another great mailbox decorating contest this year. Cydney Cunningham usually judges this contest but she was out of town, so Deb Jordan and I volunteered. Judging was HARD!!! There were so many clever entries. In fact as hard as we tried, we couldn't narrow it down to just three winners, so this year we had a tie for 1st place. And instead of just "honorable mentions" we made up some silly categories to go with the ones we picked.

First place went to Pam & Rich Parham, 8401 Bazemore Rd. and Romy & Louie Schaaf, 8493 Bergen Cove. They went all out and both decorated not only the mailbox but the yard as well. Second place went to William Parks (age 8), 172 Viking Dr. with an Uncle Sam teddy bear and a flag painted shipping pallet. Third place went to Myrna and Sonny Salomon, 8511 Mysen Cove with some great giant whirly-gigs.



Other winners in no particular order: **Best Use of Pool Noodles** - Jessica & Joshua Roberts, 8364 Bazemore, **Kids' Award** - Hafsa Khan and Shaheer Khan, 393 Amundsen, **Best Use of Rock Star (Justin Beaver)** - Linda & Ray Curry, 150 Val Halla Cove, **Best Use of Flags** - Donna & Vance Bates, 134 Val Halla, **Exploding Mailbox Award** - Rose & Dennis Everett, 93 Viking Cove, **Best Use of**



Schaaf



Parks

Coconuts (even though the grass skirt got a little wet in the rain) - Allison & Greg Swearingen, 8342 Trondheim Ct., **Freedom Award (Miss Liberty)** - Laura & William Plunk, 24 Viking Drive, **Best Uncle Sam Award (this one was hard - they all were great)** - Pam & Jim Fleming, 99 Viking, **Best Use of Music** - Sandra & Lynn McCorry, 347 Ericson Road, **Mailbox Most Likely to "Take Off"** - Pam O'Fallin, 8414 Trondheim Drive.

Thanks to everyone who participated!

-Jeanie Velarde



Emma Kate Walker-grand prize

Fishing Rodeo - On Saturday, July 1, overcast skies greeted those registering to fish in the annual WGLHA 4th of July fishing rodeo. With the rodeo beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 11:30 am, we were lucky to have the rain and thunderstorms stay away. A record number of participants this year (67 anglers) were treated to "SWAG" bags at registration. Although the weather was nice for a July day, the fishing wasn't as good as in years past. However, all those who participated enjoyed the time on the water with family and friends.

This year, we also had a record number of companies who donated items for the fishing rodeo. We would like to thank: Strike King Lure Company, Bass Pro Shops-Sycamore Road store, Sportsman's Warehouse, Avery Outdoors, Peanut Craft Lure Company, Costa Delmar, Primary Tackle Company, Lew's Fishing, Gene Larew/Bobby Garland and Outdoors with Larry Rea. Please thank all these fine companies and patronize when possible.

Winners were Donna Bates—most bass adult, William Tiicuit-most bass boys, Anna Barden—most fish overall, Emma Kate Walker—most fish girl and the grand prize winner, Ava Plumlee—largest catfish, Drew Henderson—most fish under 12. Congratulations to all the winners. I'd like to extend a big thank you to the parents who took their kids fishing. Remember to always practice good water safety!

Wishing all a great rest of the year and good fishing,

-Ron Wong



Boat Parade - We had 21 boats participate in the Boat Parade this year! **Grand Champion Award** went to Randy Newsom and friends for the "Barn in the USA" entry. He built a barn on his pontoon boat and all the passengers had animal head masks. The **Most Patriotic** award went to Mark and Lana Sams for the floating rocket ship. **Best Self Propelled** went to Michael and Andrea Ballard – they had a poor kid, Landon Schmidt, the nephew of a friend, in a kayak towing their pontoon boat! **Best Music** had to be Sharon Fewell and friends, floating on a giant swan quacking the National Anthem. **Most Spirited** was Eileen Kuo's entry with a flag canopy, 2 statues of liberty and some very interesting passengers. J.C. and Michelle Faircloth won **Best Decorated** with lots of flags, an Uncle Sam, a Statue of Liberty and other patriotic garb. **Best Kids' Boat** was Sally and Jim Logan's great nieces and nephews, Sophie Loe and Huxley, Harrison and Miles Grear. **Best Bribe** was Tim and Carolyn Crump's candy treats. And Billy and Sara Oaks won an **Honorable Mention** for their boat with lots of balloons and Uncle Sam hats.



Thank you to everyone who participated for making this such a fun part of our Fabulous Fourth of July on Walnut Grove Lake!

-Jeanie Velarde



Lake Report

Greetings Walnut Grove Lakers. As I write this lake report today the lake is 83 degrees and clear with a dark green hue. We have had a great summer this year with very favorable weather. The lake's water quality is very clear. The tilapia seem to be doing a great job keeping the algae bloom down. While there was algae present in the hottest part of the summer, it was not as bad as it has been in the past when there were large areas of complete coverage.



The fishing has been good. The tilapia like small flies so get that fly rod out before they die off. The die off water temperature for the tilapia is 45 degrees F. As always let's do what we can to keep our lake clean by keeping yard debris out, careful use of car fluids and chemical fertilizers/pesticides.

- John Yobak, Lake Chair, 653-8335

This 'N That

Street Paving – A notice was posted in the NextDoor website recently regarding the City's paving plans. According to the map, all streets on the east side of our neighborhood are scheduled to be paved in 2017. Excluded are Bazemore and the new section. These are the City's plans. We have no control or input on this.

Geese – A goose roundup was held again this year. The people from USDA Wildlife Services schedule this for early June when the geese have molted and therefore cannot fly. Similar to last year, however, they were not able to round up all of the geese as some could already fly and others ran into neighbors' yards. They were able to get 14 geese out of about 40. They didn't charge us for their services and we will try again next year.

Beaver – We had two beavers in the lake recently causing quite a bit of damage in some neighbors' yards. Fortunately, the folks from Apex Wildlife were able to trap and remove them. Hopefully there aren't any more!

Covenants on our Website –If you have questions about what is covered in our covenants, you can find them on our website – wglha.com. Click on **Useful Info** then **Forms and Docs** and then click on **Walnut Grove Lake Covenants**.

Got Junk? – Our covenants state, "All Lots shall be kept clean and free of trash, rubbish, garbage, debris or other unsightly objects or material **at all times.**" This is so very important for the appearance of our neighborhood. No one wants to look at your old furniture or a pile of junk in the street! Inland Waste isn't going to clean up your junk. They will pick up old furniture, but it can take them three weeks or more. Put your junk into your garbage cart or large yard waste bags. Donate your old furniture or call someone to pick it up. **Our covenants take precedence over Inland Waste's pick-up schedule.** Keep your lots clean at all times. And remember, don't put your trash out at the street until Tuesday for pick-up on Wednesday. Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood looking its best.



Grass – When mowing your grass, we recommend that you leave your clippings on your lawn. As they decompose, they add valuable nutrients to your soil which gives you a healthier lawn. If you still choose to bag your clippings, please do not leave them at the curb until Tuesday (the day before garbage pick-up), or put them in your garbage cart. Our streets look so much better when they are not cluttered up with grass bags or other garbage. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful!

Redesigned Website - Our website has been upgraded to a new layout and design. Some of the Photo Gallery pages may not work right away, including the 2017 Fourth of July and Easter photos. They will be up and running soon. So go to www.wglha.com and check it out.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Best Crime Awareness Device Ever Invented Is A Good Neighbor

If you should notice a stranger who appears to be doing something *suspicious*, call the police immediately.

CALL 545-COPS

Also, call your Block Captain who will contact the NW Coordinator who in turn notifies all other Block Captains. This program is designed to help all neighbors in WGL in keeping our community a safe and desirable neighborhood!

TIPS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

- * Keep all tools in locked garage or shed
- * Keep cars locked when parked outside garage
- * Refrain from parking on the street overnight
- * Close garage door even when you are at home
- * Be sure police can see front door & windows from street
- * Install motion lights at garage entrance & back entrance
- * Keep lawn mowed – maintain “lived in look”

What if I see a car parked in the street for more than 24 hours?

Call the police department at 545-2677 (545-COPS). It is a City of Memphis ordinance that vehicles are not to be parked on the city streets for more than 24 hours at a time. If you see such a vehicle, please report it to the police. Often it takes several calls from several neighbors to get results. Also try the Mayor's action line - 576-6500.

Who do I call if I see someone in the neighborhood acting suspicious?

Call the police at 545-2677 (545-COPS). If you think it's a break-in in progress or other emergency, call 911. You should also notify WGLHA or your neighborhood watch block captain, but the first call you make should be to the police.

WGL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Annual Night Out

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

WGL is holding an Outing which we hope could become annual for us. Block Captains please contact your Block Neighbors to plan for this gathering. And those of you who do NOT have a Block Captain at this time – gather some of your neighbors together and plan an Outing.

Plan to meet neighbors you don't know, ask new neighbors to attend, get to know each other as this is the best way for crime prevention in our neighborhood. Perhaps join with the group next to your block!

Studies have shown that neighbors who know each other share contact information, know travel schedules, learn regular schedules, etc., are more apt to call the Police if there is something suspicious at their neighbor's home. This is an example of crime prevention!

Once you have an address for your Outing, let me know so I can contact the Applying Precinct. (Send information by September 25th.) Officers will plan to visit you at your Outing between 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

-Sandra McCorry (mcsand@aol.com 277-5537)
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



Holiday Lights Contest

Once again we'll be having a contest for holiday lights. Categories will be Street Side -Best Traditional, Most Unique, Best Front Door / Front Porch (hoping to encourage someone to decorate that might not want to do their whole yard) and Lake Side - Best Lights on the Lake and Most Festive Dock. There will also be some honorable mention awards. Judging will be December 15 on the street and December 16 on the lake, both from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

-Lex and Suzy Ward

Lawn and Garden of the Month



June Garden: Laura Plunk, 24 West Viking
"Gardening is my stress reliever!"



June Lawn: Robert Greenburg and Ann Stall,
154 Narvick Cove



July Garden: Jim Walsmith, 8493 Bazemore
"I love being outside and with the neighbors, that's the real joy!"

July Lawn:
Darlene Hanes,
47 West Viking
"I do love doing my
flower beds!"



August Garden: Rick and ReJane Slocum,
8426 Thorgeson Cove
"I like the trees and peacefulness of the neighborhood!"



August Lawn: Twyla & Gail Moore, 78 Mysen
"My mother and I live in the very best neighborhood!"

Welcome New Neighbors!!!

Cynthia Ford Allen
8420 Thorgeson Cove

Carter Capocaccia & Raquel Hinson
212 Ericson Road

Eddie Clark
337 Ericson Road

Danilor Dana
8417 Bazemore Road

Ladiny Elta
8491 Bazemore Road

Marcus Henderson
8337 Bazemore Road

Jaqueline Allen Jessie
8499 Karlstad Cove

Jeremy & Lauren Jordan
8436 Thorgeson Cove

John & Martine Kelley
402 Lillehammer Cove

Noah & Ashley Ketler
371 Sherburne Cove

Michael & Bethany Masters
95 W. Viking Drive

Ray Porter
153 Val Halla Cove

Morgan Moultrie Parks
8403 Bergen

David and Janet Smith
(Vacant) Val Halla Cove

Kristy Stephenson
8535 Walnut Grove Road

Evie & Early Taylor
8557 Ericson Cove

Aaron Whitley
33 Oslo Cove

Sam Woolfolk & Kelsey Stapp
8530 Trondheim Drive

Stanley Zitron
12 W. Viking Drive

And welcome to the west side
from the east side to

Lex & Suzy Ward
94 W. Viking Drive

Yard Sale October 7, 2017

Join us for the Walnut Grove Lake Community Yard Sale Saturday, October 7th from 7:00am - 2:00pm. Get rid of your old "treasures" and make some extra cash for holiday shopping! Or, visit your neighbors and start on that Christmas list early!

TVs, computers, appliances, golf clubs/sports gear, grills, tools, and yard equipment are all top sellers... and with Black Friday just around the bend, why not make room for some upgrades of your own?

Baby items, kids' toys and books, and craft supplies also sell well. Pass along that gently used kid clutter that hasn't been touched in a year. Grandma will probably buy him or her a new something for Christmas anyway. Bikes, furniture, and jewelry are also highly sought after. Make a buck or two on that sofa you never sit on or those earrings you never wear. Ditch your CDs and DVDs and pick up some cassette tapes or old records. What's old is new again!

I will be placing ads on Craigslist and in the Classifieds. I will post eye-catching signs at the neighborhood entrances. Feel free to post additional directional signs that lead visitors to your specific sale, but please promptly remove them once the sale has ended.

Multi-family yard sales tend to draw more traffic, so please e-mail me to let me know if you'll be participating... I'd like to advertise a count of the yard sales our "customers" can expect to find in our neighborhood that day.

Finally, I'm going to look into having Goodwill, or a similar charity, make the rounds that Saturday evening to pick up any items that didn't sell which you wish you donate. If I'm able to set something like this up, I'll send out an additional communication.

Please RSVP for the Walnut Grove Lake Community Yard Sale to Ashley Ketler at amketler@gmail.com.

Reminder Yard Improvement Contest

Last year's contest was such a success, the contest is now an annual event. Have a chance to win a \$200 Lowe's gift card.

Submit "Before and After" photos between Memorial Day, May 29 and Labor Day, September 4 to wglha@wglha.com. (Please limit entries to four total pictures.) Remember, no project is too small; improvement is the key. Help keep Walnut Grove Lake beautiful!

-Debbi Coletta

Thara and Dottie Burana are featured in the July 2017 issue of Memphis Magazine in an article called "Why we live where we live." Check it out—here is the link: <http://memphismagazine.com/features/why-we-live-where-we-live/>

There is also a link on our website home page on the left—scroll down.



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