



2018 Annual WLA Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Annual WLA Meeting, to be held on Thursday, May 24th, 6:30 at LGCC. As per usual, the elections committee is seeking two candidates to run for the Board of Governors. If you are interested in running, know somebody who would be a good candidate, or want more info, please contact Dan Luria (dluria@the-center.org).

WLA Board Meeting

The next WLA board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at LGCC starting at 6:30PM.

Reminder: Please Return Ice Fishing Flags

Now that ice fishing season is over, members who have been issued an ice fishing flag are requested to return them to Greg Dygert (5874 Cowell) or to any board member or LGCC as soon as possible. Due to poor compliance in the past, the board and LGCC are considering assessing the cost of the flags to any member who does not return their flags by May 1st. Returning the flags each year seems like a hassle, but it helps keep costs down by preventing lost flags and helps make sure the rule cards are current.

Save the Date: Beach Spring Cleaning

On **Saturday, May 19th** (time TBD, Rain Date: Sunday, May 20th) we will be tending to the grounds. So mark your calendars to save the date - more information to follow. You can contact me, Carrie, at 734-604-5822 if you have any questions in the meantime.

Water Quality Report

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has approved The LGCC 2018 permit to control invasive Eurasian water milfoil in Winans Lake. The milfoil maps from the 2017 fall lake survey will be updated with observations from the 2018 spring lake survey to determine our treatment needs. We had a late August milfoil bed spot lake treatment in 2017 to try to eradicate a half dozen pernicious milfoil beds that had survived previous efforts.

We are planning for lake treatment late in the month of May somewhat before the Memorial Day holiday. That is an optimal time to treat milfoil to achieve economy of material and cost while having the best control effect."

Spring Time Activities

As we resume our spring yard and garden duties, we have an opportunity to benefit our water quality. The following advice is summarized from several articles by a county agricultural agent.

Burning: Often it is more convenient to burn leaves than to remove or compost them. The resulting ashes contain highly concentrated nutrients that are absorbed by rainwater and drain or seep into the lake. This promotes dense aquatic weed growth and algae bloom at your beach. To improve water quality, ashes should be removed or composted as far as possible away from the shore. Same process



for recreational fire pit ashes.

Fertilizing: Heavy rains dissolve lawn fertilizer which then runs off into the lake to grow thicker weeds in your beach area. For this reason, it is recommended that the last 50 feet of lawn adjacent to a shoreline should not be fertilized. Avoid fertilizing at all, if possible; otherwise, use a zero phosphorous fertilizer (the middle number should be zero; for example: 30/0/10).

Lawn Service: If you employ a lawn service, ask them for a “lake-friendly” treatment. They have special formulations designed for use near water that are zero phosphorous fertilizers. This is required by Hamburg Township ordinance and WLA best practices.

Raking: The removal of weeds and leaves from the lake also reduces the nutrient load of the entire lake and makes our own beach areas more pleasant.

Watering: Our lake water already carries a high nutrient load. A very positive thing that we can each do to improve our water quality is to filter some lake water through lawn watering. By spraying the lake water sparingly over our lawns, we allow the grass to absorb the nutrients and return cleaner water down to the water table which eventually re-enters the lake. Previous tests show that nutrients present in the lake water should supply ALL of our lawn fertilizer needs (which provides a savings in time and materials).

Each of us can only do a little damage to the lake or provide a little benefit; yet, taken altogether, our combined effort will be large. Winans Lake will become what we as a community make of it.



Canada Geese

This is the time of year that geese show up in numbers looking for a comfortable place to nest and stay the summer. While some may consider geese to be an interesting part of the wildlife scene, they are actually one of more serious threats to our water quality.

Goose droppings contain harmful bacteria, which can cause illness and potentially force the beach and lake to be closed to swimming if levels get too high. This happens every year on nearby lakes. Goose droppings also represent an additional nutrient load to the lake, leading to excessive weed growth—something the WLA has been working diligently to control at great expense. In addition to the obvious mess, goose droppings on the ground are also unsanitary and are especially hazardous to children and pets.



Once again, the WLA is planning to participate in MDNR permitted nest destruction and roundup programs this year. However, it is extremely important that all members cooperate in keeping geese off our lake by actively harassing them and discouraging them from congregating and nesting on or near the lake. Under no circumstances should geese or other waterfowl be fed. The WLA is considering adding a WLA lake rule to this effect, and is also working with Hamburg Township on an ordinance prohibiting the feeding or harboring of geese. ***Please do your part in helping to keep Winans Lake clean and swimmable.***

Lake Life



The annual Christmas caroling had approximately 25 singers with additional neighbors joining in the afterglow.



This past winter offered many opportunities for winter sports.





Welcome to the Neighborhood

Devin and Brie O'Halloran welcomed their first son, Connor James, on February 14th. They live on Winans Drive.

Loretta Tobolske-Horn and Derek Horn have moved into 6540 Cowell. They have a dog Destiny with them. Their daughter and son are both at U of M.

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Charles DeLand has moved into 8443 Teahan.

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Brian Helmerson has moved into 5749 Cowell. He has two Golden Retrievers: Liza and Abby.

Christine and Greg Teff have moved into 6146 Cowell. They still have two of six children at home, Caitlin (16) and Lauren (14) as well as a cat, Garfield.

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Kay and Roy Retzlaff have moved into 6007 Winans View Court with their dog Finnegan.

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Megan Allor and her fiance' Jon Farkas have moved into their new home at 6010 Winans Drive.

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[248-921-2896](tel:248-921-2896)

Gary Wellings has moved into 5821 Winans Drive with his son Zachary.

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