

# Lake Views

For Winans Lake Association Members – December 2016

## **Reminder: Please Remove Dock and Rafts**

### ➤ *WLA Board*

Now that winter is upon us, lakefront members are reminded that WLA rules require that docks and swimming rafts be removed at the end of the season. If you still have a dock or raft in the water, please ensure that it is removed a.s.a.p.

## **Fish Study Update**

### ➤ *Greg Dygert*

It appears we have met our goal for bass and bluegill samples for our ongoing fish study, thanks in large part to Carl Yost and his cousin, Joel. In appreciation for their efforts, the WLA presented Carl with \$50 in gift certificates to Gander Mountain for submitting the most bass and bluegill samples of any volunteer this summer.

It also appears that we still need additional pike samples. Anyone who catches a pike is requested to measure the length of the fish and carefully remove about 5 scales near the end of the pectoral fin and above the lateral line before release (the WLA strongly recommends that pike and bass be released unharmed, panfish are much better eating anyway). Place the scales in a baggy noting the fish length, species, and angler's name and submit to Greg Dygert or Frank Ferguson. We still have a \$25 gift certificate to award for the most pike samples.

During the winter season our lake advisor, Dr. David Jude of Freshwater Physicians, will be analyzing the submitted samples to determine the health of our fishery and help us make effective management decisions going forward. A big Thank You goes out to everyone who has participated!

## **Lake Survey Report**

### ➤ *Water Quality Committee*

In Late July we completed the remaining part of the lake survey which took longer than usual due to weather and wind. Once again we have improved our control of Eurasian Milfoil. That is evidenced by the use of less application material and also the survey visual examination indicating an improved result. Some larger, dense patches were still dying but remained partially standing into middle August. Based upon the survey results no further treatment was required this year. The usual spring treatment will occur next year. No unusual lake weeds were noted during the survey indicating that no new invasive species have arrived here...yet.

In addition to the lake treatment and survey we also sprayed *Australis phragmites* on the West shore along Chilson Road and (with permission) on a resident's lot. The *Australis* at the beach parking lot field was sprayed twice and was gone by August. The evil Asian garlic mustard spray on the beach lot has been successful; in addition, the NE access has been sprayed twice and will be rechecked.

Different types of algal bloom occurred throughout summer particularly during the hottest water time. The sporadic green slime and globular surface aggregations diminished at the water began to cool in mid August. Secchi disk readings were reduced to about 9 feet at one point; however, depth visibility increased quickly toward the typical 18 to 21 foot depths as the water cooled.

## **Enjoy The Night Sky - ELIMINATE LAKE SIDE OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

### ➤ *Winans Lake Association*

The Winans Lake Association endorses the Abrams Planetarium Dark Skies program and asks that you eliminate lakeside outdoor lighting when you are not outside. This will enhance the night quality of our lake and provide your neighbors across the lake with a better view of the night sky.

To keep abreast of aurora borealis sighting opportunities, comet viewing, solar flares, asteroids, and planet positions in a given month, go to [www.spaceweather.com](http://www.spaceweather.com) and look around. They offer great aurora slide shows and videos of the sun. Another site for night sky calendars is <http://stardate.org/nightsky/meteors>, which covers meteor showers, moon phases, and more. The next meteor shower is the Geminids on December 13th followed by the Quadrantids January 3rd.

***The night magic of our lake is greatly diminished by unnecessary outdoor lighting. Eliminate lakeside outdoor lighting when you are not outside. Your neighbors will appreciate your efforts.***

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## **Winans Women Walking**

➤ *Terre Voegeli*

It's been a year of walking for a committed group of neighborhood women. We currently walk Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 starting from my driveway (6107 Winans Drive). If you are interested in joining us, give me a call at 734-476-0354. Or simply show up and give it a try.

## **Winter Driving**

➤ *Mary Evergreen*

Just some of my personal thoughts on driving on Winans Drive in the winter: (This may apply to the other roads around the lake.) In every season I try to drive as if I were a one-lane road, because in some places it essentially is. But in the wintery weather it is even more so. I encourage everyone to drive courteously and carefully. Please take extra care driving up and down the hills on Winans Drive. The best way I have found to deal with the vehicles you encounter is to always give the vehicles coming up the hill the right of way. Take care before starting down to assure that there is no one who may be coming up. This way everyone can get to where they are going safely. And one more thought. If you happen to be shoveling or plowing out your driveway, please use care on where you snow ends up. Please don't leave too much of that white stuff in the road. It just makes it that much harder for the walkers, runners, and the drivers to navigate. Thank You for 'listening' and here hoping everyone has a very merry and safe holiday season.

## **4<sup>th</sup> of July**

➤ *Martha Leabu*

4th of July - Once again we had a day full of fun events on the 4th. The day started at 8:00am with our swim, bike run relay down at the beach. This event draws about 30 participants, who do one or all of the 3 legs of this event. Thanks to Liz Larwa for bringing her paddleboat for us to swim to, and for David Larwa for announcing the event. It's a great way to start the day.

The parade and flag raising followed on Winans Drive. Thank you to Michael and Emily Kramer for raising the flag and for Mary Evergreen for blocking off the road.

The Pelkys then hosted our continental breakfast, and the Larwas did a fabulous job, once again, with our games. Thanks to Eric Loehr for helping with water balloon preparation. Lars Hallstrom and Hannah Leabu received the "First in the Lake" award.

We had our potluck at the Beach, which was well attended by over 100 people. Thanks to Mary Evergreen for doing the shopping for this, and for Simon and Lee Ren and Ken Martenka for cooking and serving. Thanks to Bruce and Connie Mendenhall for handling the drinks as well.

I hope that I haven't forgotten to mention anyone. Thanks to all the families around the lake who participate and help with these events. It's part of what makes this a special place, set apart from other neighborhoods.

May the tradition continue for many years to come!

## **Welcome New Neighbors**

➤ *Mary Evergreen*

Carrie and Derek Ray 8868 Hendrick  
Carrie @carrieraycasting.com

Karen and Dan Sheridan 5853 Cowell  
Sons Nick & Gus, Daughter Lucy, Dog Juno, 2 cats Pavel and Fannie  
Karen's cell: 616-405-8117 elanor@egl.net

Mary and Rod Watson 5966 Winans Drive  
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Amy and Billy Kutsomarkos 6130 Winans Drive  
2 cats June and Jelly

Jeff Lentz 6206 Winans Drive  
1-810-623-+8772

Kirsten and Brian Hallstrom 6174 Cowell  
Son Lars, Daughter Anneka and Dog Hobie

Faron Kutsomarkos 5989 Winans Drive  
Dog Anubis  
[fkutsomarkos@gmail.com](mailto:fkutsomarkos@gmail.com) 1-313-445-1009

## **Lake Views**

➤ *Melissa Benzie*

If you have any news or information to share with your neighbors please send to [melrobhil@yahoo.com](mailto:melrobhil@yahoo.com) or call 231-1239