



WLA Board Meeting

The next Winans Lake Association board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12th, 6:30 at Lakelands Golf and Country Club.

WLA Beach Parking

The joint WLA and LGCC beach parking lot expansion project is moving forward. All regulatory permits are in place and work has begun. The expansion area has been silt fenced and cleared. Over the next few weeks the area will be filled and graded. The project is on schedule to have the additional parking spaces available next summer.

Please contact Greg Dygert if you have any questions or concerns.

Winter Lake Dock and Raft Removal

Winter arrived early this year but we have a small break in the weather. Lakefront members are reminded that WLA rules require that docks, dock supports and swimming rafts are to be removed from the lake. If you still have a dock or raft in the water, please ensure that it is removed and stored before winter comes roaring back.

Courteous Winter Driving

December is around the corner and with that we know the winter weather will be here with us for quite some time. I would like to pass along a gentle reminder about driving on our roads around the lake this winter. Most of our roads are narrow and, I believe, should be treated as one lane roads. especially with snow piled up along the sides and with people and animals walking/running on them. I especially wish that everyone would remember that while driving up and down the hills, the vehicle coming UP the hill should be given the right of way. So please remember to drive carefully, courteously and safely.

Thank you, Mary Evergreen.



CAROLING

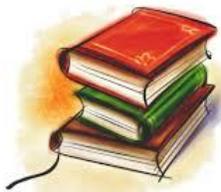
Christmas Caroling

It's a neighborhood holiday tradition!

On **Saturday December 21st**, Martha will once again lead carolers in house-to-house caroling and host an after-glow at her home. Meet at Martha's house, 6023 Winans Drive, at 7:00 pm for caroling. The after-glow starts around 8:00 pm.

Hope to see you there.

Winans Little Library



LENDING LIBRARY

Just in time for indoor winter reading, the Little Library across from the beach house has been refreshed with a new selection of books for high school age students and adults. Take a book or swap with one of your favorites. Pleasant reading!

One Trash Hauler Committee Update

The Committee has made significant progress. After several months of research starting a year ago, we recommended that residents switch to The Garbage Man LLC, which we believed offers the best service, the lowest price, the smallest trucks, and no separate truck for recycling. If we could get everyone to switch to The Garbage Man,



we could reduce truck traffic – and its attendant damage to roads, air quality, and pedestrian safety – from roughly 8 trips per week to just one and have trash carts out on our roads just one day each week rather than four.

We have also been urging Hamburg Township to follow the lead of Genoa Township, where trash collection is paid for through a \$151/year addition to local property tax under a competitively big trash-hauling contract. That’s barely half of what our residents are now paying. Supervisor Hohl supports this approach, but the rest of the township board does not want the Township to get involved in it. Tired of waiting for the Township, at least seven neighborhoods in Hamburg Township have made the move to a single trash hauler through their homeowners’ associations.

In August, our committee decided to focus first on the north and east sides of the lake, comprised of the 70 homes on Cowell Road (between Chilson and Pleasant Lake), Lance Court, Pleasant Lake Drive, and Hendricks Drive that contract for regular weekly pick-up. At the start of 2019, The Garbage Man had two households on those four roads as customers. As of November 21, 2019, it had 39 customers.

Hauler	1/1/1	11/21/19
The Garbage Man	2	39
Other Haulers	68	31

That leaves 31 households that have not yet switched. We have been interacting with some of those 31, starting with a letter sent out in early November; and we want WLA members to know the substance of those interactions.

Several have noted that switching to The Garbage Man would actually cost them more, not less. These are households that report that they fully fill the 64-gallon recycling cart that their current trash hauler provides. Matching that with The Garbage Man would require buying two \$1 thirty-gallon recycling bags each week, which would make The Garbage Man more expensive. We are talking about this issue with The Garbage Man, but have not reached a resolution. They are adamant about retaining their bagged recycling approach; it’s what allows them not to need a separate recycling truck, which was part of the reason we recommended that WLA members use them.

Some non-switchers have also noted that GFL and Advanced accept glass for recycling, while The Garbage Man currently does not. Despite our earlier communications on the subject, many members are not aware that “recycling” is not what it appears to be. In Michigan, this year, there is no market for recycled glass, almost all of which in the past was shipped to China. As part of the ongoing US-China trade war, China is no longer accepting US glass. So regardless of whether it’s



collected in a trash cart or in a recycling cart or bin, all glass not brought to a recycling center by individual residents is now going to landfill.

We continue to urge local households to consider switching to The Garbage Man. Our arguments remain the same. Except for a small number of households that always fill their large recycling carts past halfway, The Garbage Man remains lower-cost or, at worst, no more expensive. And because of the way it collects recycling, only The Garbage Man can service the neighborhood with a single truck trip. This advantage has great benefit to the neighborhood, even if it does not save money for each and every household.

We will ask for a time slot at the WLA Annual Meeting in May to update residents further and to answer any remaining questions. And, of course, if The Garbage Man comes up with an accommodation that addresses the concerns of residents who seek more recycling capacity, we will pass that on through this Newsletter.

Lake Life



Sandhill Cranes (Julie Hicks)



Welcome to the Neighborhood

Please welcome John Hett who has moved into 8664 Pleasant Lake Drive, right next to the beach. His email is thejournalofmadness@yahoo.com.

New Neighbors

Mary Evergreen does a great job welcoming new neighbors but could use YOUR help. Please send her an email if you see movement on houses next/close to you. Her email is mlevergreen@charter.net.

WLA Web Site

The Winans Lake Web Site is up and running. Check it out for the latest news and beach schedule at WinansLake.org.

Newsletter

Please send any articles or pictures you'd like included in the newsletter to Terre Voegeli (voegelit@gmail.com).

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