



WLA Board Meeting

The WLA board will meet 6:30 pm November 11 at Lakeland Golf and County Club. The October board meeting has been canceled.



LAKELANDS
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

LGCC 100th Anniversary Celebration

Lakelands Golf and Country Club is planning a series of events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Club in 2022. The Club plans to form a committee to plan and coordinate the events and is looking for a WLA representative that would be interested in helping. Please contact John Kukalis if interested in participating in the planning.

Halloween Trick or Treating



Trick or Treating

Sunday October 31st

6:00 pm – 8:00 (ish) pm

Now for those who aren't doing the trick or treating, be sure to welcome the tiny ghosts and ghouls to your home with plenty of candy - chocolate preferred!



Winans Lake Drainage District Project

Hamburg Township created a web page on the proposed Winans Lake Drain Project after the first 09/01/2021 informational meeting.

This link will access the webpage:

[Hamburg Township - Winans Lake Drain](#)

The September 01 meeting was recorded and you can view the recording using this link:

[Sept 1 2021 Winans Lake Drain meeting recording](#)

The next information meeting is scheduled for October 14th 2021. Mailed notices from the Drain Commissioner have been sent out in advance of the meeting.

If you have any questions, you can email [Simon Ren](#).

Winans Lake Association Website

The Winans Lake website contains information about the WLA, social events, beach, etc. Its "all things Winans Lake Association".

It has also been updated with information regarding the Winans Lake Drainage district and contains a link to the Hamburg informational website referenced above.

[Winans Lake Association website](#)

Fall Water Quality Issues

Lakes and Lawns

Most everyone can appreciate a lush, green, well-manicured lawn. However, lawns and lawn maintenance practices along the shoreline represent major threats to our lake's water quality. Unlike natural vegetation, turf grass does little to filter nutrients and sediments from entering a lake. Worse yet, lawn fertilizers and some other yard maintenance practices can add substantial amounts of nutrients to the lake. Excessive nutrients degrade water quality by promoting nuisance algae and plant growth and accelerating the eutrophication (aging) of



the lake. Lakefront residents should try to maintain a naturally vegetated buffer between their lawn and the lake while avoiding the use of fertilizers and keeping other organic materials far away from the lake.

Fertilizer Use

Lawn fertilizer use near lakes is a major enemy of water quality. This is because rainwater can leach fertilizer from lawns into the lake adding to the overall nutrient load.

The fact is, most fertilizer use is unnecessary. But since fertilizer companies and lawn care services are primarily concerned with making money, they typically recommend that fertilizer be used on a regular basis whether it is necessary or not. So how does one know if fertilizer is necessary or not? The answer is by testing your soil. Accurate, inexpensive DIY soil test kits are readily available from any hardware, lawn/garden store, Amazon, etc. and can save you hundreds of dollars a year in unnecessary fertilizer costs while helping to protect the lake. So do yourself and your lake a solid favor by avoiding fertilizer use unless a soil test indicates it is really necessary.

Other rules and best practices regarding fertilizer use include:

- Don't use fertilizer containing phosphorous (state law)
- Don't apply fertilizer within 25ft of the shoreline (WLA Rule)
- Don't dispose of leaves, grass clippings, pet waste or any other organic material in or near the lake.
- Ensure that lawn care services are complying with the above laws, rules and best management practices. Require your lawn care service to prove through a soil test that fertilizer is necessary and, if so, that they are using zero phosphorous fertilizer.
- Document and report any neighbors or lawn care services that do not comply with our laws and rules.
- Do irrigate your lawn from the lake. Irrigating from the lake removes nutrients from the lake and places them in your lawn (the opposite effect of fertilizing) and can reduce or eliminate the need for costly fertilizers.

Geese

Goose droppings act as a concentrated form of fertilizer that presents an additional nutrient load to the lake, again leading to excessive weed and algae growth as well as harmful bacteria levels. Residents are reminded to never feed geese or otherwise allow them to nest or congregate on their property or the lake per WLA rules.



Fires and Burning

Similar to fertilizer, fire ashes contain highly concentrated nutrients that can be absorbed by the soil and subsequently leach into the lake. Please don't burn leaves or other yard waste near the shoreline unless the ashes are contained and promptly disposed of away from the lake.

Lake Milfoil Status

Late summer surveys indicated milfoil was well under control and fall treatment was not necessary.

Abandoned Boats



The WLA Board is still continuing to work on cleaning up the access sites. Boats have been abandoned at the sites over the years as residents move away or stop using them.

How do you make sure your boat is not swept up in the effort and sold on eBbay? Make sure it has a Winans Lake decal and boat number affixed. Contact Greg Dygert (stanleywings at yahoo dot com if you don't know your WLA (not LGCC) boat number.



Lake Life

After a very rainy September weekend, this double rainbow was captured in Brighton on September 20th. A single full rainbow was spotted over Hamburg on the same day.





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 at charter dot net.

Newsletter

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

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