



ECHOES FROM OUR LAKE
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As I sat on my living room couch thinking of what to write about in my first article, I was conflicted. Just what is the most important message to address? Do I update the work of the auditor and accounting firm? Do I write about seating the new Interim Board members? I was deep in thought when a TV commercial came on during the Olympic coverage and it struck me. It was a product commercial for a “we are better together” theme. That’s what I want to write about! As I sat there watching the ice skaters glide across the ice deep into their routine, cheered by their fans and urged on by their coaches and team members, I thought “they are better together” because they are working toward a common goal. And so are we!

We are an Association working through a very difficult period of trying to rebuild trust in the leadership and each one of us has a part in that restoration. Our team consists of every Walker Lake landowner. We are also our coaches and most importantly should be our most loyal fans. As we add more team members to our committees and act as coaches at our monthly Board of Directors meetings by sharing ideas and opinions, we are becoming better together. There are always some naysayers who prefer to dwell on the past; but overall, we are a community looking to the future by sharing common interests, attitudes and goals. We aren’t there yet and probably won’t be for many more months; but, we are diligently working to restore trust, our reputation and home values so the home team can proudly display the “we are better together” attitude.

- Janice Hahn



BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

At the July 21, 2018 Annual/General Membership/Election Day meeting, in accordance with our Red Book Rules and Regulations, an election for twelve (12) Directors and four (4) Officers will be conducted for Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association (WLLA). A nominee must be committed to serving a three-year term; however, due to unusual circumstances leading to the many Board vacancies, one, two and three-year terms will be determined by the number of votes received during the election process. This one-time procedure will bring us in compliance with the Red Book Appendix II, Article VIII, Elections, for the future. All nominees must be in good standing, prepared to attend a minimum of nine (9) meetings during the year and serve on at least one (1) committee. All Directors and Officers have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of the community.

Any member in good standing is eligible to submit a Consideration for Nomination letter. A short biography describing their experience in community involvement, their skills, and how those attributes will be used for the betterment of the WLLA community may be submitted to help the voters determine their best choices for the open positions. These letters and biographies can be e-mailed, dropped off or mailed to the WLLA office no later than May 26, 2018. Each submitted biography will be posted in the clubhouse, placed on the WLLA website and in the June newsletter along with the slate of candidates.

Nominations from the floor from members in good standing will be heard at the May 19, 2018 General Membership Meeting. If in attendance, nominees from the floor should verbally confirm acceptance of the nomination. It would be helpful, as well as beneficial to all nominees, for those individuals to come prepared to speak about themselves. Directors and the general membership may want to ask questions of potential candidates. If someone is nominated by another member, but unable to attend, they should confirm their interest in running by sending a Consideration for Nomination letter to the WLLA office no later than the May 26, 2018 deadline. If they would like a short biography to be posted on the website and newsletter, they should include that with their letter.

The Committee is working hard for the community to make the upcoming election fair and transparent. It is important for us to earn the trust of the WLLA membership and we will continue to communicate any updates.

—The WLLA Nominating Committee,
Margaret Lisciandrello and Vicky Perrotta, Co-chairs



Election Timeline

- **Monday, April 2, 2018**
 - Consideration for Nomination letters accepted from any WLLA member who is in good standing.
- **Saturday, May 19, 2018 (General Membership Meeting)**
 - Nominating Committee presents candidates who submitted letters of Consideration for Nomination.
 - Nominations from the floor are heard and recorded.
- **Saturday, May 26, 2018**
 - Deadline for submitting hand delivered and/or postmarked Letters of Consideration for Nomination and biographies.
- **Friday, June 1, 2018**
 - Absentee ballots are available in the WLLA office Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 - The slate of candidates is posted.
 - June Newsletter will be released listing the slate of candidates and the submitted biographies.
- **Saturday, July 14, 2018**
 - Deadline for sealed absentee ballots must be postmarked and/or received at the WLLA office Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 21, 2018 (Annual/General Membership Meeting /Election Day)**
 - Election Committee opens the sealed ballot box at the Board of Directors table and counts ballots to announce winner.

July 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 WLLA ELECTION DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 2 – Board of Directors Election Process Commences (Pg. 3)

Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. – Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy Meeting (Pg. 7)

Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Clubhouse)

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (General Membership Meeting)

Thursday, May 31 – Deadline to request lakefront aquatic plants treatment (Pg. 5)

Friday, June 8, 7 p.m. – Coffee & Meet Your Candidates (Clubhouse)

Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. – Board of Directors Meeting (Clubhouse)

Saturday, June 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Fishing Derby for children ages 5-15 - Clubhouse Beach. Only sunfish will count at the weigh-in. Prizes will be awarded and ice cream sundaes will be provided to all fisherpersons. Morning registration begins at 8:30 or sign-up at the WLLA office or contact either Linda Verge at 862-432-7169 or Maryann Muschlitz at 484-695-2817.



Saturday, July 21:

10 a.m. – Annual General Membership Meeting – Election Day (Clubhouse)



3 p.m. – **Pot Luck** to congratulate and welcome our newly elected Officers and Directors in the Clubhouse Community Room. Craft tables will be set up for the children. Please sign up at the WLLA office, indicating what food you will bring and how many household members will attend or contact either Linda Verge at 862-432-7169 or Maryann Muschlitz at 484-695-2817.

Interested in joining the Program Committee or offering ideas? Please call either Linda Verge at 862-432-7169 or Maryann Muschlitz at 484-695-2817.

Is hiking your thing??? Call Fred Correa at 507-409-1849.

SPLASH BACK

at Walker Lake



Cattails



Property owners who want their lakefronts treated for aquatic plants should so advise the Walker Lake Office by May 31.

The 2017 Fisheries Study recommended that we not stock fish in 2018.

The PA DEP dam inspection last fall went well. We await word that our dam passed inspection.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG'S WASTE...

...Waste hurts the water quality of our lake.



According to an EPA bulletin on source water protection, a study in Seattle, Washington, found that nearly 20% of the bacteria found in water samples could be matched with dogs as the host animals. The greatest concern associated with animal wastes is pathogens, including E. coli, Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and Salmonella. These pathogens can produce a variety of symptoms ranging from skin sores to gastrointestinal illness.

Dog droppings often contain roundworms and other parasitic nematodes. Infection by just a few roundworms usually causes no problems, but more severe infections may cause fevers, bronchitis, asthma, or vision problems.



The best way to keep pet waste out of waterways is to keep your pet from dirtying stream banks or areas near ponds and lakes and to properly clean up after your pet. Pet waste can be flushed down the toilet if it does not contain other materials; or it can be bagged and disposed of in the garbage.

If you pick up waste with a plastic bag, this will keep the potential pollutants from getting into our lake, no matter how far away from it you are.

— Peter Wulfhorst

PROMOTING A HEALTHY FISHERY



Your Lake Committee urges you to adopt “Catch and Release” for both smallmouth and largemouth bass.

Why? If we practice “Catch and Release,” we can give you a better opportunity to catch a bass over 20” instead of the 10” to 12” bass more commonly caught. While we don’t have a lot of serious bass fishing, our lake is relatively small for the number of folks who fish here on a regular basis. Walker Lake can support large size bass but we need to give them the opportunity to grow.

While we are not as strongly urging catch and release for pickerel, following that practice would also provide us with larger fish in that population.

Our October 2017 fish survey showed that Walker Lake has a well-balanced and healthy fish population. Predatory fish, including largemouth and smallmouth bass and chain pickerel, were healthy with some up to 21 inches. Largemouth bass up to 5 lbs. were found. Sunfish, the primary food source for largemouth bass, and perch, the primary food source for smallmouth bass, were numerous.

A few other steps can improve the quality of our fishery from good to very good:

Please do not dump aquariums into the lake. Springtape, a typical aquatic plant, was found this past year and goldfish and koi have been found in previous years.

Please do not dump leaves into the lake. Decomposing leaves add phosphorus, which leads to a reduction in dissolved oxygen, which kills fish.

Please stop or reduce the use of the weed-killer Roundup. The active ingredient in Roundup has been classified as a probable carcinogen. While not banned in the US, Roundup is banned in several European Countries. Why take a chance?

The lake is our most valuable aesthetic and economic asset. Let’s treat it that way!

— Chet Dawson, Lake Committee

IMPORTANT FISHING NOTES

- Statewide Opening Day of Trout Fishing is April 14, 2018
- We are not stocking trout in Walker Lake in 2018
- No Harvest Bass Season April 14 to June 15, 2018. You must release after catch during this time. However, we are asking you to release all bass you catch in Walker Lake during all of 2018 to help increase the size and population of our bass
- **When fishing on Walker Lake a State Fishing License is required**



Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy

Want to find out what's been going on with our lake water?

All WLLA members are invited to the Twin & Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy (TWCWC) board meeting on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in our Clubhouse.

The Conservancy monitors Walker Lake and Twin Lakes for water quality. Discussion will focus on this past summer's monitoring results outlined in the FX Browne report.

2018 TWCWC MEETINGS	
April 20	7 PM
June 15	7 PM
August 17	7 PM
October 6	9 AM
All held in WLLA Clubhouse	

A brochure in the WLLA office has more information about this non-profit organization. You can also go to TWCWC.com for more info.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Contact president@twcwc.com for more information.



STAY VIGILANT... WATCHING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Some of us are year-round residents while others enjoy Walker Lake on a part-time basis, together we make our wonderful little community. We ask that all residents stay vigilant for suspicious people or activity in your area. Keeping an eye on your neighbor's house also protects your family as well.

PUBLICITYYOUR WLLA NEWS & INFO SOURCE



The members of the WLLA Publicity Committee are determined to be the information and communication source you need to “stay in the know” here at Walker Lake.

We are using the “Friends of Walker Lake” Facebook group to push out important information. When necessary, Facebook will direct users to the WLLA website for more detailed information. If you use Facebook and do not belong to the group go to the walkerlake.com website and click on “Join our Facebook Group”. Visit the website often as it will be updated with meeting summaries, reports and minutes once they are made official.

Source
for WLLA News

We will continue to post current notices on the bulletin board outside the Clubhouse. Plus, we will be installing an additional bulletin board by the mailboxes on Maple Drive this spring. The Publicity Committee will be publishing the newsletter four times a year.

Our main objective is to keep you informed but we will also be on a mission to shine a positive light on our community so people will know it’s a great place to live and play.

– Michael DeVita

IMPORTANT NOTE

The official and complete letters regarding the December 2016 audit of WLLA’s financial records by Zavada & Associates may be found on the WLLA website, www.walkerlake.com under Treasurer Reports. Make sure you refresh your browser to ensure you have the latest information.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Effective April 1, 2018, the Clubhouse rental fee to WLLA members in good standing will be \$150 per occasion. For rental information contact the WLLA office

ATV BAN REMINDER



Just a reminder that, per WLLA rules, only vehicles that may be lawfully operated on the public highways of Pennsylvania may be operated on the roads, streets, drives and other rights-of-way owned or controlled by WLLA.

Such vehicles may only be operated on WLLA's roads, etc. by drivers licensed to operate motor vehicles on Pennsylvania highways.

Use of ATVs, motorcycles, dune buggies, pocket bikes, golf carts, trail bikes, snowmobiles, racing carts and similar vehicles is prohibited on any lands owned, operated, controlled or maintained by WLLA.

Exceptions for legitimate medical necessity may be granted by the Association upon written application substantiated with medical proof.

Violations are punishable by fines of \$100 for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense.

NEW!

WLLA Office Hours

Starting April 1, 2018, the WLLA Office will be open Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Is Your Contact Information Up-to-Date?

If you have not sent a contact information form to the WLLA office since December 2017 we ask that you please do so. Go to walkerlake.com and click on Update Contact Info to print out a form or call the WLLA office to have one mailed to you.



We Would Love to Hear from You



If you have any information, ideas or suggestions you would like considered for the next issue of the newsletter, please reach out to a Publicity Committee member or the WLLA office.

A list of committee members can be found on the walkerlake.com website.

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TO:

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