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Living at Walnut Grove Lake

Spring 2021

-from Josh Burnwatt, Special Events Chairman

Happy spring everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the snowfall last month. We've lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, and one of the greatest memories we have now is walking up to the dam during the snow to see everyone sledding and enjoying the winter weather together.

Seeing our community come together even during a pandemic was an inspiration that I hope we can capture in the coming events for the spring and summer.

I'd like to give an update on the spring events, starting with the **Easter egg hunt**. With the pandemic, it seems that people would be most comfortable with a socially distanced celebration.

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Have you considered serving on the **Walnut Grove Lake Board of Directors**? The HOA is always looking for new leadership.

When you serve on the board, you learn about the workings of the HOA. You help ensure adherence to neighborhood covenants. You participate in the business and betterment of our community.

Your experience and expertise are assets to your neighborhood! Please consider putting yourself forward for service by contacting Keith Collins Company.

— Walnut Grove Lake HOA Annual Meeting —
Due to the pandemic, we have been unable to schedule a meeting. As soon as it is possible to do so, HOA members will be promptly notified.

Design Your Own Easter Egg

Diseña tu propio huevo de Pascua

The neighborhood has been so creative with making things joyful and fun for kids this year and we hope that we can continue with Easter! Both the Bear Hunt and Halloween had great participation and we'd love to have that again. Here's how your family can participate this year:

- 1. Decorate a paper egg (we've attached a template to enlarge, but feel free to use your own!)***
- 2. Hang the decorated egg in your window by Saturday, April 3rd***
- 3. Take a walk with your family/neighbors and see how many you can find!***

Hopefully we can be back together to enjoy the parks, cleanup efforts, and 4th of July celebrations in the summer!

If you are interested in volunteering or have any ideas for spring/summer events, please reach out via Nextdoor, the "Walnut Grove Lake Homeowners" Facebook group, or by emailing wglevents@burnwatt.io

Information, please!

All curbside services, including **garbage**, **recycling**, and **outside the cart waste**, will follow the collection schedule available for review at <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/solid-waste-management/route-rebalance/> or by downloading the Memphis Curbside Collection App. When you visit the link, you can sign up for a reminder of your collection day so you don't miss out!

The City of Memphis Solid Waste Management team will resume a separate curbside collection for **recyclables starting Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. Place only paper, clean, broken down cardboard cartons, and glass, plastic containers #1-5 and #7, and aluminum products in the recycle cart. Garbage found in recycling carts will not be collected, and customers will be asked to remove contaminated materials that are not eligible for recycling.

A detailed list of acceptable recycling products can be found at <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/solid-waste-management/recycling/>

When we buy and sell our homes, a key factor is **curb appeal**. Curb appeal starts at the curb, and we can all contribute. Please make every effort to keep debris out of your gutter and off of your curb!

Put your love of our beautiful neighborhood to use by volunteering to select our **Lawn of the Month and**

Garden of the Month this spring and summer!

As you prepare for spring and summer construction projects, be sure to consult the neighborhood covenants to ensure your project complies. You can find the covenants at <https://www.wglha.com/forms-and-documents>

As this newsletter was being prepared, word was received that **board president Victor Charles'** mother had passed away in Chicago. We miss Victor's encouraging words in our newsletter, and we extend heartfelt condolences at his time of loss.

Welcome New Residents!

- Bethany Vikowski, 105 Mysen Circle
- Deadrick and Barbara Vandyke,
8369 Bergen Drive
- Grover and Lauren Gunn,
61 W. Viking Drive
- Jonathan Burks,
8520 Mysen Cove
- Nicholas and Dedra Brown,
123 Ericson Road
- Niyibizi Kennedy, Niyonkuru Esitleri,
and Nibaruta Fidel,
78 Mysen Circle
- Ryan Wheeler,
8250 Byre Hollow Cove

Committee Reports

DAVE FEARN, LAKE HEALTH CHAIRMAN
CECIL NORWOOD, LAKE CHAIRMAN

Dredging Project

With the holidays behind us and the pandemic subsiding we are firming up our bids on the dredge project.

Due to the ongoing lockdown in various states it has been slow going getting companies to respond, follow up and provide pricing. We have had some contractors drop out due to financial difficulties and employee abandonment.

We have sent some additional RFQ's (request for quotes) to some new contractors and we have targeted April 4th for final submittals for review. Due to the quantity of organic material to be removed, we have changed the scope of work in order to standardize the bids for comparison purposes.

Submittals for permitting will start the week of March 22. We will be publishing a more detailed outline and schedule towards the end of April.

Lake Aeration Project

We had hoped to parallel lake aeration with the dredge project, but the quotes and pricing for this portion are taking even longer than expected.

The board and committee are still evaluating what the aeration system can do and what we can expect long-term from this investment.

Commercial aeration systems available on the market are very different from each other, and most are set up for smaller lakes.

Our goal is to install the equipment (compressors, valves, cabinets, etc.) in one location near the dam but that is adding additional costs for diffusers and airlines. We are continuing to work through logistics while we focus on the dredge project.

We will have a better idea of the logistics and pricing before we start dredging.

As we anticipate dredging beginning this summer, the guidance we have received from Aquatic Control remains in effect. Avoid contact with water from Walnut Grove Lake. Keep pets out of the water and rinse them off as soon as possible if they enter the water. Do not eat fish caught in the lake.

KIMBERLY PRICE, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The Neighborhood Cleanup Committee will reconvene at 8 a.m. on April 17. We will meet at the dam close to Farrell Park.

Please contact Kimberly Price at ksprice2@gmail.com if you would like to join the fun. Two hours on a Saturday morning with neighbors and friends is a great way to start your weekend!

