



2022 Annual WLA Meeting

The 2022 Annual meeting was held at LGCC on May 19th and was attended by 36 members. The WLA Board presented the financial status, reviewed the water quality status, and updated attendees on the Winans Lake drainage district status. The membership voted affirmatively on the two submitted proposals:

A proposal to increase dues \$10 per month to offset increasing costs in the general budget, support a transition to professional water quality management, fund beach house repairs and strengthen reserve funds.

A proposal to amend the bylaws to permit electronic voting; paper ballots will be provided to members who are currently receiving paper copies of the Winans Lake Views newsletter.

Additionally, Greg Dygert was reelected to the board and Trish Ibrahim joined the board. The current board members are listed below.

Greg Dygert – President
Dennis Durnwald – Vice President
Jay Grusin – Treasurer
Simon Ren – Secretary
Kirsten Hallstrom – Governor
Trish Ibrahim – Governor
Tim Hicks – At-Large
Tim Hicks – LGCC Liaison

The draft annual meeting minutes are available.

Water Quality Update Spring 2022

Winans Lake was chemically treated on May 31st to control invasive eurasian milfoil. Based on prior surveys, approximately 95 locations were treated with a 2,4-D based granular herbicide. This is essentially the same active ingredient used in lawn products to control broadleaf weeds, but in this case the herbicide is encased in a clay pellet so that it rapidly sinks to



the bottom of the lake and releases slowly near the roots of the plants. This is a systemic herbicide, which means that when it gets taken up by the plant it kills the whole plant, not just the portions that are contacted. Properties within 100 ft of treated areas and access sites were posted with signs indicating certain watering restrictions.

The amount of milfoil observed this spring seemed a bit more than usual, which was somewhat surprising based on the small amount that was leftover last fall after 2021 treatments. The lake will be surveyed again in this summer to determine the effectiveness of the spring treatment and locate any areas that may have been missed. Subsequent treatments will likely be required this year using a different but similar herbicide (triclopyr) to help ensure that we are not developing plants with a resistance to any one herbicide.

Longer term, the WLA will be working lake experts to evaluate the use of a relatively new herbicide, Procellacor, which promises to provide more effective and longer term control with a good safety profile. While this a more expensive herbicide, it can potentially lead to lower cost over time due to reduced treatments

Invasive milfoil has a tendency to grow at lower water temperatures and lower light levels than other plants and can grow up to 3 inches per day. This gives it a competitive advantage over native plants which can allow it to quickly dominate the ecosystem, leading to reduced habitat and impeded access. This is why it is so important to keep this invasive plant under control.

On another topic, several members have voiced concerns about the amount of yellow-green material floating on the lake near the shorelines this year. This material was determined to be a mixture of algae, pollen, cottonwood fuzz and road dust and has since dissipated due to recent rains and winds. A certain amount of algae is a natural occurrence this time of year as the water warms. However, excessive algae degrade water quality and are an indicator of too many nutrients (i.e. phosphorous and nitrogen) entering the system, usually via stormwater runoff. The recently approved Winans Lake Drain should help to limit the amount of these and other contaminants washing into the lake once it is implemented. As always,



members are urged to avoid unnecessary use of fertilizer and avoid placing any other organic materials in or near the lake.

WLA Water Quality Committee



Once again, the Winans Lake Association will be hosting a full day of activities for one and all! This will be the 31st Annual neighborhood gathering, and we hope lots and lots of you turn out to join in the festivities.

Here is a brief synopsis of the day's activities:

- 8:00 am Swim, Bike and Run Relay starting at the beach
- 10:30 am the decorated bike, wagon, stroller, golf cart, etc. parade starting at the Governor Winans historical marker on Winans Drive
- Our traditional flag ceremony at the McGinn's flagpole (end of the parade) on Winans Drive
- The continental breakfast returns this year, hosted by the Pelky's on Winans Drive. It follows the flag ceremony.
- Not listed, but Hamish and Kahlan Ibrahim will be recognized as this year's First in the Lake during the continental breakfast. They braved the icy cold waters on March 6th.



- The games are also returning this year and will once again be organized and led by Liz Larwa. They will start after the continental breakfast in the same location on Winans Drive.
- 3:00 pm decorated boat parade - this event was an instant hit when it was introduced in 2020 and is now a regular part of the day.
- Finally, the day ends with our traditional potluck at the beach featuring the grilling skills of Simon and Lee Ren. Grilling starts around 5 pm; bring a dish to share. Don't be late!!!!!!!

All the day's details are available in this year's July 4th flyer. If you 'd like to help or need more information, give Martha a call at 810-923-0535.



Winans Lake 4th of July T-shirts

Martha will be running a popup store on her front porch the week before the 4th of July. She has a limited number of t-shirts available for sale.
(6023 Winans Drive)

Beach Spruce Up

June 26th 10:00 am

Please come down to help clean up the landscape in preparation for our July 4th party.



A Successful Beach Cleanup

A big thank you to the 15-20 people who showed up on Saturday, May 21st to prepare the beach for opening. The day started out rather shaky with iffy weather. But it held off and the beach was put to rights. The WLA beach committee and board wants to send a special thank you to **Bob Krisher** for showing up with his tractor - it made a lot of tasks go much quicker.

LGCC send a crew down on Sunday to finish the remaining tasks including anchoring the raft.

[Winans Lake Beach web page](#) provides information on the beach, its rules and hours. Additionally, the [Winans Lake Beach Club Facebook page](#) provides current status.

FYI: If you want to get in on the fun, mark your calendar for September 11th when the beach will be packed up and buttoned down for the season.



lets get social

There are some ongoing and new activities around the lake. Take a look and see if anything tickles your fancy. *P.S. If you happen to think these activities are for the women of the lake, you'd be right.*

Ladies Boat Ride

The ladies boat ride returns this year on Thursdays at 8 pm. It starts at Martha's dock (with or without her) and goes once around the lake counterclockwise. You can start at Martha's or wait until the boats come by your location. *Acceptable craft is anything that floats.*



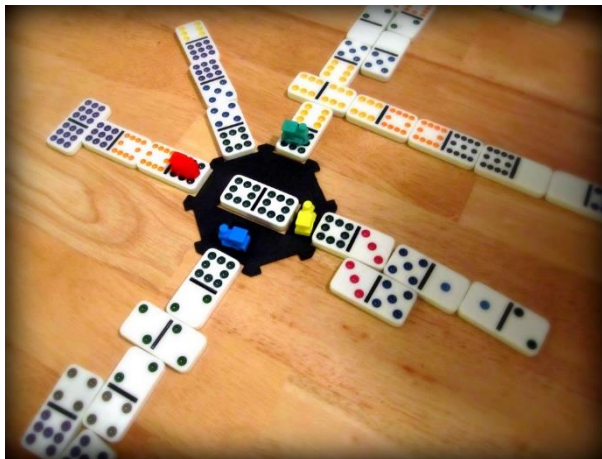
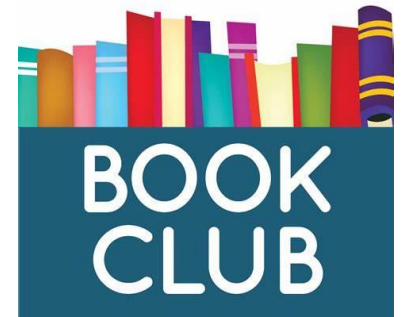


Winans Women Walking

You are invited to walk around the lake on Thursdays starting at 8:30 am from Terre Voegeli's. You can join at her house or catch the group along the way. Come once, twice, semi regularly or regularly. Email Terre at voegelit@gmail.com to be put on the weekly reminder.

Winans Book Club

Interested in reading a good book and then discussing it with your neighbors? Contact Sarah Grusin at sarahgrusin@gmail.com. She's helping organize this new opportunity around the lake.



Mexican Train Night

Finally, how about playing Mexican Train monthly with your neighbors? Its a great way to socialize and get to know your neighbors. Email Terre at voegelit@gmail.com and let her know if you'd prefer day, evening, or either. If there is enough interest, a meeting will be held to organize the activity.



Lake Life





Welcome to the Neighborhood

We have two new families that have recently moved into the neighborhood.

Sara and Scott Johnson have moved into 6005 Winans Dr. with their daughter Abby 19 and their son Tyler 15.

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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