

Echoes from Our Lake

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LAKESHORES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Meet Your WLLA Neighbors

The Flood Family

Joshua and Heather have lived in the area for over 11 years, and in May closed on their new property in Walker Lake. Seeing their new home was a love at first sight moment, and they knew it was the perfect house for their family.



The Floods like to hike, fish, kayak, entertain friends and family, visit amusement parks, BBQ and hang out at home. Their daughter, Hailey, enjoys baking when she is not busy with work and college. Their boys, William and Andrew are usually outside exploring the woods, riding bikes or playing basketball. Josh enjoys hunting and Heather enjoys reading and baking.

The Flood family is looking forward to meeting their neighbors and is excited and eager to check out all the community has to offer.

WHAT'S NEW

IT'S ELECTION TIME

Get to know your candidates and take note of the election timeline so you can vote!

SUMMER EVENTS

Take a look at the upcoming events and activities that are available for you to enjoy.

IMPORTANT LAKE NEWS

Things you need to know about the lake to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer season.

Summer Events

All events are BYOB

JUNE

Ladies Club: Wednesdays, 10am at the Clubhouse

First Friday Potluck Dinner: Friday, June 2, 2023.
6:00pm-9:00pm. Best Ribs Contest, who will win the bragging rights for best ribs in Walker Lake with Pub Trivia (if you don't want to bring ribs a side dish is just as delicious). Sign up required.
Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member.

Pickleball League Begins: Sunday, June 4, 2023.
League will play every Sunday, 10:00am-12:00pm and Wednesday 6:00pm-8:00pm. Sign up required.
Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$70.00 Non-refundable non-member fee.

Volleyball League Begins: Tuesday, June 6, 2023.
League will play every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm. Sign up required.
Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$70.00 Non-refundable non-member fee.

Game Night: Left, Center, Right:
Monday, June 12, 2023. 7:00pm-9:00pm.
Sign up required.
Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member.

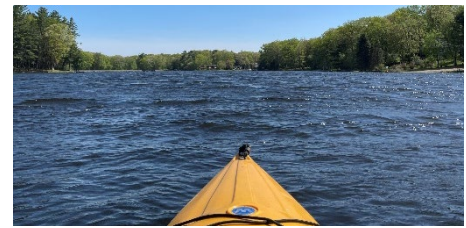
Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday, June 17, 2023.
In Person meeting at clubhouse or Zoom is available - contact office for Zoom link. 9:00am-11:00am.

Mens Club: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at the Clubhouse

Game Night: Minute to Win It: Monday, June 26, 2023.
7:00pm-9:00pm (teams created at random, come with a friend, spouse or by yourself). Sign up required
Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member.

Lake News

Lake Committee Report.
Meeting held May 1, 2023



Geese

We mistakenly added eggs on private property and were given a written warning by the State Game Commission. Our permit was reviewed with our Game Warden and steps are in place so that our volunteers know not to venture onto any property other than that owned by WLLA. For more tips on geese control measure visit <https://extension.psu.edu/geese-ducks-and-swans>.

Hazardous Algae

Algae can be hazardous in certain quantities and conditions. It is important that, if larger amounts of algae are observed, the committee be notified ASAP to test and treat the algae. All testing would be done under an understanding with PLEON.

Beach Testing

Weekly testing is required by the PA Dept. of Health. We have engaged Sekula Labs once again to perform testing at Clubhouse Beach and West Shore Beach starting the week prior to Memorial Day. Should the test show positive for harmful bacteria, we will immediately be notified and that beach will be closed. Every effort to retest ASAP will be made so that beach may reopen. Harmful bacteria is usually the result of animal feces getting into the lake, so please clean up after your pets and do not feed or encourage the geese in any way.

JULY

Ladies Club: Wednesdays, 10am at the Clubhouse

First Friday Potluck Dinner: Friday, July 7, 2023. 6:00pm-9:00pm. Independence Day Celebration with Pub Trivia. Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member. Sign up required.

Game Night: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Grab
Monday, July 10, 2023. 7:00pm-9:00pm. A twist on an old kid's game. You must come to see how to play. (Teams created at random, come with a friend, spouse or by yourself). Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member. Sign up required.

Annual General Membership Board Meeting:
Saturday, July 15, 2023. 9:00am. Board of Directors Meeting immediately following. Bring your topics for discussion, concerns, or compliments to the meeting. The WLLA Board would love to hear from everyone.

1st Annual Summer Olympics: Saturday, July 15, 2023. Team RED, WHITE & BLUE. Compete in 4 different relay races with a tug of war at the end between top two teams. Once signed up, you will be randomly placed on a team, so you know which color to wear that day. (Starts at 1:00pm; Rain date Sunday, July 16, 2023) No fee member event only. Sign up required.

Annual Membership Get Together: Saturday, July 15, 2023. Games, Food, and Fun. Dessert Baking Contest, bring your best pies, cakes, and cookies. Announcement of the 1st Annual Summer Olympics winner. 5:00pm-9:00pm. No fee, member event only. Sign up required.

Mens Club: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at the Clubhouse

Kids Fishing Contest: Sunday, July 23, 2023. Kids ages 4-8: 1 point for every fish you catch, 9am-10am. Kids ages 9-14: 1 point for every 2 fish you catch. 10:30am-11:30 am. Fishing by the dam or West Shore Beach. Parents may help bait hook, and net fish but child must do the fishing. All licenses apply. Fee: members free with paid annual membership, \$10.00 non-member. Sign up required.

Lake News (cont....)

Fish Stocking

We stocked the lake this past month with the following fish:

- 350 LMO Bass
- 100 Shiners for smallmouth bass populations and to increase sunfish angling
- 100 Black Crappies to supplement food for yellow perch. Increased size in the yellow perch creates food for increasing the black bass population

Bobby Jovanovic generously donated funds for 350 additional bass for the lake and our supplier was able to bring those as well.

Catch and Release is strongly recommended for any bass or pickerel caught in our lake.

Creel Survey

We're conducting the 2023 creel survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. We'll also print out cards for the office and/or security to distribute to anyone interested/unaware. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future.

Beavers

One beaver was trapped and removed, but there is additional evidence of a second beaver remaining at another location. Homeowners who suspect that a beaver is on their property should contact the office, who will contact the Lake Committee. While WLLA will have any beavers removed, it is the property owner's responsibility to remove the beaver den. Dens can be re-occupied by other beavers.

AUGUST

Ladies Club: Wednesdays at 10am at the Clubhouse

First Friday Potluck Dinner:

Friday, August 4, 2023. 6:00pm-9:00pm.
Favorite Summer Dish with Pub Trivia. Sign up required.
Fee: members free with paid annual membership,
\$10.00 non-member.

Game Night: Price Is Right:

Monday, August 14, 2023. 7:00pm-9:00pm
(Teams created at random, come with a friend, spouse or
by yourself). Sign up required
Fee: members free with paid annual membership,
\$10.00 non-member.

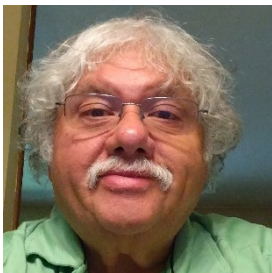
Mens Club: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at the
Clubhouse.

Board of Directors Meeting:

Saturday, August 19, 2023: 9:00am-11:00am
In Person meeting at clubhouse or Zoom is available-
contact office for Zoom link.

WLLA Election Information

CANDIDATES & BIOS



**For President and at Large
Director: Michael DeVita**

Originally from Bergen County, NJ, I have lived on Iroquois Road in Walker Lake since April 2000. I first became a WLLA board member in January 2018 and served until July of 2019. I returned to the board in September 2020 and have been there since. As many of you know I have been serving continually as the Road Committee Chair since 2018. I have discussed the road status with many of you on Facebook or email about the roads, acknowledging the frustration many of us feel at times. I feel this is the most major issue facing the community and we need to continue to look for solutions to better maintain and improve our roads. It is about trying to find affordable solutions that when done are accomplished correctly.

Seasonal Notes

Road Maintenance

Road work began in May after the Board awarded a contract to fix all the potholes and conduct other pavement repairs at a cost of \$31,060. A contract for the gravel roads was issued and the road materials were purchased by WLLA for \$55,000. The road repairs are in progress.

Remember, you are responsible for cleaning the ditches along your property. Now is the perfect time to rake and/or dig out your ditch lines to ensure the water flows properly and does not erode the roadways.

Bear Prevention

The bears are back and already wreaking havoc on our trash throughout the community. If they get into your garbage, please pick up all scattered trash in the surrounding areas. An effective deterrent is to soak a rag with ammonia or other strong disinfectants and put it on the top of the trash. This is more effective than dumping it into the can to dissipate.

Security

St. Moritz Security Services is now patrolling. Please remember badges will be checked at all beach and boat launch locations around the lake. This is to ensure that only those who pay their dues are enjoying the amenities of the community. Please contact the office to coordinate badge pickup.

Dog Walking

Please remember to pick up after your dog when out for a walk. This will help ensure dog waste does not get washed into the lake and contribute to higher bacteria levels. Please also refrain from dumping dog feces into the cans of others.

If elected president, I'll take time listen and discuss with you your ideas to improve the community in a variety of areas, and then work to build a consensus in the areas that need improvement. The goal would be to continue the path to ensure Walker Lake becomes the wonderful vibrant community it is meant to be. With the hope by doing so, it will protect and increase our home values.

While the Board has made great strides in the past five plus years, there is still much ahead to do for the future of the Walker Lake community. While I acknowledge we do need rules and regulations to help govern the community, I feel those rules and regs must not be burdensome or intrusive on our personal lives and the ability to enjoy our beautiful community.

I retired from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in 2014 after 38 years. During my career I served in a variety of leadership positions including Area Supervisor and Management Operations Analyst. For five years, I oversaw the Region North Regional Emergency Operations Center which covers the entire seven northern counties of NJ, at times overseeing over 1,000 pieces of snow equipment and personnel. I also oversaw NJDOT Region North support operations to the World Trade Center rescue and recovery during 9/11. After retiring, I worked as a consultant back at NJDOT for 5 years.

I have been volunteering in organizations since I was 17 years old, and in many of the organizations served as an officer including president. I also serve as ordained deacon at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Milford. In addition to being the WLLA Road Committee chairperson and I serve on the Membership (nominations) Committee. I have previously served as the Communications Committee chair and as a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee. I've been married for just over 40 years to my wife Nancy, and we have three sons and two grandchildren.

I am humbly asking for your vote for me for both WLLA president and another term as an At-Large Director.



For President and at Large Director: Carol Reynolds

In the past few years, I've served as both a Board Member, Acting President and Vice President as well as having been on several standing committees.

Fireworks

No Fireworks are to be used on any Walker Lake Shores Landowners Association owned property including but not limited to any of the beaches, lake, boat launch, dam area, tennis court, clubhouse parking area, and other WLLA owned land. If you choose to use fireworks on your own property you MUST follow Pennsylvania Law Act 43 of 2017 which is stated in part below:

- Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- Fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or another drug.

The above are not WLLA Rules they are the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Visit the PA State Police FAQ Page for info or [click here](#).

Tick Prevention & Testing

As you likely know, tick activity levels are high in our area and can carry harmful diseases. Wear light clothes, tuck pants into socks and treat skin and clothes with 20% DEET or essential oils. Put your clothes in the dryer on high immediately after coming indoors. Avoid grass areas when possible and perform tick checks on armpits, hair, groin, etc. within 2 hours of being inside.

For tips on tick removal and testing from the Tick Research Lab of Pennsylvania, visit Ticklab.org.

My husband and I have been members since we retired and became lakefront owners in 2014. My professional background is in Environmental Compliance, and I hold a BS in Civil Engineering. Prior to my retirement and relocation here, I was Director of Environmental Affairs for Sony Pictures Entertainment's worldwide headquarters in Culver City, CA. I also serve on the Twin and Walker Lake Creeks Watershed Conservancy (TWCWC) Board.

I bring a unique perspective to environmental issues in that I can appreciate the views from both sides: big business and protecting the earth's resources. They are not mutually exclusive. I feel that I understand the problems and issues that our unique community faces and I look forward to working with new and existing board members to find new solutions that work for us.



**For Vice President:
John Rolando**

My wife Dawn and I have been living in the community for nearly 6 years, five of which have been full time. I have been on the Board of Directors since 2021 and

would like to extend my Board membership by being elected to the position of Vice President. I have served as chairperson for the Planning Committee and am also a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Prior to retiring in October, I was the President of Evonik Corporation in Parsippany NJ. Evonik Corporation is the North American subsidiary of Evonik Industries, a German based globally active chemical company. In my 33 years there, I had the opportunity to work in North America and Germany with roles including marketing, business development, general management, and for the last 8 years as CEO. I also served on the Boards of the American Chemistry Council, The German American Chamber of Commerce and the Societe de Chimie.

Now that I am not travelling a majority of the time for work, I can attend meetings and I believe contribute to the board. I would look forward to being elected to the position of Vice President.

Election Timeline

Thursday, June 1

Absentee ballots will be available in the WLLA office Wednesday and Saturday from 9am to 2pm and must be signed for. Or request an absentee ballot at wllassociation@gmail.com. The ballot will be sent to your address in our QuickBooks database. If you request an absentee ballot, you will not be allowed to vote in person prior to the annual meeting whether you returned the ballot or not. You must be a member in good standing to vote.

Saturday, June 17

Meet the candidates coffee following the June Board meeting. An informal gathering to get to know the people running for the board of directors and the two (2) candidates running for President.

Saturday, July 8

DEADLINE for sealed Absentee Ballots to be either postmarked and/or received by the WLLA office by 2 pm.

Saturday, July 15

Annual/General Membership Meeting/Election Day

- Polls open from 8 a.m. until 9am.
- 8am - Baked goods and Book Sale (Please sign up at the WLLA Office if you plan to bring a baked item). Book sale will be in the office building conference room.
- 9am - Annual General Membership where the Sealed Ballot Box is opened, ballots verified and counted. This will be followed by the Board of Directors' Meeting with the announcement of the winners.
- 1pm First Annual Summer Olympics Team RED, WHITE & BLUE, please see events for more information (rain date Sunday, July 16th). Sign up required, member only event.
- 5 - 9pm Annual Membership Get Together & Dessert Baking Contest, please see events for more information. Sign up required, member only event.

CANDIDATES FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR



Valerie Mitchell

My husband Cliff and I purchased a small lakefront cabin in 2003 and with our 3 sons were able to come up most weekends throughout the summers. We absolutely love the lake and surrounding area. After living in NJ for 32 years we made the big decision to sell our home and create a new, full time family home where our 2 cabins stood. We are hoping to be in our new home in July. I work remotely as a Senior Meeting Planner for a medical communications agency and am also a Registered Yoga and Meditation teacher with classes in both live and virtual settings.

I have been a volunteer at Bethel Woods for the last several years and in my years living in my town of Oradell taught CCD for children in our church, was a PTA Secretary and served as President of the River Dell teen center for 2 years. I have a strong work ethic and have some new ideas surrounding the growth and expansion of the activities we offer. In this role, I would also like to address many of the common concerns we all have as homeowners in this community.



Maryann Muschlitz

Has lived in Walker Lake for 7 years along with our little shitzu, Nodee. I have been on the Walker Lake board for a few years and have found it to be a rewarding and informative experience. During that time I chaired the Rules and Regulations and the Program Committees. I was also the secretary on the Board for the TWCWC - Twin and Walker Lakes Creeks Watershed Conservancy. Spending time in the gardens around the clubhouse is one of my passions.



Alla Piltser

Managing Director, is part of the Core Technology Infrastructure organization. She is leading a Digital Solution and Automation Services organization to transform technology processes through modern data platform, Machine Learning capabilities, quantitative analysis and automation. Alla has been evaluating disruptive technologies and building strategy and solutions around enterprise transformation by providing customer focused insight into current state, risk and optimization opportunities.

She has a proven track record of solving complex problems, thinking outside the box, leading through transformation and building strong teams. Alla is passionate about bringing value to the organization, as she uses her motivation and collaborative power to drive success.

Alla founded Computer Technical Services Inc, which provided services to leading financial firms. Alla has worked with several financial institutions as an independent consultant for many years. She joined the Bank in 2016 from Citigroup, where she was the Head of the Global Capacity, Performance Management and Automation functions that established innovative business practice and drove transformation. Alla innovated the way IT resources are being analyzed and evaluated, to better represent platform ROI by creating the Total Resource Usage index (TRU). Her innovative methodology in data insight was submitted as a patent.

Alla has a computer science and mathematics degree from NYU and currently resides in New Jersey. She enjoys traveling, fencing, hiking, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

CANDIDATES FOR AT LARGE DIRECTOR (CONTINUED)



Bill Savarese

I am interested in becoming a Board Member and would like your vote. I reside at 147 West Shore Road where I have been a fulltime resident since April 2002. My first years here I was an active participant in the Walker Lake Security Patrol. I am a member of good standing, having always paid my association and membership dues on time. I am presently Bill-the-barber from Shohola. I have been a Master Barber for over 29 years. I retired after 30 years with the US Air Force where I was Operations Superintendent at McGuire Air Force base. I studied business at the University of Iowa. My hobbies are boating, traveling and working in my yard. I enjoy spending time with my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I enjoy working with people and getting things done. I love Walker Lake and the surrounding community and would like to pitch in where I can. Thank you for your consideration.



James Walter

My wife and I moved to Shohola on Mohawk Road last October. The first time we drove into Walker Lake, we knew right away this is where we want to be with the surrounding calmness and serenity. We are here most weekends and some weekdays. We plan on living here full time in 4 to 5 years.

As an operating engineer for Anheuser Busch for nearly 40 years, I was well trained in environmental awareness. I am currently Chief Stationary Engineer for Morristown Medical Center power plant where I successfully developed a Hazardous Spill Response Drill as part of the hospital's environmental responsibility program. I've been active in the past with my community as a volunteer fireman, and I am also currently serving as Chairman of our Planning and Zoning Board. I believe I can contribute to the board and look forward to being elected to board membership.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association

2023 Election Notice * Sample Ballot

Absentee Ballots due by July 8, 2023 * Meeting Ballots due by 9:00 AM July 15, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">Walker Lakeshores Landowners Association 2023 ELECTION BALLOT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OFFICERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President (Select Only One) For a 2 Year Term</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael DeVita</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carol Reynolds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice President (Select Only One) For a 2 Year Term</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John Rolando</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIRECTORS (AT-LARGE) Select up to Seven (7) Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael DeVita S</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Mitchell A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maryann Muschlitz M</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All Piltser P</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Carol Reynolds L</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bill Savarese E</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> James Walter B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L</p> <p style="text-align: center;">L</p> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE See Voting Instructions on Back of Ballot</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>Note: In accordance with Appendix II, Article VIII, Part 9 of the WLLA Constitution "Members who request an absentee ballot may not later rescind the request and vote at the General Membership (Election) Meeting."</p> <p>1) DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT</p> <p>2) DO NOT WRITE ANY COMMENTS OR PUT ANY STRAY MARKS ON BALLOT</p> <p>3) Select up to the maximum people allowed for each position by putting an "X" in the box next to your choice for each of the listed positions</p> <p>4) Note: If you select more than allowed for any position your ballot will not be counted for that position. Your ballot will be counted if you choose to vote for less than the maximum allowed in any or all positions</p> <p>5) Place your completed ballot in Secret Ballot Envelope - (Do Not write on this envelope)</p> <p>6) Place the Secret Ballot Envelope in the Return Envelope</p> <p>7) Print Name under the # on Return Envelope</p> <p>8) Either mail (add stamp) or return to WLLA Office no later than July 8, 2023</p> <p>Deadline for sealed absentee ballots must be postmarked and/or received at the WLLA office by no later than July 8, 2023.</p> <p>WLLA office is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am- 2 pm</p> <p>Upon receiving your envelope, the outer envelope will be verified that it has come from the correct family.</p> <p>Once verified the secret ballot envelope will be removed from the outer envelope and dropped into the locked and secured ballot box.</p> <p>The secret ballot envelope will not be opened until the votes are counted on July 15, 2023.</p>
<p>NOTE: See the next column for the Voting Instructions of both the Absentee and the Meeting Ballots</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEETING BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD</p> <p>Note: If you previously requested an absentee ballot, you may not vote again at the July 15, 2023. Meeting in accordance with the WLLA Constitution, Appendix II, Article VIII, Part 9</p> <p>1) DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS BALLOT</p> <p>2) DO NOT WRITE ANY COMMENTS OR PUT ANY STRAY MARKS ON BALLOT</p> <p>3) Select up to the maximum people allowed for each position by putting an "X" in the box next to your choice for each of the listed positions</p> <p>4) Note: If you select more than allowed for any position your ballot will not be counted for that position. Your ballot will be counted if you choose to vote for less than the maximum allowed in any or all positions</p> <p>5) Place completed ballot in ballot box on July 15, 2023, General Membership Meeting by 9 a.m.</p> <p>6) Completed ballot must be entered into the ballot box prior to the start of the count of ballots to be valid.</p>

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