

Living at..... Walnut Grove Lake

Spring Edition April 2020



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President Message

Spring is spreading its charm and every tree is waking up to its **splendor**. Wishing you a very happy **spring** and a lovely year ahead. Smile and be happy and let that happiness spread everywhere you go. This is the most colorful time of year and a great time for us to freshen-up our lawns, plantings, and properties. If we all do our part properties can really look great at Walnut Grove Lake.

Upcoming Events (Tentative Dates)

Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic (Cancelled)

April 11, 2020
Lovitt Field

Fireworks Display

June 27th, 2020
Donations Needed – Please send to Keith Collins separately and designate fireworks.

Fishing Rodeo

July 4th
Simpson Park
Details to follow

Dam Party

October 24th, 2020

Alecia is busy working on the details of the Dam Party. So far a chili-cook-off contest and a costume party for Adults, children, and pets is part of the agenda.

Entrance Plantings

Thanks again to Patricia Lampkin for taking charge of our two entranceway plantings. I look forward to seeing the full bloom.



New Courtesy Patrol Company

We have a new Courtesy Patrol Company as of April 1, 2020. Elite One Protection is our new vendor which is owned by Juan Settles. They have already done an assessment and provided some recommendations on how we can make Walnut Grove Lake a safer place. At the recent Annual Meeting Gathering Juan and one of his representatives Russell Barber provided us with what we can expect from their patrols. We look forward to a great relationship.



Spring Clean

Did you know that many people are not aware of our quaint neighborhood? When I first found my home here, I read an article about it being an oasis hidden in the middle of the city. Whenever new service providers come into the area (our new “neighborhood safety” company, for example), the first thing they comment on is the beauty of the neighborhood. Wouldn’t you like to keep it that way?

During the last HOA meeting, I volunteered to lead a new neighborhood committee, designed to keep our neighborhood beautiful. The Neighborhood Clean-Up Committee will be the epicenter for organizing the ongoing Neighborhood Clean Up Project

Why now?

Our neighbors may have changed. Some have marched into chronological maturity; expanded their families; or even moved into more demanding roles in their careers. It is understandable that neighborhood cleaning tasks could fall further down on the priority list. So, let’s not make it a task, instead, why not make it a fun event!?! Get together with your neighbors on a designated day to sweep/clear drains, remove excess trash, leaves, etc. from sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Let’s keep our neighborhood shiny and sparkling. When all the hard work is done, why not celebrate with a little neighborly interaction? Maybe a little music, grilled hot dogs, or even a nice cold one while getting to know your neighbor a little better? *By the way, this makes good allies to help keep your neighborhood safe. **Since we still need to practice social distancing due to COVID-19, the after party for the first event is not recommended, however, for future clean up parties this will be a great way to get to know your immediate neighbors.***

How will I be impacted?

Block captain volunteers are needed. They will be responsible to help get their block engaged in these efforts, send out reminders (electronic and/or flyers) and host/facilitate the block gathering. If this sounds like something that is right up your alley, please send an email to Kimberly Price - ksprice2@gmail.com with your contact information and lot number.

What’s in it for me?

Neighborhood cleanup will occur twice a year – in the spring and the fall. Doing this will keep the curb appeal in the area nice which ultimately helping to keep the neighborhood value up. The common areas will stay in good shape for kids and friends to continue to enjoy. Lastly, and very importantly, we will reduce the amount of waste that flows into the neighborhood’s and the city’s waste system and the lake.

What do you need for me to do?

Our first clean up date is scheduled for the Saturday **June 6, 2020**. Volunteers are needed to help pass out fliers on their block and drum up support for neighbor involvement.

Outdoor brooms, trash bags and gloves would be handy. Don’t forget to also bring your good spirit and community focused heart.

-Kimberly Price

Lot Owner Responsibility Reminders

Recently there have been dogs that have not been on a leash while walking. I have enclosed a copy of the restrictions so we all are aware of them.

4. No Lot shall be used for the purpose of keeping, breeding or raising animals for commercial purposes or as a place for keeping horses, cattle, or other animals or poultry; provided, however, the occupants of each residence may keep the usual domestic or household pets. All pets shall be kept on leashes. Lot Owners must pick-up all solid wastes of their pets and dispose of such wastes appropriately.

There has been an increase in the number of people fishing on Walnut Grove Lake. I am including a reminder of the Lake Rules. In addition I am reminding homeowners they should not be attempting to approach people about using the lake unlawfully. This should be reported to Courtesy Patrol or Keith Collins so they can address. A new home owner (about a week old) received a copy of the old rules on their windshield three times. As explained in our Annual Meeting new owners receive a welcome packet after two weeks of moving in.



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Walnut Grove Lake Rules Strictly Enforced Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted

Use of the lake & all WGLHA parks is limited to residents & their guests only. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. This applies to people who are fishing, swimming and boating.

All cars parked on WGLHA private property (at the dam or in our private parks) must have a Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners Association decal on the rear window. (Convertibles with top down, place decal on windshield.)

WGL + Lot # must be affixed on both sides of all boats.

For example, WGL 123. If you live in Section H (Byre Hollow, Glen Gyle, Norseman or Walnut Creek), please put an "H" in front of your lot number (example WGL H25). If you live in the new section (Trondheim and the streets feeding off of it) please put an "F" in front of your lot number (example: WGL F45). This is because the in oldest part of the subdivision, lots were numbered 1 thru 349. Then when Section H and First Addition were added, in each case they started over with #1, so with lots 1 - 79 there are 2 or 3 lots with the same number.

No gas motors, even in upright position; electric trolling motors only.

All parks & dam area are closed dusk to dawn. Gates will be closed and locked at dusk - all cars must be removed from parking area by dusk.

Special Volunteer Assistance

There are times when illness strikes and we are unable to handle routine tasks. One of those tasks is placing garbage containers out for pick-up or returning them to a hidden location. Our very own Sid McMillan has graciously volunteered to handle this task for any neighbor that is unable to do so.

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New Announcement

In an effort to allow only residents and guests the use the Walnut Grove Lake we have ordered Lake Passes. Each pass will be associated with the home owner's addresses and lot number. When you pay the dues please request the passes. Please be sure to have these available when asked to view. The Board will be exploring additional measures to ensure the use of the lake by residents and their guests.

Spring 2020 Lake Report

Life on Walnut Grove Lake has been very different for sure. With everyone sheltered in place due to the pandemic, and before this recent dip in temps, the unseasonably warm weather has made the lake a very busy place. Busy with pontoons, flat bottomed boats, canoes and kayaks fishing and floating about enjoying the early summer like weather. Along with the record rainfall we have had an abundance of leaves and trash being washed in the lake. The clear water has turned considerably mucky due to this especially on the shallow North end, and dreams of dredging come to mind.

Fishing has been an off and on affair and should improve as the weather stabilizes. Apparently the geese population seems to be making a come back and goslings are beginning to make their appearance too. Once again there have been occasional eagle sightings flying over the lake.

There have been recent complaints of unauthorized boaters on the lake so please adhere to the guidelines of numbering your boat with WGL and your lot #. Hopefully life can resume closer to normal soon and meanwhile enjoy our special neighborhood. Stay safe and stay well!

Cecil Norwood



New Neighbors

Bryan and Virginia Sanders 8174 Walnut Creek Rd
Crystal Smith 8329 Trondheim Court
Ethan Williams and Meghan Ambrose 212 Ericson Rd.
LaTonya Mercer Johnson 8438 Bazemore Rd.
Manuel Zavala and Michelle Miller 412 Reksten Cove
Marianne Ivie 220 Ericson Rd.

Boat Owners Docked on Both Boat Ramps

In an effort to organize Boats Docked at the Lake we would appreciate all owners to let us know if they have boats docked on near the two two Boat Ramps. Please provide us with your name, and lot number. We need a system of assigning spaces and this is the first step. The information should be provided to Keith Collins Company.

Reflections

The last few weeks have certainly brought about changes in our lifestyle. At Walnut Grove Lake we are encouraged by the many options presented to us by the development. We have a neighborhood that yields options to maintain social distancing. We are able to walk, ride bikes, jog, boat, and fish. Not every area where people live offers these options. Walnut Grove Lake is one of the best area if not the best area in Cordova to live in. Let's continue to make Walnut Grove Lake a safe and wonderful place to live.