## **WLA Board Meeting**

The Winans Lake Board will meet January 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Location to be determined after the first of the year.

## **Professional Lake Management**

At the 2022 WLA Annual Meeting the membership approved an increase in dues primarily to support retaining a professional lake management company. Since then, the WLA board has reviewed the lake's needs, researched lake management companies, created a Request for Proposal (RFP), and sent the RFP to two companies. Bids have been received, evaluated and a lake management company has been selected and approved by the WLA and LGCC Boards. Starting in 2023, PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. will be providing comprehensive lake management services to Winans Lake. These include vegetation management, water quality monitoring, long-term planning and other activities deemed necessary to maintain and improve lake quality.

The engagement of a lake management company will provide consistent and expert attention to the needs of Winans Lake under continuing guidance from the WLA board and members. It will greatly reduce the reliance on volunteer time and effort, providing stability to the management of our lake's quality.

# **Winans Lake Caroling**



The Winans Lake Carolers will be making their rounds Friday, December 23rd. Meet at the Leabu's house (6023 Winans Drive) at 7:00 pm. Caroling will last about an hour. The traditional After Glow will start around 8:00 pm for singers and non-singers at the Leabu's.

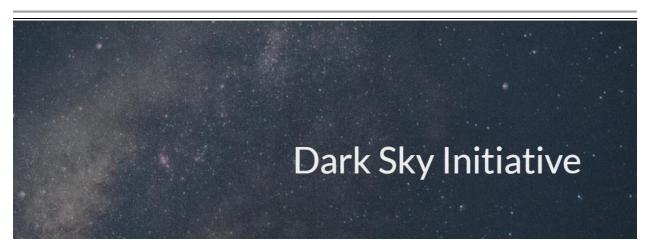


Lakeland's final centennial event is rapidly approaching. **Turn the Page** takes place on Thursday December 15th. A simple, hearty and delicious grazing station feast starts at 6:00 pm with background music provided by the James O'donnel Duet. A highlight of the evening *(in my humble opinion)* will be a reading from "The Legends of Lakelands" by author Allen Smyth.

There are other events planned for the evening including a time capsule creation and Mixed Grille expansion plan presentation.

You can make a reservation by contacting Lakelands at 810-231-3000 or logging into the <u>LGCC website</u>. Cost is \$30.00 per person.

Hopefully you can also snag a copy of Allen's book. <u>Use this link to pre order a copy.</u>



# **Dark Sky Initiative**

Those of us living around Winans Lake are treated to many spectacular views throughout the seasons, but perhaps none are more beautiful than the sky at night with the natural light of the moon, stars and planets above the Lake. Unfortunately, these views are often degraded by the excessive exterior lighting of some of our neighbors. In fact, excessive exterior lighting is one of the most common complaints received by the WLA board.

The WLA supports the <u>dark sky initiative</u> and urges members to be aware and considerate of others with regard to their exterior (and especially lake side) lighting.

Members are further reminded of the following WLA rule: "To help maintain the natural character of the community and avoid light pollution, all outdoor lighting shall be managed so that there is no glare beyond the property line. All special-purpose outdoor lighting (e.g., to illuminate swimming, skating, or deck areas) shall be turned off by 10 p.m."

For many of us, the absence of light pollution constitutes one of the main benefits of living outside the city. So please take the time to review your exterior lighting from your neighbor's perspective and from across the lake and make any adjustments necessary to be a respectful neighbor. Options include extinguishing all unnecessary outdoor lighting, lower intensity lamps, shading, motion sensors, etc.

## **Lake Life**



Rosie the Riveter hosted the November Winans Lake Women's Book Club.

"Arsenal of Democracy "by A. J. Baime was the month's selection.

Winans Women have been walking for a number of years now. The group starts at 6107 Winans Drive at 8:30 am Thursday mornings. Show up or email Terre (voegelit@gmail.com) to be put on the email reminder list.





Today, Election Day, November 8, 2022 with the temps in the mid 60s and a clear blue sky, The Wheelers, Ibrahims, and Dygert kids did not have school. So, instead, they made several giant leaf piles at the beach house. We might have lost a couple of kids, but hope to find them in the Spring thaw.

#### **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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