



Living at Walnut Grove Lake

Summer 2020

The annual mailbox decorating contest was judged on Sunday, June 28. Several homeowners were present to make sure they were judged. I can tell you this year we had a large number of creative entries. The number 1 winner took it a step further with a Rocky theme playing in the background.

8408 Bergen, Winner

Congratulations to our winners, runners up, and thanks to everyone who participated!



Lawn of the Month and Garden of the Month winners are featured on page 3. Congratulations and thanks to everyone working to make Walnut Grove Lake beautiful, and especially to our June winners!

-Victor Charles, president

8511 Mysen Cove, Second Place



8241 Byre Hollow, Third Place



Mailbox decorating contest honorable mentions go to 84 Viking Cove, 99 Viking Cove, 93 Viking Cove, and 31 Oslo Cove. Thanks to everyone who participated!



June Garden of the Month
Salinh Trach, 8433 Arendal Cove



June Lawn of the Month
Pat Lampkins and Hope Lloyd, 8396 Trondheim



Information, please!

Lake passes were mailed to those whose dues are up-to-date. When you use the lake or public areas, please have your pass with you!

Our **courtesy patrol** is checking the neighborhood at scheduled times. The patrol regularly screens for passes. Residents are discouraged from checking the legitimacy of visitors to our public areas.

In June, the board engaged **Aquatic Control Laboratory** to conduct a water quality assessment and harmful algae screen on the water in Walnut Grove Lake. The June 26 report showed that, while the lake water is normal in many respects, there is harmful “**blue-green algae**” in the lake.

Until further notice, do not swim in the lake and keep pets out of the water. Do not consume fish caught in the lake. As always, do not consume the water. If you accidentally enter the water, you should rinse off as soon as possible. If your dog enters the water, you should rinse your dog off as soon as possible. Do not let your dog lick its fur after coming in contact with the lake water.

The board placed signs along the lake to warn people to stay out of the water. While the signs remain up, this advice will remain in effect.



Boating is still safe, as is enjoying the scenery from the bank and catch-and-release fishing, as long as you rinse off after handling fish.

If you would like **more information** regarding **blue algae**, please visit the link published by the CDC:

https://www.cdc.gov/habs/pdf/cyanobacteria_faq.pdf

Through our **Garden of the Month** and **Lawn of the Month** awards, we value our neighbors’ efforts to maintain a beautiful environment! We can all ensure our yards and homes attractive and well-maintained, *and* avoid an unpleasant citation from property management about adhering to **WGL Covenants** and **governing documents**. What are some things that stand out when property managers inspect WGL properties?

- *Lawn maintenance, mowing and edging*
- *Unkept flowerbeds*
- *Rotten or discolored wood siding, general maintenance of home exteriors*
- *Trash cans, inoperable vehicles, boats or miscellaneous items stored in view.*

It’s great to see so many neighbors out **walking dogs** and visiting with others! Please clean up after your pets to ensure a pleasant environment for property owners and walkers.

Committee Reports

CECIL NORWOOD, LAKE CHAIRMAN

Where did the three months go since the Spring report?

A lot has happened though, that's for sure! Big fish caught, algae growing, and goose population exploding!

With summer comes unauthorized visitors to the lake, including several confrontations with security, requiring intervention by MPD. Be sure to have stickers on your autos, carry your cards, and the yellow badge provided by the HOA. Have WGL lot numbers on all boats. The courtesy has a list of residents.

Water temps range from the high 80s to low 90s with oxygen saturation on the low side. This prevented treating the lake for blue green algae. If we had treated, there was a chance of a fish kill, so the plan was terminated.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources completed a goose round-up and geese were relocated.

Fishing has improved with several 4 to 5 lb. bass being caught and released.

Good catches of large bream and a few nice crappie have been observed as well. I foul hooked a very large catfish on 6 lb. mono, estimated at 20 + lbs, and got a good look at it before the hook popped out!

As always, continue your efforts to keep all debris clear of drains. Stay safe and stay well enjoying the rest of your summer!



Left picture: This is what we are preventing from falling into drain and eventually into the lake.



Right picture, left to right: Margie McMillan, Jane Raymond, Jane Hannifin, Cindy Conner, Pat Hardaway, Kimberly Price

KIMBERLY PRICE, NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The first cleanup day was extremely successful. Even after Mother Nature decided to stop by the night before, she didn't leave a mess so big that we faithful eight (*two decided to remain anonymous*) could not manage.

We started the day bright and early at 7AM, with brooms, rakes, gloves, and trash bags in hand. We thought it best to divide and conquer, so two by two we set out and cleaned storm drains and any large debris from the curbs. Two hours later, with garbage bags filled and feelings of accomplishment, we welcomed the opportunity for a photo which would memorialize the moment –

THE DAY THE NEIGHBORHOOD SPARKLED!

Want to join in on the fun? We will have another day scheduled in the fall for the weekend before Labor Day. We would love to reduce the project from 2 hours down to 1 hour. We simply need more hands. We'd love to have you join the crew! Email Kimberly at ksprice2@gmail.com.