

# Echoes From Our Lake

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## Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association

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### President's Message

In this issue of the March/April WLLA Newsletter, you will find information about the upcoming Association elections in July 2010. I cannot stress enough the importance of these elections, as they give you, the Association members, the chance to elect who you want to represent you in the best way possible. In any democratic society, the rights you have to elect who will represent you, are your fundamental rights, and these rights are what I want you to fully put forth your efforts to honor.

Throughout the years, complaints have been filed, disagreements have been spoken of, and a slew of other items have been brought about. Truthfully, though, most of these complaints, disagreements, etc., have not been presented in such a way as to fully integrate the complainants within the workings of the Board Of Directors. Yes, we hear of the complaints, but when we want the complainants to become involved in the workings of the Board Of Directors, we are met with, "Well, we don't want to get involved. It would take too much of our time." Well, time is of the essence, and it is this time that the current Board Of Directors takes out of their own busy work schedules, (on a voluntary basis), to move forward and do what they feel is right for the community as a whole. This is the main purpose of a Board Of Directors to be elected. You, as our community, elect representatives to deal with the day to day workings of the Walker Lake Landowners Association. By electing the people you trust to do the best work possible for your community, you are actually alleviating yourself of having to deal with things that you have elected a Board Of Directors to do for you. And since I have been President of Walker Lake Landowners Association, I have not seen a more dedicated Board Of Directors than I am working with now. Beyond the call of duty they go...even though they have other work projects on their own to accomplish.

Yes, we have been told that if Board Members can't handle this sort of activity, (because they are volunteers), that they shouldn't be Board members. But when I hear this, I think it is extremely ludicrous. Because if the Board members weren't concerned with what is going on in their community, then they wouldn't opt to become Board members. But they do care. And this is why they run for the positions to become Board members. For those who complain about this and that, but don't attend meetings and get involved, what do they expect? This is

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not the way things work. GET INVOLVED! Help your community better itself and make Walker Lake the premier place to live!

Coming up are six (6) Board Of Director vacancies. I wish for anyone who is really concerned about what goes on here at Walker Lake to step up to the plate and run for a position. If you are fortunate to win a position on the Board Of Directors, then you too will be a representative who will know the "ins and outs" of what needs to take place, and you will be an integral part of making things positive for the betterment of the Walker Lake Community.

With that being all said, I welcome you to please become involved in your community, and become nominated for one of the Board Of Director positions available. I welcome all, and wish the best of luck to all those who decide to vie for a seat on the WLLA Board Of Directors.

Art Politano, President WLLA



## News from the WLLA Office



The 2010 WLLA Beach/Tennis badges, parking, dock and boat permits are here. Stop in to pick them up or mail a self addressed stamped envelope noting how many of each that you need.

Please note that the **office will be closed** on the following days:  
Tuesday, June 1 & Tuesday, July 6

Regular Office hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM – 1 PM



**Kindly take note you may receive your newsletter by e-mail. If you have already signed up, we thank you!** (Email us with your request at [wlla@ptd.net](mailto:wlla@ptd.net))

## Conservation and Efficiency by Tom Tate

An e-mail exchange with a colleague in Hawaii sparked this article. I am a big advocate of conservation: reduce, recycle, reuse is my approach. I recycle nearly everything, compost kitchen and yard waste, carefully control my use of energy (using technology, gadgets and habit) and so forth. Well, according to the fellow in paradise, conservation is sacrifice – sitting in the dark and taking cold showers while efficiency is living life as you want, using technology to reduce consumption. His point was that conservation meant moving backwards.

It was an interesting outlook. I don't in any way view conservation as going backward or sacrificing. So, I went to cogitating on what he said and came to the following conclusion; conservation and efficiency are co-equals in terms of sustaining a life style that minimizes the impact on natural resources. Let me explain.

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Conservation is a way of life; a simple a mindset that guides how you use resources such as energy and product packaging. Conservation is taking care to turn off the light in the room if you plan to be gone for more than a few minutes or recycling your glass, plastics and metals rather than sending them to the landfill. Ultimately it becomes habitual and as such, long-lasting. The nice thing about conservation is that there are no special tools, capabilities or legislation needed to implement conservation, just a desire to save.

Efficiency stems from technological advances. More miles per gallon, fewer watts per bulb, more BTU per therm. You know the litany. Much efficiency is fleeting, lasting only as long as the device, appliance, vehicle or what have you is being used. California has experienced this fleeting nature first hand. In the 1980s, California decided that they would not build any more power plants. Instead, they implemented a program called demand side management or, DSM. The theory of DSM is that you can avoid building new plants (and eliminate the associated environmental issues) by curtailing demand on the user side. The best way to do this was to accelerate the introduction of more efficient products. DSM became the regulatory law of the land and utilities were required to make it easier for consumers to get high efficiency products. Many gave away the very expensive (at the time they averaged \$14 each) CFL lamps and paid hefty incentives for high efficiency central air systems, furnaces and appliances. Unfortunately, these efforts had little “persistence.” When the \$14 CFL burned out, the consumer bought the \$.50 incandescent. Maintenance on complex high efficiency systems faltered and people found they could use more and pay the same with their new, more efficient products. As a result, California ran head long into a huge energy shortage in the late 1990s.

Efficiency cannot completely address long term energy demand reduction without a change in behavior. People have admitted to me that they have gone to 100% CFL lamps and now leave them on all the time since it is so cheap. When you trade that 19 mpg gas hog for a 35 mpg sipper guess what? The tendency is to drive more. And efficiency often involves legislation making it artificial and complex. Need more evidence? Just look how much longer my definition of efficiency was versus that for conservation.

The bottom line for me is simple, go ahead and invest in efficiency improvements (especially when gadgets are involved) that make sense but be sure your conservation tendencies are already habitual. If they aren't, you will never reap the full benefits of your efficiency investment.

## **RECYCLE YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS**

### **A ONE-DAY HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT.**

Saturday, JUNE 12, 2010 From 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Delaware Township Municipal Building, Wilson Hill Rd., Dingman's Ferry, PA

### **OPEN TO ALL PIKE COUNTY RESIDENTS**

\$10.00 per car load – Businesses must pre-register by June 4, 2010. (Contact Bob 845-858-8809 or [rtravers@advancedrecovery.com](mailto:rtravers@advancedrecovery.com))

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:** MONITORS, PRINTERS, KEYBOARDS, VCR'S, TERMINALS, CABLES FAX MACHINES, RADIOS, MODEMS, CRT'S, TELEPHONE, TV'S, CPU'S, COPIERS, TYPEWRITERS, STEREO EQUIPMENT **QUESTIONS?** CONTACT CHRISTINE OBSER 570-296-3434

## Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 15	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM General Membership Meeting 12:30 PM - Nominations
Saturday, June 19	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM
Saturday, July 10	Penny Social
Saturday, July 17	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM General Membership Meeting 12:30 PM-Elections
Saturday, July 24	Hawaiian Luau & Pig Roast



### Social Events at WLLA by Fran Orth

Mark your calendars for July 24<sup>th</sup> when we will have a Hawaiian Luau for members of Walker Lake and their families. This will include hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and a pig roast. Look for more information in the next newsletter as I am still working out all the details. Should be fun! In the meantime, polish your Hawaiian with some of the following phrases.

A hui hou  
Aloha au iaoe  
Aloha auninala  
Aloha ahiahi  
Aloha kakahiaka  
Aloha nui loa  
pau hana  
E 'olu 'olu 'oe  
Hana hou  
Pehea 'oe  
Komo Mai  
Ao no ho'i  
Hele mai  
Helo aku  
Ka ua  
Mele Kalikimaka  
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou  
Mahalo nui loa  
uwe  
Malama pono

Until we meet again  
I love you  
Good afternoon  
Good evening  
Good morning  
very much love  
quitting time for work  
Please?  
Do it again  
How are you?  
Come in  
What a terrible thing!  
Come here  
Go away!  
You and I  
Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!  
Thanks very much  
Oops! Oh, no!  
Take care.

*So on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Hele mei hoohiwahiw.*

**On Your Behalf** by Tom Tate

There have been recent requests for more information about Board actions. With that in mind, we will be listing, in brief form, the major actions taken by your Board on your behalf. Meetings are open to all, with the condition that if you wish to speak, you must be on the agenda (this pertains only to Board meetings). To be put on the Agenda, please request to be added to the Agenda two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. You can do this in conjunction with the WLLA office.

At the April 17, 2010 meeting, the most important MOTION that passed was the following:

MOTION: The acceptance of the bid from Johnson Precision Stonewall to perform the work on the Club House Beach. This work includes reconstruction of the bulkhead to prevent sand erosion into the beach and to regrade the beach to further reduce this run off. Sand will be added and grass replanted. This is based on a plan permitted by all necessary agencies last year. MOTION PASSES. As a condition of the contract award, this work must be done as soon as possible before the Beach is opened for your summer pleasure.

At the March 20, 2010 Board of Directors meeting, a MOTION to raise the clubhouse rental fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 PASSED.

**COLLECTIONS**

A new Committee has been formed called the Collections Committee. We will be actively pursuing anyone who is in arrears through the legal process. This will begin as of May 1st, 2010.

**WALKER LAKE ANNUAL PENNY SOCIAL - SATURDAY, JULY 10TH 7PM**

The Annual Penny Social will be held on Saturday, July 10th Doors open at 5PM, calling will start at 7PM Sharp. Proceeds from the Penny Social are used for the Walker Lake Women's Club Community Projects. There will be lots of prizes and refreshments will be served. So bring your family and friends and come out to meet your neighbors and have some fun.

**NEWS FROM THE WALKER LAKE WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Walker Lake Women's Club recently entered the Million Pillowcase Challenge. The ladies made over 33 pillowcases in bright and cheerful colors. These pillowcases were sent to Geisinger Hospital. They will be used in the Children's Cancer ward to brighten up their stay there. As you can see, we are very active, not only learning new techniques, but also with community projects. We would love it if you would like to join us. We meet on the first and third Wednesday's of the month starting at 10AM. Bring a lunch.

## Walker Lake Elections 2010

It's time to start thinking about the July 17th election of Officers and Directors for the Board of Directors of the Association. This year the election is for Treasurer, Secretary, and six (6) Directors. If you are concerned about what happens in the community, here is your opportunity to be part of the solution.

Due to our **Absentee Ballot** process, the May 15th, 2010 General Membership meeting will be the last opportunity for nominations to be submitted. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May 15th, 2010 General Membership meeting. Nominations will **NOT** be taken from the floor at the Annual Membership meeting on July 17th, 2010.

*Here's how the Nomination process takes place:*

1. Eligibility for Nomination – Nominees must be Members in good standing of the Association prior to the May 15th, 2010 General Membership meeting.

2. **Self-Nominations** – If eligible, you can fill out and submit a **Nomination Acceptance Form** to the WLLA office by May 15th, 2010. A copy of this form can be found at the end of this newsletter and forms are also available at the WLLA office.

3. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May 15th, 2010 General Membership meeting. The individual nominated must accept the nomination, either in person or in writing, and must fill out a **Nomination Acceptance Form**.

*Here's how the Absentee Ballot process takes place:*

1. **The Nominating Committee** will draw up an **Absentee Ballot** based on the eligible nominations received following the procedure outlined above.

2. Absentee Ballots will be available beginning June 1, 2010.

3. Members are required to sign for the Absentee Ballot. Therefore, ballots may be picked up at the WLLA office or may be requested to be mailed by submitting a signed letter of request to the WLLA office.

4. Each **Absentee Ballot** will include a plain, non-identifiable envelope (in which the completed ballot will be placed and sealed) as well as an outer envelope that will show the name and address of the voting member.

5. Only one absentee ballot will be issued for each membership household.

6. **Absentee Ballots** must be postmarked and/or received by the WLLA office by July 10th, 2010.

7. Members who request an **Absentee Ballot** may **NOT** later rescind the ballot and vote at the Annual Membership (Election) meeting on July 17th, 2010.

8. **Absentee Ballots** will be opened and counted at the July 17th Annual Membership meeting along with the votes cast at that meeting.

If you'd like to find out more about what's involved in being a member of the Board of Directors, please contact the WLLA office and a member of the Nominating Committee will get back to you.

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Nomination Acceptance Form

(Due in WLLA office by 1 PM on May 15th, 2010)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree  
to accept the nomination in the WLLA 2010 election, for the position  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Statement: This is optional, but we would like to include your statement with the ABSENTEE BALLOT and in the Newsletter to better familiarize the membership of all of the candidates. If additional space is needed, please write on the back of this form.

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*Important election information inside this issue!*

Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association Officers

President: Art Politano  
Vice President: Mary Iverson  
Treasurer: Art Politano  
Secretary: Paul DuBrow

**Board of Directors**

Keith LaPan	Fran Orth	
Barbara DiMiao	Judy Kirtley Mays	Art Politano
Frank Dubowski, Jr.	Andrew Milne	Bernie Reyes
Charlie Kieselmann	Rose Murphy	Tom Tate
Kathy Kilmer	Nancy Olson	

**Hinkel Estates Representative:** Bill Reese

**Key Contacts**

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