



Winans Lake Board Meeting

The Winans Lake (WLA) Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club (LGCC).

Ice Anglers: Please Return Ice Fishing Flags by April 1st.

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 as soon as possible, but no later than March 31st per WLA rules.

December 2023 Caroling Party

The Caroling Party took place on Friday, December 22nd. We had a group of 24, ranging in age from 1 to 75. It was a mild evening, about 40 degrees, and there was no wind. Victor had a nice fire going outside and we gathered there to begin. We had a 3 generation group this year; Judy Woods, who moved to Winans Drive with her parents many years ago when she was in high school, brought her daughter, Abby, who grew up on the lake (in what is now the Dygert's house). Abby had traveled here from Connecticut with her three daughters.



The group headed east on Winans Drive, stopping at several houses, all the way to the historic home up the hill (Lynn Boyer's), on to a few homes on Hendrick Drive, then back up Winans Drive. We took two vehicles full of singers up to the end of Clubhouse Drive to sing for Carol Kennedy, a friend of Martha's and a long-time lake resident.



We returned to our house just as it started to rain, to join up with the non-singers. We had a nice after glo around the fire inside, with hot chocolate, sparkling wine, Christmas cookies, and snacks. Watch for next year's announcement in the newsletter and feel free to join us next year.

Editor's Mea culpa: I took advantage of being snowed in and included the caroling pictures in the January newsletter but didn't wait for the promised writeup.

Canada Geese and Water Quality



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 the 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 present an additional nutrient load to the lake, leading to other water quality problems such as 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.



Due to the bird flu, the DNR is limiting the number of relocation permits again this year. Accordingly, it is even more 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. WLA rules prohibit feeding and harboring waterfowl and will be strictly enforced since roundup is not currently an option. Please do your part in helping to keep Winans Lake clean and swimmable.

Attempted Theft

A resident on Pleasant Lake Drive reported that on February 10th or 11th between 9 pm and 6 am a vehicle that was parked in his driveway was unlawfully entered and that the glove box contents were searched and scattered on the floor and seat in an apparent attempted theft. Residents who witness any suspicious activity are urged to contact Hamburg Township Police at 911.

Finally - A Frozen Lake

The watch was on for when the lake would finally freeze over this year so winter sports could begin. The official date was January 15, 2024. Similar to last year, the lake never froze December. And at time of this writing on February 11, the lake has already opened up a bit during the midwinter thaw. Further, it subsequently refroze and now has reopened.



First in the Lake

A big congratulations goes out to Abigail Wheeler who went into the lake on January 26th to claim First in the Lake honors for 2024. This is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, plunges into the lake.



Down and under she goes . . .



Now up and out . . . Brrr!



Community News

Occasionally information comes to the attention of the WLA that is of importance to the community while not directly related to the lake.

Spring 2024 Livingston Count Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale

Livingston County is purchasing in bulk and are offering compost bins,

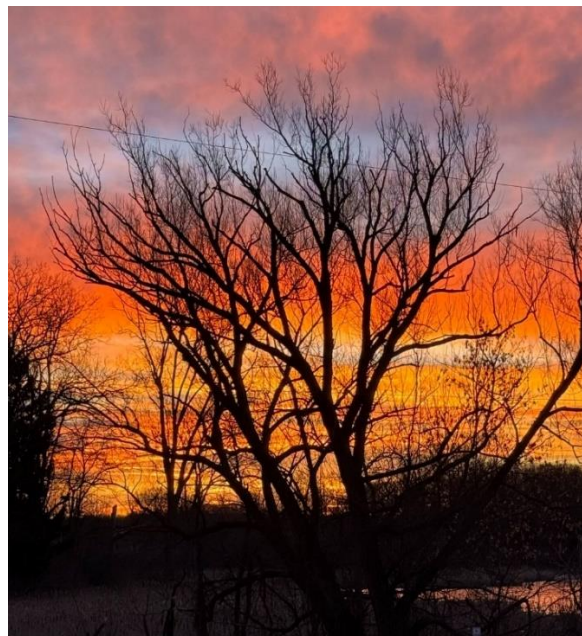


rain barrels and accessories at reduced prices.

Click for full details at the [Livingston County Website.](#)

Lake Life

There have been some spectacular sunrises this month.
January 17th





February 7th

Ice Fishing January 21st



Ice Skating February 8th

The lake started opening two days later!
Needless to say, they stayed within 20 feet of the shore
on the south side of the lake.



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.

WLA Web Site

The Winans Lake Web Site is up and running. Check it out for the latest news and beach schedule at WinansLake.org.

Newsletter

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

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