# Echoes from Our Lake

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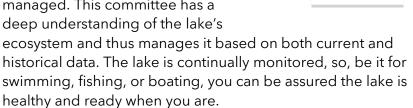
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# A Note from The President

#### **SUMMER BRINGS.....**

Summertime is here again and ohhhh - that means so many great things are happening here at Walker Lake!

Thanks to our caring, well-informed, and dedicated Lake Committee members, the lake is very well-managed. This committee has a deep understanding of the lake's



Our Beach & Grounds Committee made sure the beaches were ready to open by Memorial Day by adding sand where necessary and putting the floating docks in place. We ask that, when using the beach, you place any trash into the litter cans

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that are available. Also, while we love having our community's children build castles and otherwise play in the sand, we do ask that, at the end of day, you fill in any holes they may have made before leaving. This is so the beach is ready for the sand-playing imaginations of the next young beach users. A very special shoutout to Bill Mays, who, on a voluntary basis for years, continues to empty the litter cans at the beach. So, please put litter in those cans...and ask your children to do the same.

The Program Committee has some great events lined up for the summer. A special one is the Walker Lake Regatta. On the day of our annual picnic, July 13, we'll have kayak races and a boat parade for which skippers will be decorating their boats and showing their Walker Lake spirit. Also, at the picnic this year we're planning to include a pig roast. So much to look forward to!

It should not be lost on any of us that all the above is only possible thanks to committee members who bring this life to our community. They are our neighbors who volunteer their precious time and talent. Remember: Walker Lake is <u>a place</u>, but we, the people, are <u>the community</u>! It's up to us, working together, to keep Walker Lake the wonderful, vibrant place it is for living and playing!

Until next time!

--Michael DeVita

# **Road Maintenance Update**

### **Approved Road Work**

At their May 18, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors approved \$87,045 worth of roadwork. Please note that the entire roadwork portion of the 2024 Road Budget is \$100,000.

The work approved includes the following:

- The patching of holes and filling eroded areas on gravel roads.
- Patching potholes and sealing those patches on asphalt roads.
- Paving a total of eight small areas on asphalt roads ranging in length from 20 feet to 645 feet. The total length comes to just under 2/10ths of a mile.
  - Because of limited funds we have been doing small sections of pavement at a time.



# **Beach Yoga**

# **Lakeside Serenity: Yoga Sessions on the Shore**

At its heart, Yoga is a spiritual system of self-discovery, enlightenment, and a path toward greater mind-body-soul connection, health, and inner balance.

WLLA is proud to offer Yoga taught by Valerie Mitchell. <u>Participants of</u> <u>all skill levels are welcome!</u>

Classes will be held on **Saturdays** at **9 a.m.** and **Mondays at 7 p.m.** on the beach or in the clubhouse depending on weather and clubhouse availability.

#### What you need:

Comfortable clothes, water, and a yoga mat.

#### **Upcoming Classes:**

• Saturdays:

June 29 July 13, 27 August 3, 10, 24

Mondays:

June 17 July 22 August 19

#### **Fee** (per class):

\$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members (5 person minimum).

Email <u>wllassociation@gmail.com</u> or call 570-296-7788 to reserve your spot.

- This year, in most places, we are starting from sections we paved last year and doing the next piece.
- The goal is to "piece" together an entire length of a roadway and then chip seal it. Chip sealing extends the life of the pavement.
- Chip sealing four segments, totaling 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile, of an existing road that has some life left.

More detailed information can be found at <a href="https://www.walkerlake.com">www.walkerlake.com</a> under "Road Committee Reports."

## **Seasonal & Informative Reminders**

#### **Important Beach and Lake Notices**

#### Lakeside Areas Have Been Designated as Follows:

- Clubhouse Beach Swimming Only
- Dam Boat Launch Area Fishing and Boating Only
- Sandy Beach Fishing and Boating Only
- West Shore Beach Swimming and Boating Only

#### **Beach Tags**

- Tag-requirement will be strictly enforced
- Pick up your tags and day passes for guests from the WLLA office

#### Reminder for Boat and Kayak Owners

- If you store your boat or kayak at one of the approved beaches or at the boat launch, please store it in the designated area for watercraft.
- We encourage you to use the racks if your boat fits into one of the slips. Boats and all watercraft must have a 2024 sticker attached

#### **Fireworks**

#### You Must Follow the Pennsylvania Law:

Act 74 of 222 Use of Consumer Fireworks



(a) Conditions: A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of his article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.

## **Upcoming Event**

#### First Annual Walker Lake Regatta

A one-day celebration with multiple events on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Schedule of Events**

• 9:00 a.m.

Yoga on the Beach

• 11:00 a.m.

#### **Kayak Races**

Two divisions: youth and adult. Pre-registration required; winners will receive prizes.

• 4:30 p.m.

#### **Boat Parade**

Theme: America the Beautiful. Decorate your kayak, canoe, pontoon, homemade vessel, etc. and enter the parade for all to see. There will be two divisions: youth and adult. Pre-registration required; nominal fee to participate; winners will receive prizes.

• 5:30 p.m.

#### **Pig Roast & Corn Hole**

Held behind the Clubhouse, please bring a side dish and your boards if you have them.

**SIGN UP BY JULY 6<sup>th</sup>:** Email wllassociation@gmail.com with the events you plan on attending, or if you would like to volunteer to help with one or more of these activities.

# Other Friendly Beach Reminders

#### **Holes in the Sand**

Digging giant holes in the sand and making sand creations are part of the fun of childhood but please remember to fill in the holes when you leave. This is especially important for our yoga classes

- (b) Prohibitions A person may NOT intentionally ignite or discharge:
  - (1) Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.
  - (2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.
  - (3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
  - (4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
  - (5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.\*

#### **WLLA Community and Fireworks**

Official Notice: We realize that the Fourth of July is a festive time of the year and some residents traditionally include fireworks in their personal celebration.

The PA Legislature passed a law called Act 74 of 2022 which allows PA residents to purchase and use Class "C" or "consumer-grade" fireworks such as firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and similar fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive material.

"Display fireworks," which are classified as including salutes that contain more than two grains or 130 milligrams of explosive materials, and professional-grade aerial shells containing more than 60 grams of pyrotechnic compositions, are still only to be used by professionals with a permit from the municipality where the display will take place.

WLLA will allow "consumer-grade" fireworks provided the users are following the state law set out in the above article including these two important prohibitions:

- No fireworks shall be ignited or discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure even if no one is in that structure at the time. \*The Law States This!
- No fireworks of any kind are permitted on WLLA property that includes the beaches, dam area, the lake itself, boat launches, parking lot, tennis courts or any lots owned by WLLA.

## **Bad News Bears...Well Not Necessarily**

In the past, we've had reports of bears becoming a nuisance around our community. With that in mind and since we've had

happening on the beach on Saturday mornings.

#### **Trash on the Beach**

WLLA has a wonderful volunteer who goes to the beach areas, dam and boat launch once a week to collect the trash from the trash cans. Please remember to use these cans.

On West Shore Beach a lot of trash, broken bottles and cans has been left on the beach. There is a trash can right there so please use it. Due to what is being left on the ground, we are assuming the litterers are kids, so please remind your children to pick up after themselves.

# Two Open Committee Positions

#### The Communications Committee

Help us keep residents updated and aware of news, events and/or changes happening in WLLA. There is a minimal time commitment and any support would be appreciated. Responsibilities and expectations are as follows:

- Quarterly Newsletter Support help the committee chair establish topics for the newsletter and help work with other committees to obtain relevant updates for inclusion
- Social Media Support share in the responsibilities of managing the WLLA Facebook page, which includes vetting member requests and posting relevant news

#### The Program Committee Chair

WLLA is looking for a volunteer to temporarily run the Program Committee. Do you excel in planning and organizing fun



many new neighbors move in over the past several years, I thought this would be a good time to revisit the subject of nuisance bears.

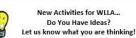
We must remember that we have invaded their habitat, so we should be the ones to take steps to prevent them from becoming a nuisance.

Bears love to eat and, like many of us, love a free meal. Many of our table scraps are gourmet to a black bear. They can smell food from three miles away (amazing, but true) and have a good enough memory to come back and check for more food later. So, if they've been in your garbage once, they will be back...unless you take steps to keep them away.

- 1. If possible, store your trash cans in your garage or shed.
- 2. If you don't have inside storage, use bungee cords. Most of us have trash cans provided by the company that picks up the garbage. These are not bear-proof, but if you add a couple of strong bungee cords crisscrossed, it will help keep the bear from opening the can. Hook the cords using the metal bar on one side of the can and under the handle on the other.
- 3. Help eliminate odors by sealing discarded table scraps in plastic bags or disposable air-tight containers. Spray your garbage with ammonia, or throw a rag soaked in ammonia in your garbage can. Bears do not like the smell of ammonia and will stay away.
- 4. If possible, do not put your garbage out until the morning of collection pickup, and bring the cans in from the street as soon as possible.
- 5. Never leave food out for bears or any other wildlife. It interferes with the food chain and makes animals vulnerable and possibly dangerous because they lose their fear of humans. When we take the proper action, we can help bears not become a nuisance.

If any bears become a <u>real</u> nuisance (not just going in your garbage), contact the PA Game Commission.





events? Please consider the interim Program Chair position. Responsibilities and expectations are as follows:

- Continue facilitating existing recurring events, such as the Potluck Dinners
- Help plan and execute new community events

Interested? Email wllassociation@gmail.com to join!

#### **Election Timeline**

#### • <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 1</u>, <u>2024</u>

Absentee ballots will be available in the WLLA office Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and must be signed for. Or if you wish to receive an absentee ballot via mail, please send an email to the office, wllassociation@gmail.com. The ballot will be sent to your address in our quick books database. Please note, if you request an absentee ballot, you will not be allowed to vote in person prior to the annual meeting, whether you returned the ballot or not.

## • <u>Saturday, June 15, 2024</u>

Coffee Social following our June Board of Directors Meeting to meet the candidates in our July election.

#### • Saturday, July 13, 2024

Deadline for sealed absentee ballots to be postmarked or received at the WLLA office by 2 p.m.

#### Saturday, July 20, 2024

- 8 a.m. 9 a.m. Polls open for in-person voting
- 8 a.m. Ladies Club Baked Goods and Book Sale (Please sign up at the WLLA

# 2024 WLLA Board of Directors Elections

Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association (WLLA) will hold an election at its Annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 20, 2024, in compliance with its Red Book Rules and Regulations.

This year, the election will be to fill four (4) At-Large Director positions and two (2) Officer positions, those two being Treasurer (2-year term), and Secretary (2-year term). A nominee MUST be committed to serving a three-year term; be in good standing; be prepared to attend a minimum of nine (9) Board of Directors Meetings during the year; and serve on at least one (1) committee. Most importantly, all Directors and Officers have a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the WLLA community.

Four Board members are seeking re-election: Mario Aieta, Dan Duggan, John Rolando, and John Weber. Officers also seeking re-election are our Treasurer, Carol Gillen, and Secretary, Carolyn Kalinich. We are truly fortunate to have these people stepping up again to serve our community.

This year, we also have two people running for a one-year term to finish the Board position of a recently retired Board member. Andrea Rhiel and Joe Vingoe are running for this one-year Board spot.

# Please attend our Meet the Candidates Coffee Social on June 15.



If you are a member in good standing, the Nomination Committee would like to encourage you to please vote either by absentee ballot

#### or on the day of the election, July 20th, from 8 a.m. to

**9 a.m.** The Board is a volunteer organization whose members serve without compensation and for the good of our community. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work by making the effort to vote in our election. When you vote, you also show the Board you care about the community.

- Office if you plan to bring a baked item.) Book sale will be in the library (office building conference room).
- 9 a.m. Annual General Membership Meeting where the sealed ballot box is opened and ballots verified and counted. This will be followed by the Board of Directors Meeting with the announcement of the election winners.

# Committee Highlights

# The WLLA Communications Committee: Your Source for Local News and Information

The WLLA Communications Committee is determined to be the information and communication source you need to "stay in the know" here at Walker Lake.

The Committee uses social media such as the Friends of Walker Lake Facebook group to push out important information in a timely fashion. When necessary, Facebook posts will direct users to the walkerlake.com website for more detailed information. If you use Facebook and do not belong to the group, search for the Friends of Walker Lake group and click join.

For those who don't use Facebook but do use email, please make sure that the WLLA office has your up-to-date email address. The office periodically sends out information via email that is of interest to all Walker Lake residents. On this informational email list, you have the option to unsubscribe, if at some point you no longer want to receive such emails.

### **About Our Candidates**

#### **Carol Gillen for Treasurer**

I have served the community as Treasurer since June 2018, and as a Director since September 2018. My husband, Jerry, and I were married in 1989, and we have 2 wonderful children who've left the nest. We purchased my parents' home here in Walker Lake in 2018. My experience working with QuickBooks, bookkeeping, and payroll has helped to move our community past a very difficult time. I also chair the Finance Committee and serve on the Planning Committee. We've made great progress, but there is more work to be done. I would like the opportunity to continue that forward momentum. Because my family has had a presence in this community since the '60s and multiple family members are here currently, I have a keen interest in seeing the community prosper and thrive. I hope that you will consider allowing me the opportunity to offer my services to the community as a Director for another term. I do believe that I can help us to move forward and would appreciate the opportunity to continue.



#### **Carolyn Kalinich for Secretary**

I have lived in this community since January 2019. My husband and I moved here from Sparta after retiring. I have worked as a Legal Secretary, Executive Assistant to a Bank President, and as Executive Assistant

in Human Resources/Administration. Most of my duties at the bank included providing daily assistance to the bank president, and the responsibility of attending all board and committee meetings where I took minutes and gathered all necessary documentation for distribution to the board and committee members. Two years ago, an opportunity to join the Board of WLLA as Secretary and Director arose and it is something I have very much enjoyed doing. I will be running for another term as Secretary and believe my prior work experience, as well as my two years on the Board as Secretary, makes me a good fit for the position.



#### **Mario Aieta for Director At-Large**

(3-year term)

My wife and I have been members of the Walker Lake community since 1998. I am an avid gardener, an unskilled woodworker, and, in my spare time, a lawyer. I believe that our most valuable asset at Walker Lake

is the quiet beauty that surrounds us, and I will work to preserve and increase that quiet beauty.

Information, as available, is also posted on the bulletin board outside the Clubhouse.

As for the walkerlake.com website, it has loads of information including Board meeting minutes and committee reports once they are made official. Also, the Communications Committee publishes four newsletters a year.

The main objective of the Communications Committee 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....because it is!

The 2024 Committee is chaired by Kimberly Christensen. Other members are Bob Fisher and Michael DeVita.

### **About the Editor**



#### Kimberly Riccardi Christensen

Kim was named the Communications Committee Chair in March of 2023.

She grew up in Shohola before attending college in New Jersey, where she graduated with a degree in Communications. As an early career professional, Kim worked in New York City for several years before transitioning back to the area to start a family.

She works full-time and has over 13 years of experience in marketing, communications, and public relations. Kim lives in the Walker Lake community with her husband, two children, and a chocolate lab. Her favorite thing about living in the community is kayaking on the lake.

Kim welcomes suggestions for, or submissions of, articles for the newsletter. Kindly send to her c/o wllassociation@gmail.com.



#### **Dan Duggan for Director At-Large**

(3-year term)

My name is Daniel Duggan and I've been a full-time resident of the Walker Lake community since moving here in July of 2021. There was no doubt from the moment I saw this place that I wanted to make it my home. I met my fiancée, Adriana not long after I moved here, and we both love it. I am a retired mechanic for high pressure steam equipment of 30 years with the International Union of Operating Engineers. My interest

in joining the Board is to participate in the discussion on maintaining and improving our community. I personally only wish for what I believe to be best for everyone living here. I hope we all have a wonderful summer on our beautiful lake.



#### John Rolando for Director At-Large

(3-year term)

My wife Dawn and I have been living in the community for nearly eight years, seven of which have been full-time. I have been on the Board since April of 2021. Prior to retiring, I was the President of Evonik Corporation in Parsippany, NJ. Evonik is the North American subsidiary of Evonik Industries, a German-based globally active chemical company. In my 33 years there, I had the opportunity to work in North America

and Germany with roles including marketing, business development, general management, and, for the last eight years, as CEO. I also served on the Boards of the American Chemistry Council, The German American Chamber of Commerce and the Société de Chimie. Now that I am not travelling a majority of the time for work, I can attend meetings and I believe contribute to the Board. I look forward to continuing my work on the Board.

#### John Weber for Director At-Large (3-year term)

I am running for re-election to the Board of Directors. I have been active on the B.O.D for the past few years and will continue to serve the community. I am also active on the following committees: Dam, Clubhouse, and Nominations; and I help wherever needed. I have lived at Walker Lake full-time for 11 years and have been a property owner since 1970's. I joined the U.S. Navy in the 1960's, served my tour of duty on a destroyer escort and was honorably discharged in 1967. My hobbies include amateur radio, RV-ing, and travel. My work experience includes engineering, manufacturing, and design of new products for the commercial building products industry.



#### **Andrea Rhiel for Director At-Large**

(1-year term)

My husband, Ray and I have been full-time residents of Walker Lake since 2003. Now that I am semi-retired and no longer a tour director traveling around North America with 35 guests in tow, I have the time to become more involved in the community. My passions are family, friends, travel and history, living each day and enjoying the beauty of nature. I would like the opportunity to contribute to WLLA to the best of my abilities.

#### **<u>Ed Vingoe for Director At-Large</u>** (1-year term)

My wife Vicki, son Edward James, and I moved to Walker Lake in August 2023. Since then, I have been able to help out at a few of the community volunteer days where I have met some of our wonderful neighbors here. I recently retired from the U.S. Air Force and will be retiring shortly from my federal position at Stewart Air National Guard Base. I am looking forward to the next chapter! I am also currently working part-time at Back Road Brewing Company. My hobbies include traveling, spending time with friends and family, and cooking! I believe that I would be a good fit for the Board because I believe in keeping the serenity and quiet of the community while also moving us forward with appropriate changes.

#### Walker Lakeshores Landowner Association

#### 2024 Election Notice \* Sample Ballot

Absentee Ballots due by July 13, 2024 \* Meeting Ballots due by 9:00 AM July 15, 2024

# Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association 2024 ELECTION BALLOT OFFICERS

#### Secretary (Select Only One) For a 2-Year Term

□ Carolyn Kalinich

# Treasurer (Select Only One) For a 2-Year Term

□ Carol Gillen

#### DIRECTORS (AT-LARGE)

#### Select up to Four (4) Only For a 3-Year Term

☐ Mario Aieta
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□ Daniel Duggan A A

□ John Rolando M L

□ John Weber P L C

#### DIRECTORS (AT-LARGE)

Select up to One (1) Only For a 1-Year Term

☐ Andrea Rhiel

☐ Edward Vingoe

#### NOTICE

See Voting Instructions on Back of Ballot

NOTE: See the next column for the Voting Instructions of both the Absentee and the Meeting Ballots

#### ABSENTEE BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD

Note: In accordance with Appendix II, Article VIII, Part 9 of the WLLA Constitution "Members who request an absentee ballot may not later rescind the request and vote at the General Membership (Election) Meeting."

1) DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT

#### 1) DO NOT FUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT

## 2) DO NOT WRITE ANY COMMENTS OR PUT ANY STRAY MARKS ON BALLOT

- Select up to the maximum people allowed for each position by putting an "X" in the box next to your choice for each of the listed positions
- 4) Nate: If you select more than allowed for any position your ballot will not be counted for that position. Your ballot will be counted if you choose to vote for less than the maximum allowed in any or all positions
- Place your completed ballot in Secret Ballot Envelope (De Not write on this envelope)
- 6) Place the Secret Ballot Envelope in the Return Envelope
- 7) Print Name under the # on Return Envelope
- 8) Either mail (add stamp) or return to WLLA Office no later than July 13, 2024

Deadline for scaled absence ballots must be postmarked and/or received at the WLLA office by no later than July 13, 2023.

WLLA office is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am- 2 pm

Upon receiving your envelope, the outer envelope will be verified that it has come from the correct family.

Once verified the secret ballot envelope will be removed from the outer envelope and dropped into the locked and secured ballot box.

The secret ballot envelope will not be opened until the votes are counted on July 20, 2024.

#### MEETING BALLOT

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD

Note: If you previously requested an absentee ballot, you may not vote again at the July 20, 2024. Meeting in accordance with the WLLA Constitution, Appendix II, Article VIII, Part 9

- 1) DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT
- 2) DO NOT WRITE ANY COMMENTS OR PUT ANY STRAY MARKS ON BALLOT
- Select up to the maximum people allowed for each position by putting an "X" in the box next to your choice for each of the listed positions
- 4) Note: If you select more than allowed for any position your ballot will not be counted for that position. Your ballot will be counted if you choose to vote for less than the maximum allowed in any or all positions
- Place completed ballot in ballot box on July 20, 2024, General Membership Meeting by 9 a.m.
- 6) Completed ballot must be entered into the ballot box prior to the start of the count of ballots to be valid.



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Thank you.

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Vice President: John Rolando

Treasurer: Carol Gillen

Secretary: Carolyn Kalinich

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